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*Gratefully Giving Our Time, Talent, and Treasure
in Service to God and One Another*

May 26, 2019
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Baccalaureate Mass Celebrated Last Weekend

Our graduating high school seniors were honored at the Baccalaureate Mass last weekend at the 10:30 AM Mass. Congratulations to these students and their families! We pray for their continued success in this next chapter of their lives.

In Honor of Our Veterans

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out American flag lapel pins to all veterans after Masses this holiday weekend.



Our monthly services continue **this Thursday, May 30, at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM** in the Chapel. For advanced planners who mark their calendars ahead to save the "final Thursdays," please note that our August Taizé service will be a week early, on August 22, due to the football game on August 29.

Saint Andrew Women Monthly Luncheon

All women of the parish are invited to our next Dutch treat luncheon at Mayberry's in Clemson **THIS Friday, May 31, at 12:30 PM**. So that space can be reserved, please email stephsh1948@gmail.com or call 828-243-2197 to RSVP.

Building Our Future – Sharing Our Gifts

Our goal for gifts pledged is \$4.8 million.
As of this week, we are at \$3,575,625.

Our goal for gifts fulfilled and banked is \$2.4 million (half of the pledged goal). As of this week, we have \$2,308,738 in the bank.

We still need **\$1,224,375** more in pledges and **\$91,262** more banked to break ground. **Have you made a pledge yet?**

"May we meet the challenge of our needs and dreams"



Building Our Future
Sharing Our Gifts

Parish Staff

Fr. Dan McLellan, OFM, *Pastor*
Fr. Bob Menard, OFM, *Campus Chaplain*
Rich Campana, *Deacon*
John Leininger, *Deacon*
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Summer Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:15 PM

(May 12–August 11) Sunday
8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Weekdays
5:15 PM in the Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 9:00 AM–5:00 PM in the Chapel

Confessions – Chapel

Saturday 10:00–11:00 AM

Religious Education

Pre-registration ongoing for 2019–20
VBS will be August 6–8

Youth Ministry

Wild Wednesdays
June 5–August 14 @ 6:00–8:00 PM
HS Bible Study @ 7:00 PM Thursdays

Office Hours

200 Edgewood Avenue
Monday–Thursday 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Friday – 10:00 AM–Noon

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Weekly Events

Sunday, May 26

- 9:30AM Healing Prayer, Chapel
- 11:30AM Healing Prayer, Chapel

Monday, May 27 – OFFICE CLOSED –

- 9:30AM Daily Mass time for holiday, Chapel

Tuesday, May 28

Wednesday, May 29

- 6:00PM Choir/Chimes Rehearsal
- 6:30PM CRHP Women's Team 15, Newman
- 7:15PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 30

- 10:00AM Taizé Prayer, Chapel
- 7:00PM High School Bible Study, Youth Room
- 7:00PM Taizé Prayer, Chapel
- 7:30PM Bible Study, Merton Hall

Friday, May 31

- 9:00AM Adoration, Chapel
- 12:30PM SA Women Luncheon, Off-site

Saturday, June 1

- 8:30AM Alive and Thriving, Merton Hall
- 10:00AM Confessions, Chapel

Sunday, June 2

- 9:30AM Healing Prayer, Chapel
- 11:30AM Healing Prayer, Chapel
- 2:30PM SJOC - Immigration, Newman Hall

Adoration Every Friday

Every Friday, 9:00AM–5:00PM, in the Chapel
Sign-up sheet available in the vestibule on weekends,
and in the Chapel on weekdays.

Weekly Intentions

To schedule a Weekly Intention (altar flowers, Chapel and/or Church sanctuary candles, Communion bread and wine) to remember a loved one or celebrate a special event, contact Nancy in the office.

Weekly Scripture Readings

Psalter 2

Sunday, May 26

- Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday, May 27

- Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday, May 28

- Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8
[7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 29

- Acts 17:15, 22–18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,
14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 30

- Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/
Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 31

- Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday, June 1

- Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday, June 2

- Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-
23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

A Note from the Pastor

The origins of Memorial Day are complicated and convoluted. But despite the various assertions as to the holiday's when, where, and how, the common thread through it all is the felt need of a grateful people to honor sacrifice. Which always remains food for thought.

"Sacrifice" comes from the Latin and means "to make sacred." Offering sacrifice "makes sacred" what is offered and why it is offered. I don't think it's ever been lost on us that the lives given in service were and remain sacred. It's the why that seems to escape us.

