



Second Sunday of Lent
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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.
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 and Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
The Church office closed on Monday.
Emergency: Father Culotta: 980-1810 #2 or 408-2766

Chapel Open for Prayer

Monday through Thursday: 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Friday: 6:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.
Sunday: 12 Noon – 7:00 P.M.
First Friday Exposition: 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Marriage Requirements at least six months in advance:

Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2
Visit wedding link on Website prior to meeting

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Jeanne Welsh

Mass Intentions

- Mon. Mar. 13- 10:30 A.M. - Tommy Russo*
Fr. Joe at Somerby
- Tue. Mar. 14 - 12:00 Noon - Angelina Maria Campisi*
- Wed. Mar. 15- 6:00 P.M. - Edward Mooney*
- Thurs. Mar 16- 8:30 A.M. - Sharon Henderson*
- Fri. Mar. 17- 8:30 A.M. - Mr. & Mrs. Craig Richardson (S.I.)*
- Sat. Mar. 18- 4:00 P.M. - Frank Tamburello*
- Sun. Mar 19- 7:45 A.M. - Patricia Morton*
- Sun. Mar 19- 10:30 A.M. - People of the Parish*

Weekly Readings

- 13 Mon** - Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
- 14 Tue** - Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- 15 Wed** - Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- 16 Thu** - Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- 17 Fri** - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 18 Sat** - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- 19 SUN** - Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Financial Information

	Week of 3/5/17	Year to Date
Budgeted	\$ 32,024	\$ 322,124
Weekly Offertory	\$ 14,645	\$ 149,187
Building Fund	\$ 20,910	\$ 153,519
Holy Days	\$ 0	\$ 1,765
Collected	\$ 35,555	\$ 304,471
	Parish Debt \$1,478,419	

Welcome Fr. Joel Martin, O.S.B.
to Saint Mark next weekend, March 18-19.
Fr. Joel shares an invitation to participate in the
Saint Bernard Abbey Bloomin' Festival
April 22 -23



This weekend there will be baskets in the
Narthex for collecting "old palms" from last
year.

Adult ED

Our Adult Education/Faith Formation program,
"The Family of God", continues next Sunday, March
19 with a presentation by Sr. Terry. Sister will
continue our Lenten focus on the upcoming Sunday
readings, zeroing in on the readings for the 4th
Sunday of Lent.
Please join us in the parish life center, from 9 AM to
10:15 AM.

PIZZELLE COOKIE BAKING DAY FOSM 2017

Please join us for the pizzelle baking day on
Tuesday, April 4, 2017.
9AM - noon in the Parish Life Center.
Email Monica at monica041996@gmail.com
to confirm your attendance.

Women of Saint Mark Reflection Day



Tuesday, March 21 at 10 AM – Noon
concluding with Mass
Gather in the Parish Chapel
Speaker: Sr. Janet Marie, OSB

EASTER HAMS



The Knights of Columbus will again be offering smoked
hams and Amone's sausage for your Easter dinner this
year. Hams will be \$35 and a 5 lb box of sausage will be
\$25. To order, please send an email to
KofC13446@aol.com or call 866-622-7865 and leave a
detailed message. Be sure you receive an email
confirmation of your order to be assured it was received.
Pick up will be at the Parish Life Center on Sat. April
15th between 4 and 6 pm.



Save the date

June 10 & June 12-16

Greene County Summer

Project to rehab homes

Parish School of Religion

We are asking our PSR students to reach out to people in need by donating items that can be given to the Birmingham First Light Shelter and to the Saint Vincent DePaul outreach program. Please bring your donations to the PSR office by March 22. Watch for an email with a list of items.



Also, make a sincere effort to attend our annual PSR Family Stations of the Cross on March 17 at 6:30 pm. This is a wonderful way to participate in a brief Lenten event and receive a free pizza/gumbo meal provided by the Knights o Columbus.

PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT

Now is the time to select new members for Saint Mark's Pastoral Council. The process for selecting members is called PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT. Parish members nominate for the Council those parishioners who have an interest in serving their parish in this capacity (including self-nominations). Qualifications and nomination forms are at the Greeters' Desk.

Nominations is made by placing candidates' names in the basket which will be at the Greeters' Desk on the weekends of March 18/19 and March 25/26. You may nominate yourself or someone else (please ask them first). On Sunday, April 2nd all of the candidates will gather with Sr. Terry for an informational meeting and discernment time.

A Day of Reflection - Thomas Merton's Desert Spirituality

sponsored by the Contemplative Outreach Birmingham on March 18 from 9AM – 4 PM at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. 3775 Crosshaven Rd. Birmingham.

