



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

- Monday, February 1**
7:30AM..... Marion Savard †
12:15PM..... Marilu Degnan †
- Tuesday, February 2**
7:30AM..... David Schubert †
12:15PM..... June Droz †
- Wednesday, February 3**
7:30AM..... Marilu Degnan †
10:00AM..... Ann Lannon †
6:30PM..... Cecilia Arkins †
- Thursday, February 4**
7:30AM..... Dr. Joseph Reno †
12:15PM..... Tom Murray †
- Friday, February 5**
7:30AM..... Mary and Sal LoPiccolo †
12:15PM..... Betty Jeanne Reed †
- Saturday, February 6**
8:00AM..... Emily Labartino †
5:30PM..... Souls in Purgatory †
- Sunday, February 7**
7:30AM..... Martin Tynan †
9:00AM..... Leo Bartolomeo †
10:30AM..... Pro Populo
12:15PM..... Tom Hanahan †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Sunday, January 31 thru
Sunday, February 7**

Sunday	Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19	-----	Luke 4:21-30
Monday	2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	-----	Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday	Malachi 3:1-4	-----	Luke 2:22-40
Wednesday	2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17	-----	Mark 6:1-6
Thursday	1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	-----	Mark 6:7-13
Friday	Sirach 47:2-11	-----	Mark 6:14-29
Saturday	1 Kings 3:4-13	-----	Mark 6:30-34
Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8	-----	Luke 5:1-11



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 31

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

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

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, February 3

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, February 4

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

Friday, February 5

1:00pm **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**
Cry Room/Fritzie Neitzel 785-6558

Saturday, February 6

6:30pm **SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**
Family Center/George Bellas 689-3644

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 4 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.

FAMILY MASS

The next **FAMILY MASS** will be celebrated
Sunday, February 7 at 9:00 AM.



CANNED GOODS SUNDAY – February 7

Parishioners have an opportunity on the 1st Sunday of the month for alms giving by assisting those who lack the resources to buy food. Please leave a staple food item or items in the narthex. Any staple item with an unexpired date is acceptable. Deep Well tries to provide each family that

needs help with enough fresh food and staple items to sustain them for a week. Items most needed at this time are canned fruit, juices, cereals, boxed potatoes, and Hamburger Helper.



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 **February 2**, 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.

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.

- **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 perspective 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.

Congratulations to eighth grade student **Garrett Novak** who took **first place** in his division at the **SCISA regional spelling bee**. Garrett will go on to compete at the state level in February.

On Wednesday, January 20th the students brought in money to aid those in Haiti who were affected by the recent earthquake. The students raised over \$600 for the relief effort.

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.

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.**

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.

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

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

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.

PAX CHRISTI-ST. FRANCIS: "Nonviolence is not a garment to be put on and off at will. Its seat is in the heart, and it must be an inseparable part of our very being." Gandhi

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

Prayer & Worship

ADULT FORMATION LITERATURE COMMITTEE

The new literature for February includes the following:

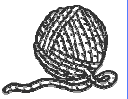
Lent: Opening the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The spirit of Lent is the Holy Spirit and this issue of Catholic Update provides prayers and ideas for each week of Lent based on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. "Why is the spirit of Lent the Holy Spirit? Because of the relationship between Lent and the Sacraments of Initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist-which confer the Holy Spirit. Historically, Lent and Christian Initiation are closely associated. Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M., S.T. D. briefly walks us through each of these sacraments and their relationship to the Holy Spirit and then provides us with prayers for each week of Lent starting with Ash Wednesday.

The Little Black Book

The Little Black Book for Lent provides us with a reading and reflection for each day of Lent and helps us to do some spiritual clean-up in preparation for the Easter celebration.

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.



Stewardship

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offertory 1/24/2010:	Year-to-Date Offertory 7/1/2009 - 12/31/2009:
January 24 Envelopes: \$ 17,135	Actual: \$776,993
January 24 Loose: \$6,379	Planned operational budget: \$806,257
January 24 Total: \$23,514	
January Total: \$123,991	Surplus for future needs: -\$29,264

Total Parish Envelopes1550
 Offering Envelopes used.....607
 Percentage of Offertory envelopes used..... 39%

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

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.

