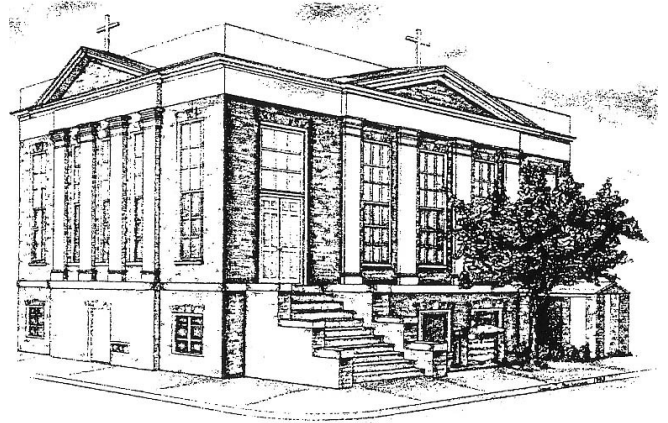


January 1, 2012

*The Roman Catholic Communities of
St. Patrick & Our Lady of Mercy*

Diocese of Charleston

✠ *The Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone, D. D.,
Bishop of Charleston*



Rev. Fr. Henry Kulah, Pastor

*Celebrating 175th Anniversary
1837-2012*

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Student Mass 5:00 p.m. (Aug-May)
Holy Days-8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.
and by appointment

Confessions

Sunday before Mass

Fred McKay, Principal
The Charleston Catholic School

Charlton Singleton
Music Director

**Octave of Christmas Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2012**



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MASS INTENTIONS
December 31, 2011–January 6, 2012

<i>Saturday</i>	12/31	For the People
<i>Sunday (OLM)</i>	01/01	For the People
<i>Sunday</i>	01/01	For the People
<i>Monday</i>	01/02	
<i>Tuesday</i>	01/03	
<i>Wednesday</i>	01/04	
<i>Thursday</i>	01/05	Arthur B. & Helen Molony Moore & Arthur Moore, Jr. ☩
<i>Friday</i>	01/06	

STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 2011

ACTUAL BUDGET

ADULT ENVELOPES	17,669.61	17,904.00
YOUTH ENVELOPES	0.00	0.00
SECOND COLLECTION	142.00/394.10	500.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	3,772.00	14,584.00
TOTAL COLL. to date	21,977.71	22,988.00

Pray for ... **THE SICK: St. Patrick:** Arnold Bryant, Edna Tolbert, Carol Ann Fokes, Inez Murry, Br. Frederick Williams, Sr. Naomi Smith, O.S.P., Samuel Murray, Florence Gourdine, John Deas, Cleopatra Nesbitt, Bernard Hamilton, Christopher Venning, Jr., the Venning Family, Myrtle Hazelton, Lugenia Marion, Jonae Ballard, Fredricka & Tony Hazel, Dorothy Aiken, Joseph McKenzie, Samuel Jenkins, Ernestine Jones and her grandchildren, Gordon Simpson and Tommy Schrimpf.
Our Lady of Mercy: Maurice Chapman, Keith Mitchell, Darlene Mitchell Matthews and all those at home or in nursing homes.

Women's Guild Regular Meeting will be held on January 8th after the 10 am Mass. All members are requested to be in attendance.

St. Patrick Church

Contributions for the weekend of December 25, 2011

Envelopes	\$ 2,326.00
Loose	\$ 1,479.00

South Carolina Council of Catholic Women
Coastal Deanery

Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Hosted by St. Patrick Women's Guild

Sunday, January 15, 2012 1:00pm

(Registration: 12:30pm)

Father Egbert J. Figaro Hall

St. Patrick Catholic Church Parish Hall

493 King St. (enter through Morris Brown

AME Church Parking Lot on St. Philip

Street) Charleston, South Carolina

Donations \$20.00 per person

To make reservation please contact Beverly Buford at 843.743.5550 or 723-6066 Please make reservations by January 10, 2012

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Numbers 6:22-27).

Psalm — May God bless us in his mercy (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — God sent the Spirit of the Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but an heir, through God (Galatians 4:4-7).

Gospel — The shepherds glorified and praised God for all they had heard and seen (Luke 2:16-21).

THE BLESSING WE RECEIVE

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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Spiritual & Emotional Healing Sessions

On the 4th Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM

January 25, 2011

We will be continuing sessions on how to recover from the pain of major losses in life—whether it is from the loss of a loved one or from facing a serious illness, a major change or move in life or financial constraints. In these sessions we will review some life strategies to help you get back on track with handling your situation and moving on, to a more peaceful and spiritual life. We will be referring to scripture to see where God has given us direction in handling our difficulties. Time will also be allowed for sharing our personal stories in order to give and receive support and encouragement from each other. This month topic will be “Love Conquers Fear”—what it is and how to deal with it effectively. If this sounds helpful or interesting to you, please call Father Vincent at 572-9440. We look forward to seeing you at our next session at St. Patrick Church.

Cruising the Mediterranean

Featuring a Visit to Vatican City

October 26-November 5, 2012

on the Celebrity Superliner: “The Equinox”

5-Star Solstice Class Ship

Depart Chas.-Oct 24th –spend a full day in Rome, 1 night hotel stay (Remember Rome is one day ahead of the US)

Port of Calls: Italy (2), Sicily, Greece (4), & Turkey

See ship's itinerary go to: www.celebritycruise.com

Contact Persons: Vertelle Kenion-843-571-0679 or

Daisey Ferrette-843-814-9170



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2012

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart. — *Luke 2:19*

Volunteers are needed to prepare the church for the 175th Anniversary. Scheduled dates are: Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011 and the time 10 am to 2 pm. We appreciate if you can volunteer for one of the days listed. Sign-up sheets are in the rear of the church.