

TODAY

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH are in loving memory of Karen Green Keenum on Mother's Day with love from Olivia.

FLOWERS UNDER THE CHAPEL ALTAR are in loving memory of Robert M. Bissey (5th Anniv., April 30) with love from Pauline and his family.

FLOWERS ARE NEEDED for the chapel next weekend. If you wish to donate flowers, please call Alice Bolchoz at 766-7202. The deadline for flower announcements is the Sunday evening prior to publication.

SECOND COLLECTION today is for Catholic Charities. With your help, we can provide food for families, clothing for those who are homeless, job counseling for the unemployed, mental health services, elder care through Senior Companions programs, case management for the elderly, dental and medical check-ups for the uninsured and ministry to those in prisons and jails through the State of South Carolina. Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!
Bishop England High School: Robert Algard, Sarah Bryant, Sara Del Mas, Rachel Donnelly, Cam Mains, Patrick Mikell, Mallory Molony, Megan Moody, Patrick Moore, Dillon Ray, Katie Runey, Jeanne Stroud, Chelsey Waller, Joseph Ward, James Ward IV, Justin Weir, Kelsey Wham
West Ashley High School: Cody Baird, Belvia Esparza, Mary Frances Ward
James Island Charter: Daniel Honan, Angela Patat
Porter Gaud: Olivia McPherson
Other High Schools: Lauren Carter, Megan Casco, Christine Clair, John Conti, Alicia Errthum, Jana Game, Seamus Grady, Cameron Musci, Meriel Patacsil, Jessica Seymour, Michael Smith, Dustin Tucker

THIS WEEK


REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Registration is now underway for VBS 2010! Forms are available at the back of the church and at the church office. VBS will be held the week of June 28-July 2, 2010, and is for kids ages 4 through rising 5th grade. Kids ages rising 6th grade and up may register as crew leaders! Adult volunteers are needed as well, and need to be Virtus trained. For more information, please call Kathleen Ferri 766-3557 or email kmferri@knology.net.



Congratulations to **FRANK & RUTH CRAVEN**, who will be celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on May 11, 2010. Many blessings to you both!

You are invited to take part in Mass Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. when young people and adults receive the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**. Bishop Guglielmo will administer the sacrament, and a reception for the newly confirmed follows the Mass.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH EVENTS

- SUNDAY: May 9** 
- 10:00 AM** Coffee & Donuts - Parish Hall
Religious Education
Bible Group - MR
 - 11:00 AM** Children's Liturgy of the Word
- MONDAY: May 10**
- 5:30 PM** BSS no school
 - 7:00 PM** Confirmation practice
 - 7:30 PM** SVDP - MR
Novena and Benediction
- TUESDAY: May 11**
- 7:00 PM** Confirmation and reception in hall
Stewardship meeting - MR
- WEDNESDAY: May 12**
- 5:30 PM** 1st Communion practice
 - 6:45 PM** Choir Practice
 - 7:00 PM** Spanish RCIA - MR
- THURSDAY: May 13**
- 8:45 AM** School Mass
 - 5:30 PM** 1st Communion practice
 - 7:00 PM** Bible Study - Parish Office
Pastoral Council - MR
- SATURDAY: May 15**
- 10:00 AM** 1st Communion Mass

PARISH NEWS

PICNIC Our **PARISH PICNIC** is once again scheduled for our parish feast day - the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - June 6, 2010. We will gather at the James Island County Park beginning at 1 p.m., and everyone is invited!

Our Lady of Mercy Community Outreach on Johns Island is collecting **ITEMS FOR THE MIGRANT FARMWORKERS** who are arriving in our area to plant and harvest crops. Their labor supplies our tables with food, yet they often remain among the poorest folks in our communities. Donations of toiletry items, sheets and towels are needed. The Women's Guild has placed a collection box at the main entrance to the church.

ALICE CAMPBELL, a second grade student at Blessed Sacrament School, was inadvertently was left off the Principal's Honor Roll list for the Third Quarter. Congratulations, Alice.

YOUTH CORNER

CROSSOVER - For 6th-8th Graders

NEXT MEETING *NEW DATE*

Sunday, May 16: (was Sat. May 15)

Mass & Meal - 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Join us for Sunday evening Mass and a cookout to follow in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there.

