April 22, 2023

Good Morning!

Knights of Columbus Yard Sale at the Jockey Lot from 8:00-1:00 PM. The Men's Club will be helping the Knights of Columbus today!

St. Clare of Assisi Church Dedication today in the Diocese <u>Mass of Dedication -</u> <u>YouTube</u> 3:00PM

<u>Facebook</u> - Jessica Andress, one of our Organist Substitutes, will have her Senior Recital this Sunday at Boulevard Baptist Church 5:00 PM!

Bulletin Attached

1. Today's Readings: <u>Saturday of the Second Week of Easter | USCCB</u>

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Our next 4 popes are all influenced, some more than others, by Alberic, prince of Rome who as you can see was an influential leader.

3. Quote of the Day:

"Be a Catholic: When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel." *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Mass Schedule Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. First Saturdays 9:30 a.m. Saturday (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Confessions Tuesday & Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Saturday, 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment **Eucharistic Adoration** Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. First Fridays 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. First Sundays 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

> <u>Religious Education</u> K5 – Confirmation Sunday 9:45 a.m.

<u>Church Hours</u> Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

<u>Office Hours</u> 1303 McLees Rd. Anderson Monday 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Friday 9:30 a.m. - Noon Diocese of Charleston

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

Fr. Philip S. Gillespie, Pastor ~ pastor@sjccs.net



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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MISSION

We the people of God at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School, acknowledge the mission of Holy Mother Church as seeking the salvation of souls by making disciples of all nations – teaching them all that Jesus Christ has commanded. (Mt. 28:19-20)

Welcome Newcomers! Registration forms are available in the Narthex of the church or online at www.sjccs.net.

Church Staff 864-225-5341	Mass Intentions	
Fr. Philip S. Gillespie, Pastor Fr. David A. Runnion, Retired Priest Salvatore L. Cancello, OFS, Deacon Chet Johns, Deacon Linda McCormick, Office Admin. Denise A. Thompson, Secretary Jan Heithaus, Religious Education Kate Edwards, Special Projects Jerrad Fenske, Music Directorpastor@sjccs.net sal.cancello@sjccs.net linda.mccormick@sjccs.net jan.heithaus@sjccs.net jar.heithaus@sjccs.net jerrad.fenske@sjccs.netHaymée Giuliani, Principal Diana Cantú, Accounting Kathy Massey, Admin. Assistanthaymee.giuliani@sjccs.net diana.cantu@sjccs.net kathy.massey.sjccs.net	04/23 SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Easter 5:30PM (Vigil) <u>+Ted Martin</u> rb Rich & Shirley Hamel 8:30AM <u>+George Mixon</u> rb Daw Family 11:00AM <u>People of the Parish</u> Acts 2:14,22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 04/24 Monday - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr No Mass Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 04/25 Tuesday - St. Mark, Evangelist 5:30pm <u>+Ted Martin</u> rb Rich & Shirley Hamel 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 04/26 Wednesday - Easter Weekday 8:30AM <u>+Marie Six</u> rb Edie Krug & Donna Evans Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 04/27 Thursday - Easter Weekday 5:30PM <u>+Tricia Trutwin</u> rb Davis Family Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 04/28 Friday - St. Peter Chanel, Priest; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest 8:30AM <u>Gregory Mytych</u> rb Mytych Family	
Church Weekly Budget Income\$ 10,500.00Weekly Collection of April 16, 2023: Received in Office\$ 10,828.00 \$ 1,505.00 \$ 1,505.00 \$ 12, 333.00	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 04/30 SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Easter 5:00PM <u>People of the Parish</u> 8:30AM <u>+Mr & Mrs James Sharkey, Sr.</u> rb James Sharkey, Jr. 11:00AM <u>+Bob Juno</u> rb Joan Loughlin Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10	
Over/(Under) \$ 1,833.00	Pray the Rosary Everyday! ~ Fr. Gillespie	
Second Collection of April 16, 2023: SOS\$ 965.00Holy Thursday Collection of April 6, 2023: Good Friday Collection of April 7, 2023:\$ 1,220.00 \$ 2,075.00WeShare Online Collection for March 2023: Building & Maintenance Fund\$ 75.00	Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick If you are ill or about to be hospitalized for surgery and wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office to make an appointment before hospitalization: 864-225-5341 or info@sjccs.net	
Easter\$ 100.00Parish School Support (SOS)\$ 459.00School Scholarship\$ 175.00Parish Charity\$ 641.00Black & Indian Missions\$ 75.00	In the event of an emergency, please call the parish office: 864-225-5341. <u>After hours & weekend</u> <u>emergencies – please press 1 when prompted.</u> Pray for the Sick	
\$ 1,525.00 Thank you for your support & generosity!	 <u>April 23:</u> Jean Alpi, Angelo & Joan Aragona, Suzanne Aragona, Tommy Aragona, Connie Bennett, Rebecca Black, Audrey Duffy, Les Francz, Ray & Ruth Hamel, Alison Henderson, Lynn Herold, Ray Herold, Leif Hope, Fr. Ignatius, Frann Melanaski, Lucille Pekarik, and Jimmy Tucker. <u>April 16</u>: Dot Bismack, Betty Briggs, Ronald Derosa, Lorenzo Di Portio, Frank Harper, Marian Herrera & Family, Bernadette Hill, Barbara Kaliski, Diane Krolak, Joe Modzel, James Musacchia, Ewa Pedzimaz, Beatrice Runnion, Kathleen Schiller, Carolyn Schilling, Amelia Stevens, John Ransom Stevens, and Janis Zeglen. <u>April 9</u>: Joe Ball, Don Black, Becky Briggs, Buddy Briggs, David Burrell, George Chastain, Jeanne Chisman, Brillah Evelyn Edwards, Billy Ellison, Pat Jourdan, James Kuenzle, Frank Lavoy, Debbie Lollis, Mary Beth McCarty, John McKee & Family, Suellen Pometto, Chris Roll, Denise Wallace and Kenneth Yuravich. 	
35 Praying Days to Pentecost!		
ONLINE GIVING INSTRUCTIONS Look for the GIVING button on our website: www.sjccs.net. Click on GIVING and follow the link to our parish "WeShare" page for regular contributions, second collections, and special event donations!		
Bulletin Deadlines 05/14/2023 05/21/2023 05/28/2023		
Materials due 04/30Materials due 05/07Materials due 05/14	Names will remain on prayer list for 3 weeks. To add a name or to maintain a name contact the parish office.	
Please submit all announcements in an <u>editable</u> Word or Publisher document. Remember to include: Who, What, Where, Why, When. E-Mail announcements to <u>weekly.bulletin@sjccs.net</u>	Please pray for the repose of the Holy Souls in Purgatory May the faithful departed be aided by our prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen	

