



**Fifth 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.

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Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30AM-3:30PM
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Marriage Requirements:

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

Baptism Requirements:

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, Kathy Matuszak, Jeanette Larsen, Jane St. Denis, Don St. Denis, Santo Vizzina, Brennan Simkins, Elbert Bell, Ronnie Romano, Ronnie DeFalco, Peyton Abernathy, Brad Lembcke, 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 Robie Bencho, Henry Pitre, Jackie Tevendale, Elena Sain, Tom Smith, Betty Quinlivan, Dean Arrington, Buster Brandino, Hays Ziemann, Brad Rosenwald, Brooke Wallace, Craig Pearce, Stephen Lanzi, Bootsie Porter, Cindy Troha, Bobbie Keith, Robert Dillard, Joseph Lanzi, William Morgan, Carolyn Westrich, Samuel Belcher, Isabella Belcher, Jim Meggs, Cedric Webber, Vester Webber, Patsy Evans, Gertrude Sgroi, Richard L. Swetonic, Mary Ann Stith, Rosa Butera, Jim Charles, Kevin Glandon, Peggy Devenisha, Jon Montgomery, Nunzia Massaro, Darlene McCulloch, Sam Ferlisi, Jan Cavaleri, Sandy Marriner, Sr. Cecelia Zamboni, M.C.,

Mass Intentions

Wed. Feb. 11 – 6:00 PM.....**Agnes Henke**
Thurs. Feb. 12 – 8:30 AM.....**Bishop David Foley, (S.I.)**
Fri. Feb. 13 – 8:30 AM.....**Jean Funk**
Sat Feb. 14 - 4:00 PM.....**Fr. Patrick Murphy**
Sun. Feb. 15 – 7:45 AM.....**Penelope Jane Limon**
Sun. Feb. 15 - 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

Next Week's Readings

Mon: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tues.: Gn 1:20—2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wed.: Gn 2:4b-9,15-17; Ps 104:1-2a,27-28,29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thurs: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Fri.: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2,5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Sat: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4c,5-6,12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sun.: *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Financial Information

February 1, 2015

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtD Budget)	(YtD Actual)
Collection:	30,771	21,901	156,255	158,534

Current Parish Debt
3,193,186

Scripture Study

The Scripture Study group will resume its sessions on Thursday, February 19th in the Social Hall after the 8:30AM mass. The 90 minute sessions will continue each Thursday until March 26th. The Gospel of John 11:21 will be the focus. For books, contact Pat Armitage at patkenarmitage@gmail.com

Adult Ed

Our Adult Ed series continues next Sunday, February 15th as we begin our Lenten Reflections. As we enter Lent and prepare for the Paschal feast each week, we will look at the upcoming week's readings. Next week, Fr. Joe will offer the reflection for the readings of the First Sunday of Lent.

Please join us next Sunday at 9:00AM 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, Feb. 8th 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.

FOSM Tickets!

Tickets for the 2015 FOSM Italian Food Festival are here! The Festival is on April 25th this year. Tickets are available in the Church Office or online at www.feastofstmark.com.

Youth Groups

The Middle School BLAST Group will meet this Sunday from 4-7 pm for Bowling at the Brunswick Riverview Lanes. We will meet in front of the PLC at 4 pm to travel to the bowling alley to bowl and return to the parish around 6:30 pm for Pizza before closing around 7 pm. The cost of this activity will be \$16.30.

The High School JCrew will meet next week, February 15th, at the PLC for dinner, fellowship and activities.

IMPORTANT Announcement: During the Season of Lent both the Middle School BLAST and High School JCrew groups will meet EVERY SUNDAY (BLAST from 4:30-5:45 pm and JCrew from 5:30-7:00 pm) in preparation for Easter. These meeting will focus on spiritual exercises and practices that can be helpful for our spiritual health similar to how physical exercises are good for our physical health. There will be a joint meal beginning at 5:30 pm for both groups.



It's Not Too Late!

You can still participate in the Parish Pictorial Directory. While the portrait sessions are over, you can use an existing photo of your own. If you are interested in this option, please email Kathy McMahon at kathymcmahon@bellsouth.net for specifics regarding jpegs & downloading requirements.

Thank You!

Thank you to the Ragusa family and to all who helped support our Youth Ministry Pecan Sale fundraiser! We appreciate your generosity!

Have Fun with Flour; Join us when we make Pizzelle Cookies

Join us as we gather to bake Pizzelle cookies to be sold at the Feast of Saint Mark Italian Food Festival. We will enjoy church community fellowship while baking these cookies. Bring your Pizzelle makers, don an apron and come to parishioner Donna Francavilla's home to participate in this annual tradition. Date: March 14, 2015, from 9 AM-12 Noon. Place: Donna Francavilla's kitchen (address to be revealed when you sign up).