OUTREACH - For 9th-12th Graders

THIS WEEK

Wednesday: Mass

Blessed Sacrament Church - 6:30-7:00 a.m.

Start your day right with Mass.

Wednesday: Bible Study - 6:30-7:30 p.m. Joe's office. Bring a Bible.

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For any questions or comments about youth ministry, contact Joe Burgess. **766-3633**.

SCHOOL CORNER

As this Summer does not include major school renovations, there is an opportunity for our first Summer Enrichment Program. This program includes specialty camps for rising K5 to 8th grade students. Do you have an interest in "Getting It Together?" Would you like to be part of "Math Mania?" Is "Sizzling Science" of interest to you? Would you like to "Express Yourself?" Summer programs are available in MATH (rising K5-8th graders), SCIENCE (rising 2nd-5th graders), BUILDING (rising K5-2nd graders), LEGOs (rising 2nd-5th graders), ART (rising K5-2nd graders), and THEATER (rising 3rd-6th graders). These programs are available to students from BSS and other schools. Registration forms are available at the school and on the school website (www.scbss.org).

RESPECT LIFE

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: "The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral— a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body." Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty

"Life is the first good received from God and is fundamental to all others; to guarantee the right to life for all and in an equal manner for all is the duty upon which the future of humanity depends." - Pope Benedict XVI in address to Pontifical Academy for Life, February 24, 2007.

ROSARY AT ABORTION FACILITY: Please join fellow Catholics from parishes around the county as we pray the Rosary and other prayers at the West Ashley abortion facility at 1312 Ashley River Road on Saturday, May 15. This event takes place the third Saturday of every month, from 8 to 9 a.m. Come be a voice for God's littlest ones and their mothers.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: Many women and men have no one to turn to who can help them validate and work through their grief after an abortion. They feel isolated and become trapped in the mistaken belief that no one can understand their feelings. Come find help, understanding and hope on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. June 4-6, 2010 in Charleston, S.C. For more information, call Christy (803-554-6088) or Kathy (803-546-6010) or email grace4healing@gmail.com.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Lowcountry Pregnancy Center:

553-3505 (N. Chas.) or 225-3010 (West Ashley)

Birthright of Charleston: 556-4403

Nationwide Toll Free: 1-800-395-HELP

www.pregnancycenters.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10 - MAY 16, 2010

Monday	05/10	Acts 16:11-15	John 15:26-16:4	
Tuesday	05/11	Acts 16:22-34	John 16:5-11	
Wednesday	05/12	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	John 16:12-15	
Thursday	05/13	Acts 1:1-11	Luke 24:46-53	Ascension of the Lord
Friday	05/14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	John 15:9-17	St. Matthias
Saturday	05/15	Acts 18:23-28	John 16:23-28	
Sunday	05/16	Acts 7:55-60	John 17:20-26	7th Sunday of Easter



- MINISTRY EXHIBITS & INFORMATION
- TIME & TALENT <> MINISTRY & SERVICE
 - FABULOUS DOOR PRIZES
- COMPLIMENTARY FAMILY BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 - MINISTRY DISPLAY COMPETITION
- SUNDAY <> MAY 16th <> 9:30am to 11:30am
in the PARISH HALL

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Notes from OUR SCHOOL



As a Roman Catholic school, we are a community of parents, educators and students who value solid educational principles, opportunities for enrichment and the development of each child's unique God-given gifts.

We are the primary educational ministry of Blessed Sacrament and St. Joseph parishes, serving children in grades K4-8. We welcome students and their families of all faiths and cultural backgrounds who seek a nurturing, faith-based education in an environment of security and mutual respect.

In the spirit of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, who have guided our school since its founding in 1948, we prepare children academically, spiritually, morally and socially for an effective future as citizens and servants of God.

Ratified January 9, 2006

CHALLENGES and ADVANTAGES

“What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young.”

