

FROM THE PASTOR'S COMPUTER



Hello, everyone. I hope you are enjoying these early days of autumn and the return of college football as much as I am.

Three months have passed since Father Allen and I have set up shop at Saint Mary of the Annunciation (SMA) as Parochial Vicar and Pastor, respectively. While I had hoped to have accomplished more than I have (there are still only 24 hours in a day), I am deeply grateful to my brother priest **Father Allen** for his many contributions to the life of the parish such as getting our RCIA started (in conjunction with Deacon Rosenblum), his celebrating most of the weekly Masses, and his seeing to many of the behind-the-scenes day-to-day things that crop up. His being on site during the week is also very helpful in his leadership and development of the Corpus Christi community, our Catholic brothers and sisters who deserve our support. **Deacon Paul Rosenblum**, the full time Catholic chaplain to the Port of Charleston, serves our parish and visitors so well in his attentive and gentle manner, and is truly a gift to the diaconate.

Becky Achterhof and Larry Long continue to keep the administration and music fires burning well. **Peggy Bachofner**, our volunteer coordinator of children's faith formation, is a whirlwind of energy, enthusiasm, and love of the Faith. I know how much all of you join Father Allen and me in our appreciate their devotion and ministry.

Every Monday, I will be the celebrant of the 8:00 a.m. Mass and will spend the day in the parish offices. The rest of the week I work from Saint Clare of Assisi on Daniel Island. My direct telephone number is **843.471.2672** and is published in every bulletin.

Here is an update on a few things that are going on:

Adult Faith Formation. This is an area of great importance to all of us. No matter our age, we all need

ongoing formation in the Faith. Be on the lookout for announcements of weekday adult formation opportunities later this year and in 2018.

Buildings. The Building and Grounds Team holds its next meeting on Tuesday, October 17 at 5:45 pm when the four work groups -- Church, Hall, Rectory, and Grounds -- will report on their initial findings of matters that need to be addressed immediately, mid-range, and long term. This effort is the first step toward the parish creating a facilities master plan (more on that later). We all know too well that the Parish Hall is in dire need of a full-blown renovation effort, not only for efficiency, but most importantly for safety. Just this past week, a third floor window fell out due to the rotted sill. A replacement window had to be ordered (special size) and will be installed around the end of October (thank you, Robert Sease!). The air conditioning was not working in one classroom so a new window unit had to be put in quickly for Sunday classes (thank you, George Seago!).

Garage Parking. Tommy Hartnett and I have banded together to get answers from the City about the future of our free parking agreement. Stay tuned.

New website. Our current website is clunky and very hard to edit. A new website is on the way -- launch date TBA -- and will use a new and easy to remember web address. It will be far more user friendly, easier to edit, and will offer several new features.

And very importantly...

I am pleased to announce the formation of our new Pastoral Council and Finance Council. (N.b. Their proper names are just that, not "Parish Council" because all councils are parish councils, and not "committee" because these groups counsel the Pastor. That's the canon lawyer in me. Also, in some parishes, members are elected

by the congregation. However, since these Councils serve as the Pastor's cabinet, the manner of their selection is left to him.)

First, I wish to thank everyone who offered their names in application. There were more applicants than positions. Your devotion to the parish is admirable. **I also wish to thank** the four outgoing members of the Finance Committee -- Tom Finnegan, Tommy Hartnett, Joe Koval, and Bob Novello -- whose service to the parish spans decades. All four gentlemen decided it was time to pass the baton to others and will assist the new Finance Council as needs arise.

Second, these two Councils are our "**visionaries and caretakers**" who work with you and the clergy to help lead us into a brighter future. They will meet every two months or, if required, more often. Their meetings are always open, so feel free to attend. The times will be announced in the ebulletin and printed weekend bulletin.

Canon 536 of the Code of Canon Law states that the Pastoral Council "give[s] their help in fostering pastoral action." The law leaves it to the Pastor and the Council to determine the scope, practices, and focus of this Council. In my experience, the Pastoral Council takes a strong leadership role by virtue of their baptismal character, and so are "priests, prophets, and kings" charged with building the Kingdom of God. The minutes of their meetings will be shared online and in print.

Canon 537 of the Code of Canon Law mandates the establishment of a Finance Council in every parish in the world. The law states that they are "to help the parish priest [pastor] in the administration of the goods of the parish." These good folks monitor our banking, savings, and spending. They create and keep tabs on the annual budget. They must approve large expenditures. They will create and publish to the parish a quarterly and annual financial report so that everyone is kept in the loop. The same is true for the minutes of their meetings.

