



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

- Monday, January 25**
7:30AM.....John Cotter †
12:15PM.....Bernadine Gannon †
- Tuesday, January 26**
7:30AM.....Marian Savard †
12:15PM.....Joan Grauer †
- Wednesday, January 27**
7:30AM.....John Brinsko †
10:00AM.....Sr. Philip John (INT)
6:30PM.....Betty Polhamus †
- Thursday, January 28**
7:30AM.....Marian Savard †
12:15PM.....Ruth Lipman (INT)
- Friday, January 29**
7:30AM.....Mary Elizabeth Rosenbach †
12:15PM.....Robert McCue †
- Saturday, January 30**
8:00AM.....Marilu Degnan †
5:30PM.....Matt Bubnell †
- Sunday, January 31**
7:30AM.....Anita Cunniff †
9:00AM.....Pro Populo
10:30AM.....Joe and Joan DiMaria (50th Ann)
12:15PM.....Ronald MacQuinn †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Sunday, January 24 thru
Sunday, January 31**

Sunday	Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10	-----	Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday	Acts 22:3-16	-----	Mark 16:15-18
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:1-8	-----	Luke 10:1-9
Wednesday	2 Samuel 7:4-17	-----	Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29	-----	Mark 4:21-25
Friday	2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	-----	Mark 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17	-----	Mark 4:35-41
Sunday	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19	-----	Luke 4:21-30



There will be a **BLESSING OF THROATS** on **Wednesday, February 3**, the Feast of St. Blaise at the 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM Masses. St. Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste in Armenis during the fourth century, saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. He is now the Patron Saint of all who have diseases of the throat. We can think of the blessing of our throats as a sign of God's care for us.

HELP WANTED: We are in need of a person who would be willing to **volunteer as a facilitator to conduct the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children classes** for the parish and school. Facilitators attend a 3 day facilitator training session in Columbia in February. If you are fluent in Spanish, that would be a plus as it would allow us to offer sessions to our Spanish speaking community. For more information about what is involved or for an application, contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Mitzi Weaver at 681-6350 x 248.

Sunday, January 24

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

Monday, January 25

7:00pm **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**
Family Center/Ron Naumann 689-3922

Tuesday, January 26

4:00pm **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**
Family Center/Alison Griswold 384-4762
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 27

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

Thursday, January 28

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

SAVE THE DATE

The next Fellowship Sunday is February 7. Refreshments will be available in the family center after the 9am and 10:30am Masses. At the gathering after the 10:30 Mass, you will have an opportunity to wish Terry Conway best of luck as he retires from his position as Parish Administrator of St. Francis and to welcome his successor Dion Jenks.

Dion is originally from Michigan, graduating from Michigan State University with an accounting degree with major emphasis in supply chain management. Dion comes to us from Georgia with his wife Monica and their two children, 2 year old Breeanna Marie and 7 month old Augustine Joseph. Please stop by the family center Sunday, February 7 to welcome him and his family to our family of St. Francis.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION



Raul Hernandez, a young man from our community has heard the calling to serve Christ our Lord, as well as our Church in Priesthood in the order of the Piarist Fathers, that are founded by Saint Joseph of Calasanz. We ask our community to pray for Raul. If you wish to get in touch with him, by sending him a message or assistance you can do it through the following address:

Southeast Pastoral Institute (SEPI)
7700 SW 56 Street
Miami, FL 33155
Telephones:
Calasanz Home: 305-595-3777
Sepi: 305-279-2333
Cellular: 843-422-8663

Christian Formation



**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL
EXPERIENCE THE EXTRAORDINARY**



St. Francis Catholic School opened its doors in 1996 to 42 students, and in doing so, became a vital part of the ministries of St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church. Now the school enrolls 210 students in Pre-K through 8th grade with 26 staff / faculty members. This upcoming week, January 31st through February 6th, St. Francis will join in the national celebration of Catholic Schools Week sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association. Many of the week's events are open to our parish family as well as the students and parents of St. Francis School.

- **Sunday, January 31st** at the 9 am Mass, students will attend in their school uniforms. This Mass kicks off a great week of celebration.
- **Tuesday, February 2nd** will bring an opportunity for prospective parents and students, as well as interested parishioners, to visit the school during an Open House beginning at 6:30 pm. Classroom teachers will be present, and visitors will be treated to an overview of the educational experience at St. Francis as well as a tour of the school. This is the first opportunity prospective students will have to enroll for the 2010-2011 School Year.
- **Wednesday, February 3rd** at 10 am the school will celebrate Mass, preceded by a morning coffee and pastries in the Family Center. All parishioners are invited to attend.
- **Thursday, February 4th** – Eucharistic Procession at 10:00 am beginning in the Church
- **Friday, February 5th**, at 2:00, the students will be treated to an ice cream social in the Family Center, followed by a school assembly. December and January academic achievement awards will be presented and Students of the Month will be honored. These awards are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The awards assembly culminates a fun and faith-filled week which underscores why St. Francis Catholic School is a vital part of our parish ministries.

