



**Fifth Sunday
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Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
Holy Days: 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

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

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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, 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, 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, Sr. Cecelia Zamboni, M.C., Tom Kassa, Ronald Ramsden, Dung Hoang and Bea Baum.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM followed by a meatless meal.

Easter Decorating

We will be decorating our Church on Saturday, April 4th beginning at 9 am. With enough help we will be done by 10:30 or sooner. All hands are welcome! If you would like to assist please call Sr. Terry at the Parish or stmarksflowers@gmail.com.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work. With the cold days since the new year, we have assisted in paying power bills of over \$2,212.00 as well as assistance with water and rent. Can you consider giving alms to St. Vincent de Paul?

Mom's Group

Meet on Thursday, April 2nd at 10 AM in the nursery at St. Marks. For more information please email Aisling Henninger at quigley.henninger@gmail.com

Adult Ed

Our Adult Ed series continues next Sunday March 29th, at 9 AM in the PLC, as we continue our Lenten Reflections. Each week we look at the upcoming week's readings. Next week Phil Boettcher will offer the reflection the Triduum, the most solemn week in the Church year.

Mass Intentions

Tues. March 24 - NOON.....**Cindy Stem**
Wed. March 25 - 6:00 PM**Camille Fruin**
Thurs. March 26 - 8:30 AM.....**Marlene Catalino**
Fri. March 27 - 8:30 AM.....**Marid Tardugho**
Sat. March 28 - 4:00 PM.....**Harold Sheehan**
Sun. March 29-7:45 AM.....**Joan Adams**
Sun. March 29- 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

Next Week's Readings

Mon: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tues: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wed: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thurs: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Sat: Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sun: **Palm Sunday**
Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Financial Information

March 15, 2015

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

Collection: 33,623 33,300 349,437 350,895

Catholic Relief Services \$2,799

Current Parish Debt

\$3,134,215

Thank You

Thanks to the women of First Light for providing our delicious Lenten meal after stations.

Morning of Prayer

The *Women of Saint Mark* invites you to join them on Tuesday, March 24 from 10-11:30 AM for a time of prayer and reflection on the theme of "**Joy of Gospel**" led by Fr. Ray Dunmyer. This will be followed by Mass at Noon.

Nursery

There will be **NO** nursery on Sunday, March 29th or April 5th due to the Easter vacation. The nursery will resume on April 12th.



Holy Week Schedule

Tuesday, March 31st: Chrism Mass at Cathedral of Saint Paul, 11:00 AM

Wednesday, April 1st: Confessions at 6:00-8:00 PM (Bishop Foley and Fr. Joe)

Thursday, April 2nd: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM.

Adoration until 12:00 AM

Good Friday, April 3rd: Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon;

The Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 7:00 PM; and

Adoration from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM in the chapel

Holy Saturday, April 4th: Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM – **No Confessions**

Easter Sunday, April 5th: Masses at 7:45 and 10:30 AM.

Live Mass video in the Social Hall at 10:30 AM for overflow crowds.

The FOSM2015 Needs You - Volunteer

Please consider becoming part of the team that presents our wonderful and exciting annual Parish event, The Feast of Saint Mark Festival, by becoming a volunteer. This is yet another opportunity to become a good steward of the Parish by sharing your time and talent. Many parishioners have already volunteered, but not nearly as many as we had hoped for. This is your event and we need your help! There are many positions remaining to be filled, and even opportunities for families to volunteer – there's room for everyone.

To volunteer, please go to feastofstmark.com and select "VOLUNTEER" on the homepage. All volunteers will receive a free FOSM tee shirt. You may also volunteer in the Narthex after all Masses. If you have any questions or trouble with the site, please contact Laura Belcher, (215) 635-6777, or Carol Bettis, (205) 572-1115. You may also send your questions to fosmstmarks@gmail.com.

St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church's

17th Annual Lebanese Food and Cultural Festival to be held April 10 and 11.

There is no admission charge. The public will have an opportunity to taste the food and experience the atmosphere of this Lebanese Maronite Catholic Church—the only one in the State of Alabama.

Attention Any Group of 10 or more—Friday "lunch and learn". We welcome groups—altar guilds, bible study groups, prayer groups, friend circles, neighborhood socials, tennis groups, senior groups, etc.—to come and take our Church Tour during the festival. On Friday at lunch you may schedule your own personal group tour. A delicious Lebanese lunch and an enriching tour would make a great outing for your group! The tour features our beautiful stained-glass windows and gives an overview of the Maronite Church, one of the 21 Eastern rites of the Catholic Church. Although tours are given hourly throughout the 2-day festival, arrange a special Friday tour for your group by contacting Lil Harrison at 205-222-7056 or lil_harrison@charter.net.

Twenty-five percent of all proceeds for the Festival will go to local and national charities other than St. Elias. In the last 15 years St Elias has donated over \$311,000.00 to other charities from Festival proceeds. Check out our website at <http://www.stelias.org/festival>.

FOSM Tickets!

Tickets for the Festival, April 25th, are available (unless sold out) after all weekend Masses. Tickets may also be purchased in the Church office or online at www.feastofstmark.com. **Don't wait -- each year has been sold out!**



Easter Comes Early to Saint Mark's...

Dear Fr. Joe,

How can I begin to thank you for all the roles you've played for my family these past weeks. Pastor, friend, counselor, compassionate employer. In the spectrum of good you do, there is no higher purpose you could have served than to reconfirm Ginger's faith as her health declined, and to comfort her that she was cradled in God's hands when she might have lost hope. My family, too, was strengthened by your love and pastoral blessings. Having you there in her last hours is the ultimate gift to have given Ginger.