Members of the Councils will serve one three-year term with the possibility of re-upping for a second three year term.

I am pleased to announce the new Councils:

Pastoral Council

- **Betsy Cahill** - member four years with husband John, lector, eucharistic minister, author, chair of the board of the Preservation Society of Charleston
- **Bart Daniel** - member 20+ years with wife Cindy,

attorney

- **Mary Catherine Gill** - member 15 years with husband John and children, advisory council of Charleston Catholic School, former mortgage consultant, now nursing student at MUSC
- **Margaret Hagood, PhD** - member 15+ years with husband Robert and children, children's faith formation volunteer, professor of literacy at the College of Charleston
- **John Quinn, MD** - member 10+ years with wife Kristin and children, pediatrician, lector, eucharistic minister, Saint Vincent de Paul
- **Jose Rodriguez** - member one year with wife Kathleen and children, IT business analyst

Their first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

Finance Council

- **George Bullwinkle** - member three years with wife Margaret, retired President and COO of SCANA Energy (non nuclear)
- **Joe Grech** - new member with wife Anglia and children, CPA, CFO of South Carolina Federal Credit Union
- **Chuck Griffin** - member three years with wife Jody, Holy Name Society, retired President of Kodak operations in Latin America and Europe
- **Joe Hodapp** - member 10+ years with wife Kim, sales and engineering executive
- **Dennis O'Brien** - member six years with wife Margaret, retired Colonel (U. S. Army), former Chief Financial Officer
- **Suzanne Reed** - member at birth and past three years with husband Brian, choir member, music teacher and band director, business owner

Their first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00PM in the parish hall.

Do you have questions or thoughts? I would love to hear from you. The best way to reach me is via email -- smahgw@gmail.com. I manage over 200 emails per day so thank you in advance for your patience in hearing back.

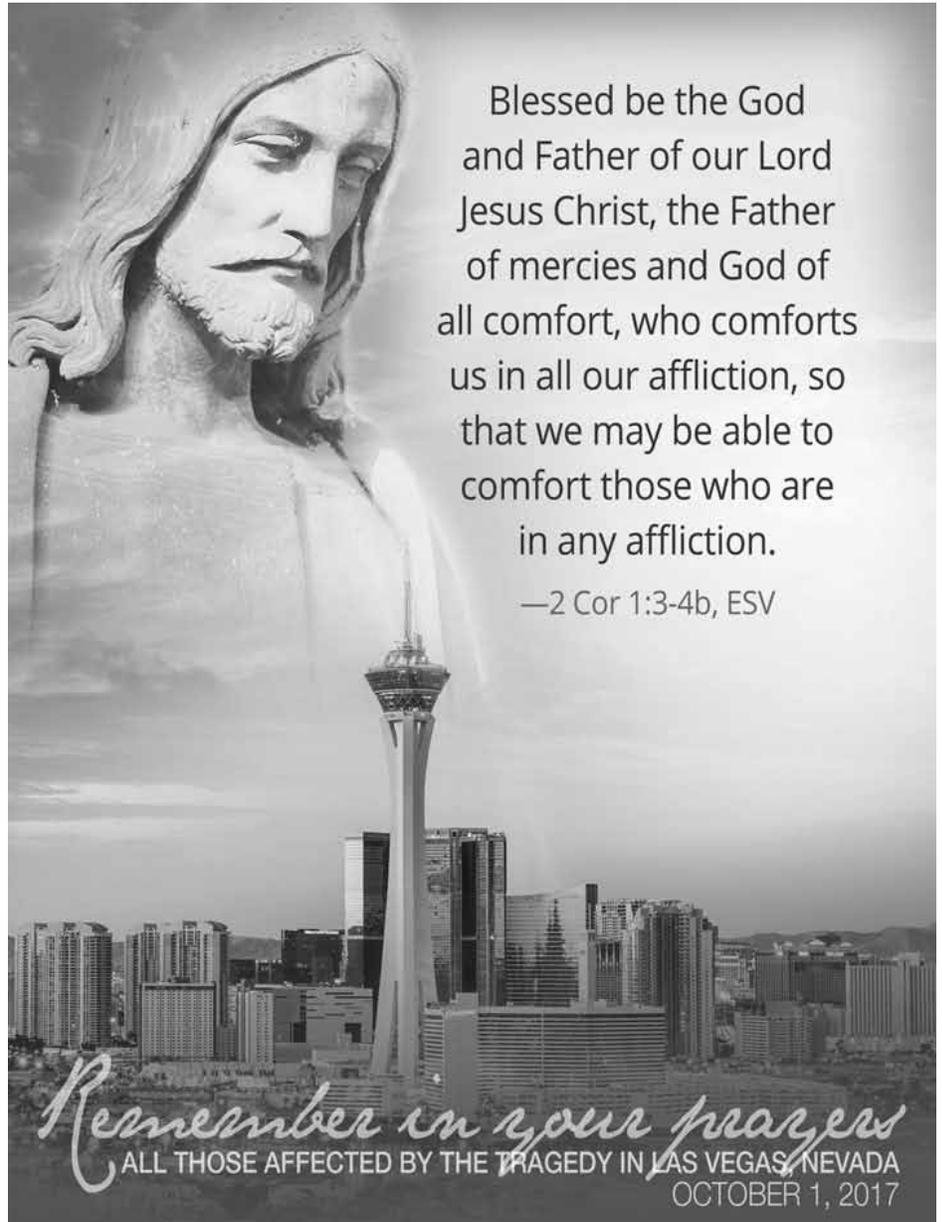
Please know of my prayers, love, and blessings for you and your loved ones. See you in church!

