



Saint Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 11, 2018 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

St. Joseph Catholic Church:

3600 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

Parish Office Hours:

Mon. - Fri.: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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THE SEASON OF



LENT

Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend St. Joseph's regularly, please stop by the parish office to fill out a registration card.

Community Sunday

All are invited to enjoy refreshments in the lobby of the Rowland Education Building on the second Sunday of each month after all morning Masses.

Active Membership

The Facilities and Services of St. Joseph Church are available to active members. Three points determine active membership:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period of time and use of the envelope system/or electronic giving in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.

Special Needs

Special needs and wheelchair seating is available in the front row of the Church. Cars must display a valid handicap sticker to park in the reserved handicap spaces in the Church parking lot.

Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, 4:30 PM. Include name and phone number of contact person. All announcements must be copy ready.

Protecting Our Children

St. Joseph Church and School and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to the protection of children. The following numbers are provided for your information: Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister: (800) 921-8122; Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: (843) 261-0431.

Baptism: Parents must attend one adult seminar before having their child baptized. This session will be held at 1:30 PM on the 2nd Sunday of January, March, May (3rd), July, September and November. Baptisms will be scheduled approximately two times per month. Call the Religious Education Office at 540-1906 to register or for further information.

Marriage: Those contemplating marriage should contact the priest at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office to request hospital visits and for individual anointing when anyone is seriously ill or having surgery.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation

of Adults): Individuals interested in becoming full members of the Catholic community participate in a process of Christian Initiation. Call the Religious Education Office at 540-1906 or e-mail stjoedre@aol.com for more information.

Parish Mass Schedule

Masses:

Saturday Vigil.....5:30 PM

Sunday 8:15, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

Holy Days:

Please check the bulletin or website

Daily Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 7:30 AM

Please note that the church opens at 7:00 AM

The Rosary precedes morning Mass

Tuesday.....5:30 PM

First Saturday..... 8:30 AM

School Mass:

Friday (Sept. - May).....8:15AM

All are welcome

Adoration:

Tuesday.....8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Reconciliation:

First Saturday of the Month 7:45 - 8:15

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM

and by appointment

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Annual Budget 1,452,000.00
YTD Actual 950,459.82

Weekly Offering

Budget 27,923.08
Received: 03-04-18 30,315.53
Black & Indian Home Missions 3,197.99

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

See Ephesians 2:10

TRIBUTES



The Tabernacle Vigil Candle, March 11 to 24, is in loving memory of John Barnum and is given by friends from St. Joseph Women's Society.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of **Vinh Quy Bui**. May his soul rest in peace.



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

Homebound: Jameson Finney, Barbara Harney, Ellie O'Shea, Sid Lacoste, Rosemary Parks, Maria Perez, George Rice, George Brady, Marcy Bytnar, Leona Melson, Laddie Gatling, Joe Guild, Mary DeLay, Lester Johnson, Vic Schwartz, Roger Iacovoni, Joseph Fricker, Legare Kopack, Louise Loftis, Mary E. Dannerbeck, Doris Woest, Mary Trzeciecki and Stella Peeples.

To add the name of a sick or homebound parishioner, please call the Church Office at 254-7646.

Catholic Corner

"Christianity asserts that every individual human being is going to live forever, and this must be either true or false. Now there are a good many things which would not be worth bothering about if I were going to live only seventy years, but which I had better bother about very seriously if I am going to live forever."

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

For the remaining school days during Lent, everyone is encouraged to gather for our Rosary Group, Mary's Children. This 7:25 AM group meets in Kamler Hall and is open to all students, parents, and parishioners – come join the group for the culmination of this Lenten prayer project!

CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL NEWS

CN SCHOOL, in order to address a rapidly changing world where learning expectations are higher than ever and faith-filled values are the foundation of a stronger tomorrow, seeks to exceed the traditional definition of educational success. Our mission is to discover the young faith-filled leader that God created inside every child through our commitment to REDEFINING EXCELLENCE in everything we do. We offer a holistic learning experience built on Catholic values, and we deliver it within the new campus that is your school and your home.

Redefining Excellence In the Classroom -
On the Field - In the Community For Their Futures.
We're enrolling now!

Contact Theresa Harper tharper@cnhs.org or 888-1611.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

LIFE TEEN

LifeTeen Wednesday Night Study Group meets March 14, at 6:00 PM at PDQ on Devine Street - join us for dinner and our Lenten Journey - 40 Days of Grace.

Youth 14 - 21, interested in backpacking, sailing or other outdoor high adventure activities - Venturing Crew meets on March 11, in the Blossom House at 3:00 PM. Check us out on Instagram at [venturecrew_100](https://www.instagram.com/venturecrew_100)

For more details about STJCYM Groups, Programs, Activities and Events visit us on the St. Joseph Parish App by clicking on Youth Ministry and Follow Us on Twitter @STJCYM_COLA

ALTAR FLOWERS

Opportunities to remember or honor loved ones and special occasions with flowers for our liturgies are available this spring on the weekends of: April 28/29, May 5/6, 12/13, 19/20, 26/27 and June 2/3, 9/10, 16/17. For more information or to check on the availability of other dates, please call Teresa Chmura at 254-7646.