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.

**Saint Francis Catholic School
Students of the Month
December 2009**

Virtue: Patience and Perseverance

PK William Fielding	K Alexis Schubat
1 Nickolas Calamari	2 Penelope Alvarez
3 Brennen Studenc	4 Lauren Castner
5 Kaylee Ehlers	6 Alison Cohen
7 Jon Tice	8 Kylie Wilder

(overall student of the month)



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 26**, 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.

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.

Those attending the March for Life would like to thank the Parish for the generous support of their bake sale which raised \$2500 to go towards the cost of our trip. Thank you so much for all your supportive words and encouragement as well! Stay tuned for a report of our experience at the March for Life.

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.**

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

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

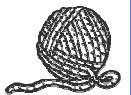
CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY on February 6, 2010 in Columbia hosted by the Diocesan Office of Christian Initiation and Catechesis, Joseph Paprocki, a National Consultant for Faith Formation at Loyola Press will talk about the *Catholic Approach to the Bible: How Catholics Hear and Proclaim the Word*. 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.

PAX CHRISTI-ST. FRANCIS: "Prayer is the basis of all peacemaking precisely because in prayer we come to the realization that we do not belong to the world in which conflicts and wars take place, but to Jesus who offers us his peace. The paradox of peace-making is indeed that we can only speak of peace in this world when our sense of who we are is not anchored in the world. We can only say, 'We are for peace,' when those who are fighting have no power over us."

Our parish peace group, meets in the spirit of the nonviolent Jesus, committed to the exploration of our Catholic tradition and witness of nonviolence, and recognizing the gospel imperative of peacemaking as the responsibility of each Catholic. Join us for prayer, study and action for peace and reconciliation **every first Wednesday**, 11 AM-12:15 PM in the Family Center. For information call 681-4010

All are invited to witness a **RITE OF PROFESSION** at the 8:00AM Mass on **Saturday, February 6th** at St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church. Virginia MacKenzie, SFO, will answer the Call to Commitment", and be professed into the Third Order founded by St. Francis – the Secular Franciscan Order. Virginia has devoted the last three years to prayer, study, discernment and charitable works in order to prepare herself to make a permanent commitment to Gospel life by following in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. The Secular Franciscans meet on the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call 681-5383.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: the Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on **Friday, February 5** at 1:00 pm in the Cry Room. Prayer shawls are being knitted and crocheted by members of this ministry. Our goal is to provide shawls to persons of our parish in need of comfort. Baby blankets are also being provided to the Pregnancy Center of the Low Country. For further information, call Fritzie Neitzel at 785-6558.



Prayer & Worship

Stewardship

ADULT FORMATION LITERATURE COMMITTEE
JANUARY LITERATURE AVAILABLE 1-10-10

Participating Fully at Sunday Mass
In this issue Cardinal Roger Mahoney asks you to think about what makes Sunday Mass special for you and provides steps you can take to help yourself participate more fully in the Mass. He challenges us to look for ways to carry the Mass into the world with us.

Eucharist: Sign and Source of Christian Unity
Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M. explains how the Eucharist is a sign of unity, how it is a source of unity, and how the Eucharist builds Christian unity. Hopes are that one day Christians of all denominations can be united in the Eucharist.

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offertory 1/17/2010:	Year-to-Date Offertory 7/1/2009 – 12/31/2009:
January 17 Envelopes: \$ 17,676	Actual: \$776,993
January 17 Loose: \$4,621	Planned operational budget: \$806,257
January 17 Total: \$22,297	
January Total: \$100,478	Surplus for future needs: -\$29,264

Total Parish Envelopes 1550
Offering Envelopes used 632
Percentage of Offertory envelopes used 41%

CENTERING PRAYER :The next session will be **Monday January 25** 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.

Charitable Giving News

Our Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory.