CHALLENGING TIMES FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION ... As the 2009-2010 school year at Blessed Sacrament School rapidly comes to a close, it's a good time to pause and consider the importance of Catholic education in our parish ... in our diocese ... in our country ... in our world. With over 250 years of Catholic education history in our country and nearing the 62nd anniversary of Blessed Sacrament School, the temptation is to take



the continuation of Catholic education and Blessed Sacrament School for granted. Such an assumption would be risky at best. Although Catholic schools in general, and Blessed Sacrament School in particular, have established a sound record of success with the students they serve, we are living in challenging times. Throughout the United States, schools are closing or being consolidated where the population cannot continue (or, are no longer willing) to support a Catholic school financially. In still other situations, the student population is so small that in order to survive, Catholic schools are taking heroic measures like housing two grades in a combined classroom. On the positive side, although fewer in number, there are situations where there are waiting lists to get into a Catholic school.

BUILD UPON ADVANTAGES OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION ... Rather than passively assume that Catholic education at Blessed Sacrament will continue unchanged indefinitely, it is time to accept the challenge to build upon the compelling advantages of a solid Catholic education:

1. Catholic schools develop positive Catholic identity.
2. Catholic families want to pass on their tradition.
3. Catholic schools develop the whole person.
4. Children learn best in a well-disciplined setting.
5. Local finance and governance make schools work.
6. Catholic schools are good for everyone's future.

CHURCH WITHOUT A SCHOOL IS ONLY HALF A CHURCH ... Throughout our history, Blessed Sacrament School has established a record of success providing a sound Catholic Education for thousands of students. Its existence is an affirmation of the belief that “a Catholic Church is only half a church without a school.” St. John Chrysostom put the importance of Catholic education plainly, “What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young.” As a result of living this belief, Blessed Sacrament School has built and maintained a “*Tradition of Excellence*” in education that extends well beyond the classroom. This *Tradition* includes every member of our parish, past, present and future; as well as dedicated faculty and staff.

CONTINUED COMMITMENT REQUIRED ... The future of Blessed Sacrament School will depend upon our willingness to continue to provide an environment where a sound Catholic Education can be provided. This future is not guaranteed. It will rely on the continued commitment to our “*Tradition of Excellence*” not only by the parents of school age children but also through the continued support of our entire parish family. We need to build on our “*Tradition of Excellence*” so that potential school parents won't be forced to ask, “Can I afford Blessed Sacrament School for my children?”

PARISH NEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THEIR FAMILIES:

*George Hagen, of Blessed Sacrament Parish
Sr. M. Raymund Horvath, SS.C.M.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Betty Albenesius, Stephen Albenesius, Victor Alaya, Jr., M/M J. Hampton M. Beckmann, Henry "Bunt" Beckmann, Robert Bissey, Marion L. (Mickey) Burn, Mary Agnes Cannon, M/M Thomas R. Cotten, Joseph Walter Cotten, Thomas R. Cotton, Jr., Camellia (Mamie) Figliorelli, Thomas Figliorelli, Edward Finnerty, Sr., Louis Frizelle, Helen Garrett, Rose Gentile, Eugene L. Halsey, Barbara Hendricks, A. Patrick Hiott, Donald Hiott, William Kenneth Johnson, Arthur P. Jones, Rebecca L. Jones, Mary Ann Lilienthal, Daniel F. Kennerty, Sr., Lawrence J. Kennerty, Sr., Francis B. Kerr, Sr., Anne Kingsley (living), Norma Lighthart, Victor Lighthart, Sr., Victor Lighthart, Jr., Mary Schachte Linder, Bernard Maginn, Neola Beckmann McAndrews, Caroline D. McDermott, Charles W. McDermott, Walter L. Moring, Mary Register (living), Robert Register, Cathy Roche (living), Joseph Soffera, Mary Soffera, Doris C. Terrill, Caronell Thomy, Lee & Ella Nora Welcker, Ron L. Welcker, Frank Wilson, and Thomas Wood.



PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eva Marie Baird, Dorothy Bendt, Patrick Birt, Les Blyth, Vera Buckland, Gene Burgess, Myrtice Couturier, Harper Drolet, Kit Dunlap, Peggy Felt, Jane Finnerty, Joan Finnerty, Sally Fosberry, Vincenza Francese, Kerry Jacques, Abe Keating, Donna Keating, Mildred "Tunkey" Kennerty, Frank Kerr, Sally LaTorre, Emmalee Lyman, Lorena Maher, Charlie Meyer, Edson Moya, Mayme Pitts, Barbara Robinson, Margaret Shieder, Andrew Siegers, Philip Smith, Ed Tracy, Gene Werner, Bryan Wilson, and all members of our parish who are sick and/or hospitalized. **If you wish to add or delete a name from the prayer list, please call Helen Mellette at 556-2707.**

