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April 12, 2020

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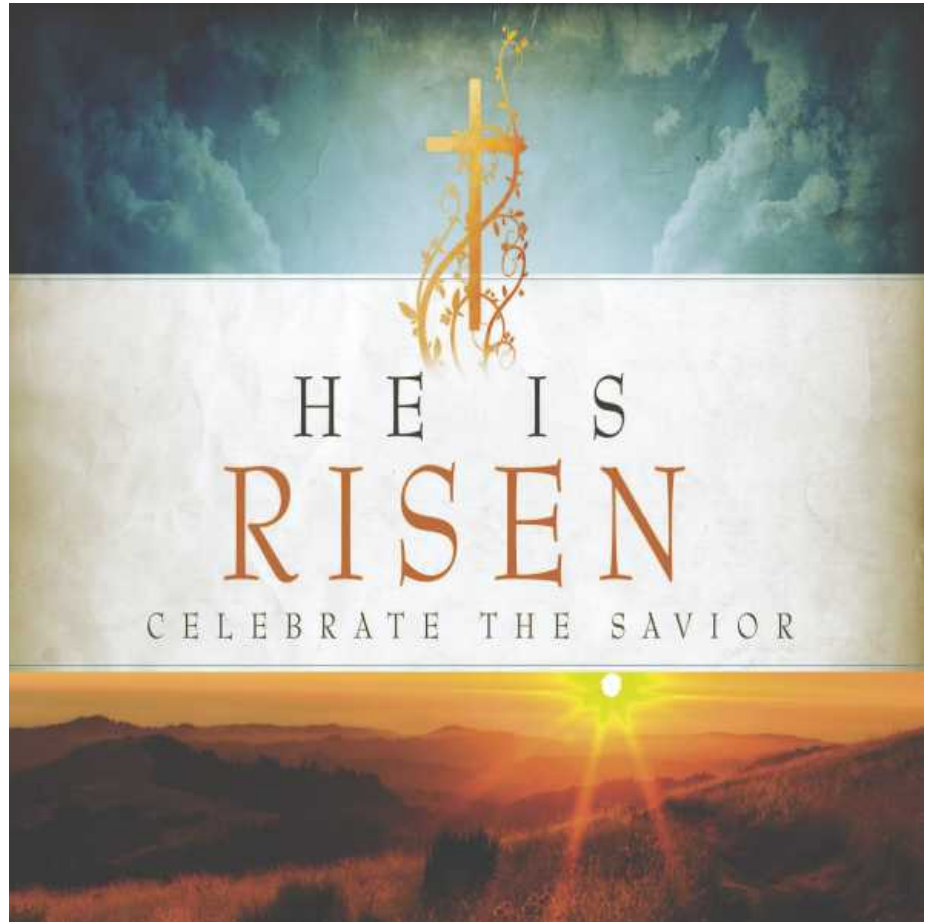
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

8am-4pm with limited access/**Closed Monday April 13, 2020**



The Church will remain closed for all liturgical sacraments and celebrations until further notice. However, we will be opening the Church for personal prayer from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The middle and handicapped doors of the Church will be unlocked. Please use hand sanitizer when you go into the Church. There will be three "Flagged" areas for you to use. If all three "Flagged" areas are occupied, please either wait in the Plaza outside or you may visit the Columbarium in the rear of the Church. Please also note that the Restrooms in the Church will be closed.

We have been sending out, by email, daily updates. If you have not been receiving them, please notify the office.

Mass Intentions

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

Sunday, Apr. 12

*9:00AM In honor of Blessed Virgin Mary
Mary Luebke +
Carl & Patricia Anderson +
Marion Matthews +
Jerry Shea +
Pro Populo

Monday, Apr. 13

*8:30AM Patrick Falciglia, Jr. +

Tuesday, Apr. 14

*8:30AM Michael J. Harrington +

Wednesday, Apr. 15

*10:00AM in honor of St. Felicity

Thursday, Apr. 16

*8:30AM Joseph Labella +

Friday, Apr. 17

*8:30AM Tom & Martina Steinbrunner +

Saturday, Apr. 18

*8:30AM Johnny Engel +

Sunday, Apr. 19 **Divine Mercy Sunday**

*9:00AM James McKillop +
Venita Passele +
Marion, Joseph & Vaughn Thornton +
All the people of our parish, living and
deceased

