



## Sixth Sunday of the Year February 11 & 12, 2017

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday

5:00 PM Dave & Betty Mullen / R. & B. Fortunati

#### Sunday

8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Jo Ann Cretaro

10:30 AM Victoria Cirilli / Mary Smith

#### Monday

8:00 AM Ed & Marlene Fuller / R. & B. Fortunati

#### Tuesday ~ St. Valentine's Day

8:00 AM † Peter Wright / Bill & Claire Patton

#### Wednesday

8:00 AM † Peter Wright / Bill & Claire Patton

#### Thursday

9:00 AM

#### Friday

8:00 AM † Berkley Smith / Mary Smith

#### Saturday

5:00 PM † Tanya Liner / Mary Jane Marion

For Mass intentions for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, contact the office at 251-962-3649.

**Visiting Priest:** Rev. Charles McCabe

**Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



**Edith Scott Ashworth**, Martha Broz, Pat Chubb, Pat & Sheila Clemens, Peter Colombaro, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, Barbara & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, Jo Flynn, **June Henderson**, Shirley Joffrion, Jackie Johnston, **Judy Jordan**, Mary Link, **Carl Lenz**, **Curtis Malone**, Ann-Marie Mann, Monk Manning, Richard Muller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Arthur Nichols, Richard Peterson, Jerome Radtke, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, Harriet Shields, Mary Stenzel, Margaret Schaff, Sr. Thérèse, **Rick** & Pat Van Norden, Cece Vaness

#### ~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you know of someone or if you are homebound, ill, due to have surgery, or in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

### First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail

Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families

Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families

Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families

Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families

Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families

Living & Deceased Shields & Self Families

Living & Deceased Cretaro Family

† James E. Link

† Deacon John

Cretaro

† Anita Warriner

† Joseph LaManna

† Doris Mullek

† Frank Mullek, Jr.

Mignon Kilday

### This Week's Schedule

Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Adult Faith Formation Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday	10:30 AM	Choir Practice
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Chair Aerobics – IMH
Wednesday	4:30 PM	Catechism Class – IM Hall
Thursday	4:00 PM	Choir Practice for Confirmation (See below)



#### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 88 8:00 AM = 71 10:30 AM = 91 Total = 250

#### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for February 5 = \$2,634.00

Maintenance = \$636.00

**Special Second Collection – TODAY**

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

**SVdP Special Collection~ NEXT WEEK ~ Many thanks!**

**End-of-Year Tax Report ~** Anyone needing their contributions for 2016 may call the church office.

### Pray for the Dead

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Harry Fletcher, who died last week. Our sympathy to his family. May his soul rest in peace. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**March 1** “Souper Suppers,” including music, every Wednesday during Lent – 5:30 PM  
**March 3** **K. of C. Lenten Fish Fry** every Friday at St. Bartholomew Parish – 5:00 PM-7:00 PM  
**March 4** **Lenten Day of Recollection** at St. Bartholomew Parish – 8:00 AM – noon  
**March 18** **Liturgy meeting** for Confirmation/Easter at 9:00 AM in the church  
**March 19** **St. Joseph Feast Day Pot Luck** after 10:30 Mass for the Archbishop's visit and Confirmation

**REMINDER ~ “Divine Mercy for America” Novena** begins on the first day of **every** month. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany of the Saints for respect for the dignity of all life, sanctity of traditional marriage and families, and threat to our religious freedom – for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

### Gospel Reflections

**CHOICE** ~ “If you choose, you can keep the commandments,” Sirach tells us. God “has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand” (Sirach 15:15, 16).

This is a great mystery; God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own paths. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our ways within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves and a path through our part of the world to make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

~ **SANCTUARY FLOWERS** ~ If anyone would like to offer flowers for our altar in celebration of a special event or in memory of a loved one, please call the office.

**54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA** for an end to abortion and God's Peace and Justice for the U.S. continues every day in church at 3:00 PM through February 28.

**BINGO ~ Every Thursday ~ January through March** at St. Thomas by-the-Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach, AL. Early Bird games start at 5:30 PM and the regular games start at 6:30 PM. **Food Concession Stand Serves** hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and homemade soup or chili and desserts. **ALL** proceeds go to Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, a home located in Elberta for homeless pregnant mothers.

*“Saving One Life at a Time”*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The telephone number 215-279-7285 for St. Thérèse is no longer in service. Please use her previous number, 251-279-7285. Thank you.

### Church Cleaning – February 2017

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump

Floors/Pews – M. Fuller, B. Mullen, Donna Johnson

A schedule is posted on the bulletin board. If you are not able to keep your commitment, call Harriet Shields.

Instructions are posted on cabinet door in sink closet.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Help is needed for **April**.

#### Feb. 18 & 19

**Sat:** 5:00 PM

**Sun:** 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

#### Lectors

C. Puglisi

M. Handzus

B. Johnston

#### Ext. Ministers

S. Williams / P. Hilderbrandt

J. & N. Alemany

T. Danson / K. Service

#### Gift Bearers

T. & H. Shields

S. & M. Hillestad

Jarveis Family

#### Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone

R. Geiger / B. Partridge

J. Crump / B. Jarveis

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

If you have not returned your Catholic Charities envelope, please do so. The parish goal is to have every family participate to the best of their ability. Please be the Light of Christ for those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year's Catholic Charities Appeal and help us meet our goal of \$21,700 and obtain 100% participation. Your pledge envelope may be placed in the offertory collection.

**LENTEN “SOUPER SUPPERS”** ~ will be held in Immaculate Mary Hall on ALL Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 PM. There will be a sign-up schedule in the vestibule for anyone who would like to offer their favorite soup or dessert and to let us know when and what kind. We will also need helpers. Bread and beverages will be provided.

#### ARCHBISHOP VISIT AND CONFIRMATION

We are celebrating our Feast Day on March 19 with a visit from Archbishop Rodi, who will also confirm Chase Boler at the 10:30 AM Mass. A Pot Luck luncheon in Immaculate Mary Hall follows after Mass.

**“LOVE IS FOR GIVING”** ~ Scholarship Fundraiser sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary Knights of Columbus Council 2736 on February 10 at 6:30 PM at the St. John Paul II Center at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley. Tickets (\$15) include silent auction and social hour with heavy hors d'oeuvres. For more information, check the flyer on the bulletin board or call Teresa Rhodes, (251) 928 7210, Yvette Klump, (251) 955-2944 or Diane Perdue, (251) 504-8904.

This event funds scholarships to Saint Michael Catholic High School and is also for the benefit of Saint Benedict Catholic School students.

**“THE GIFT OF HOPE”** – February 20 – Orange Beach Community Center. Eleven Baldwin County nonprofit organizations that provide direct services to individuals and families in need will receive \$20,000 in grants from Michele's Hope at this event. Tickets (\$25) each, which include dinner and two adult beverages, may be purchased by calling Sally McKinney at 251-5961-2620. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

**Saint Benedict Catholic School Is Seeking Alumni** for its newly established directory. If you are alumni, please e-mail mkellersbcs@gmail.com.

#### The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Is 'IT' like 'IT' was, or is 'IT' as it used to be?

Is 'IT' any better and plain for me to see?

'IT' doesn't really matter, for was and is you know,

Is the same but different and goes back and fro.

The challenge is reality, for time we cannot tame.

Yesterday, tomorrow – with God they're all the same.