To participate, contact Monica Sbrissa at: my3kids@me.com or call (205) 790-6548.

In case you are wondering: What are Pizzelle cookies? They are tasty traditional Italian wafer cookies that were originally made in Ortona, in the Abruzzo region of central Italy. The name comes from the Italian word for "round" and "flat" (pizze); this is also the meaning of the word pizza. The history of our Parish dates back 110 years when the first Italian immigrants arrived in Birmingham and established a church in the East Thomas District.



Thank You

On the birthday of the Boy Scouts of America, the Boy Scouts of Troop 007 and the Cub Scouts of Pack 007 would like to say Thank You to the members of the parish. Without your sponsorship, our Troop and Pack wouldn't exist. Thank You!

Annual Men's Retreat

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering our Annual Men's Retreat entitled "How do I know what God wants me to do?" on February 20-22, 2015. A retreat, designed for men who wish to explore more intensely how God is leading them to do His will in their daily lives, is a wonderful way to begin the Lenten season. After the presentations on the necessary tools to discern God's will, there will be an opportunity for interaction, as well as time for contemplation, journaling, relaxation, prayer and participation in liturgies.

The presenter is Father Alex Steinmiller, C.P., a Passionist missionary. For registration information call 334-855-4474.

OLV Marriage and Family Life Program

Our Lady of the Valley Parish is pleased to announce the spring Marriage and Family Life Program. Please join us for the following events:

- February 19th: video featuring Mark Gungor presenting a lecture on the differences between men and women titled "The Tale of Two Brains" 6:30PM
- March 5th: Fr. Kevin Bazzel presents on the topic of Annulments in the Catholic Church.
- March 19th: Mark Gungor offers via video, a presentation entitled "How to Stay Married Without Killing Anybody"

2015 Men's Conference – Strong Men, Strong Faith

Men – Do Not Miss this two-hour evening conference on Monday, February 16, 2015 at 7:00PM at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hoover, Alabama. The conference, a perfect way to prepare for Lent, will feature Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Deacon Harold is a powerful and passionate evangelist whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to inspire. This two hour event is open to men 16 and older. The advanced on-line registration fee is only \$10.00. Registration at the door is \$15.00. For more information and to register, go to www.strongmenstrongfaith.org or contact Hank Stickley at 746-1075.

Grief and Loss Conference

Catholic Family Services, in partnership with Community Grief Support Services, cordially invites the public and professionals to attend a two-day grief and loss conference on February 24th and 25th at Canterbury United Methodist Church. The speaker on both days will be Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a nationally known grief educator, author and counselor in his field. For details about registration and costs, you can call Community Grief Support Services at 870-8667.

**Thank you to the Altar Servers and the adults who assist in our Altar Server Ministry!
We are grateful for your service in our Parish!**

Isabella Aldana (Senior)

Anna Arrington

Luke Arrington

Brianna Braden

Elizabeth Camp

Justin Chestang

Jonathan Chestang

Catherine Clark

Carolyn Cleary

Isabel DiGuglielmo

Lia DiGuglielmo

Maria Elliott

Mary Keithleen Favela

Diana Fernandez (Senior)

Abby Ferrell

Rachel Ferrell (Senior)

Hampton Floyd

Cooper Gray

Mary Caroline Gray

Tanner Gray

Tilly Gwaltney

Troy Gwaltney

Levi Hardigree

Jessica Heberlein

Michael Kelly

Madeline Kundler (Senior)

Ethan Lee

Sam Lynch

Jack Marquet (Senior)

Matthew Marquet

Robert Marquet

Elliot Marrero

Christina McLaughlin (Senior)

Kate Leslie McOmber

Nathan McOmber

Elizabeth Mitchim

Daniel Ospina

Dominic Pautler

Chandler Perrigo

Julianna Perrigo

Adam Pflaum (Senior)

Matthew Pflaum

Jonathan Porco

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Ella Sciara

Kaitlin Shields

Jackson Shields

Lauren Shields

Sara Sligh

Grace Spencer

RJ Spencer

Emma Stephens

Anja Trierweiler

Amalia Trujillo

Ella Vaughn

Jane Vaughn

Griffin Wall (Senior)

Marina Wall (Senior)

Dolan Wilson

Emma Zaiontz

Elizabeth Zaleski

Jonathan Zaleski

Coordinators:

Susan Clark

Daniel DiGuglielmo

Hampton Floyd (Junior)

Kristy Gray

Lisa Heberlein

Tom Heberlein

Daniel Henninger (Youth Minister)

Maissa Ospina

Adam Pflaum (Senior)

Tracy Pflaum

Gail Sanson

Maria Schaffer

Claudia Spencer

Congratulations!

We offer our prayers and congratulations to the students of the Second Grade of our Parish School of Religion on the occasion of their First Reconciliation.

