



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

- Monday, March 8**  
7:30AM ..... Marilu Degnan †  
12:15PM ..... Thomas Edward Murphy III †
- Tuesday, March 9**  
7:30AM ..... Vance family †  
12:15PM ..... Tom Kirchner †
- Wednesday, March 10**  
7:30AM ..... Tinsley Matthews †  
10:00AM ..... Tinsley Matthews †  
6:30PM ..... Don Pesch †
- Thursday, March 11**  
7:30AM ..... Dennis Lee †  
12:15PM ..... Thomas Clisham, Sr. †
- Friday, March 12**  
7:30AM ..... Pamela Hissey †  
12:15PM ..... William Vowinkel †
- Saturday, March 13**  
8:00AM ..... Michael Dill †  
5:30PM ..... Pro Populo
- Sunday, March 14**  
7:30AM ..... Nicholas Eli Donkar †  
9:00AM ..... Anita Cunniff †  
10:30AM ..... Tom Murray †  
12:15PM ..... Florence Hanus †

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Sunday, March 7 thru  
Sunday, March 14**

<b>Sunday</b>	Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15	-----	Luke 13:1-9
<b>Monday</b>	2 Kings 5:1-15ab	-----	Luke 4:24-30
<b>Tuesday</b>	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	-----	Matthew 18:21-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	-----	Matthew 5:17-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Jeremiah 7:23-28	-----	Luke 11:14-23
<b>Friday</b>	Hosea 14:2-10	-----	Mark 12:28-34
<b>Saturday</b>	Hosea 6:1-6	-----	Luke 18:9-14
<b>Sunday</b>	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12	-----	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



You can make an appointment to have your picture taken for the parish pictorial directory by going to our web site [www.sfranchishhi.org](http://www.sfranchishhi.org) and clicking on the link.

**“...be reconciled to God.” (2 Cor 5:20)**

“The second precept of the Church (“You shall confess your sins at least once a year.”) ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness.” (CC 2042)

**Confession during the season of Lent** is available 30 minutes before the 7:30am and 12:15pm daily Masses, each Saturday from 4:15-5:15pm, by appointment with the priest.

**PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE** is scheduled for **Sunday, March 14** at 4:00 p.m. The service will begin with evening prayer. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Children receiving First Communion in April will be also be celebrating First Reconciliation during this parish service.

Sunday, March 7

9:00am **FAMILY MASS**  
After 9 & 10:30 Masses **FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY / FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Family Center

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

Monday, March 8

11:00am **CENTERING PRAYER**

School Library/Katie Strub 689-2760

7:00pm **WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS**

Family Center

Tuesday, March 9

4:00pm **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Family Center/Alison Griswold 384-4762

6:30pm **RCIA POTLUCK SUPPER**

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, March 10

6:15pm **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Family Center/Mitzi Weaver 681-6350 x 248

6:30pm **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Alison Griswold 384-4762

Thursday, March 11

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, March 12

6:00pm **FSA FISH FRY**

Family Center/681-6501

Saturday, March 13

9:00am **SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES**

Holy Family/Pat Sanderson 681-5876

6:30pm **K of C ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER**

Family Center/John Holstein 290-4062

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**THIRD WEEK OF LENT**



**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY** (March 7).....after 9am and 10:30am Masses

**FIRST SCRUTINY (RCIA):** (March 7).....10:30 Mass

**EVENING PRAYER & HOLY HOUR WITH ADORATION** .....(March 7)  
..... 4:00 pm in Church

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** (March 12).....after 7:30 am \*\*12:15pm  
.....and 7 pm

\*\*Sr. Kathleen leads “Mary’s Way of the Cross”

*Why not take the time during this Lenten Season to deepen your spirituality?  
Come join our Lord and make this a fruitful Lent.*

**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. Each month a different ministry of St. Francis serves as host. A new addition is FREE blood pressure screenings

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

Each year the holy season of Lent provides us a special time of grace and spiritual renewal so that we may become better instruments in sharing the Gospel message.



✠ **Good Friday** is a day of **fasting**. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Catholics between the ages of 18 and 58 are bound by this law.

✠ **All Fridays of Lent** are also days of **abstinence**. On days of abstinence, meats should not be taken at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year.

The Obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The New Code of Canon Law states:

"On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence..."

May this Holy Lenten season provide us an opportunity for deepening our faith, hope and love through a life of deeper prayer, penitential practices, and works of charity.