***ALL MASSES LIVED STREAMED**
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Readings for April 12-19

12 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

13 Mon Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

14 Tue Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

15 Wed Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

16 Thu Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

17 Fri Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

18 Sat Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

19 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Gospel: John 20:1-9

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

Gospel Teaching:

On the Gospel read during the day on Easter Sunday we hear John's version of what happened early on that day. Mary of Magdala goes to the tomb early and sees the stone has been moved. She goes back to tell the apostles the above quote. Peter and John go to the tomb and find the burial cloths, but not the body of Jesus. The last verse of today's Gospel seems to indicate some confusion when it states, "For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." The Resurrection will become clear to them later that day when Jesus joins them as they are gathered in the room where the Last Supper was held.

TV Masses

EWTN ---TV: HARGRAY 106,
SPECTRUM 63,
DISH 261,
DIRECT 370

RADIO 730am; Sirius XM 130

For the home-bound/handicapped, Mass is celebrated on TV 4 times each day
(clip this out for future reference)

Prayer for Spiritual Communion composed by St.
Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Father,

Worry and fear are not of Your heart. 1 John 4 reminds us that perfect love casts out all fear, and we pray Your perfect love upon the hearts of all those who are burdened with the fear of this virus. Lord, we know with no doubt that You are bigger than the threat of anything, especially illnesses. Please comfort those who are living in fear, please free them from the bondage that anxiety creates within. Remind them that You are still on the Throne and that You are still in control. Fully rain down the serenity that comes only from the Prince of Peace. Help those who are living in unease to trust You in this time so that in times to come we may rest assured that You will be faithful to be with us until the end of the age. We rest at the Throne of the Almighty such fears and cast them upon You (1 Peter 5:7), for Your burden is Light and Your Yoke is easy (Matthew 11:30), we know You cover us with Your wings (Psalm 91:4).

In Jesus' name, Amen

Stewardship

Weekly Stewardship

April 5, 2020

Weekly Offertory Envelopes	\$8,341
Loose	\$5,809
OnLine Contributions	\$2,185
Easter	\$580
Total Offertory	\$16,915
Weekly Repair & Replacement	\$1,535
Diocesan Assessment for March	(\$15,980)
Envelopes Issued	1197
Envelopes Used	70
E Giving	19
Percentage of Envelopes & Electronic Giving Used	

April Charitable Giving News

Charitable Giving represents 10% of the planned offertory.

St. Francis Outreach \$5,350



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The 2020 Census is taking place now!

This is an important time to be counted because the data collected from the census:

- determines the state's representation in Congress for the next decade;
- influences the way legislative lines are drawn at the federal and state levels;
- informs emergency preparedness and public safety plans; and guides how federal funding is distributed to communities for local needs.

The allocations we receive are directly tied to population numbers. Without an accurate count, we lose vital aid and services.

227 Faith in one God means trusting God in every circumstance, even in adversity. A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus wonderfully expresses this trust:

Let nothing trouble you / Let nothing frighten you

Everything passes / God never changes

Patience / Obtains all

Whoever has God / Wants for nothing

God alone is enough.⁵²

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

Christian Formation



Thursday Bible Study

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Becoming Catholic-

For adults interested in becoming Catholic or for adult Catholics who wish to prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist, **contact Jennifer McGlynn at 843-681-6350 ext 223 for more information.**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the path to becoming Catholic, and we typically meet every week during the school year to make that journey together.

If you have questions about God and the Church but don't know if you're ready to become Catholic, we are happy to hear from you and try to answer any questions you may have!



PARISH VOCATION CHALICE

If you have any questions about the Vocation Chalice Program or would like to participate, please contact Kelly Jolley 843-290-9212 kmj@jolleylawgroup.com

Please consider writing a note of encouragement to our seminarians.



Catholic Radio in the Low-country

With many churches required to cancel public Masses, it's helpful to know that Catholic Radio in South Carolina offers listeners an imperfect, but readily available, alternative. We broadcast

Mass from the EWTN Chapel every morning at 8:00 a.m., including Saturday and Sunday. Listeners can access this and other Catholic programs on the AM dial at WLTQ - 730 AM, or on the FM dial at WXJP-LP 94.9 FM. Catholic radio can also be heard via TuneIn Radio - a free app for smartphones and app-based devices; after downloading, key in browse search "wcki". You can even listen on a standard phone by dialing 1 (605) 313-0891 (powered by Zeno Media).

