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Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2 at least six months in advance.  
Visit wedding link on Web Site prior to meeting

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## Parish Prayer List

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

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## Mass Intentions

Wed. Jan. 7 – 6:00 PM.....**Ida Berniece Hearsch**  
Thurs. Jan. 8 – 8:30 AM.....**Raymond Lindsay**  
Fri. Jan.9 – 8:30 AM.....**Candy Rosenwald (S.I.)**  
Sat Jan. 10 - 4:00 PM.....**Margaret Briggs**  
Sun. Jan. 11 – 7:45 AM.....**Maria & Tom Willingham (S.I.)**  
Sun. Jan. 11 - 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

## Next Week's Readings

**Mon:** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a; Mt 4:12-17,23-25  
**Tues.:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4,7-8; Mk 6:34-44  
**Wed.:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13; Mk 6:45-52  
**Thurs:** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17; Lk 4:14-22a  
**Fri.:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15,19-20; Lk 5:12-16  
**Sat:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a,9b; Jn 3:22-30  
**Sun.:** *The Baptism of the Lord*  
Is 42:1-4,6-7; Ps 29:1-2,3-4,9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

## Financial Information

December 28, 2014

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtD Budget)	(YtD Actual)
Collection:	55,834	37,361	1,541,433	1,580,523
Christmas:		23,067		
<b>Current Parish Debt</b>				<b>3,251,712</b>

## Confession Schedule update

Please note that there will not be any Confessions on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Joe has a conflict and will be unable to be here. Thank you for your understanding.

## Adult Ed

Our Adult Ed series "What Does It Mean To Be Church?" continues next Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. The Joy of the Gospel – Inclusion of the Poor. Our presenter is Deacon Greg Thompson. Please join us next Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center. Refreshments provided. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights, please note that our next meeting will be this Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Members are encouraged to attend the meeting to discuss many of the upcoming activities. If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact us at [kofc13446@aol.com](mailto:kofc13446@aol.com).

## Birmingham Statewide March for Life

Saturday, January 17, 10:45AM  
Brother Bryan Park  
22<sup>nd</sup> St. and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Respect Life Mass 9:00 AM  
Cathedral of St. Paul  
2120 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue N. Birmingham, AL  
[www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com](http://www.BirminghamMarchforLife.com)

## FOSM Tickets!

Tickets for the 2015 FOSM Italian Food Festival are here! The Festival is on April 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Tickets are available in the Church Office or online at [www.feastofstmark.com](http://www.feastofstmark.com).

## MLK, Jr. Prayer Breakfast

The Birmingham Diocese will host its annual Breakfast Commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM at the Cathedral of Saint Paul's Grand Room. Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.R., Director of the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, New Orleans. If interested in attending, please sign up at the Greeters' Desk or call the Parish Office at 980-1810.

## **Children's Liturgy – Food For The Poor**

During the Advent season, the children who participated in the Children's Liturgy received small "poor boxes" for collecting loose change over the holidays. Please remind them to bring their collections to the Children's Liturgy in January. All money received will be donated to Food For The Poor. We will make a follow up announcement in the bulletin to let the children know how much they raised and how big of an impact their efforts made on less fortunate children around the world.

## **GROW Retreat**

GROW means "God Reaches Our World". This special event for Middle School students on January 10<sup>th</sup> will be directed by youth from St. John's Parish in Pensacola, Florida. A time for activities, sharing, games and fun, it begins with mass at 4:00PM followed by dinner (5PM) and the Retreat time until 10:00PM. For more information, contact Daniel Henninger at [stmarkyouth@bellsouth.net](mailto:stmarkyouth@bellsouth.net)

## **JCREW**

JCREW will meet next Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> for a New Year Fire gathering. We will begin at 5PM in the Saint Mark's field. All are welcome!

## **Supper Club**

Saint Mark's Supper Club is open to all adults. We meet at a local restaurant for dinner and socializing. It's a wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners and share a meal. Our upcoming supper will be held at Ming's Cuisine, 514 Cahaba Park Circle. (Small shopping center behind the car wash across 280 from Target's) We'll meet at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 10. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal. Contact for reservations is Cathy Johnson, at [cathyjohnson\\_2@hotmail.com](mailto:cathyjohnson_2@hotmail.com), or call 266-9685. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, January 8.

