



**Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
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Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
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Confession:

Saturday - 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. or by appointment

Weekday Mass (Chapel):

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

Chapel Open for Prayer:

Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30AM-3:30PM
First Friday Exposition: 9:00AM-12:00Noon

Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
The Church office is closed on Monday.
Emergency: Father Culotta: 980-1810, #104 or 408-2766

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Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #104 at least six months in advance.
Visit wedding link on Web Site prior to meeting

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Baptism Preparation Class. Call Anne Hane @ 410-0692
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Parish Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Helen Trabits, George James, Patricia Sheehan, Raquel Martin, Kathy Matuszak, Jeanette Larsen, Jane St. Denis, Don St. Denis, Santo Vizzina, Brennan Simkins, Elbert Bell, Ronnie Romano, Ronnie DeFalco, Peyton Abernathy, Brad Lembcke, Ashton Ayers, Sue Akers, James Trabits, Brent Sparkman, Donald David, Kevin Camp, Sam Culotta, Julie Seigle, Gary Weitekamp, Jenny Lyn Pair, Michael Pair, Joan Van de Veer, Marietta Molay, Mary Catherine Schroeder, Shari Grantham, Domenick Simonetti, Robie Bencho, Gena Taylor, Henry Pitre, Jackie Tevendale, Elena Sain, Priscilla Staskevich, Tom Smith, Betty Quinlivan, Dean Arrington, Buster Brandino, Hays Zieman, Brad Rosenwald, Mercy Navarette, Delfina Urrutia, Brooke Wallace, Craig Pearce, Cheryl Shader, Stephen Lanzi, Bootsie Porter, Jeanne Welsh, Cindy Troha, Bob Rhodes, Bobbie Keith, Robert Dillard, Joseph Lanzi, William Morgan, Carolyn Westrich, John Elkourie, Bill Moorefield, Samuel Belcher, Isabella Belcher.

Mass Intentions

Wed. Aug. 20 –6:00 PM.....**Barbara Tewey**
Thurs. Aug. 21 –8:30 AM.....**Joseph Diliberti**
Fri. Aug. 22 – 8:30 AM.....**Bishop Dermott Molloy**
Sat. Aug 23 - 4:00 PM.....**Sheila Cullen Hannigan**
Sun. Aug. 24 – 7:45**Michael Centanni**
Sun. Aug. 24 - 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

Next Week's Readings

Mon: Ez 24:15-24; (Ps) Dt5 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tues.: Ez 28:1-10; (Ps) Dt 32:26-28,30,35c-36b; Mt 19:23-30
Wed.: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thurs: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15,18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Fri.: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Sat: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab,10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sun.: *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3,6-8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Financial Information

August 10, 2014

(Budgeted) (Actual) (YtD Budget) (YtD Actual)

Collection: 25,135 28,171 903,089 935,937

Faith Direct: 18,058

Current Parish Debt

3,543,539

New Phone System in Parish Office

On Thursday, August 21st, the Parish Office will be converting to a new telephone system. During the time of the conversion, the existing telephone system will not be available. If you are unable to reach the Office, please try again later during the day. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we're excited about the new system which promises more reliable service and features.

Update on Saint Mark's Pastoral and Finance Councils

We welcome 4 new members to the Pastoral Council for 2014, Karen Berryman, Ken Lorek, Kathy McMahon, and John Waller. They will join with the 8 returning members, Keri Eitzen, Cricket Justice, Rosemary Johnson, Chris Keller, Don Korn, Vince Lovoy, Sammy Romano, and Doug Stephens. We thank those who have recently completed their terms, Tom Ruszkowski, Cheryl Shader, Elizabeth Stahl, and Bill Tevendale. The Pastoral Council will begin their new year of service with a Day of Reflection on Sunday, August 24th. The Pastoral Council generally meets the 1st Sunday of each month (excluding Summer) from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM.

We welcome 3 new members to the Finance Council for 2014, Kate Lucas, Michelle Winters, and Rita Young. They will join with the 3 returning members, Charles Boyd, Wendy Lacey, and Ken Reimann. We thank those who have recently completed their terms, Joe Covington and Perry Cronin. Parishioner, Jon Gaston, will continue to serve as a consultant for the Council assisting with the Annual Parish Budget. The Finance Council generally meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month (excluding Summer) from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM.

We are grateful for all those who have served and those who will begin their terms of service for our parish. Let's pray that each council will have a fruitful and successful year helping all of us to be good stewards at Saint Mark's, sharing our time, talent, and treasure.

Thank you,
Fr. Joe Culotta



Save the Date

Parish Picnic

Food and Fun!

September 14th

After the 10:30 mass

Happy Anniversary!

We wish Fr. Joe a Happy 31st Anniversary this Wednesday, August 20th on the occasion of his Ordination to the Priesthood. Our love and prayers go out to you Fr. Joe!