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

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



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

The Internal Revenue Code requires substantiation for any cash contribution claimed on Schedule A of your personal federal tax return. Any individual contribution of \$250.00 or more requires a statement from the recipient organization indicating the details of the contribution. Individual gifts of less than \$250.00 still require substantiation, through bank documents (cancelled checks) or statements from the recipient organization. **In order to save some money, we will be sending these reports only to those who request them. If you need such a report, please call the parish office and leave your name, address and envelope number, and a report will be sent.**

Evangelization



PRAYER TO GOD, THE FATHER OF ALL LIFE ...

Eternal God, you have revealed Yourself as the Father of all Life. We praise You for the Fatherly care that You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness. Father, extend Your hand of protection to those threatened by abortion, and save them from its destructive power. Give Your strength to all fathers that they may never give in to the fears that may tempt them to facilitate abortion. Bless our families and bless our land that we may have the joy of welcoming and nurturing the life of which You are the source and the Eternal Father. Amen. *Priests for Life*

Rachel's Corner

*Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord:
Though your sins be like scarlet, they may
become white as snow; though they be crimson
red, they may become white as wool. If you are
willing and obey, you shall eat the good things of
the land. - Isaiah 1:18-19*

Come on a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™** and experience the mercy and "good things" of Our Lord. He is waiting for you.

Christy 803 554 6088 Kathy 803 546 6010
1-877-Hope 4 Me
grace4healing@gmail.com
February 26-28, 2010, Rock Hill, SC
CONFIDENTIAL/ NON JUDGMENTAL

**Come after me;
I will make
you fishers of men.**

Social Outreach

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.

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

TRADITIONAL TRIDENTINE (1962) LATIN MASS will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church September thru May on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am.

"STUDENTS AND PARENTS
GRADES 8-12

COME TO THE FIRST
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FAIR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26TH

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

ST. GREGORY GREAT SCHOOL, BLUFFTON
VISIT WITH ALUMNI AND TAKE VIRTUAL TOURS
QUESTIONS? EMAIL hryan1@roadrunner.com

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 Discalced Carmelites at 843.766.4651 or Email at Karinda7@comcast.net



CANTUS IN CONCERT - Friday, January 29

The Hilton Head Choral Society will present another in the series of world-famous a cappella vocal groups, *Cantus*, at Holy Family Catholic Church on Friday, January 29. Concert time is 7:30 PM.

Recognized as one of America's finest vocal ensembles, the group has been hailed for its exalting finesse, expressive power, and spontaneous grace. An out birth of St. Olaf's College, its repertoire covers genres of Renaissance, contemporary, art song, folk, spirituals, world music and pop. *Cantus* has performed throughout North America and Europe and featured on National Public Radio.

This concert will be an exclusive one-night only performance in the Low Country.

General Admission tickets are \$30 each and available at Pretty Papers & Gifts, Village at Wexford, Burkes Main St. Pharmacy, and other Choral Society Outlets, or ordering online at the Choral Society website:

www.hiltonheadchoralsociety.org

Limited reserved seats are \$35 and are available only by calling **384-2465**



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

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it (1Cor.12:27). As Sacraments of the Church and part of Christ's body, we need to take care of our relationships. Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help you strengthen your marriage/holy orders. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is planned for **February 5-7** in Columbia. For more information visit our South Carolina website at <http://sc.wwme.org/> or contact Bart & Laurie Huffman at 864-575-4951 / lahuffman@prtcnet.com or our registration couple Steve & Nydia Burdick 803-798-8296 / scwwme@gmail.com.

BENEDICTINE invites 5th through 8th grade families to come and find out how your son can BE ONE of the 400 at the BC **Open House**.

January 24, 2010 - 2:00 PM Program Starts

Open House provides school tours, information about our outstanding academic, fine arts, and athletic programs as well as an opportunity to personally meet the faculty and staff of Benedictine. Information regarding how to sign your son up for the 2010-2011 school-year will also be provided.

NEW PARISHIONERS & ADDRESS CHANGES

Those wishing to become a parishioner of St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church should complete the following information.

A census form will be mailed to you. Thank You

New Parishioner Change of Address

_____ # of people to be registered

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

(Mail to: 45 Beach City Rd., Hilton Head Is., SC 29926, or place in collection basket).



All Saints Episcopal Church, on Meeting Street, invites St. Francis by the Sea members to attend, at their convenience, a satellite-feed conference entitled, "Building an Ethical Economy: Theology and the Marketplace," Wednesday, January 27 from 4:30 to 9pm, or Thursday, January 28 from 9am-5 or Friday, January 29 from 9am-5. There is no charge. For information call Mary Sullivan 681-4010 or Rev. Richard McDonnell moebird@roadrunner.com or just show up.