While these broadcasts are not intended to replace or fulfill a Sunday obligation, given the current temporary dispensation from that obligation it's nice to be able to listen to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and participate in spirit.



**To nurture students' spiritual and intellectual growth
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One way to still connect with your students while social distancing is by doing drive by visits. Our Pre-Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Burke, arranged to visit with her students from her car. The students made signs or used sidewalk chalk on their driveways to show Mrs. Burke how much they miss her. Mrs. Burke made signs for each student and even brought

a classroom visitor, Mr. Frog to talk with the students. Stay healthy everyone, but still stay connected.

04/13 - 04/17 – School Closed for Easter Break

If anyone is interested in serving on the School Advisory Committee (aka SAC), please contact Mr. Brian Pope at bpope@sfcshhi.com or 843-681-6501.

The School's Safety Committee would welcome additional members to help with the "School Safety and Emergency Response Plan". Our focus is on Threat Assessment, Emergency Preparedness, Violence Prevention, Response and Recovery. Protecting our students, faculty and staff is a top priority. If interested in assisting in this endeavor, please contact Mr. Brian Pope at bpope@sfcshhi.com or 843-681-6501 or Bob Gregory (Committee Chair) at bobgregoryhhi@gmail.com or 843.682.3348.

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Box Tops for Education- Please continue to save your Box Tops for the school. There is a collection jar in the church Narthex or you can drop them off to the school office. As always, please trim them neatly, check the expiration date on each one, and write the total number on the outside of the bag

Grocery stores- The Publix keychain cards have been discontinued. Please take a few minutes to link your phone number to the school so we will continue to receive donations from Publix. Create an account with your phone number at <http://corporate.publix.com/community/corporate-campaigns/publix-partners> and link to the school on the "Publix Partners" page. Also for Harris Teeter shoppers, please link your VIC account at the Customer Service Desk with our school code, 1685.

St. Francis is a Pre-K-4 through 8th grade Catholic School that is fully accredited through AdvanceEd & Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. For more information or to tour the school, please contact 843.681.6501.



On the third Sunday of each month, the St. Francis School students participate in the 9am Mass. Students participate as greeters, lectors, cantor and choir. **The next school Mass will be April 19.** Please come to experience the joy of the children as they celebrate their faith. **CANCELLED**

UPDATE

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND
Supports families needing school tuition assistance

GOAL: \$100,000.

FUND TO DATE: \$45,823

Please contribute to the Annual Fund.
Consider giving beyond your offertory gifts.
Sponsor a child to receive a Catholic education.

The SFCS Art Department is looking for "Oui" glass yogurt jars, mouse pads (new or used) wine corks and empty wine bottles (any color). They will be used for different projects during the year.

Also, the school is in need of gently used or new tennis balls to be used on chair and desk legs. The school office is opened 8:30am-12:30pm. Call first.



APPLICATIONS FOR THE WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available in the school office OR ON THE SCHOOL WEB SITE for the Women of St. Francis Rev. Martin T. Laughlin \$1000 scholarship to St. Francis Catholic School for the 2020/2021 school year. All applications are due back to the school office by April 15, 2020. Winners will be notified by May 1, 2020.



Knights of Columbus Thomas D. Reilley, Sr. Council 10668 is pleased to announce that this year we will be awarding three (3) \$2,000 college scholarships to graduating high school seniors. Funding for these scholarships is provided by The Jack Poltich Memorial and Council 10668.

To be eligible, the parents or grandparents of the student applicant must be an active member of our Knights of Columbus Council 10668 or an active member of St. Francis by the Sea Parish. Selection criteria include grade point average, SAT or ACT scores, academic awards, community and/or parish involvement, and extracurricular activities. An application may be obtained from K of C Council 10668 Website, <https://www.kochiltonhead.com/> or from the St. Francis parish office. The deadline is April 20



Knights of Columbus Thomas D. Reilley, Sr. Council 10668 is pleased to announce the Council will be awarding three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to graduating 8th graders attending 9th grade at John Paul II Catholic School in the fall of 2020. Funding for these scholarships is provided by Council 10668 contributions and memorials of deceased brothers. Current memorials are The Jack Poltich Memorial and The John Boyle Memorial.