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed!

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the Sunday 10:30 AM mass will begin on September 7th, but volunteer adult leaders and aides are needed. Training is provided. You have these young members of our community for about 20 minutes during each mass. If you are willing to assist, call the Parish Office or Sr. Terry at 980-1810 or stmarkpa@bellsouth.net.

New Grief Support Group

A new Grief Support Group for parishioners of both Saint Mark's and Our Lady of the Valley will be forming Monday, September 8th from 6-8 PM in the Parish Office Conference Room at Our Lady of the Valley. Anyone in the parish who has experienced the death of a loved one is invited to participate. Please register by contacting Darlene McCulloch before September 3rd for orientation. Call her at 678-2750 or email her at jamesfmcculloch@belsouth.net.

Usher Ministry

The ministry of ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. During the time of Christ, the doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today's ushers.

The more immediate predecessor of today's usher can be found in the clerical order of porter, instituted in the 3rd Century A.D. During those times, it was the duty of the porters or ushers to guard the door of the church against any intruders who might disturb the service.

Today's ushers primary duties and responsibilities include greeting and welcoming parishioners as they enter the church, help them to find seats, taking up the collection and wishing everyone a good day at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Celebration.

Want to learn more? Usher training will be conducted after each Mass on September 6 and 7. Initial training will only take 15 – 20 minutes. See you there!

Contact Tom Perlich. tperlich@aol.com or 205-567-6990

Cub Scout News

It's that time again. Cub Scout Pack 007 is looking for a few good boys. Cub Scouts are open to any boy ages 6-11. Hiking, camping, and fishing are just some of our normal activities. If interested, contact Tom Elie at 672-1889 or thomaseelie@aol.com. Come join the fun!

Narthex Television

There is a problem with the camera that allows the Mass to be seen on the TV in the Narthex. It will be out for the next several weeks awaiting parts and service. We appreciate your patience and apologize for the inconvenience.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you ever thought of joining the Catholic Church? Do you know of someone who has asked you about the Church?

RCIA will help you with answers to your questions. On Sunday, August 24th, at 1:00PM in the Parish Life Center, we will have a 1 hour session answering those and like questions.

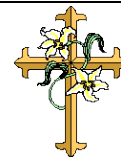
For more information, call Phil Boettcher at 204-541-5625 or email at phil.boettcher@dpsq.com

Scripture Prayer

Beginning August 28th, 9:00-10:30AM – we will offer an opportunity to pray the Sunday Gospel in the *Lectio Divina* style. This form of prayer dates to the 6th century, and recently, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged all to use this form of prayer. Here we allow God's Word to speak to our hearts. All are welcome!

Discussion Group on Nonviolent Living

Are you interested in learning more about nonviolence and justice and how they are related? A discussion group is forming to study the book, *The Nonviolent Life*, by John Dear. Fr. Dear has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The date and time for the group will be set based on feedback we receive from interested persons. If you would like more information about this study group, or the topic, please contact parishioner, Jenny Camp, at 980-3047 or auburnhugger@yahoo.com



Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Patricia Schifanella on the death of her brother, Andy Bice and to Anthony Marino on the death of his mother, Mary Serio Marino.

May their souls rest in the presence of the Lord.

Walk for the Poor

Attention all runners and walkers! Save the date of Saturday, September 27, 2014 for a walk for the poor at Veteran's Park, 4800 Valleydale Road, Hoover, AL 35242. Saint Mark the Evangelist's St. Vincent de Paul Society will join area St. Vincent de Paul Societies for the Birmingham Area Friends of the Poor Walk/Run. All proceeds will directly benefit those in need. Register on line and donate at www.svdpusa.net/walk/1052

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 13446 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, October 18th at the Parish Life Center. Save the date and look for additional information in the weeks to come. The Red Cross is over 80,000 units down from where they need to be, which means that blood supplies may not be available for accident victims and those that need critical surgeries. You can help by spreading the word and assisting us with a successful Blood Drive.

Lay Dominicans

Do you love God?, Do you want to seek holiness? Are you looking for truth? The Lay Dominicans of Birmingham group is having an open meeting, Sunday, September 14th at 2PM at St. Rose Academy, welcoming all interested Catholics. Come and see what we are about. We are lay people from all walks of life who are dedicated to a life of liturgical prayer, study of sacred truth and zeal for the salvation of souls. For more information, please contact Angela Maiola at 999-6183.



BBQ for Labor Day

The Knights of Columbus is cooking barbecue for your Labor Day Weekend festivities! We are accepting orders for a Boston Butt for \$35, Slab of Ribs for \$22, and the new popular Pulled Pork for \$12 per pound. All orders will be available for pickup, Friday, August 29th between 4:30 and 6:00 PM.