## **New Pictorial Directory Sessions**

Sessions for Portraits for the Parish Pictorial Directory have been added for Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. Please check the link on our website for available times.

## **Congratulations!**

We congratulate Larissa Garrett, Kathryn Lynch, Emelia Mitchim, Mary Molay, Alex Nguyen and Brock Shields who recently made their First Reconciliation. These parishioners, second graders at Our Lady of the Valley School, received this Sacrament, along with their fellow classmates, on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate with them and pray that they continue to grow in God's love.

## **Magnificat Prayer Luncheon**

The Magnificat Prayer Luncheon will be held on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30AM to 2:30PM at St. Elias Parish Hall. The speaker, Melinda McNamee, will testify to the powerful works the Lord has performed in her life. She is a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

Tickets are available by contacting Catherine Patton (205)680-6007 and from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets are sold at the door.

## **Centering Prayer Retreat**

An Introduction to Centering Prayer retreat will be held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman, January 16-18, 2015. This form of Christian prayer is rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition and is intended to foster a deeper intimacy with Christ. For registration information and other details, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256)734-8302 or email [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org)

## Women's Retreat

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering a Women's Retreat on January 9-11, 2015 entitled "Get 2015 Off to a Joyful Loving Start". The presenter, Melanie Rigney, is the author of *Sisterhood of Saints: Daily Guidance and Inspiration*. Through the example provided by some of our blessed and saintly women, guided meditations, journaling and discussions, this retreat will help get 2015 off to a joyful, loving start. For registration information, call 334-855-4474.

## Parish Prayer List

We are in the process of updating our list of those that we are praying for on our Parish Prayer List. Would you please check and see if your friend or loved one has improved enough to be removed for the time being? This list should be for those hospitalized or in critical condition. We understand that occasionally there may be special circumstances that exist

### Liturgical Schedule: January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

**Saturday:** Pat Armitage, Rebecca Blythe, Les Currie, Beverly & Tom Huddleston, Pat Kantaris, Sharon Zaleski

**Sunday:** Paul Albano, Jose Marrero, Katherine Rall, Sammy Romano, Jim E. Smith, Jr.  
(10:30) Eleanora & David Castagnetta, Keri Eitzen, Marsha Floyd, Sarah Hebert, Bonnie Murphy, Steve Shoemaker, Tom Slonneger, Susan Webb

#### Mass Coordinator:

**Saturday:** Pat & Mike Kantaris

**Sunday:** Theresa & Sammy Romano  
(10:30) Janet & Randy Haines

**Altar Linens:** Lou Anne Swetonic

#### Ushers:

**Saturday:** Jim Smith, Larry Swetonic

**Sunday:** Tom Perlich, Wayne Gwaltney, Nicholas & Sarah Rose Perlich  
(10:30) George Juneman, Nancy Collis, Rob Haley, Milene Panzica, Scott Riley

#### Cantors:

**Saturday:** Alex Slocum

**Sunday:** John Floyd, Kathryn Garaca

#### Lectors:

**Saturday:** Cathy Johnson, Dolorene Sackman

**Sunday:** Ginny Willis, Nancy Ladshaw  
(10:30) Bill Webb, Donna Francavilla

#### Altar Servers:

**Saturday:** Rachel Ferrell, Grace Spencer, Jonathan Zaleski, Abby Ferrell, RJ Spencer

**Sunday:** Matthew Pflaum, Lia DiGuglielmo, Isabel DiGuglielmo, Tilly Gwaltney, Troy Gwaltney  
(10:30) Jack Marquet, Tanner Gray, Ella Vaughn, Cooper Gray, Mary Caroline Gray

#### Greeters:

**Saturday:** Jayne Day, Karen Kapp, Rae Sarver, Pat Smith

**Sunday:** Marie & Ken Lorek  
(10:30) Carlos Godinez, Laura Hughes, Kate Seifert, Tom Slonneger



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