To be eligible, the student applicant must be an active member of St. Francis by the Sea Parish or a graduate of St. Francis by the Sea Catholic School. Selection criteria include academic achievement, community and/or parish involvement, extracurricular activities and financial need. An application may be obtained from K of C Council 10668 Website, <https://www.kochiltonhead.com/> or from the St. Francis parish office. The deadline is April 20.

Evangelization



BYZANTINE ICON WORKSHOP

When: July 13-18 2020

Where: St. Rafka Maronite Catholic Church in Greer, SC

Greek Master Iconographer Theodoros Papadopoulos to conduct a 6-day intensive course on Byzantine Iconography. Participants will be guided through the ancient egg tempera steps to create an Icon of The Virgin with the Christ Child. The cost is \$685 which includes all materials needed.

Information: www.theodoreicons.com/sc

Contact: Aziza X Stansberry at: Stansberry.azizaX@gmail.com or call 864.506.1924.



Easter: The Ultimate Celebration of Life!

During this eighth month of gestation, your spiritually adopted baby has finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight. Her size might be making her mother uncomfortable, but baby will need that layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature of her mother's womb. Your baby's mom appreciates all the prayers you have said on her behalf. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term during these uncertain times.

"Today we too find ourselves in the midst of a dramatic conflict between the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' But the glory of the Cross is not overcome by this darkness; rather, it shines forth ever more radiantly and brightly, and is revealed as the center, meaning, and goal of all history and of every human life." (Pope St. John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 19

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm in the church.

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, also called the Divine Mercy Chaplet, is a Christian devotion to the Divine Mercy, based on the Christological apparitions of Jesus reported by Saint Faustina Kowalska, known as "the Apostle of Mercy." She was a Polish religious sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy and canonized as a Catholic saint in 2000. **TBD**

Prayer & Worship

PARISH PRAYER CHAIN



Kathy Sheehan is the coordinator for our Parish Prayer Chain. Whenever emergency prayers are needed or if interested in being a member of the Prayer Chain Team, please contact Kathy at 843-785-8240 or kathleens7174@gmail.com



Welcome Home Ministry

We all have a calling from Jesus to be missionary evangelists. We all are the reflection of Jesus' love in the world. Please let that love shine forth to make it possible for many of God's inactive sons and daughters to once again take up the journey to the Father's House. If you have questions or simply wish to learn more, please contact Ron Angner, Tel. No: 843-686-6037; E-mail: angnerron@gmail.com.

CENTERING PRAYER/LECTIO DIVINA

meets each Monday (except for holidays) at 11am in the family center.

For more Information, please call Janet Dobbs at 843-342-6936

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

TBD Saturday May 9 8:30-1:00

a special parish retreat to discover your unique gifts & talents



"God is calling you to a work of love that will fill your life with purpose & joy..."

Pope Francis

This is the Joy of the Gospel



Except for Sundays and the first Saturday of the month, **THE ROSARY** is prayed at 7:30am. On the first Saturday, a Marian devotion is prayed after the 8am Mass. **CANCELLED**

THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET is prayed each Friday at 3:00pm. **CANCELLED**



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: The Children Of God Prayer Group meets on Tuesdays from 7PM to 8:30PM. We meet for prayer and praise, to experience God's presence among us, to exercise His spiritual gifts, and to minister and intercede as led by the Holy Spirit. For information, call Barbara Marcinkowski 843-681-4107 or Tom Strub at 843-715-8414. **CANCELLED**



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Or contact Rita Grunert at rgrunert@sgg.cc

This is a message from Battalion Chief-EMS Tom Bouthillet of the Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue Department:

Your firefighters have never let you down and they need you right now. Please search your house including your garage for dust masks, surgical masks, N-95 Masks, or higher level of respiratory protection.

If you were caring for a loved one at home who has since passed away, if you work in construction or landscaping, if you manage a surgery center or dentists office that is shutting down during the pandemic except for emergencies, or any other business that utilizes masks, please donate them to Hilton Head Fire Rescue.

You can leave them at any fire station or Fire Rescue HQ at 40 Summit Drive by the Convenience Center. If we aren't there leave them by the door.

