



**Pro Populo: for the people of the Parish;
living & deceased**

Monday, January 11
7:30AM..... Patrick Falciglia, Jr. †
12:15PM..... Joseph Grzybowski †

Tuesday, January 12
7:30AM..... Connie Desmond, Sr. †
12:15PM..... Tom Kirchner †

Wednesday, January 13
7:30AM..... Marion Savard †
10:00AM..... Tinsley Matthews †
6:30PM..... Emily Labartino †

Thursday, January 14
7:30AM..... Edward Kennedy †
12:15PM..... Bill Formwalt †

Friday, January 15
7:30AM..... Tom Kirchner †
12:15PM..... Teresa Fiorino †

Saturday, January 16
8:00AM..... Phyllis Hepp †
5:30PM..... Pro Populo

Sunday, January 17
7:30AM..... Genevieve Pokrywka †
9:00AM..... Marion Savard †
10:30AM..... Erma Burk Koeningsberg †
12:15PM..... Hortencia Vega †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Sunday, January 10 thru
Sunday, January 17**

Sunday	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7-----	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Monday	1 Samuel 1:1-8-----	Mark 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Samuel 1:9-20-----	Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20-----	Mark 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Samuel 4:1-11-----	Mark 1:40-45
Friday	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a-----	Mark 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19: 10:1-----	Mark 2:13-17
Sunday	Isaiah 62:1-5-----	John 2:1-11



The Parish is excited to announce plans for a new Parish Pictorial Directory in 2010. More information will be announced in January, photography sessions are scheduled for February and March. This is an excellent way to strengthen our church community, we hope all parishioners will join us in this opportunity.

Sunday, January 10
10:15am **RELIGIOUS ED. – PK-1 & HS Confirmation Prep.**
Family Center/Mitzi Weaver 681-6350 x 248

Monday, January 11
11:00am **CENTERING PRAYER**
School Library/Katie Strub 689-2760

Tuesday, January 12
4:00pm **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**
Family Center/Alison Griswold 384-4762
7:00pm **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HC TRAINING SESSION**
Church/Sr. Kathleen 681-6350 x 266
7:00pm **RCIA**
Family Center/Katie or Sean Bolchoz 815-5974 or 816-0707
7:15pm **CHARISMATIC PRAYER**
Art Center/K. Strub 689-2760/L. Scarpello 342-2251

Wednesday, January 13
6:15pm **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Family Center/Mitzi Weaver 681-6350 x 248
6:30pm **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**
Alison Griswold 384-4762

Thursday, January 14
8:00am **MARIAN CENACLE**
Family Center/Betty Purdy 681-6106
9:00am **ACTS BIBLE STUDY**
Family Center/Jim Hyland 681-6871 or John Grauer 681-5646
7:00pm **SANCTUARY CHOIR**
Church/Jonathan Davis 681-6350 x 245



We would like to thank Kevin Lawless owner of Iron Art by Kevin for the new votive candle money boxes and the two new money boxes in the narthex. We are grateful to him for his gift of time and talent.

Thank you to all who made our Christmas and Solemnity of Mary, Mary of God celebrations so meaningful. The church was radiant with the beautiful crèche set up by Scott and Mike MacDonald and Peggy Barsness, the Christmas trees, put up and lighted by our Knights of Columbus and the beautiful poinsettias arranged by Ellen Weeks and her committee under the guidance of Maryjean Herberger. Thank you to those who brought the sounds of celebration to our Masses; the St. Francis School Choir, (Lisa Sweeney, dir.), the Echoes of Heaven, (David Green, dir.), The Schola Cantora, (Betty Purdy, dir.), and the Adult Choir, (Jonathan Davis, dir.). So many people work together to bring the St. Francis parishioners the joy of the season that we could never name everyone but please know how much you are appreciated, this parish could not be what it is without each of you. May God bless you, your families, and our St. Francis by the Sea family.