National service is no longer compulsory. Many will argue that this is a good move, entrusting the national defense to those willing to be formed by the disciplines needed to succeed in battle. And it saves us from the spectacle seen in the call to arms for the Civil War (on both sides) and World War I when going off to battle was filled with good cheer and the expectation that the troops would be home in short order. A volunteer army is an army of the properly trained and those sober about the "hell" of war.

But getting into war – as we have seen and are seeing – in recent history is a slippery slope. We'd like to think that thoughtful presidents and right-thinking advisors, together with the Constitution's insistence that Congress make the call before foreign policy involves the lives of our sons and daughters, would make war a last resort. But they don't.

In my judgement, it's a citizen's army whose actions the whole nation's – and not a small portion thereof – moms and dads would carefully watch that is the best safeguard. The power of public opinion based on parental love for the nation's children is the best assurance that our military doesn't become a tool for political purposes.

More importantly, unless one has skin in the game, the game can easily become a take it or leave it affair. Having lived through Viet Nam, when the army was populated by a draft, and the debacle of Iraq, I noticed the attention given to these wars on the evening news. During Viet Nam, Walter Cronkite kept families posted as to how many of their neighborhood's youth had died that day. In time, the American people let their politicians know that they'd had enough. As the war in Iraq turned into a quagmire, nothing of the sort happened. Too few had skin in the game.

As people of the Gospel, we know a thing or two about sacrifice for the common good. On this Memorial Day, perhaps we can tune out the commercials for new cars and remind ourselves of how grateful we are for the sacrifices made because those who sacrificed also knew a thing or two about the common good. And reinvigorate our dedication to being a people worthy of the lives we memorialize. A worthiness that refuses to shy away from having some skin in the game.

Fr. Dan

Confirmation

Christopher Kerfoot • christopher@saclemson.org

Please pray for all of our Confirmation candidates who are spending this weekend in Charleston in final preparation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **June 6 at 7:00PM here at Saint Andrew**. Our candidates for Confirmation are:

Elijah Ballato, Nicholas Berkemeier, Melissa Contreras, Franki Cortese, Ryan Delk, Christopher DuBose, Maddie Duffy, Lillie Eldridge, Katie Grimes, Lanah Ha, Ian Hammel, Michael Hammel, Kayce Hébert, Nate Lockhart, Ernesto Lopez-Sanchez, Janet Lopez-Sanchez, Callie Majors, Claire McAtee, Maxwell Mullen, Grace Namouz, Phillip Post, Haylee Rice, Katrina Shull, Will Shull, Annslee Smith, Benjamin Stiles.

Wild Wednesdays

Summer is here – and for Youth Ministry that means that we are going to begin WILD WEDNESDAYS! During the summer, students often grow bored of the same old video games and TV shows. Don't let your kid look for entertainment in the wrong places this summer. Send them to a place where Christian joy and community are celebrated.

Although Wild Wednesdays have traditionally started with a little bit of pizza and then a few lawn games on Bowman Field, the local youth ministers came together to find creative ways to make this summer more WILD than ever before! I can assure you that your student will be thrilled by all of the new gadgets, games, food, and experiences that we have to offer at Wild Wednesdays this year! We will meet weekly at the First Baptist gym and each night will cost \$5 to cover food. However, this year we are offering a discounted pre-pay option at \$35 for the whole summer. This helps us as we plan and organize, and it saves you money. Win-win!

We will be having our **Wild Wednesday Kickoff at Frankie's Fun Park in Greenville on June 5**. We will meet there at 10:00 AM and leave at 3:00 PM. Our bundle group deal will include 5 adventure activities and \$12 arcade credit for a total cost of \$35 per student. And make sure your child brings money for lunch at Johnny Rockets.

Please make sure to **RSVP with Christopher** for the kickoff at Frankie's Fun Park. Transportation will not be provided by the parish. **For any questions or to RSVP, email christopher@saclemson.org.**



Come Down, O Love Divine

Jamie Dean • jamie@saclemson.org

Our offertory hymn on Ascension Sunday (June 2) will reference the first reading and the Gospel, anticipating the gift of the Holy Spirit. Though the third person of the Trinity is not specifically named until the very last line of the hymn, it is clear through the terms "O Love divine" and "O Comforter" that the Holy Spirit is the one to whom this prayer is addressed.

Bianco da Siena, who composed the hymn text, was an Italian monk who wrote poems called *laudi spirituali* in the fourteenth century. Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote the tune *Down Ampney* for this text in the English Hymnal in 1906. It was named after his birthplace and has been praised as one of the most beautiful hymn tunes ever written.