Father West



Say a
prayer
for...

Lilian Andrews
Barbara Bates
Jim Brady
Margaret Mary Brandt
Arlette Crane
Glenn P. Dyches, Sr.
Patty Emerick
Ben Fanjoy
Mary Forbes
Irene Gratton
Holly Gorman
Richardine Grant
Jody Griffin
Annabelle Heil
Goleta Kincer
Ethan T. Linhart
Johnny Marshall
Anne Mosley
Norma Nance
Zoey Rose
Margaret Mary Sprague
Michael Sutton
Jeff Todd
Joan Tumbas
Betty H.
J. C. & L. H.



Blessed be the God
and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father
of mercies and God of
all comfort, who comforts
us in all our affliction, so
that we may be able to
comfort those who are
in any affliction.

—2 Cor 1:3-4b, ESV

Remember in your prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TRAGEDY IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
OCTOBER 1, 2017



We welcome all visitors to Saint Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church. Saint Mary's is the oldest Catholic Church in the Carolinas and Georgia, and is the spiritual home of a vibrant parish community. As an historical church, we are grateful for any donation that you would be willing to give. Visitor envelopes may be found in the pews for your use. Thank you for visiting us and we hope you will come back again on your next trip to Charleston.



**EVENSONG & BENEDICTION
of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

+++ SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 5.30pm +++

✠ O Lord, open thou our lips. ✠ And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Parish News



Congratulations to Julian and Caroline Brandt, whose daughter, Cora Carolyn Brandt, was baptized today.



Today's Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of Buzz Kastner.

The Holy Name Society will meet Tuesday, October 10th in the parish hall. The social begins at 5:30PM, and the meeting at 6:00 pm. All Men of the parish are welcome.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process of formation for people to enter the full communion of the Catholic Church, that is, those who were never baptized, people of other Christian and non-Christian traditions, and baptized Catholics who never received First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. It serves as a kind of "Inquirers' Class" for those interested in the Catholic Church, and is also the place for any Catholic who simply wants a "refresher course" in the basics of the Faith. Deacon Paul Rosenblum will be leading the RCIA formation sessions on Thursday evenings at the Citadel in Mark Clark Hall (Room 350) from 6-7:30PM. The next class is on October 12th.

To register, please contact the parish office: stmarys1789@bellsouth.net or 843.722.7696.



Fatima Jubilee at St Mary's: Friday, October 13th, will be the 100th Anniversary of the culminating apparition of Our Lady the three child seers of Fatima, and of the "miracle of the sun." On that Friday, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be solemnly exposed for the veneration of the faithful beginning at 11:00AM. There will be a votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary at noon, with the Rosary and other devotions to follow.

The Holy Father has granted a plenary indulgence to mark this Fatima Jubilee. The indulgence is "granted to those who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, which is the 13th of each month through October 2017, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed, and invoke Our Lady of Fatima (The Catholic Miscellany).

Come sing Mary's praises, seek her intercession, and allow her to draw you closer to her Son on this great anniversary.