WOMEN OF ST. FRANCIS



South Carolina Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention

Congratulations to The Women of St. Francis who were recognized by the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women for outstanding Work in several fields for the 2019 calendar year.

The International Committee was awarded the Father Pentis Multicultural Outreach Award for donating a cargo ship container load of diapers of all sizes to the Mustard Seed Ministry in Jamaica. Fr. Gregory Ramkissoon, founder of the Mustard Seed ministry, has visited our parish in the past and provides loving and lifelong care for the disabled and mentally challenged children and adults as well as teen mothers and those suffering from AIDS. A traveling statue of the Blessed Mother was presented at the convention to Mary Georgopulos, President, who thanked Jo Timperman, our International Chair, for her suggestion and implementation of this project that was aptly called Dollars for Diapers.

The State President's Service Award was granted to our Fashion Show Committee headed by Rosa Miriello and Sandy Merritt, for the outstanding event that brought in over \$20,000 that will be distributed to various nonprofits in the area. Thank you both for the incredible job you did in coordinating such a successful event.

The State President's Spirituality award was granted to our Spirituality Commission for the July 4th Patriotic Rosary, our participation in the Coast-to-Coast Rosary in October, and efforts to contact legislators on pro-life issues as well as our participation in the Rally for Life in January.

Our Historians, Lois Bubnell and Patty Bullen, were awarded the Outstanding Scrapbook Award. These wonderful ladies documented all of the activities of the Women of St. Francis over the course of 2019 in a colorful array of photos and décor in a well organized scrapbook. Several other parishes thanked us for our efforts and said they got great ideas from viewing it at the convention.

Congratulations to all of our members who do such an outstanding job of serving our parish and community! If anyone would like to join this wonderful group of women, we welcome you at any time of year to come to our meetings and learn more about our ministry. Contact Mary Georgopulos at (843) 715-8255 or mgeorge254@gmail.com if interested.



Fr. Mike, Fr. Max, Fr. Jairo, Deacons Joe, Gerry, Pat, & Galo and all the staff of St. Francis by the Sea wish you and your extended families a most blessed Easter season.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." 1 Peter 1:3

Boletín de la Comunidad Hispana

12 de abril 2020

Domingo de Pascua

Aleluya, aleluya.

***Cristo, nuestro cordero pascual, ha sido inmolado;
celebremos, pues, la Pascua.***

Evangelio

Lectura del santo Evangelio Juan 20, 1-9

El primer día después del sábado, estando todavía oscuro, fue María Magdalena al sepulcro y vio removida la piedra que lo cerraba. Echó a correr, llegó a la casa donde estaban Simón Pedro y el otro discípulo, a quien Jesús amaba, y les dijo: "Se han llevado del sepulcro al Señor y no sabemos dónde lo habrán puesto".

Salieron Pedro y el otro discípulo camino del sepulcro. Los dos iban corriendo juntos, pero el otro discípulo corrió más aprisa que Pedro y llegó primero al sepulcro, e inclinándose, miró los lienzos puestos en el suelo, pero no entró.

En eso llegó también Simón Pedro, que lo venía siguiendo, y entró en el sepulcro. Contempló los lienzos puestos en el suelo y el sudario, que había estado sobre la cabeza de Jesús, puesto no con los lienzos en el suelo, sino doblado en sitio aparte. Entonces entró también el otro discípulo, el que había llegado primero al sepulcro, y vio y creyó, porque hasta entonces no habían entendido las Escrituras, según las cuales Jesús debía resucitar de entre los muertos.

Palabra del Señor



Jesús ha cambiado el rumbo de la humanidad. Ha introducido en todos nosotros algo que no estaba en nuestro código genético natural. Como es Dios y puede, **ha conseguido lo que ningún científico, ningún inventor, ningún ser humano podrá jamás conseguir. Ha sido capaz de alargar nuestra vida más allá de la muerte**, para toda la eternidad y una eternidad feliz. Pero no la misma vida que vivimos en la tierra, una vida siempre limitada y amenazada por las malas noticias y los malos hechos. Nos ha conquistado esa vida que todos anhelamos vivir, **una vida donde vamos a poder disfrutar de varias plenitudes: la del amor, la de la belleza, la del bien, la de la justicia, la de la fiesta... sin mezcla alguna de desamores, fealdades, males, injusticias, aburrimientos. Una vida plena de vida y de felicidad.**

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