The memorial service was beyond our own imagination. Hundreds of people who were touched by Ginger paid tribute to the "Angel" they had come to know. It surprised even me. Your words were powerful and kind, and they gave enormous comfort to our family.

To the parish groups who showed such care for Ginger and her family, and gave of their time and talents to create a most memorable service, I offer our most heartfelt thanks. The bereavement group, Amy, David and the choir, Sharon, Susan, Sister Terry and all the staff at Saint Mark gave my family a day filled with beauty and joy to ease our sadness. We could not have asked for a more perfect send-off.

To the parishioners of Saint Mark, what a beautiful tribute to our Ginger. There is no doubt that she touched so many people with her goodness. People instantly fell in love with her sweet disposition, her caring manor, and her humility. People from our earliest days of childhood, to our most recent friends came to honor her. But, perhaps more notable, were the nurses from St. Vincent's who came to show their respects. Ginger had only a few weeks to come to know them. And, in the least favorable circumstances, she captured their hearts just like she captured the other thousand or so people who came to honor her life. I was privileged to be her husband for 34 years.

I look forward to discovering my new purpose in this life. I will need my parish community around me. I know I can count on you all, and promise to spend the rest of my life passing on the goodness I was shown by all of you, and the lessons I learned from my wife.

I remain faithfully yours,
Matt

Knights of Columbus

"Mass for Deceased K of C Members
On Sunday, Mar 22nd, the 7:45 AM Mass will be offered for the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 13446. Please remember to pray for **James W. Key, Jr., Keith N. Wade, Sr., William Edgar Wilder, Jr.,** and **Dr. James R. Heitz.**"

"HE IS RISEN"

The Knights of Columbus Council 13446 are selling **HE IS RISEN** magnets, for your car or refrigerator. The price is only \$5.00 for one, \$9.00 for two, or \$20.00 for five (so you can share with your friends or family members). If interested, please send an eMail to KofC13446@aol.com or call us at 866-622-7865 ext 2 and leave a message indicating the quantity, your contact information, and how we can get them to you (it is not cost effective for us to mail individual quantities, but we will work with you to get them delivered or available for pick-up). And, if interested in using as a Fundraiser for your school, youth sports team, or other organization, contact us for further details."

Hams for Easter

K of C is taking orders for Smoked Hams for your Easter dinner. A 9 pound bone in ham fully cooked for \$40

This year we are also offering Arnone's Italian sausage in five pound boxes. A 5 pound box of uncooked sausage is \$25

Call our Voice Mail at 866-622-7865 Extension 3 or send an email to KofC13446@aol.com to place your Order, indicate your name and best phone number to reach you. Last day to order is Sunday March 29.

Curbside pick-up is Sat. April 4th from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Parish Life Center.

Youth Groups

During the Season of Lent both BLAST and JCrew will meet **EVERY SUNDAY** (BLAST 5:00-5:45 PM and JCrew 5:45-7:00 PM) in preparation for Easter. There will be a joint BLAST and JCrew dinner from 5:45-6:15 PM. These meetings 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.

Thank you

The 20 Youth and 4 Adults who came and helped with our service project of polishing the pews in the church.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 5th, Easter Sunday, BLAST will host annual Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers to 2nd grade after the 10:30 AM mass. Bring a basket for your child's eggs and afterwards return eggs to bins around the PLC to be used for next year. BLAST youth who can help hide eggs will meet in the grassy area to the left of the church at 9:00 AM Easter Sunday. Contact Daniel Henninger at the parish office for more information.

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, AL is offering a "Holy Week Retreat" March 30th-April 5th. The silent, private retreat will begin with supper on Monday at 6:00 PM (EST) and conclude on Sunday after breakfast. There is an option to join our retreat center community for any or all of these days. The fee is \$70 each night (includes three meals daily).

For registration information call (334) 855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Road, Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856.

Liturgical Schedule: Mar. 28th & Mar. 29th, 2015:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Jenny Camp, Les Currie, Beverly Huddleston, Bill Welsh, Tom Huddleston, Cathy Johnson, Eva Shepherd

Sunday: Mike & Pat Kantaris, Jose Marrero, Katherine Rall (10:30) Eleanora & David Castagnetta, John & Geri Elkourie, Theresa LoMonaco, Leonard Mueninghoff, Bonnie Murphy, Ann Penton, Joe Scotch

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Bill & Jeanne Welsh

Sunday: Joe & Cindy Evans (10:30) Randy & Janet Haines

Altar Linens: Terry Lupenski

Ushers:

Saturday: Jim Smith, Connie Bailey, Thom Berry, Larry Swetonic

Sunday: Steve Boner, Bobbie & Amos Mitchim, Faye Valencia (10:30) Milene Panzica

Cantors:

Saturday: Cynthia Brown

Sunday: Allison Creel, Anna Vaughn

Lectors:

Saturday: Pat Armitage, Dolorene Sacman, Sharon Zaleski, J Philip Troha

Sunday: Ruth Breipohl, Nancy Ladshaw, Phil Boettcher, Susan Webb (10:30) Marilyn Chiaramonte, Donna Francavilla, Ree Morin, Jim E. Smith, Jr.

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Abby Farrell, Rachel Farrell, Emma Zaiantz, Elizabeth Camp, Diana Fernandez

Sunday: Mary Keithleen Favela, Cooper Gray, Tanner Gray, Jessica Heberlein, Kaitlyn Shields (10:30) Isabella Aldana, Luke Rakers, Zach Rakers, Grant Rakers, Richard Spencer

Greeters:

Saturday: Jayne Day, Linda Grainger, Tom Lager, Pat Smith

Sunday: Anthony & Diane Cuicchi (10:30) Peter Bibbo, Laura Hughes, Myrna Scotch

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