The suggested donation is \$160.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes for students and adults continue on Wednesday.

The K5 students will be taking up a "Give – Not Just Give Up" collection for Lent. **CCD families are asked to bring baby diapers THIS WEDNESDAY to class.** All donations will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. *Next week the children are asked to bring Lenten Alms (change and dollars.)*

CATECHIST NEEDED

We are in need of a catechist for 6th grade in the Religious Education program. Please call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906 or email nettie@stjosephcolumbia.org to volunteer for this most important ministry.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

There will be a Baptism Seminar TODAY (Sunday), for parents who are seeking to have their children baptized at St. Joseph. The Seminar will take place in the Gilmore Senior Center in the Ministries and Administration Building at 1:30 PM. For more information regarding baptisms, please call Nettie Taylor at 540-1906.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

An Introductory Session of the Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning will be offered on Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00 PM at St. Joseph. NFP is easy to learn, inexpensive and reliable, and it strengthens marriages and families. For more information or to register, please contact Kelli Ball at 807-0158 or kellihball@yahoo.com

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SHOP

Representatives from the St. Francis Catholic Shop will be present after all Sunday morning Masses this weekend. You will be able to shop for gifts and household items for Easter, First Communion, birthdays, and other events.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Jerome K. Williams' book *Saints for Our Times* explores in detail four of the leaders who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of Renaissance decadence and the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. The saints of the Catholic Reformation show us just how powerful—and beautiful—is the human heart's free response to God's generous grace. Dive deeper into the lives of four beloved saints: Sts. Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila, and John of the Cross. Discover this and other informative resources at the kiosk in the Narthex.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 11

8:15 AM Rev. David Nerbun (I)
10:30 AM Mr. David Ekmark +
12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 13

7:30 AM The end to abortion
5:30 PM Mrs. Ann Nerbun (I)

Wednesday, March 14

7:30 AM Ms. Primrose Heizer +

Thursday, March 15

7:30 AM Mr. William Killoy +

Friday, March 16

7:30 AM Deceased Priests
of Mount St. Mary's Seminary
8:15 AM Mr. John Barnum +
6:00 PM Mr. Ed Mercer +

Saturday, March 17

5:30 PM Mary Kay & Mike Palyok (I)

Sunday, March 18

8:15 AM Mrs. Mary Kay Kennedy (I)
10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Joseph
12:15 PM Pat & Bill Mason (I)

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED



There are currently more than 4,000 children in foster care in South Carolina and not enough foster homes to meet this need. In Richland County alone, 115 more homes are needed. Our neighbors at Epworth Children's Home have extended their services to include a Foster Home Program in which they license, train and support loving foster parents. If you are interested in the missional outreach of fostering, or ways you can help foster families, For more information, please contact Haley Huff at 828-7724 or e-mail hhuff@epworthsc.org

BYZANTINE RITE MASS

Byzantine Rite Bishop to Visit and Open New Mission:

On Sunday, March 18, at 5:00 PM, a Pontifical Divine Liturgy (Mass) in the Byzantine Rite will be celebrated at Transfiguration Church, 306 N Pines Road, Blythewood, (just off I-77 at Wilson Blvd.) On this occasion, the Bishop will establish a new Eastern Catholic Mission for Columbia. Fellowship will follow. We cordially invite you, your family and friends to celebrate with us.

For more information, please call: 814-4692,
e-mail: colabyzatholic.weebly.com.
or visit: Pcolabyzantinecatholic@gmail.com

FRIDAYS OF LENT

March 16, 23

During the **FRIDAYS** of Lent, We are offering **Stations of the Cross** at **5:30 PM**, immediately followed by **Mass** at **6:00 PM**. This will enable those who are unable to attend the morning Masses to have the opportunity for an additional Lenten devotion.



After Mass we will offer a **simple meatless supper** of soup, bread and drink in the Parish Hall/Gym. This will give you an opportunity to sacrifice a regular meal during Lent. Donations will be accepted. These donations will be given to a local soup kitchen.

Thank you to the RCIA candidates and team members who sponsored last Friday's meatless soup supper.

OUR LENTEN BURDEN BOX



A locked wooden box will, once again, be placed at the St. Joseph Altar, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please write down your personal burdens, concerns, habits, prayers and/or petitions that you would like to offer to God during the Lenten Season and place them in the box. All of these will be kept strictly confidential. (No one will have access to the contents of the box.) On Holy Saturday night we will use the "burdens" to fuel our Easter fire.

"You must accept your cross; if you bear it courageously it will bear you to heaven."