Order of Worship

October 8, 2017

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Order of Mass may be found on page 253 of the St. Isaac Jogues Missal.

The Readings may be found on page 656 in the Missal.

Introit:	Hymnal # 656
<i>In voluntate tua</i>	
Greeting	
Processional Hymn:	Hymnal # 276
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	Vs: 1-3
Kyrie	Hymnal pg. 408
<i>Missa de Angelis</i>	
Gloria	Hymnal # 408
<i>Missa de Angelis</i>	
Psalm	Missal pg. 657
Psalm 80	
Gospel Acclamation	Plainsong
Alleluia	
Homily	
Sacrament of Baptism	Cora Carolyn Brandt
Sanctus	Hymnal # 410
<i>Missa de Angelis</i>	
Memorial Acclamation	Chant
We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord	
Great Amen	Haugen
Agnus Dei	Hymnal # 411
<i>Missa de Angelis</i>	
Communion Chant	Missal pg. 659
<i>In salutari tuo anima mea</i>	
Recessional Hymn:	Hymnal # 208
Faith of Our Fathers	

Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a Slave.

Am I willing to empty myself to follow the Lord?

Consider a call to the priesthood or religious life.

(Philippians 2:1-11)

Saint Mary of the Annunciation

October 8, 2017



Other News

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: *"Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths,"* Explore the paths with your spouse by engaging in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekends are: October 13th-15th, in Myrtle Beach, SC and November 10th-12th, in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.

40 Days for Life Rosary Vigil for Life: On October 13th, we remember the 100th Anniversary of the reparation of Our Lady of Fatima who asked that we amend our lives and ask forgiveness for our sins. At 7:00PM the Diocese of Charleston-Family Life Office, with members of the 40 Days for Life and the Respect Life communities, will pray the Rosary at each of the three abortion facilities: Charleston Women's Medical Center, 1312 Ashley River Rd. Charleston, Planned Parenthood, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Greenville and the Women's Clinic at 1142 Grove Road, Greenville. Please join us to pray for the end of abortion and for a greater respect for the dignity of all human life. For more information, please contact the Office of Family Life at 803.547.5063 or e-mail at familylife@catholic-doc.org.

100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally: Please join us for a public recitation of the Rosary in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's final Fatima apparition and the miracle of the sun. This event will take place on Saturday, October 14th at noon in front of Bishop England High School at 363 Seven Farms Drive, Daniel Island. We will pray for our Church, our country, and our own families. For more information on the local event, contact Jane at 706.536.6826 or visit www.americaneedsfatima.org for information regarding the nationwide event.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats help acknowledge and work through unresolved issues that individuals struggle with after abortion. The retreat can bring spiritual healing and strengthening of faith. The retreatant can experience the saving power of Jesus and the forgiveness that He extends to all of us. The next retreat is in Rock Hill, SC, November 10-12. If you or someone you know would benefit from the retreat, please contact: Christy at 803.554.6088, Kathy at 803.546.6010, Grace4healing@gmail.com or www.rachelsvineyard.org

*"What souls we can convert
by our prayers.
The one who saves a soul
from hell saves this soul
and his own as well."*

St. John Vianney

Charleston Catholic School News

Please join us for our Catholic School Alumni Reunion on All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1st. We will have Mass at 9:00AM in Sacred Heart Catholic Church followed by a reception in the school hall. All are welcome!

You now have an opportunity to be a part of The Charleston Catholic School legacy. "Paving the Way to Education" is a chance to buy an engraved brick that will surround our flagpole patio area on The Charleston Catholic School Campus. This is a nice way to honor a teacher, family member, student, or a special occasion. You will find brochures in the vestibule, at the school office or on our website, www.charlestoncatholic.com.

Why choose Catholic Education? Catholic schools offer academic excellence in a faith based atmosphere. It is proven that students who attend Catholic schools score higher on national tests and outperform other schools in the public and private sectors.

Charleston Catholic School offers small class sizes in a loving family environment. Students begin their day with daily prayers as a community. In addition to academic classes students also experience art, computers, music, physical education, religion and Spanish.

The Charleston Catholic School welcomes students from K4 - 8th grade. We have some seats available in our lower school classes. The upper school classes are currently at capacity. Please call the school office at 843.577.4495 to schedule a tour.

CCS offers every student the following:

- +Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in a common faith.
- +Balanced curriculum including art, foreign language, music, physical fitness and technology.
- +Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills.