*You Are
The Light
of the World*

Christian Formation

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING: The first of 3 required meetings for parents of children making First Communion will be on **Wednesday, January 20** at 6:30 pm in the Family Center. **At least one parent needs to attend.**

HELP WANTED: If you are a person in love with our wonderful Catholic faith and want to help our children learn and grow in the faith then please contact Mrs. Mitzi Weaver, Director of Religious Education at stfrancishhi.org or 681-6350 x248 for information and requirements. A teacher for the 4th grade Religious Education class is needed to finish out the school year. You do not need to be a teacher by profession.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY



St. Francis Catholic School will celebrate **Catholic Schools' Week** from **January 31 – February 6**. All parishioners are invited to join us at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, January 31 for a special "School Mass" to begin the week-long celebration of our school.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Francis Catholic School will have an Open House on **February 2**, beginning at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. This event is for all families who have students who may desire to attend St. Francis in the future. Remember, the entire family is welcome at this Open House.

2010 REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Registration for new students who wish to attend St. Francis Catholic School in 2010-11 begins on Monday, February 1st with application forms being available in the school office and online at www.sfcshhi.org. Completed applications for new students will be accepted beginning February 8th at 9:00 AM at the school office. For further information, contact the school at 681-6501.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is open to those who wish to learn more about, or become a member of, the Catholic Church. Our next meeting is **January 12**, at 7 pm in the Family Center. Weekly meetings will continue until Easter.

RCIA is also open to adult Catholics who have not celebrated the sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation and would like to be prepared to do so. For additional information, contact Katie or Sean Bolchoz 843-815-5974 or 843-816-0707.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY on February 6, 2010 in Columbia hosted by the Diocesan Office of Christian Initiation and Catechesis, Joseph Paprocki, a National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press will talk about the *Catholic Approach to the Bible: How Catholics Hear and Proclaim the Word*. This is open to everyone not just catechists, principals, Catholic school teachers, Youth Ministers, RCIA teams, scripture study groups, clergy, etc. There will be a pamphlet with more information and a registration form in the Narthex.

Youth Group

Middle School Youth Group meets from 4:00 to 5:30 pm every **Tuesday** in the Youth Room.

High School Youth Group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Location varies. Call or text Alison for information at 843-384-4762.

Applications are available for youth in grades 6-12 interested in representing our parish in the **MARCH FOR LIFE** in **Washington DC** this **January 21-23**. We will be leaving at midnight on January 21 (late Wednesday evening), drive all night and arrive in time for the vigil mass at the National Basilica on Thursday afternoon. We will be sleeping on the floor of a gym and participating in the Catholic Youth for Life rally with 20,000 other teens on the morning of Friday, January 22 and then joining 200,000 in marching to the steps of the Supreme Court to stand up Life from conception to natural death. We will return to Hilton Head early Saturday morning. For more information, to fill out an application or if you would like to assist in the cost of this trip please contact Alison Griswold at 843-384-4762 or hiltonheadcatholicyouth@gmail.com.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Friday at noon in writing, 9 days before the Sunday issue.

To email your announcements, send to wendytaylor@stfranchi.org

CHANGES & CHALLENGES: 2009-2010

Family Honor, Inc. will be presenting *Changes & Challenges*, a very special family program series to be held at St. Francis Catholic School on **Friday, February 12th and Saturday, February 13th**. The Friday night session is (for parents only) from 7:00 pm to 9:15 pm. The Saturday program (parents come with their 6th grade child), is from 9:00 am to 11:15 am.

Changes & Challenges is for Catholics who are parents with their 6th grade son or daughter. **Session 1** is for parents only and includes information about chastity, psychosexual development of your child, and developing a plan for your emerging teen. No child comes to this session.

For **session 2**, your son or daughter comes with you to the program and the groups are separated so that moms and daughters are in one room and dads and sons in another. Topics covered in session 2 include: fertility appreciation, learning about SPICE, and fetal development.

The mission of Family Honor is to create opportunities and provide tools for parents and children to connect and communicate on important life issues, with a special focus on chastity and God's gift of sexuality.

To register or to find out more about this Family Honor program, call Dr. Mike Rockers, Principal, at 681-6501. Space is limited. **All interested persons must register by February 5, 2010.**



There will be a **training session** for **NEW Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** **Tuesday, January 12** at 7:00 PM in the Church. Please meet in the Narthex. This ministry affords those interested a beautiful and meaningful way to begin the New Year. Application forms are available on the side table in the Narthex.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND ALTAR SERVERS: We will be doing the schedule for February, March, and April. If you have any vacation plans, please contact Colleen at 681-6350 ext 249 or you may e-mail her at ccdoffice@stfranchi.org. The **deadline for requests will be Tuesday, January 19**. The schedule will be available to pick up in the Narthex on the weekend of January 23 and 24.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets on Tuesdays at 7:15pm. Call Lois Scarpello at 342-2251 or Katie Strub at 689-2760 for more information.