## OPEN LETTER TO PARISHIONERS

I really need your help and consideration when you are planning events for the Family Center and school. It is important that you do not try to schedule events on Wednesday evenings during the school year. All the classrooms in the school plus the Family Center are being used for Children's Religious Education program. I have already had to juggle classes around into less than optimum spaces because of photo sessions for the new parish directory scheduled on Wednesday nights in the Family Center. It's not that I can't share. The Safe Environment policy of the dioceses requires that no unscreened and Safe Environment trained adults have access to children. As the Director of Religious Education, I have an obligation to adhere to that policy and to safeguard the well being of our children. If you can keep in mind that Wednesdays are not available, you won't be disappointed when you are told no.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mitzi Weaver

## JOB OPENING

A **fulltime Maintenance Tech position** is open at St. Francis by the Sea. Position includes custodial work with light maintenance. Late afternoon and evening hours with some weekend work is required. Contact Jim Casson at 681-6350 x 289 for further information or pick up a job application in the parish office.



**THE LIBRARY / CRY ROOM** is not a playground. Its purpose on Sunday is to provide a quiet sanctuary for a parent with a child who may become uncomfortable during Mass. It allows the parents to continue to participate in the Mass until the child is comfortable enough to return to the pew. This room is an excellent place to teach a pre-school aged child about quiet, prayerful participation in Mass. **The room is not intended for other uses. The cry room is a very limited space. All are welcome to worship in the main body of the church. We encourage families to bring their young children to Mass. Please be considerate of parents with young children who wish to use the cry room.**

We ask that when using the room that library resources are treated with respect. There are children's books, including a Child's First Mass Book that we encourage the children to use. Library resources should not be given to children that are too young to understand and respect the use of books. Please help us to maintain this space which allows for convenient access to faith materials and a quiet place to read during the week as well as serving as a place of quiet and comfort for families during the worship services.

The Lowcountry Deanery Council of  
Catholic Women  
congratulates

**JOAN MULLANE**

for being chosen as their

**CATHOLIC WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2010**



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



## 2010 REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Registration for new students who wish to attend St. Francis Catholic School in 2010-11 began on Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> with application forms being available in the school office and online at [www.sfcshhi.org](http://www.sfcshhi.org). Completed applications for new students will be accepted at the school office. For further information, contact the school at 681-6501.

The **Middle School Science Fair** was held on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. **The overall winner was eighth grade student Kylie Wilder with her project – Friction.**

### The Sixth grade winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Pulleys and Levers – Austin Borasky
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Infrared Light – Jacqueline Tobin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: It Eggs-actly Floats

### The Seventh grade winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Batter Up – Aileen Moore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Julia Baker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Miguel Ceron

### The Eighth grade winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Heat Absorption – Luke Trolan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Craters – Claire Lacombe
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Hot to Trot – Madison Selvy

These students will go on to compete at the Sea Island Regional Science Fair, on March 18<sup>th</sup>, held at Hilton Head Prep.

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

To email your announcements, send to [wendytaylor@stfrancishhi.org](mailto:wendytaylor@stfrancishhi.org)

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR...  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual FSA Family Fish Fry  
Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Family Center  
Adults \$12.00 – Children \$6.00  
(Family Maximum - \$42.00)



50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction  
Snowballs & Cupcake Decorating  
Classroom-Themed Gift Baskets

Fried Fish  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Coleslaw  
Hush Puppies  
Beverages  
Desserts



Tickets can be purchased at the St. Francis School office  
681-6501

Please note: Tickets will NOT be sold at the event



**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 **March 9**, 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.

**Congratulations to the following RCIA Candidates and Sponsors who celebrated the Rites of Sending and Election February 20 & 21.**

CANDIDATE	SPONSOR
Chris Maldonado	Lee Wilber
Jeremy Hall	Howard Haines
Sue Hall	Judy Winarchick
Barbara O'Brien	Robert O'Brien, Kristin Yannarell
Angela Hildebrand	Joann Binkley
Dave Larson	Nora Larson, Angie Toth-Mullen
Caroline Meng	Joe Poulin
Cristhian Calessio	Marty Eidemiller
Lauren Cochrane	Lois Bohn
Emily Nelson	Joan and Marc Stuckart

**THE SCRUTINIES**

On Sunday March 7 at the 10:30 AM Mass the First Scrutiny will take place for the RCIA candidates. "The word 'Scrutiny' is a traditional term and means 'search'. God is like a physician searching for whatever needs healing and strengthening within all hearts." From The Little Black Book.