		WEEK AT A GLANCE					
SAT	APR 22	 Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Jockey Lot 					
		• Confessions, 3:15-4:45 PM					
		• Mass, 5:00 PM					
SUN	UN APR 23 • Mass, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM						
		• Bible Study, 9:45-10:45 AM, Office					
		 Religious Education, 9:45-10:45 AM, School 					
		• RCIA, 9:45-10:45 AM, Hall					
		Baptism, 12:30 PM, Church Diving Manage & Depitement 2:00 4:00 PM. Church					
		• Divine Mercy & Penitential Prayers, 3:00-4:00 PM, Church					
MON	MON APR 24 • Knights of Columbus Officer's Meeting, 4:30-6:30 PM, Hall • Boy Scouts, 6:30 PM, Hall						
TUE	APR 25	• Mary's Prayer Cenacle Rosary, 9:30-11:00 AM, Church					
		• VBS Planning Meeting, 1:00-2:00 PM, Office					
		• Mass, 5:30 PM					
		• Confessions, 6:00-7:00 PM					
WED	APR 26	• Mass, 8:30 AM					
		• Eucharistic Adoration, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM					
		• Confessions, 9:15-10:15 AM					
		• Choir, 7:00-8:30PM, Church					
THU	APR 27	• Mass, 5:30 PM					
		• Confessions, 6:00-7:00 PM					
	• Men's Club Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM, Hall						
FRI	APR 28	·					
		• Confessions, 9:15-10:15 AM					
		• Bible Study, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Office					
SAT	APR 29	• Knights of Columbus Yard Sale, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, Jockey Lot					
	• CWS Meeting, 9:30-11:00 AM, Hall						
	• Confessions, 3:15-4:45 PM						
	• Mass, 5:00 PM						
		• Taste of St. Joseph, 6:00-9:00 PM, Hall					
SUN	APR 30	• Mass, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM					
		Bible Study, 9:45-10:45 AM, Office Baligious Education, 0:45, 10:45 AM, School					
	 Religious Education, 9:45-10:45 AM, School Baptism, 12:30 PM, Church 						
	• Divine Mercy Chaplet/Penitential Prayers, 3:00 PM, Church						
See our Calendar at <u>www.sjccs.net</u> for a full schedule of weekly and monthly events.							
Congratulations!							
We welcome all those who came into full communion with the Church at the Easter vigil:							
Kendall Anderson Stanley Anderson Kelcey Ciszek Anthony DiLorenzo Wesley Gusmus							
Alexander Mann		Maria Isabel Mann Heather McSwain Alexia Estrada Medrano John Mitchell					
Israel Ruiz-Vega Mario Starace Kenneth Woofter							