CENTERING PRAYER The next session will be **Monday January 11** from 11:00 AM to Noon in the School Library. Please park in the church lot and use the front entrance of the school. Visitors and New comers are welcome. For further information please contact Katie Strub at 689-2760.



Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offortory 1/3/2010:	Year-to-Date Offortory 7/1/2009 – 12/31/2009:
January 3 Envelopes: \$ 47,031	Actual: \$776,993
January 3 Loose: \$5,046	Planned operational budget: \$806,257
January 3 Total: \$52,077	
January Total: \$52,077	Surplus for future needs: - \$29,264

Total Parish Envelopes 1550
Offering Envelopes used 986
Percentage of Offortory envelopes used..... 64%

Charitable Giving News

Our Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offortory.

JANUARY CHARITIES

- CS&J \$5,000
- Church in Latin America \$1,000
- Habitat for Humanity \$2,000
- Pregnancy Center & Clinic \$17,000
- Pastor's Discretion \$417

ELECTRONIC GIVING

It's never too late...you can sign up anytime!
 Go to: <http://www.stfranchi.org/autocontributions.html>,
 or you can pick up an application in the Parish Office.

THANK YOU to our **COLLECTION MINISTRY** who count the weekend collection every week. To help them out they have a few requests. **Please use your envelopes.** You can write one check and use only one envelope if you are contributing for more than one week. Please do not put extra tape on the envelopes, and please write separate checks for Capital Campaign Pledges and Bishop Stewardship Appeal contributions.

Evangelization

Building Community



Created, Loved, Redeemed by God

Our spiritually-adopted baby is five months old and is more than halfway to his birthday. He is very active. Sleep habits develop and his mother can feel him move and stretch, particularly when she is resting. He is getting bigger, weighing one pound and is about 12 inches tall and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Some day he may play soccer! Up to now, although he swam with ease in his watery world, he was too small for her to detect because the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling. Babies born at this age have survived.

RALLY TODAY: The Rally for Life, Hilton Head Citizens for Life's annual witness on behalf of the unborn, will be held Sunday, January 10, from 2 to 3 p.m. in front of St. Francis Thrift Shop on Route 278. All parishioners and their friends are encouraged to participate in this prayerful, peaceful rally. Please wear red to show your solidarity with the unborn.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

The statewide **Stand Up for Life Rally** will be held on the Capitol steps in Columbia, SC, on **Saturday, January 16**, at noon. Speakers and music will enliven this program that has grown in stature over the years.

The **2010 March for Life** in Washington, DC, commemorating the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, will begin at noon on Friday, January 22, on the Mall in the Nation's Capitol followed by a march to the Supreme Court.

For information on any of these events, call Bill Mullane, 342-5789.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: Every New Year brings with it the promise of hope and change. So if you or someone you know are having feelings of grief, anxiety, guilt, depression, emotional or spiritual problems due to a past abortion you are not alone. The Rachel's Vineyard Ministry is here to help with Post Abortion Healing Retreats, counseling and emotional support for all family members. Our next retreat is scheduled for **January 22** near Vidalia, Ga. For more information, please contact Stephanie May 912-201-4059, scmay@diosav.org. Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Why not make 2010 your year. There is help, hope, and healing waiting for you.

Tickets for the Women of St. Francis Sixth Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend. It will be held on Saturday, February 6th at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort in Palmetto Dunes. Tickets cost \$30 and tables of 10 are available. Don't forget to get your tickets early, since last year this event was a sell-out two weeks before!

The Women of St. Francis general membership meeting will be on Monday, January 11 at 7:00pm in the Family Center. There will be time for fellowship, including refreshments before a short business meeting. The program scheduled to follow is medical travel tips presented by Paula Hart, RN. So plan to come join the ladies for an interesting evening!

Social Outreach

A CRY FOR HELP!