Joseph Abercrombie

Juliana Agliata

Olivia Arns

Bennett Ashley

Harrison Bakane

Anna Baldone

William Beneke

Marina Bivona

Rachel Camp

Joseph Cavender

Carter Dotson

Owen Edwards

Harris Hamner

Drake Hibbard

Breanna Hoang

Kaylin Hoang

Joseph Joyner

Cole Kelly

Adam Kings

Katherine Laney

Jackson Larkin

Anna Claire Lester

Marie Maida

Sophia Majcher

Ava McCleary

Carly McCollum

Patrick McQueeney

Emilia Monti-Palo

Regan Moore

Emilio Obregon

Kim Pham

Michael Rhodes

Kaitlin Riley

Sara Rodriguez-Obando

Cole Russell

Rocco Saia

Christian Santopuoli

Lorelai Santos

Arianna Soldevilla

Roy Soldevilla

Ian Tonix

Ava Tucker

Seth Tucker

Patrick Vigelis

Martin Vizzina

Veronica Zieba

Calling All Moms!

A new moms group has started here at Saint Marks! If you would like to meet other Catholic moms with young children and have a place of encouragement and support, please join us. For more information, please email Aisling Henninger at quigley.henninger@gmail.com

Lenten Retreat

The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman is pleased to announce a Lenten Retreat to be led by Rev. Frank Muscolino, The retreat, to be held February 20-22, will focus on Pope Francis – his life, writings, and a particular vision which he lives out in a practical way from day to day.

For registration information, call 256-734-8302.

Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group

Find meaningful information, support and encouragement from a community of caregivers and healthcare professionals.

Our group will meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month starting Tuesday, February 17th with featured speaker, Miller Piggott with Alzheimer's of Central Alabama at 6pm.

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Please call Valerie Boyd 229-4080 for information

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admissions@stbernardprep.com or call 256-255-5890.

Website: www.stbernardprep.com – Open House:

Sunday, March 8, 2015, 2-4 PM.

Liturgical Schedule: February 14th & 15th, 2015

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Pat Armitage, Cathy Johnson, Pat Kantaris, Ann Penton, Sharon Zaleski

Sunday: Theresa LoMonaco, Jose Marrero, Katherine Rall, Christian Short

(10:30) David Castagnetta, Tom Chauffe, John Elkourie, Marsha Floyd, Diana Moreno, Bonnie Murphy, Joe Scotch, Tom Slonneger

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Pat & Mike Kantaris

Sunday: Pat & Bill Roach
(10:30) Eleanora & David Castagnetta

Altar Linens: Geri Elkourie

Ushers:

Saturday: Jim Smith, Thom Berry, Brandon Moseley

Sunday: Larry Swetonic, Wayne Gwaltney, Bobbie & Amos Mitchim
(10:30) Jay Aycock, Scott Riley

Part-Time Parish Bookkeeper

The Cathedral of Saint Paul in Birmingham, Alabama, is seeking a part-time parish bookkeeper. The candidate should have prior bookkeeping experience, good organizational skills, and good computer skills, particularly in the use of QuickBooks and Microsoft Access. Please mail résumé with cover letter and salary requirements by Friday, February 13, 2015, to: Parish Finance Council; Cathedral of Saint Paul; Post Office Box 10044; Birmingham, Alabama 35202-0044.

Family Vocations Day

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Birmingham is hosting a Family Vocation Conference on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9:00AM-3:00PM.

This year we are celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life while focusing on "The Joy of the Gospel." It is a free event! The whole family is invited – children and youngsters to grandparents! The day includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Family Lunch, the Rosary, Confessions, and a Question & Answer session. Registration information is available at

www.birminghamvocations.com.



Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Richard Urrutia on the death of his mother, Delfina Urrutia and to Fr. Joe Culotta on the death of his Uncle, Emanuel Rosato.

May their souls rest in the presence of the Lord.

Cantors:

Saturday: Kathryn Garaca

Sunday: Ken Jannot, Susan Richards

Lectors:

Saturday: Dolorene Sackman, Barbara Varner

Sunday: Christa Sligh, Jim E. Smith, Jr.
(10:30) Marilyn Chiamonte, Geri Elkourie

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Justin Chestang, Jared Schaffer, Emma Zaiantz, Jonathan Chestang, Elizabeth Zaleski

Sunday: Sara Sligh, Tilly Gwaltney, Elliot Marrero, Catherine Clark, Troy Gwaltney
(10:30) Matthew Marquet, Isabella Aldana, Jack Marquet, Hampton Floyd, Ella Vaughn

Greeters:

Saturday: Demetri Coleman, Linda Grainger, Pat Smith, Jim Smith

Sunday: Diane & Anthony Cuicchi
(10:30) Peter Bibbo, Carlos Godinez, Myrna Scotch, Tom Slonneger

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