The presenter is Dr. bonnie Bowman Thurston. Cost is \$60.00 with lunch provided. For information and registration contact Louise Meredith 205-529-7080 centeringprayeralabama@gmail.com

SUPPER CLUB

St. 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 the Fish Market on 280. We'll meet at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Each person is responsible for paying for their own meal. Contact for reservations is Cathy Johnson, at pilgrimta@att.net, or call 266-9685. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, March 23.

Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:30 P.M.



LENT

Followed by a Meatless Meal

March 17th provided by the Saint Mark Choir. Stations: Catholic Update



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'GODSPELL' ... To Inspire Your Lenten Season

John Carroll Catholic High School Theater presents *GODSPELL!* You and your family are invited to attend this inspirational musical, which portrays a variety of parables mainly from the Gospel of Matthew as well as the passion of Jesus Christ through the use of entertaining dialogue, improv, song and dance. It will surely ignite the Lenten season for all audiences young and old! Don't miss this opportunity to experience *GODSPELL* at John Carroll! The performance will take place in the Bruno Auditorium at, 300 Lakeshore Parkway, Birmingham, AL 35209. Check out the dates and times of the performances below:

- Friday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 19 at 2:30 *
- Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m.

**Following the Sunday matinee performance, there will be a special "Talk Back" where children can personally meet and ask the high school actors questions.*

Tickets will be sold at the door. Catholic feeder school students and John Carroll students get in free with either their activity pass, or student ID. Tickets for additional students are \$7, and Adults \$10. The musical is Directed by Joey Plaia, Musical Director Maria Wilson, and Choreographer Allie David. For more information about John Carroll and its Theater Department, visit www.jcchs.org or John Carroll Theatre's Website at <https://sites.google.com/a/jcchs.org/john-carroll-theatre/>.

FAITH DIRECT

To update your Faith Direct giving online:

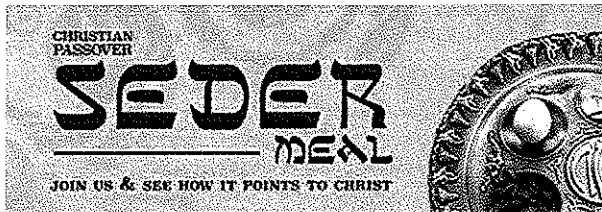
Go to www.faithdirect.net and sign in with your user name and password.

Click on "Edit My Gifts," this will take you to the page showing your current "My Gifts" and click Edit if you wish to modify. Scroll through Annual Collections, Offertory Collections, and One-Time Gifts to those options available, for example Weekly 50/50 Gift or Monthly 50/50 Gift.

For those who wish to switch to Faith Direct, you can visit www.faithdirect.net and enroll online using our parish code: AL414.

If you wish to chat with a customer service representative, call their toll-free number, 866-507-8757, to speak with someone directly.

YOUTH CORNER



BLAST and JCREW
Sunday, March 19th
6:00pm – 7:30pm

The ritual meal commemorating the events of the Exodus is called the Seder. In the Christian tradition, the Passover Seder is also believed to be when Jesus instituted the Eucharist.

Come join us as we share in this ancient custom which celebrates our tradition of Christ's Last Supper along with the Jewish heritage of the Passover meal.

For more information, to register, or volunteer to help, please contact Mary Beth Crumly at saintmarkyouthbham@gmail.com.

Family members of BLAST and J-CREW are invited to join us, if you wish. Please register, so we can set up separate tables and have enough food.

Stewardship *A way of living*

The result of our Pledge Drive, as of March 7th, is very promising. With only a month into it, we have received **262** pledge cards with the money pledged totaling **107%** of that which was pledged in 2016. Our parish has **1258 families** and over 850 are giving in ways that are easily track able. Approximately **250** families contribute through Faith Direct and about **600** contribute through the parish envelopes.

As you know, one of our goals this year is to restructure the **youth ministry programs**. Another is to provide more space for our growing parish, through the construction of a new **Parish Life Center**. In restructuring the youth ministry programs we **will** incur some additional personnel costs as we expand our staff to help serve the needs of our families and the youth of our parish. For this reason, and the need to provide enough seed money to begin our new Parish Life Center, we have asked each family, if they are able, to increase their total pledge by 5%. This increase will replace the need for a Capital Campaign Drive.

If you have not yet completed your pledge, we strongly encourage you to **please** do so as soon as possible. Pledge Cards can be found at the Greeters' desk or you can pick one up at the parish office. There is a place on the Pledge Card to designate a percentage for Building Fund and for the Offertory collection. We encourage at least **50% to the Building Fund** and **50% to Offertory Collection**. Our diocese taxes the Offertory Collection at the rate of 12.5% but does not tax the Building Fund. So 100% of your donation designated for the Building Fund **goes** to the Building Fund.