PARISH PRE-LENTEN MISSION starts with a Monday talk at 12:15 pm February 8. There will be a talk with the 12:15 pm Mass Monday and through Thursday, February 8-11 and an evening talk at 7:00 pm each of these days. The morning and evening talk will be different. Details were in a bulletin insert and are also available on a flyer in the Narthex. There will be a reception following the Thursday evening talk.

CENTERING PRAYER: The next session will be **Monday February 1** 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.

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



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



Beyond the pro-life marches and rallies, each of us has various God-given talents that we can use to change hearts caught in the culture of death to hearts enlivened by the culture of life.

Rev. Thomas VanderWoude

Rachel's Corner

When we have experienced God's forgiveness, we are **new creatures!** We can live a life beyond the regrets of yesterday. We can live with a forward-looking hope of glory.

- Reflections from *Footprints*

Become a new creation in Christ! Join us on our next retreat and experience His redeeming grace. **February 26-28**, Rock Hill, SC

Christy 803 554 6088 Kathy 803 546 6010
1-877-Hope 4 Me
grace4healing@gmail.com
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Building Community

THE WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS General Membership Meeting will be on Monday, February 8 at 7:00 pm in the Family Center. There will be time for food and fellowship, before a brief business meeting. The program to follow will be "How to Identify Your Seafood at Restaurants" presented by David Harter. So come join the ladies for an enjoyable evening out!

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

THRIFT SHOP GRANTS: Organizations wishing to apply for a grant from St. Francis Thrift Shop may do so by calling Diane Hyland, Grant Director, at 681-6871 and requesting a grant application. Please note organizations may do so even if they have received a grant previously. **The application must be returned by April 30, 2010.**



BOOK LOVERS: The St. Francis Thrift Shop book department has a great new look thanks to the generosity of Walden Bookstore and our donors. We have first editions and special interest, rare books for the collector in your life, even if that collector is you. Stop by and check us out. And also keep us in mind when you're cleaning out your bookcases. We appreciate every donation.

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.

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.

THE JOURNEY OF HOPE CONFERENCE 2010 will be held **February 27 -28** in Atlanta and will offer resources and advice for divorced and separated Catholics. The conference will address issues of healing, living the Catholic faith and navigating life after divorce. Registration is open to separated and divorced men and woman and those involved in related ministries. For information and to register, visit www.journeyofhopeconference.com or call 404.493.2190.

Just what *IS* a Pastoral Council???

The Council is a group of parishioners, whose basic job is to help the other parishioners participate more deeply in the mystery of God. They give their help in fostering pastoral activity. They are engaged with the pastor in a common search for wisdom and practical conclusions. The Council's aim is to act as an advisory board to the pastor. Its meetings are open to Parishioners.

The Council is practical rather than theoretical, thus questions of practical wisdom and prudence are the realm of the pastoral council. No other parish group studies, reflects and advises as does a pastoral council. Council members should continually realize that their work is more than a task. It is a calling and God's gift.

The actions of a council are based on the intellectual disciplines and practices of:

1. Study and investigation of a matter.
2. Sufficient reflection on the matter.
3. The formulation of practical conclusions and recommendations.

They represent the parish by "making present" the wisdom of the parish to the pastor. Staff members on the pastoral council are *ex officio*; their role is to serve as resources to the other councilors.

But *who* could serve on OUR Pastoral Council ???

ANY registered Parishioner of any age, who is genuinely interested in contributing his or her talents to make this a better, more vibrant, more closely knit family of believers.

They need to be willing to spend a reasonable amount of time between meetings to keep abreast of Parish activities and prepare themselves to discuss and vote from personal knowledge, NOT from rumor or hearsay.

They need to be open-minded, objective and without a personal agenda. Some kind of "track record" in Parish activities would obviously be desirable.

If you think you *might* be able to make a contribution to St. Francis By-the-Sea in this way, please contact Ben Letizia at:

bletizia@roadrunner.com

OR

Contact any present member of the Pastoral Council.
The search for new members is on, and 10 attractive candidates
Would not be too many!