Whether you prefer to listen to a new hymn or like to "give it a go" and sing the new melody after hearing the first stanza, it is always helpful to look up the hymn and follow the words as they are sung. Hymns are chosen to fit in with the readings, as well as the liturgical moment and the season, so our hymnals are a wonderful resource for meditative reading both prior to worship and during the singing itself.

Social Justice

Bob Fennell • rsfennell43@gmail.com

This week's tithe goes to **CRS–Yemen Relief**. The poorest country in the Middle East is devastated by war, hunger, and a cholera crisis. Conflict and a lack of aid has triggered a humanitarian disaster, leaving 80% of Yemen's 25 million people dependent on aid with millions on the brink of famine. Hunger is on the rise, and basic services like education, water, health, and sanitation have deteriorated. Catholic Relief Services partners with local agencies to provide medication and treatment, improvements to hygiene and sanitation, and lifesaving nutrition to children. For further information, see <https://support.crs.org/donate/yemen-crisis>.

Parish Picnic Enjoyed by All

Special thanks to Bonnie Stevens, Erica Brady, Rachael Bowers, Jen and Adam Summer, and all others who contributed to the success of our annual parish picnic last Saturday. The shaded yards and good food were enjoyed by all. We had a great turnout of parishioners with side dishes and desserts to compliment Mama Penn's fried chicken, an awesome inflatable enjoyed by the kids, and plenty of good conversation and laughter to go around.

The Newman Connection

80% of students stop practicing the faith at some point during college (The Newman Connection 2014 Study). The Diocese of Charleston has partnered with the Newman Connection to change this troubling national statistic. **How can you help?** Encourage high school graduates to provide contact information to The Newman Connection via a confidential survey by July 15 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TCTNGH3>.

College campus ministers will extend personal invitations upon arrival on campus. Help us to keep our young adults heading to college connected to the faith. Questions? Contact Anne Durney at adurney@charlestondiocese.org.

St. Joseph's Catholic School (G'ville) Summer Camps

Online registration is available for athletic and fine arts summer camps. Sports camps include baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer, softball, speed and agility, tennis, and volleyball. Fine arts offerings include theatre camps for grades 3-8 and a high school improvisation camp. Information and registration are available on the school's website at www.sj Catholicschool.org.

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." – Matthew 25:36

Do you hear the words spoken by Christ in the Gospel of Matthew and wonder what you can do? For many years men and women from Saint Andrew visited the men and women at Oconee County Department of Corrections in Walhalla on Sunday evenings. We are trying to put together a team of 4 to 6 men and women to bring Christ's message to these men and women again. If you would like more details, please contact Deacon John at john@saclemson.org or at 864-903-0050. The plan is to start visiting OCDC County Jail starting Sunday, July 7. You will need to attend one meeting with the Correctional Officer in charge of volunteers before then, and Deacon John is trying to coordinate that meeting.

Stewardship of Treasure*

Offertory

April 30	Budgeted	Difference
\$73,348	\$57,776	\$15,572
Year-To-Date	YTD Budgeted	Difference
\$621,486	\$611,982	\$9,504

* as of April 30, 2019

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 25

5:15 PM † Regina Gorka

Sunday, May 26

8:30 AM † Cyndi Martin Freeman

10:30 AM † Raymond Bolger

12:45 PM (This Mass resumes August 18)

7:30 PM (This Mass resumes August 18)

Monday, May 27

9:30 AM † Philip Cranston

Tuesday, May 28

5:15 PM † Roberta Swift

Wednesday, May 29

5:15 PM † Maria Tong Thi Phuong

Thursday, May 30

5:15 PM † Regina Gorka

Friday, May 31

5:15 PM † Phan Ve

Saturday, June 1

5:15 PM † Walter Hannegan

Sunday, June 2

8:30 AM † Tippy Cope

10:30 AM † Carol Schwartz

12:45 PM (This Mass resumes August 18)

7:30 PM (This Mass resumes August 18)

To schedule a Mass Intention, contact the office.

Prayer Support

For prayer support, please contact Joanne Campana at 864-940-3351 and leave a detailed message with your prayer request.

Sacramental Life

Baptism Preparation

Contact Fr. Dan at the office. The Sacrament of Baptism takes place during a Sunday liturgy or outside of Mass by arrangement with the pastor.

Marriage Preparation

Contact Fr. Dan at the office no fewer than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion to the Sick / Homebound

Call the office at 864-654-1757 to arrange for a deacon or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to bring you the Eucharist at home or in an assisted living facility, nursing home, or hospital. All arrangements must be made beginning with the parish office. Please do not contact an EM directly.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the office at 864-654-1757 to arrange a time with a priest or, in an emergency, call the after hours number 919-699-6323.

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