**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.

**Prayer & Worship**

**ALTAR SERVERS AND  
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Week and the Easter Sunday schedule is ready for sign up. If you would like to serve at any of these Masses, please contact Colleen at 681-6350 ext 249 or you may e-mail her at [ccdoffice@stfrancishhi.org](mailto:ccdoffice@stfrancishhi.org). The schedule is as follows:

**HOLY THURSDAY – 6 P.M.**

**GOOD FRIDAY – 3 P.M.**

**EASTER VIGIL – 8:30 P.M.**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

7:30 A.M. – CHURCH

9:00 A.M. – CHURCH

9:15 A.M. – FAMILY CENTER

10:30 A.M. – CHURCH

10:45 A.M. – FAMILY CENTER

12:15 P.M. – CHURCH

**CENTERING PRAYER:** The next session will be **Monday, March 8** 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.

**ADULT FORMATION LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

**March Literature available 3-14-10**

**From Passover to Eucharist**

Did you ever wonder why John's Gospel emphasizes the washing of the feet, or what connection there is between the Passover and Eucharist? Rev. Lawrence E. Mick walks us through the journey from Passover to Eucharist and helps to find God's liberating love and our Catholic identity in the Eucharist.

**Finding Jesus in the Eucharist: Four Ways He is Present**

In this Catholic Update you are asked to think about some ways Jesus is present to you. We examine ways that we are reverent in Christ's presence and asked to think about why Christ gave us the Eucharist.

**How to Make a Good Confession**

Information in this pamphlet will deepen your understanding of the sacrament while walking you through the steps in the rite of reconciliation. A good confession starts with an honest and prayerful examination of conscience which is included in the pamphlet.

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



☞ Unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ☛

**PAX CHRISTI-ST. FRANCIS:** "A good end cannot sanctify evil means; nor must we ever do evil, that good may come of it. We are too ready to retaliate, rather than forgive or gain by love and information. Force may subdue, but love gains. And one that forgives first wins the laurel." William Penn

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

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**



Please consider our need to fill these hours:

- Tuesday** 5/6AM, 7/8AM
- Wednesday** – 5/6AM, 6/7AM
- Thursday** – 5/6AM, 10/11AM, 11/12AM
- Friday** 8/9AM, 6/7PM
- Saturday** 6/7AM, 8/9AM

George Bellas 689-3644      Bill Trecartin 681-4843

*Stewardship*

**Financial Stewardship**

Weekly Offertory 2/28/2010:	Year-to-Date Offertory 7/1/2009 – 1/31/2010:
February 28 Envelopes: \$ 22,530	Actual: \$930,662
February 28 Loose: \$6,333	Planned operational budget: \$951,925
February 28 Total: \$28,863	
February Total: \$126,941	Surplus for future needs: -\$21,263

Total Parish Envelopes..... 1628  
 Offering Envelopes used..... 608  
 Percentage of Offertory envelopes used..... 37%

**Charitable Giving News**

Our Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory.

**MARCH CHARITIES**

- CS&J \$5,000
- Catholic Relief Services \$1,500
- 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.

**BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL**

There is good news from the BSA office at the diocese regarding the year-end results of the 2009 campaign. The final figures just arrived and we are happy and proud to announce that the contributions of the families of St. Francis by the Sea parish, once again, exceeded our goal. In the last ten years, we have reached our goal every time but twice—and in those two times, our shortfall was less than 5%. In '09, our gifts totaled \$79,038, for an average donation of \$213.62. We are extremely grateful to all who so generously participated in this program. That this could be done in these economic times is truly a sign of faithful and caring stewardship. The diocese was also able to exceed its goal of \$2,000,000 by over \$300,000.

By now, you have received the mailing from Charleston describing the commencement of the 2010 BSA program entitled *Walk Humbly with Your God*. In addition to letters from Bishop Guglielmo and our pastor, there is a brochure giving details of the beneficiaries of the fund and their functions. This information is also available in the narthex or in the church office. Please consider making a one-time contribution or a pledge of incremental payments. Use the envelope sent or those in the box you have from church or use your own indicating it is for the BSA. Mail them directly to Charleston or drop them in the collection basket. You will be glad you participated. Thank you for your generosity.

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*



**HILTON HEAD CITIZENS FOR LIFE** will be participating in the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** on **Sunday, March 14** at 3 pm. Parking for the parade will be set up at the Beach Parking Lot on Pope Avenue at the Smokehouse entrance. Participants need to arrive at 2:30. All parishioners are invited to join us and stand up for life, the born and the unborn. For more information call Dan Wittman 681-2882.