PASTOR'S CORNER

Bishop of Jerusalem and Doctor of the Church, born about 315; died probably 18 March, 386. In the East his feast is observed on the 18th of March, in the West on the 18th or 20th. Little is known of his life. We gather information concerning him from his younger contemporaries, Epiphanius, Jerome, and Rufinus, as well as from the fifth-century historians, Socrates, Sozomen and Theodoret. Cyril himself gives us the date of his "Catecheses" as fully seventy years after the Emperor Probus, that is about 347, if he is exact.

From the Jerusalem Catecheses

(Cat. 22, Mystagogica 4, 1. 3-6. 9: PG 33, 1098-1106)

The bread of heaven and the cup of salvation

On the night he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is my body." He took the cup, gave thanks and said: "Take, drink: this is my blood." Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt? Since he himself has said quite categorically, This is my blood, who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood?

Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. His body is given to us under the symbol of bread, and his blood is given to us under the symbol of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one body and blood with him. Having his body and blood in our members, we become bearers of Christ and sharers, as Saint Peter says, in the divine nature.

Once, when speaking to the Jews, Christ said: Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall have no life in you. This horrified them and they left him. Not understanding his words in a spiritual way, they thought the Savior wished them to practice cannibalism.

Under the old covenant there was showbread, but it came to an end with the old dispensation to which it belonged. Under the new covenant there is bread from heaven and the cup of salvation. These sanctify both soul and body, the bread being adapted to the sanctification of the body, the Word, to the sanctification of the soul.

Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith.

You have been taught and you are firmly convinced that what looks and tastes like bread and wine is not bread and wine but the body and the blood of Christ. You know also how David referred to this long ago when he sang: Bread gives strength to man's heart and makes his face shine with the oil of gladness. Strengthen your heart, then, by receiving this bread as spiritual bread, and bring joy to the face of your soul.

May purity of conscience remove the veil from the face of your soul so that by contemplating the glory of the Lord, as in a mirror, you may be transformed from glory to glory in Christ Jesus our Lord. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen

GREECE

In the Footsteps of St. Paul Including a 3-night Aegean Sea Cruise with Fr. Philip S. Gillespie OCTOBER 23—NOVEMBER 3, 2023

Join Family Honor and Fr. Philip S. Gillespie on a Pilgrimage to Greece

You are invited to join Family Honor on an amazing 12-day pilgrimage to Greece, including a threenight cruise along the Aegean Sea! Visit the sites related to St. Paul in Corinth, Thessaloniki. Kavala, Philippi, and Veria. Also visit Ephesus, Patmos, Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, and Meteora. You'll participate in daily Mass at holy sites, visit the monastery and cave where St. John wrote the Book of Revelation, see the house where the Blessed Mother lived with St. John and explore the ancient city of Athens. In addition, you'll stop by museums with displays of ancient artifacts and savor exquisite Mediterranean cuisine. Enjoy the company of professional Tour Escort and make unforgettable memories, all in the safety and ease of group travel. The group departs the U.S. on October 23 and returns November 3.

Spiritual director for the pilgrimage will be Father Philip Gillespie. For more information, contact Brenda Cerkez, Executive Director of Family Honor, at 803-929-0858 or bcerkez@familyhonor.org Or go to : https://www.catholicheritagetours.com/fhbcgr2023

Taste of St. Joseph - Saturday, April 29th - 6:00 - 9:00 PM (Note: School parking lot will be closed for the 5:00 PM Mass-Use McLees Road parking lot)



Come celebrate all the different cultures at our school and parish. We will have food from the Philippines, Mexico, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, Salvador Italy, and, of course, America. Food to be served in the Hall with seating available outside.

Tickets will be sold in the Narthex after Masses this weekend. Ticket prices are Adults - all you can eat \$ 15.00, Children 5-12 \$ 5.00, Under 4 are Free.

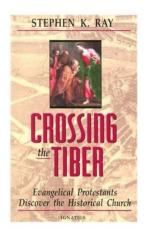
Hope to see you there.