St. John Vianney (1786-1859)

Extended Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at

St. Joseph

**Saturdays, March 17, 24
from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**

Monday, March 26 - 12:00 noon to 1:00 PM

**Schedule for
Lenten Communal Penance Services
Area Services
at 7:00 PM**

Monday, March 12
Tuesday, March 13
Thursday, March 15
Monday, March 19

St. John Neumann
St. Martin de Porres
Corpus Christi
Transfiguration

EASTER DINNER

St. Peter's Church is preparing their **33rd Annual Easter Banquet** for the poor, homeless, and elderly on Easter Sunday, April 1, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at St. Peter's Church, Cardinal Bernardin Center, 1529 Assembly Street. They plan on feeding 600-700 guests.



They will be giving the children Easter baskets. For lunch they will be serving ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, tea and homemade Easter desserts.

If you would like to help, you may donate: your time or monetary gifts, homemade Easter desserts, cupcakes with jelly beans on top, dyed eggs or Easter baskets filled with candy for the children. Please make check payable to St. Peter's SVDP, 1529 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29202, attn: Robert Keeder. For more information, please call Robert Keeder at 796-9802.

THE MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

...is now open for registration to parishioners and parents of St. Joseph School students 28 years of age and older. The League is currently scheduled to begin on March 20 and the registration fee is \$50.00 per player. Games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please contact John Tamasitis to register at:

jgtamasitis@gmail.com.



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

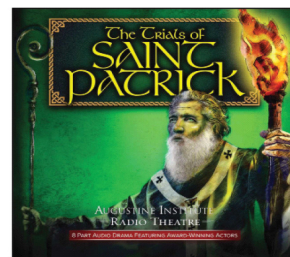
The Trials of Saint Patrick

Augustine Institute Radio Theatre

There's More to
St. Patrick than
Shamrocks and
Snakes

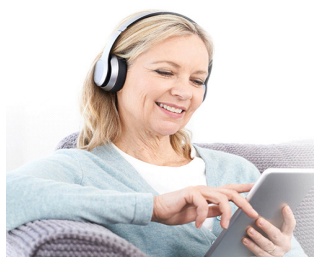
Follow St. Patrick on his dramatic journey through hardship and loss to mercy and forgiveness. His story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio Theatre's most recent audio drama.

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—Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila,
Archbishop, Archdiocese of Denver



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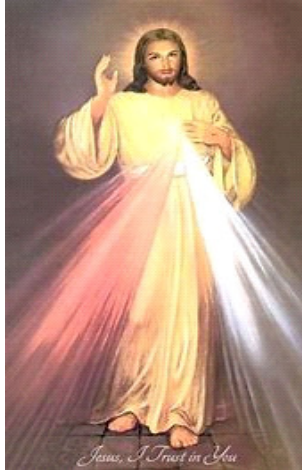
Feast of St. Joseph Parish Picnic

March 18, 2018 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Parish Front Lawn BBQ Buffet Children's Activities

FAQ s for Parish Picnic:

- Bring Picnic Blankets/chairs for seating
- Limited seating will be available for those who are mobility challenged
- There will be 2 food and beverage stations
- Desserts will be located at our St. Joseph table surrounding the fountain
- We will commence with a prayer outside after 12:15 Mass
- Children's Activities will be located next to the Rose Garden
- Restrooms are available in Rowland Education Building
- Additional Parking in Shandon Methodist parking lot adjacent to the MAB, and Piggly Wiggly
- Gathering spaces include parish lawn, school courtyards and driveway
- In case of rain, picnic will take place in the Parish Hall/Gym
- Columbia Police Department will close lane directly in front of church on Devine Street from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM

Register: <https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/parish~>



DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

**SENIOR CENTER, MINISTRIES AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

On April 30, 2000, Sister Faustina Kowalska was canonized a saint by Pope John Paul II, and in his homily he declared that, from this date on, the Second Sunday of Easter would be known throughout the Church as *Divine Mercy Sunday*. On this day Jesus said, *"The very depths of My tender Mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy."* This year *Divine Mercy Sunday* will be celebrated on April 8. Everyone is invited for a morning retreat on **Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM** in the Senior Center of the Ministries and Administration Building as we learn about and prepare for this upcoming feast.

In this retreat session, we will:

- Learn about the "basics" of Divine Mercy – the Feast itself and the **Extraordinary Promise** given by Jesus to everyone on that day; the image of the Divine Mercy and what it signifies; the Novena to the Divine Mercy which begins on Good Friday; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and how to pray it; and the Hour of Mercy
- Review the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy
- Reference St. Faustina's ***Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul***
- Look into the lives of the three "Apostles of Mercy": St. Faustina Kowalska, St. John Paul II, and St. Maximilian Kolbe as seen in the "Ocean of Mercy" DVD
- Pray the Stations of the Cross using meditations from St. Faustina

Whether you are new to the Divine Mercy devotion, have no idea what it is about, or simply want a refresher, please join the members of the Fatima Study Group as we seek to learn more about God's Mercy so as to share it with others. Divine Mercy materials will be provided. For more information, you may contact Christie Henkel at 776-3044 or christieahenkel@gmail.com.