



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

Monday, January 4
7:30AM.....Mary Lombardi † and Gloria Eler †
12:15PM..... NO MASS

Tuesday, January 5
7:30AM..... Bob Dancer † and Matthew Bubnell †
12:15PM..... NO MASS

Wednesday, January 6
7:30AM..... McTigue family †
10:00AM..... Robert Michelmann † and Jack Wodziak †
6:30PM..... NO MASS

Thursday, January 7
7:30AM..... Marion Savard † and Edward Kennedy †
12:15PM..... NO MASS

Friday, January 8
7:30AM..... Marion Savard † and Aline Richard Bruce †
12:15PM..... NO MASS

Saturday, January 9
8:00AM..... Ana Aponte †
5:30PM..... Jack Muehlberger †

Sunday, January 10
7:30AM..... Terry Sims †
9:00AM..... Frank Reda †
10:30AM..... Tom Murray †
12:15PM..... Edward Sabatini †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Sunday, January 3 thru
Sunday, January 10**

Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6	Matthew 2:1-12
Monday	1 John 3:22-4:6	Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-10	Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 John 4:11-18	Mark 6:45-52
Thursday	1 John 4:19-5:4	Luke 4:14-22a
Friday	1 John 5:5-13	Luke 5:12-16
Saturday	1 John 5:14-21	John 3:22-30
Sunday	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

MASS SCHEDULE January 4-8

Monday and Tuesday 7:30 am ONLY
Wednesday 7:30 and 10:00 am
Thursday and Friday 7:30 am ONLY

Intentions for cancelled Masses will be moved to these Masses



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.

Christmas Season



1/2-3 – Epiphany----- Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
1/3 – Fellowship Sunday----- after, 9am & 10:30am Masses
1/9-10 – Baptism of the Lord ----- Regular Weekend
----- Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 3

9:00am **FAMILY MASS**
After 9, & 10:30 Masses **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**
Family Center

Monday, January 4

11:00am **CENTERING PRAYER**
School Library/Katie Strub 689-2760
7:30pm **KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING**
Family Center/Brad Simpson 681-9547

Tuesday, January 5

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 6

11:00am **PAX CHRISTI**
Family Center/Mary Sullivan 681-4010
12:30pm **LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS**
St. Andrew Hall/Mary Moran 705-5524
6:15pm **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Family Center/Mitzi Weaver 681-6350 x 248
6:30pm **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**
Alison Griswold 384-4762
7:00pm **HILTON HEAD CITIZENS FOR LIFE**
PSD Oak Park Plaza/Dan Wittman 681-2882

Thursday, January 7

8:00am **MARIAN CENACLE**
Family Center/Betty Purdy 681-6106
7:00pm **SANCTUARY CHOIR**
Church/Jonathan Davis 681-6350 x 245

Saturday, January 9

6:30pm **SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES**
Holy Family/Pat Sanderson 681-5876

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY



Today is "Fellowship Sunday." After the 9 am and 10:30 am Masses, please come by the Family Center for free coffee, juice and pastries.

These gatherings provide parishioners and visitors a time to continue the fellowship of the Mass. This month Respect Life serves as host.



**Blessed are those who fear
the lord and walk in his ways.**

Christian Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes for Wednesday evenings resume on **January 6** and Sunday classes resume **January 10**.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING: The first of 3 required meetings for parents of children making First Communion will be on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30 p.m. 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 5**, 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 e-mail hiltonheadcatholicyouth@gmail.com.

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

To email your announcements, send to wendytaylor@stfranchishhi.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.**

Prayer & Worship

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.

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 4** 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.

Stewardship

Financial Stewardship

DUE TO VACATION PRINTING DEADLINE LAST WEEK'S FINANCIAL FIGURES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

Charitable Giving News

Our Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory.

JANUARY CHARITIES

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| • 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.stfranchishhi.org/autocontributions.html>, or you can pick up an application in the Parish Office.

Evangelization



"Without Me you can do nothing."
(Jn.15.5)

These words of the Lord to His disciples make clear the necessity of prayer and union with God for the success of any worthy undertaking. Prayer is not just a "good thing." It is, rather, absolutely necessary. The tragedy of abortion demands the constant and vigorous response of the Disciples of Christ. We must ground that response in prayer and to find in prayer the constant source of our pro-life activity. When dealing with a bitter public controversy like abortion, we may be tempted to use prayer as an escape from activity that may cause us inconvenience or rejection. Yet prayer never is meant to turn us in on ourselves. Instead, it is supposed to propel us into action.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

RALLY FOR LIFE ... The annual Hilton Head Citizens for Life Rally for Life will be held **Sunday, January 10**, from 2 to 3 p.m. in front of St. Francis Thrift Shop on Route 278. All are encouraged to participate in this prayerful, peaceful witness to the life of the unborn child. To show our solidarity, all participants are encouraged to wear red.

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.

Building Community

Tickets for the Women of St. Francis Sixth Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show will be on sale after all the masses the weekend of January 9 and 10. 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

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

A CRY FOR HELP!

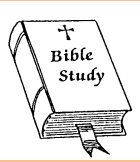
Christian Service & Justice Committee: The Christian Service & Justice Committee (CS&J) is the social outreach program for our parish. CS&J gives aid to the less fortunate members of our community, regardless of race or religion. Our helping hand extends to those needing help with rent, electric bills, 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.

Other Activities



The festive season of Christmas will conclude next week with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism is a significant moment in his public ministry. As we celebrate this feast we recall our own baptism and renew our baptismal commitment. It is fitting that this feast marks the beginning of **National Vocation Awareness Week**.

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, 2010 @ the Family Center @ 9:00am. 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.



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.

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH)



Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 6** at St. Andrews's Hall on Pinckney Colony Rd. in Bluffton. Refreshments will start at 12:30 with the meeting beginning at 1 PM. New Officers will be installed at this meeting. Present members as well as new, interested women of Irish descent or married to an Irishman are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact our President, Mary Moran at 705-5524. We look forward to seeing you!

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

NEWBORNS IN NEED

Newborns In Need chapter of Hilton Head/Beaufort wishes everyone a Happy New Year and announces our first meeting of 2010. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time and talent to help babies and young children in health or economic crisis, please contact us. If your talents include knitting, crochet, sewing, or quilting, or just an interest in helping children in our area, Newborns In Need can use your help.

Our first meeting of 2010 will take place on **January 23**, at All Saints Episcopal Church, starting at 10 am. Please join us. If you have any questions concerning volunteering or donations, please contact Terry Simmons at 422-9301.

Various facilities and services are available to our active members. This includes use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other sacramental events, and includes parishioner status in parochial schools.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

is determined by four things:

1. Being properly registered in the parish for a sufficient period of time.
2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days
3. Use of the envelope or electronic giving system in regular support of the parish.
4. Being active in at least one parish program, ministry, or organization.



Thanks to everyone who contributed food, money or who helped with the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. A special thank you to the Italian American Club and BiLo. Your generosity enabled us to assist over 75 needy families this holiday season.



We have come from the East to visit the King!