The Parish May Crowning will occur on Sunday, May 7th. The Crowning will be held in the church after the 11:00 AM Mass at the beginning of First Sunday Adoration. Please join us in this special celebration honoring our Blessed Mother.

Catholic Book Discussion Group - Come join us!

The conversion story of Stephen Ray (our guest speaker last November)



May 4th Selection

An exhilarating conversion story of Stephen Ray, a devout Baptist, who relates how he overcame his hostility to the Catholic Church by a combination of serious Bible study and vast research of the writings of the early Church Fathers. In addition to a moving account of their conversion that caused Ray and his wife to "cross" the Tiber to Rome, he offers an in-depth treatment of Baptism and the Eucharist in Scripture and the ancient Church.

> Come to either group: Thursday, May 4 3:00 pm Thursday, May 4 6:30 pm

Where:

Parish Office (conference room)

Contact Jan Heithaus in the parish office for more information.

All are welcome to join in our book discussion whenever you are interested.

MARY'S PRAYER CENACLE

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will Conquer the World." - Pope Pius IX

Mary is calling us to pray the Rosary with intercessory prayers. Come and answer your Mother's call on Tuesdays from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the church. Then continue with Study & Praver in the Parish Office until Noon.

For more information call Rosemary at 864-356-8901



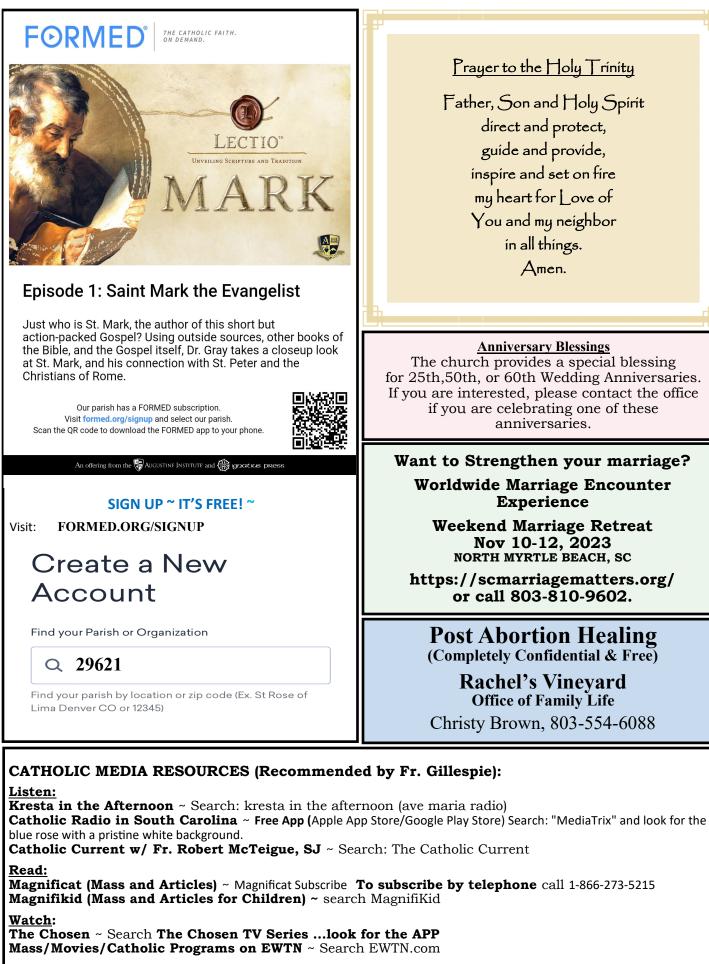
SAVE THE DATES JUNE 19th - 23^{rd,} 2023 Catholic Kidz Camp (VBS)

Next planning meeting: Tuesday, April 25th from 1:00 to 2:00 PM in the Parish Office.

jan.heithaus@sjccs.net

April 23, 2023 - Third Sunday of Easter

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FR. FRIEND HALL & SCHOOL PARKING LOT

Save the Date! April 29th

Hurry! Space is Limited!

Would you like to share a dish from your culture? We would love you to participate!

> Please email or use QR Code kathy.massey@siccs.net or elizabethawingard@gmail.com



Tickets on sale now in the school office and after select Masses!

\$15 for Adults \$5 Children (ages 5-12) Free Children 4 and under

Safe Environment Program ~ St. Joseph Church & School is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and for upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" All Volunteers who serve at Masses (Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers) and all parish office and school volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete Safe Haven online training.

