



Third Sunday of Lent March 18-19, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:00 PM † Sally Green / Bubzy & Mary Lou Partridge

Sunday ~ St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration

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

10:30 AM ~ Archbishop Rodi Visit & Confirmation

Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday

8:00 AM † Ed Costa / Steve & Peg Misztal

Tuesday

8:00 AM † Karen Chambers / Mike & Hannah Gale

Wednesday

8:00 AM † Christopher McDonough / B. & S. Krueger

Thursday

8:00 AM Matthew McCandless / McCandless

Friday

8:00 AM Prayer Intentions on Prayer Register

Saturday

5:00 PM † Jerry Chubb / Patricia Chubb

Dates are available for Mass intentions. Please call the office at 251-962-3649 to request your intentions.

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, Ken Cote, Pat & Sheila Clemens, **Diane Dickerson**, Ed Dubin, **Barbara** & Elizabeth Edwards, Nicole Fehn, Jo Flynn, Megan Geri, **June Henderson**, Shirley Joffrion, Jackie Johnston, **Judy Jordan**, Mary Link, **Curtis Malone**, Ann-Marie Mann, Richard Muller, Bob & Margaret Nail, Arthur Nichols, Nicholas Patrick Palemo, Bill Patton, Richard Peterson, Jerome Radtke, Annie Rutledge, **Anita Sanford**, George & 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 J. Cretaro

† Anita Warriner

† Joseph LaManna

† Doris Mullek

† Frank Mullek, Jr.

Mignon Kilday

† Joe Lacoy

Living & Deceased Kilday Family

Living & Deceased Chubb & Burns Families

Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families

Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families

Living & Deceased Lang & Pope Families

Living & Deceased Altar Society Members

The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith

Holy Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Schedule

TODAY

11:30 AM

**Welcome Archbishop Rodi
"Pot Luck" Luncheon – IMH**



Bring your favorite dish to share. Meat, dessert and beverage will be provided.

Monday 8:30 AM

Wednesday 9:00 AM

Wednesday 10:30 AM

Wednesday 11:30 AM

Wednesday 4:30 PM

Wednesday 5:30 PM

Friday 2:30 PM

Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall

Adult Faith Formation/Bible

Study – IM Hall

Choir Practice

Chair Aerobics –

Catechism Class – IM Hall

"Souper" Supper – IM Hall

(see below)

Stations of the Cross



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 93 8:00 AM = 42 10:30 AM = 75 Total = 210

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for March 12 = \$2,736.29

Maintenance = \$126,.00

2nd Collection – **next week** – Catholic Relief Services

(envelopes are in pews)

SVdP Special Collection ~ \$422.25 ~ Many thanks!

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

LENTEN "SOUPER SUPPER" & MUSIC ~ 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Join us every Wednesday during Lent for delightful country and gospel music by the "Three Chords & the Truth." Pick up a flyer at church entrances. To let us know if you are bringing a soup or dessert or to help, please list your offering on the schedule in the vestibule. Beverages and bread are provided. There is no charge, but a donation is suggested. **Thank you for your support and participation.**

WELCOME ~ Thank you for attending Mass with us today. We welcome all our visitors and new members and invite you to join in the ministries of our parish by sharing your gifts and talents. If you are not currently a registered member and wish to be, please fill out a census registration card in the vestibule or contact the parish office. Offertory envelopes are mailed quarterly and are also available at the office. We invite our visitors to sign the guest book in the vestibule.

Lenten Reflections

MORE ABOUT THE THREE BASIC LENTEN DICIPLINES

FASTING: Expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our needs and appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this, we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is reoriented toward God.

ALMSGIVING: Provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Property and wealth exercise less control over us when we give away or share our wealth out of love for God and for others. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of Christ's love.

PRAYER: Changes our relationship to God. Through prayer, we admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We acknowledge our limitations and let go of the drive to control everything. In the process, we open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.

"CIRCLE OF CARE" ~ If anyone is in need of a ride to the doctor, store, church, etc., please call our contact person, Sr. Thérèse, at 251-979-6515 or call the office. We are also looking for more people who are interested in helping with this ministry. For more information, please call Sr. Thérèse.

"FREE THE GIRLS" ~ Working Together Toward True Freedom

~ Our Altar Society is partnering with this outreach ministry program in Mozambique, Africa, to help human trafficking victims and to fight for justice and wholeness for survivors of sex trafficking. Let's pray together for "freedom for the captives" along with true healing. To find out more and how you can help, please call Sr. Thérèse.

"To proclaim good news to the poor...to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners..." (Isaiah 61)

Church Cleaning – March 2017

Restrooms, etc. – Charlene & Jason Crump

Floors/Pews – Marlene, Barbara B., William Edwards

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.

March 25 & 26

Sat: 5:00 PM

Sun: 8:00 AM

10:30 AM

Lectors

C. Puglisi

M. Handzus

H. Shields

Ext. Ministers

J. Caudill / Sr. Thérèse

B. & M. McCandless

B. & J. Johnson

Gift Bearers

S. Peterson / B. Kuntz

B. & C. Patton

B. & J. Johnston

Ushers

F. Mullek / Sal Pinzone

R. Geiger / T. Shields

J. Crump / B. Jarveis

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 25 Elberta Sausage Festival – Downtown – 8 AM to 5 PM - Support booths sponsored by Saint Benedict School (delicious baked items) and our Knights of Columbus Council.

March 26 Anointing of the sick after all Sunday Masses

April 1 First Saturday Devotion with Filipino Rosary Prayer Group followed by breakfast - IM Hall

April 2 "Coffee with the Padre" – 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

April 9 Seder Meal after 10:30 AM Mass – IM Hall

April 10 Parish Confession – 5:00 PM

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU." ~ The Season of Lent is a grace-filled time for us to turn to God's mercy. As part of our Lenten observance, priests have agreed to be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lenten season. They will be at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Foley, 601 West Laurel, 251-943-4009, on Wednesdays (March 22, 29 and April 5) from 6-8:00 PM.

"I urge each of us to take advantage of this opportunity to be reconciled with God. May God bless each of you." –Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi



Offering envelopes are in the pews. Please make checks payable to **"St. Joseph Altar Society,"** specify for Easter Flowers and place them in the offertory collection.

CRS RICE BOWLS are available in the vestibule. Please take one home and return it on Palm Sunday.

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL is actively enrolling students for the 2017-2018 school year. The school provides many extra opportunities for students in academics, the arts and sports outside of their regular classroom instruction. To learn more, visit the school on campus or at their website: www.saintbenedict.net.

GOOD COUNSEL MARY'S SHELTER GULF COAST

is hosting an **Open House** on Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 AM. We are a home for homeless pregnant women in need. Please join us to meet our staff and residents, learn about our mission, and tour our home. We are located at 14001 Boros Road in Elberta, Alabama. After visiting with us, you may want to attend the Sausage Festival in downtown Elberta.

JOB OPENING – Resident Advisors needed. Inquiries: linda_glover@goodcounselhomes.org.

The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail



He was born to die for me;
I was born to live for Him.
With His death He ransomed me;
When He rose He set me free.