To place an order, either send an email to kofc13446@aol.com or leave a message on our voice mail at 866-622-STMK(7865). Provide your name, phone number and your order (i.e., 2 pounds of pulled pork). The proceeds will fund the many charities that your Knights of Columbus Council 13446 support.

Memorial Blood Drive

The 3rd Annual Laura Langley Memorial Blood Drive will take place Saturday, August 23, from 10 AM-4 PM at First Christian Church, 4954 Valleydale Road. Laura was an Oak Mountain High School graduate who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in 2012. Her family and friends began this Memorial Blood Drive as a way of thanking the Red Cross who had tried so valiantly to save Laura's life that night. Donation appointments can be made at www.redcrossblood.org under MAKE A BLOOD DONATION APPOINTMENT with sponsor code LAURA.

Women's Bible Study

Join us for a study that will focus on the Women of the Old Testament from Eve to Esther. We will learn lessons from their lives in the choices they made and challenge ourselves to look honestly at our own lives. Women of all ages are invited to attend on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. beginning September 9th at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in the Family Life Center. To register, contact Mary Ann Graeve at 908-2728.

Seafood Festival

44th Annual St. William Seafood Festival
What: Creole-style file gumbo and boiled, spicy Cajun shrimp, crawfish, catfish, & barbeque chicken.
Where: Civitan Park, Guntersville, Alabama
When: Friday, August 29th, 4PM-6PM Drive thru only for frozen gumbo and boiled shrimp
Saturday, August 30th, drive thru 7:30am until sold out and dine-in 10:30am until sold out
Go to www.stwilliamchurch.com for details and directions.

Natural Family Planning Classes

Natural Family Planning classes will begin on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Gardendale. Discover a natural way to postpone or achieve a pregnancy...the Art of Natural Family Planning® is based on an awareness of a woman's fertility. It's medically safe, 99% effective in postponing pregnancy, very low cost, often has a positive effect on the couple's marriage, and is morally acceptable according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. For additional information contact Harold or Kathy Gray at 205-631-0568, or e-mail kagrav222@hotmail.com. Registration is online at www.ccli.org

“Healing the Loss of a Loved One”

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering a one-day workshop entitled :Healing the Loss of a Loved One” on August 29, 2014. The more we love, the more we grieve the loss of loved ones who are with God; but they are also present to us in a love that endures forever (1Cor 13:8). Through the communion of the saints, sthose in Jesus’ heart long to love us and help us attain the peace and love they now experience. This session will focus on how to finish any unfinished grieving. Through Jesus we can experience their love in ways they long to gift us. For registration information, call 334-855-4474.

“Thanksgiving: Prayer That Transforms Healing”

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering a weekend retreat on August 29-31, 2014. The more grateful we become, the deeper and faster we are healed. How much we spontaneously give thanks is the key to a healthy body, mind and spirit. The presenter is Fr. Matt Linn, S.J. For registration information, call 334-855-4474

Liturgical Schedule: August 23rd & 24th, 2014

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Pat Armitage, Sonny Jones, Sammy Romano, Eva Shepherd

Sunday: Theresa LoMonaco, Jose Marrero, Len Mueninghoff, Katherine Rall, Jim E. Smith, Jr.
(10:30) Marsha Floyd, AnnPenton, Steve Sain, Joe Scotch, Tom Slonneger, Heidi Swanson, Susan WEbb

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Theresa & Sammy Romano

Sunday: Heidi & Len Mueninghoff
(10:30) Mary Ann & Tom Stith

Altar Linens: Cindy Evans

Ushers:

Saturday: Mike Burns, Thom Berry, Larry Swetonic

Sunday: Kurt Friend, Amos Mitchim, Bobbie Mitchim
(10:30) Rob Haley, Milene Panzica

Cantors:

Saturday: Kathryn Garaca

Sunday: Susan Richards, Alex Slocum

Lectors:

Saturday: Cathy Johnson, Rebecca Blythe

Sunday: Lisa Arrington, Ruth Breipohl
(10:30) Bill Webb, Donna Francavilla

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Mary Keithleen Favela, Tanner Gray, Dolan Wilson, Mary Caroline Gray

Sunday: Dominic Pautler, Sam Lynch, Elliot Marrero, Jessica Heberlein
(10:30) Christina McLaughlin, Jack Marquet, Daniel Ospina, Robert Marquet, Jane Vaughn

Greeters:

Saturday: Rose Burns, Demetri Coleman, Becky Green, Tom Lager

Sunday:
(10:30) Ercelle Burrus, Laura Hughes, Al Lupenski, Kate Seifert



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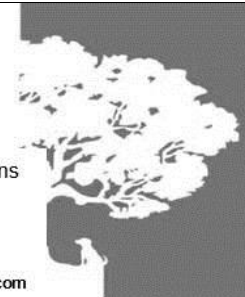
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