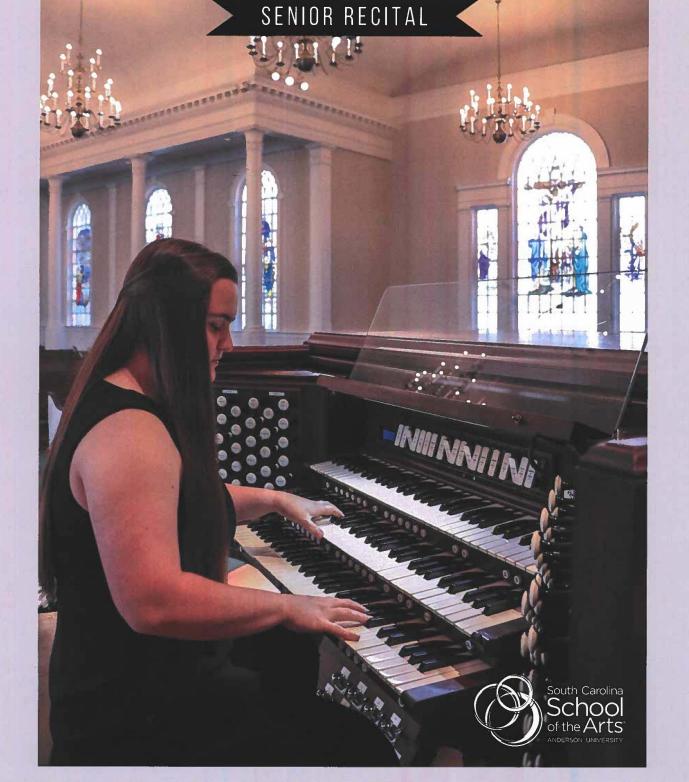
Prior to volunteering, the parish must receive the clearance paperwork back from the Diocese of Charleston. Please contact the parish office or school for forms. For more information on how to report an allegation of abuse go to http://www.sccatholic.org and click on "Child and Youth Protection" at the bottom left of the homepage.

Parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Denise Thompson, (864) 225-5341 or dthompson@charlestondiocese.org School Safe Environment Coordinator: Kathy Massey, (864) 760-1619 or kmassey@charlestondiocese.org Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: (843) 853-2130x 209; Diocesan Victim Assistance: (800) 921-8122.

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BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH | SUNDAY, APRIL 23 AT 5:00PM



Are you a Catholic in good standing looking to move to the next level in your faith. I would like to invite you to join the worldwide Catholic movement called Cursillo.

What is the Cursillo movement? It's a deliberate act to bring Jesus Christ into the world. Members become agents for change in their families, work, neighborhoods, social gatherings and church. It starts with a weekend encounter with Jesus Christ in the company of other members of the movement. The weekend includes morning and night prayers, daily Mass, teaching, sharing, good food and great fellowship. It is not easy to describe an encounter with Christ, but speaking from experience, he will be there with you.

In our diocese, there are two weekend encounters each year for men and for women. The next Men's weekend is August $24^{th} - 27^{th}$, and the next women's weekend is September 28^{th} - Oct 1st. There is no cost for the weekend (that is right, no cost), however there is an application to complete and you need a sponsor, which I can help you with. If interested, drop me an email at <u>chet.johns@sjccs.net</u> and I will drop you an application by email and answer any questions you have. I am hoping to participate personally in the next Fall men's weekend. De colores.



Upcoming Events at Heartridge

Sunset, South Carolina

Mother/ Tween Daughter "Arise and Shine" Overnight Retreat Saturday, April 22-23 If you have a tween daughter, don't miss this opportunity to build friendship and communication so important in the upcoming teen years. At this one night retreat at Heart Ridge in Sunset, SC, moms and daughters will do crafts, play games, hike, and spend time in communication and discussion activities. There will also be a couple of expert talks on puberty and the beauty of being a woman. Price includes all activities, materials, food, snacks, and comfortable lodging.

https://www.heartridgeministries.com/motherdaughter.html

Ignatian Silent Retreat lead by Fr. William Frei May 5-7 Join us at the Heart Ridge Retreat Center in Sunset, SC for 3 days and 2 nights of a directed silent retreat. There will be sessions led by Fr. Frei as well as Mass and Confession, but most of the time will be spent in silence so that the retreatants can spend time discerning, praying, and resting in God's care. All food and comfortable lodging provided at the beautiful mountain retreat center.