PLEASE PRAY for parishioners and their family members who are in the missionary, military, or support services and stationed in hazardous locations overseas. Sr. Mary Bernard (Vietnam), Brian Cummings (son of M/M Ronald E. Smith), Abby Ford (granddaughter of Gertrude Heuer), Brian Noel Kellahan, Krystal Mason, Daniel Metts (nephew of M/M Tony Weatherford), Stanley Morgan (son of John Morgan), and Anthony Schmit (Afghanistan, nephew of Bob & Barb Nicolai).

The following individuals have been elected to the **PASTORAL COUNCIL**: Colleen Barth, Ron Swain and Brenda Bailey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Daughters of St. Brigid, Junior Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernia, is holding a **SPRING DRIVE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH** on Sunday, May 23, after 9:00 a.m. Mass to benefit the Lowcountry Orphan Relief. Members will be available at the end of Mass to accept your donations of second hand clothing in good condition (all sizes) and clean stuffed animals. There is also great need for new underwear (all sizes), socks (all sizes), bookbags, school supplies, disposable diapers and pull-ups, and most especially toiletries. For more information, please call Maureen Richardson at (843) 514-1580 or email her at mrichardson@thecottagesoncharlestonharbor.com.

The Athletic Association of St. Joseph will be hosting their **13th ANNUAL CAPTAINS' CHOICE HANDICAP GOLF TOURNAMENT** on Sunday, May 22, with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start at the Shadowmoss Golf Club. Entry fee is \$70 per player which includes prizes, giveaways, a chance to win \$5,000, and post tournament dinner at the St. Joseph Family Life Center. Registration forms can be obtained by calling Ann or Al at 556-4611 or go to their website www.saintjosephchas.com.

ST. JOSEPH SUMMER CAMPS: Basketball camp is June 14-17 for girls ages 7-14 (fee \$80) and June 21-24 for boys ages 7-14 (fee \$80). Mary Jo Stemple Volleyball Camp is July 12-16 from 9:00 to noon for girls ages 11-15 (fee \$135). All camps will be held at the St. Joseph Family Life Center Gym. For more information or to register, call Ann or Al at 556-4611 or visit their website www.saintjosephchas.com.



"GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD" - This ecumenical gathering will address the theology of human's responsibilities toward the natural world and practical actions that promote conscientious stewardship of our resources. This event will take place at John Wesley United Methodist Church, 626 Savannah Highway, on May 21 from 6:30pm-9:00 pm and May 22 from 8:30am-4:00pm. The event and lunch are offered at no charge. Registration is required. For more information or to register call 766-5596 or visit online at www.jwumchurch.org. Deadline to register is May 11.

BEHS BASEBALL CAMP: June 28-July 2 and July 5-9. Grades 4 through 9. Cost is \$125 per session. Contact Coach Bill Collier at 849-9599, ext. 158.

BEHS SOCCER CAMP: June 28-July 2. Grades 4 through 10. Cost is \$150.

BEHS SOFTBALL CAMP: June 14 through June 18. Grades 5 through 10. Cost is \$125. Contact Melissa Wiegel at 327-9147.



**Grateful Sacrificial Giving
Offertory
Week 18 <> May 2, 2010**

1st OFFERTORY

BUDGET:

Operating	\$17,000
<u>ECDC Mortgage</u>	<u>\$ 3,300</u>
TOTAL	\$20,300

SUNDAY \$18,234

OUTREACH:

Home Mission	\$ 238
BSA	\$ 592
Other	\$ 49

TOTAL OFFERTORY: \$ 19,113

STEWARDSHIP'S NEVER ENDING CIRCLE

**Gratitude
Commitment
Trust
Generosity**

1st Offertory <> Total Year-to-Year

May 03, 2009	\$ 360,395
May 02, 2010	<u>\$ 339,768</u>
	<u>-\$ (20,627)</u>

For more information or questions, contact our parish Finance Council:

Henry Wilson	266-5400	Chairman
Rosie Cochran	766-1661	Secretary
Joe Bolchoz	556-1606	
Danny Condon	571-6118	
Tony Daniel	556-4241	
John Grisillo	270-3692	