*Building Community*

**THE WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS** general membership meeting is on **Monday, March 8** at 7:00pm in the Family Center. As always, there will be time for dessert and fellowship. **Our special guests will be the Dominican Sisters to talk about their life on Hilton Head Island and the Golf Tournament to raise money for their Motherhouse.** So come join the ladies for an enjoyable and informative evening!

The Women of St. Francis will be sponsoring "Mary's Way of the Cross" after the 12:15pm Mass on **Friday, March 12**. This unique version of the Stations of the Cross is through the eyes of Mary, the mother of Jesus and will be led by Sister Kathleen. All women of the parish are invited to join us for this Lenten event.

## Social Outreach

**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 APPRECIATED**  
**IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE**

**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:** 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.

**GREAT SELECTION OF NEW MERCHANDISE WEEKLY**

### ST. FRANCIS SAMARITAN MINISTRY

#### FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS:

Beginning on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, and every first Sunday of the month following, the **St. Francis Samaritan Ministry** will be offering free blood pressure screenings, after the 9:00 AM and the 10:30 AM Masses in the Family Center. This free service will be performed by medical professionals from St. Francis Parish, in our Family Center, in a private setting. **We invite all to take a moment to do something for yourself.** Also, if you are a medical professional and are willing to volunteer in this effort, please contact Deacon Pat Sheehan at 785-8240.

#### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

**St. Francis by the Sea Samaritans** has established a Bereavement Support Group. This Bereavement Support is available to all of our St. Francis family and friends. One of the most healing tools is talking about our loss. Our facilitator is a seasoned professional with a background in geriatric social work, and a Masters in Public Health. She is a member of St. Francis by the Sea parish. There is no charge for this service. If you would like additional information, please contact the Parish Office at 843-681-6350 or Deacon Pat Sheehan at 843-785-8240.

### PARISH LENTEN PROJECT TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN OF THE MUSTARD SEED COMMUNITIES IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

The sea container will arrive the first week of March & remain in the church parking lot until it is full. We will be collecting children & adult clothing, shoes, diapers, tables, chairs, sofas, lamps, mirrors, pictures, personal toiletries, TVs, radios, garden equipment, etc. Arrangements for pickups (starting now) can be arranged. Please call Joan Carey (757-5610) or Jim Hyland (681-6871) for more information.

## Other Activities

### JAVA WITH JESUS

Charleston - **Young Adults** have the opportunity to join Fr. Wilson, Bishop Guglielmono and the Dominican Sisters of Nashville at a **three part Lenten journey about the walks of Jesus** on **March 3, 10 and 15** from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Daughters of St. Paul on King Street. **Admission is free** and for more information please contact Deacon James Moore at [jmoore@catholic-doc.org](mailto:jmoore@catholic-doc.org) or 843.670.2586 or the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 843.402.9115 x 20.

### Lenten Day of Reflection

Columbia - "**Has it been all it could be**" is the theme to this Lenten Day of Reflection for **Young Adults and Young Adult Leaders**. Fr. Timothy Valentine will be presenting at Our Lady of the Hills in Columbia **March 20** at 9:15am until 3:00pm. **Registration is \$15.** For more information please contact Deacon James Moore at [jmoore@catholic-doc.org](mailto:jmoore@catholic-doc.org) or 843.670.2586 or the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 843.402.9115 x 20.

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

**WORLDWIDE FERTILITYCARE™ WEEK (MARCH 21-27, 2010)** is designed to help inform parishioners about the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System and NaProTechnology which includes a morally acceptable means of family planning as well as a new scientific approach to helping fertility issues through cooperative medical care that works with a woman's cycle. Introductory sessions are available through the Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office. **Reservations are required.** Private introductory sessions may also be scheduled by appointment. For more information please call Trisha Brown, NFP Medical Network Promoter, at 803-554-6569 or e mail [scnfp@yahoo.com](mailto:scnfp@yahoo.com). To make a reservation, please call Kathy Schmutge, Diocese of Charleston Family Life Office Coordinator, at 803-547-5063.

**NEWBORNS IN NEED** is a national organization that supplies handmade clothing, blankets, and quilts... as well as toys and infant/baby supplies to those born into health or economic crisis. If you sew, knit, or crochet... or have a desire to help the smallest of God's angels, please join us for our March meeting, **Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m.** at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 3001 Meeting Street, on Hilton Head's north end. Our volunteers will gather for fellowship and sharing of items they have lovingly stitched over the past month. For more information, contact Terry Simmons at (843) 422-9301.