For more information https://www.heartridgeministries.com/silent-retreat.html

Come to the Mountains! Catholic Summer Family Camp Heart Ridge Retreat Center offers weeklong Catholic family camps. It's like summer camp--but for the whole family. One price includes comfortable AC lodging, food, and all of the activities. Faith sessions based on age are offered daily as well as individual family time, and Mass. Afternoons are spent doing optional outdoor activities at and near the mountain retreat center. Evenings are full of fun, like skits and games.

If you want to grow closer to God and closer as a family, and get out of cooking for a week, this is the vacation for you. <u>https://www.heartridgeministries.com/summer-family-camp.html</u>

Icon Painting Workshop

St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting



June 26-July 1, 2023 St. Rafka Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina

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Your tuition fee of \$700 includes most materials including boards pigments etc. Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website https://theodoreicons.com/sc or contact Mrs Aziza Stansberry at:

stansberryazizax@gmail.com phone: 864-506-1924

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Popes of the mid 900s

126. John XI (931-35)

John XI became pope in 931. He was the son of Marozia by her first marriage with Alberic; some, taking Liutprand and the "Liber Pontificalis" as their authority, assert that he was the natural son of Sergius III. Through the intrigues of his mother, who ruled at that time in Rome, he was raised to the Chair of Peter, and was completely under the influence of the Senatrix et Patricia of Rome. To strengthen her own power Marozia married her brother-in-law Hugh, King of Provence and Italy, whose reign in Rome was so tyrannical that a strong opposition party sprang up among the nobles under the leadership of Alberic II, the younger son of Marozia. This party succeeded in overthrowing the rule of Marozia and Hugh; Marozia was cast into prison, but her husband escaped from the city. In this way Alberic became ruler of Rome, and the pope, who suffered by his mother's fall, now became almost entirely subject to his brother, being only free in the exercise of his purely spiritual duties. All other jurisdiction was exercised through Alberic. This was not only the case in secular, but also in ecclesiastical affairs. It was at the instance of Alberic that the pallium was given to Theophylactus, Patriarch of Constantinople (935), and also to Artold, Archbishop of Reims (933). It was this pope who sat in the Chair of Peter during its deepest humiliation, but it was also he who granted many privileges to the Congregation of Cluny, which was later on so powerful an agent of Church reform.

Source: newadvent.org

127. Leo VII (936-39)

The date of Leo VII's birth is unknown. A Roman and priest of St. Sixtus, and probably a Benedictine monk, he was elected pope January 3, 936. He seems to have been placed upon the Chair of Peter by the power of Alberic, prince and senator of the Romans. Alberic's authority in Rome was disputed by Hugo, who bore the title of King of Italy (Langobardia). The city was being besieged by Hugo when the famous Ode, Abbot of Cluny, reached it. He had been summoned by Leo, who knew his great influence with both Alberic and Hugo, to make peace between them. Odo accomplished the desires of the pope, and a marriage between Alberic

and Hugo's daughter Aida effected at least a temporary understanding between the belligerents. The Bulls of Leo consist for the most part of grants of privilege to various monasteries, especially to Cluny. One, however, is a letter to Frederick, Archbishop of Mainz. With a view to cooperating in the work of reform which was being accomplished in Germany by Henry I (the Fowler) and his son Otho I, Leo named Frederick his vicar throughout all Germany, with power to proceed against all erring clerics. He would not, however, allow the archbishop to baptize the Jews by force, though he did authorize their expulsion from the cities on their refusal to embrace Christianity.

Source: catholic.com

128. Stephen IX (939-42)

The date of Stephen IX's birth is unknown. He became pope about 14 July, 939, and died about the end of October, 942. Despite the contrary assertions of late writers, there is no doubt that Stephen was a Roman and cardinal-priest of SS. Silvester and Martin. He supported the declining Carlovingian dynasty, and by threat of excommunication forced the nobles to be faithful to the Frankish King Louis IV d'Outre-Mer. Throughout the whole of his pontificate he was subject to Alberic, Prince of the Romans, and so had little opportunity of distinguishing himself.

Source: newadvent.org

129. Marinus II (942-46)

A Roman, and a cardinal of the title of St. Ciriacus, Marinus II was one of the popes placed on the throne of St. Peter by the power of Alberic, Prince of the Romans, and who, though virtuous "durst not put their hands to anything without his permission." Consequently, Marinus II made little impression on the world. In an unassuming manner he worked for reform—abroad by his legates, at home by his own exertions. He also favored that monastic development which had already set in, and which through the influence especially of the Congregation of Cluny, was to reform Europe. He is also said to have devoted himself to the repair of the basilicas, and to the care of the poor.

Source: newadvent.org