If you would like to have your contribution automated please look at this week's bulletin. It has detailed instructions of how to setup your giving through Faith Direct. Please remember, even though you have already setup a Faith Direct account, you must go online to add the additional 5% to your existing contribution. Just noting it on the Pledge Card will not make it happen. Only you have control of your Faith Direct account.

We again express our gratitude for the wonderful response we have received to our Stewardship Pledge Drive. We want to thank you very much!

The Stewardship Committee



Saint Mark
the Evangelist Catholic Church

The position of **Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry** is a full-time position. The Director is a person of prayer who is committed to the authentic teachings of the Catholic Faith, and as a catechetical leader is able to assist adults, adolescents and children of the parish in their faith formation.

The Director reports directly to the pastor and is on the parish staff working with other staff members to foster and maintain a working environment where worship, prayer and learning are the primary motivators. To ensure parish family input in the programs, the Director will work with a Youth Ministry Advisory Committee.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry include, but are not limited to:

1. Parish Religious Education Program

- Administer the Parish Religious Education Program
- Provide access and inclusion for children with special learning needs
- Develop a calendar for classes and activities
- Recruit, orientate and provide ongoing training and spiritual development for parish catechists
- Budget for all expenses related to the Parish Religious Education Program
- Oversee other educational youth programs, including Vacation Bible School, Lenten and May devotion, and Children's Liturgy of the Word

2. Sacramental Program

- Oversee the coordination and sacramental preparation of parish school age candidates
- Schedule the dates for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation
- Coordinate sacramental meetings for parents of these children.
- Plan retreats, service projects and other special events

3. Family Ministry

- Enlarge creative ways to involve all of the families of the Parish
- Advance ways that families can grow in their Catholic identity today
- Communicate with families through parish bulletin and letter to families
- Develop family activity times in conjunction with the liturgical year
- Collaborate with service projects and outreach for families

4. Parish Youth Groups

- Supervise the Youth Minister(s) of the Middle School BLAST Program (Believing, Living and Sharing the Truth for grades 6-8) and the J-Crew Program (Jesus Crew for grades 9-12)
- Provide regular meetings and opportunities for youth to integrate their faith, experience a deeper prayer life and build community
- Expand opportunities for service and ministry in the community and for participation in the diocesan CROSS Retreats and the national (NCYC) gathering of youth in the USA

Liturgical Schedule	Saturday, March 18, 2017 4:00 PM	Sunday, March 19, 2017 7:45 AM	Sunday, March 19, 2017 10:30 AM
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Jenny Camp, Ruth Cook Kelly Ferrell, Sonny Jones Ann Penton, JoAnne Rixey Theresa Romano, Eva Shepherd	Paul Albano Suzy Gray Theresa LoMonaco Katherine Rall Ginny Willis	David Castagnetta, Eleanora Castagnetta Mary Beth Crumly, Keri Eitzen Marsha Floyd, Rosemary Johnson Chris Keller, Theresa LoMonaco Joe Scotch
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Lectors	Ruth Breipohl - 1 Ree Morin - 2	Jim E Smith Jr - 1 Milton Davis - 2	Chuck Trierweiler - 1 Donna Francavilla - 2
Altar Servers	Jonathan Zaleski Mary Keithleen Favela, Ella Sciarra Nicholas Foster, Emma Zaiantz	Cooper Gray Bella Garza, Tanner Gray Mary Caroline Gray, Laura Valderrama	Anja Trierweiler Jackson Shields, Kaitlyn Shields Brock Shields, Lauren Shields
Mass Coordinators	Bill & Jeanne Welsh	Cindy & Joe Evans	Coley & Richard Robichaux
Greeters	Larry Angell, Joanne Angell Linda Grainger	Anthony Cuicchi Diane Cuicchi	Laura Hughes, Al Lupenski Sandee Rhodes, Myrna Scotch
Altar Linens	Feri Elkourie		
Cantors	Allison Creel	John Floyd	Kathryn Garaca

SHINE A LIGHT ON FIRST LIGHT THIS EASTER!

We are seeking donations to restock the shelves at First Light, a center for homeless women and children. Our Easter giving tree will be set up in the Narthex for all weekend Masses March 11th through March 19th.
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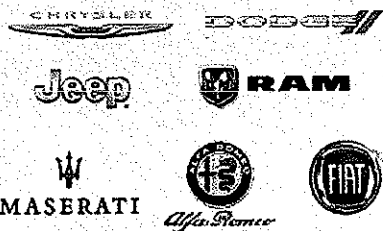
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