Mission Statement of the Charleston Catholic School: The Charleston Catholic School educates a socially diverse student body in a welcoming family environment within the sacred tradition and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Teachers challenge students through creative inquiry, critical thinking, and technology in academic subjects and the arts while developing self-discipline, compassion for others, and nurturing a strong Catholic faith.

Motto: Discover the Imagination. Imagine the Discovery!

Core Values: Sharing Faith, Loving Family, Celebrating Diversity, Experiencing Art, Achieving Academic Excellence

To learn more, visit our web site at www.charlestoncatholic.com.

Altar Flowers: Every member of the parish is invited to contribute to the beauty of our worship space by providing the altar flowers on a particular Sunday to the glory of God, in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of people or events that are important to that donor. Please call the Parish Office at 843.722.7696 for more information or to schedule a Sunday.



Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sundays at either Mass or on the fourth Saturdays at 10:00AM. To have your child baptized, please call the Parish Office at 843.722.7696. Please call before the birth of your child.



The Sacrament of Matrimony: Either the bride or the groom must be a practicing Catholic and registered at St. Marys for at least twelve months before scheduling a wedding date and beginning the six months marriage preparation. The bride/groom must be an active parishioner, regularly attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and use the envelope system in regular support of the parish. The Wedding Policy Booklet may be found on our website: saintmaryhasellst.org. Contact The Parish Office for more information, stmarys1789@bellsouth.net or 843.722.7696.



Are You an Active Member? 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 system in regular support of the parish.
4. Being active in at least one parish program, ministry, or organization.

Please notify the office of any changes in your address or contact information.



Offertory Report for September 24, 2017

Offertory	\$5,293.52
Electronic Offertory:	\$482.25
Total Offertory:	\$5,775.77



Offertory Option: You can now manage your giving online. Giving online is easy and allows you to schedule contributions and view your complete online giving history. Just follow these easy steps: Visit our website (saintmaryhasellst.org) and Click on the *Donate Now* button, Click on the *Create Profile* button, then Follow the instructions to create a profile and to schedule your contributions.

Don't forget: Update your account with current credit card expiration dates.



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Ministers of the Liturgy

Greeters and Gift Bearers:

Oct. 8 - James & Kara Godefroy
Oct. 15 - Evan & Erin Williams
Oct. 22 - Jim & Beatty Martin
Oct. 29 - Tommy & Bonnie Hartnett

Lectors:

Oct. 8 - Roy Howell
Oct. 15 - Bob Imbus
Oct. 22 - Jim Lady
Oct. 29 - Kristin Quinn

Extraordinary Ministers of the Distribution of Holy Communion:

Oct. 8 - Betsy & John Cahill
Oct. 15 -
Oct. 22 - Barbara & Phil Rosenbaum
Oct. 22 - Chuck & Jodie Griffin

Altar Servers:

Oct. 8 - Team 2
Elliott Weeks, Johnny McAlister, Camp Hagood, Francis Hagood, Matthew Teegardin, Braedon Love
Oct. 15 - Team 1
Elliott Weeks, Luke Linhart, Conrad Linhart, Emma Weeks, Catie Gill, Sarah Gill, Leddy Scheurer, Shea Kelly
Oct. 22 - Team 2
Elliott Weeks, Johnny McAlister, Camp Hagood, Francis Hagood, Matthew Teegardin, Braedon Love
Oct. 29 - Team 1
Elliott Weeks, Luke Linhart, Conrad Linhart, Emma Weeks, Catie Gill, Sarah Gill, Leddy Scheurer, Shea Kelly

Hospitality:

Oct. 8 - Hammerbacher Team
Lenore Hammerbacher, Sheila Moore, Mary Frances Kastner, Betty Howell, Rose Rowland, Diane Pauldine
Oct. 15 - McAlister Team
Phillipa McAlister, Donna Adams, Stephanie Shackelford, Maryann Testa, Ashley Finnegan, Barbara Santella, Catherine Gryniowski
Oct. 22 - Jones Team
Linda Jones, Judy Imbus, Dolly Lipman, Cathie Dalla Mura, Beatty Martin, Barbara Rosenbaum, Blanche Hunnewell
Oct. 29 - McDowell Team
Jill McDowell, Judy McDowell, Denise Darling, Barbara Ankersen, Sissa Green, Susan Koval, Cindy Daniel, Mary Gastley, Helen Murphy