Christian Service & Justice Committee: The Christian Service & Justice Committee (CS&J) is the social outreach program for our parish. CS&J gives aid to the less fortunate members of our community, regardless of race or religion. Our helping hand extends to those needing help with rent, electric bills, food, medical expenses, and various other situations. Our work is made possible by your acceptance of the **STEWARDSHIP** lifestyle and we thank you. Because of the current economic situation in our country and the difficulties faced by our neighbors here on Hilton Head, the need is exceeding our monthly parish provided budget. So that your Christian Service & Justice Committee can continue to provide the needed assistance to our less fortunate neighbors we are asking you, our fellow parishioners to contribute monetarily to CS&J over and above your normal Stewardship support of the parish. We need your help at this time. We are an all-volunteer committee of parishioners. **Please mark your contributions "For CS&J assistance"**. We thank you for your prayers and generosity. For more information, please call 681-6350 x 255 or the church office at 681-6350. God Bless you all.

IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE



ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP
6 Southwood Park Drive
Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29926
689-6563

Wednesday thru Saturday 10:00 am till 3:00 pm
closed Tuesdays but donations accepted 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Donate your gently used furniture, clothing,
household
and office items

Pick up available for large items



HELP US HELP OTHERS

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED

Other Activities



This year, World Marriage Day falls on **Sunday, February 14**. The Diocese of Charleston will sponsor its **TENTH ANNUAL MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** on that day. The parish of St. Philip Neri in Fort Mill, SC will host this year's Holy Mass at 3:00pm followed by a reception.



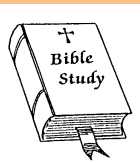
Are you a Catholic doctor? Do changes in research and health care practices raise ethical questions in your mind? Would you like to join with other Catholic doctors in serving the Church? Bishop Robert E. Guglielmone cordially invites you to the inaugural meeting of a diocesan physician's guild to be held **January 30** at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia. The event will begin with lunch and conclude with anticipated Mass at 5:30. For more information call 843-853-2130.

The Diocese of Charleston and the Oratory are sponsoring a **discernment retreat January 28 – 31** at the Oratory in Rock Hill. The retreat will allow participants to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Men and women ages 18-55 are eligible. For more information and applications please call the Vocations Office at 842-402-9115 x 22



On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we begin **National Vocation Awareness Week**. Renew your baptismal commitment as you consider your call to serve God in your particular vocation. Hopefully some of you will hear a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life and will be open to that possibility.

BIBLE STUDY



Your fellow parishioners have now attended, over the last 18 months, 40 weeks of joyful knowledge and study with regard to the word of God. As previously stated, you cannot know God if you do not know his revealed word. So won't you give it a try starting on **January 14**, in the Family Center at 9:00 am. All are welcome--both beginners and students of the bible as we will learn from one another as we study Luke's ACTS, a great historical book of the New Testament!! A special treat is in order for the 14th as Msgr Horak will introduce ACTS to all. So, even if you cannot complete the 10 week study, please come and get a "taste" of what the good book says TO YOU!! Call Jim Hyland (681 6871) or John Grauer (681 5646) for details.

One week until "**Let Me Tell you a Story**", the Spiritual Emphasis event you have been waiting for. Mark your calendar and join others in our faith community at First Presbyterian Church on **January 17 and 18** from 7-9 pm. It's free, so invite a friend and prepare for a memorable experience! For more information, call Walt Schymik at 681-5860.



CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS

SAVE the DATE for a CURSILLO GRAND ULTYREYA

**Saturday, January 30
1:00 - 4:00pm
Saint Andrew Hall
Pinckney Colony Road**

All Cursillistas from Holy Family, Saint Francis by the Sea, Saint Gregory the Great, Saint Anthony and Saint Peter's are invited to gather for this reunion.

The afternoon will consist of Prayer, Ultreya Group Reunions, a Witness Talk, Commentators and a Summation. Snacks will be available.

No RSVP required.

Questions? Call Deacon John DeWolfe at Holy Family - 785-2895 or Mike Solly - 842-6403

There will be a **CARMELITE DAY OF RECOLLECTION** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 120 Broad Street, Charleston, on **Saturday, January 30**, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. The guest speaker will be Reverend Edmund McCaffrey, former pastor of Holy Family parish in Hilton Head Island, and former abbot of Belmont Abbey. All are welcome to attend. For registration information please contact Karen McLaurin of the Summerville Order of Secular Disalced Carmelites at 843.766.4651 or Email at Karinda7@comcast.net