



## Second Sunday of Lent March 11-12, 2017

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM † Karen Chambers / SVdP Conference  
**Sunday**  
8:00 AM Betty Bovat / William Miller  
10:30 AM Ken Cote / Patricia Cote  
**Monday**  
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Jo Ann Cretaro  
**Tuesday**  
8:00 AM Tommy & Harriet Shields / Partridge  
**Wednesday**  
8:00 AM John Mullek / B. & M. McCandless  
**Thursday**  
8:00 AM Tommy & Harriet Shields  
**Friday ~ St. Patrick (Abstinence)**  
8:00 AM Bill & Kristy McCandless / McCandless  
**Saturday**  
5:00 PM † Sally Green / Bubzy & Mary Lou Partridge

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, 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

Monday	8:30 AM	Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Tuesday	9-11 AM	Food Pantry Day – 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
Wednesday	5:30 PM	"Souper Supper" – IM Hall (see below)
Thursday	4:00 PM	Choir Practice for Confirmation
Friday	2:30 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9:00 AM	Liturgy Meeting – Church



### ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 60 8:00 AM = 73 10:30 AM = 84 Total = 217

### STEWARDSHIP

Offertory Gift for March 5 = \$2,629.75

Maintenance = \$1,050.00

Black & Indian Missions = \$380.00

**Special second collection – TODAY – SVdP Thank You!**

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



Our April "Padre Breakfast" will be on the **First Sunday (April 2)** and will be hosted by our Knights of Columbus Circle.

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

Join us every Wednesday during Lent for delightful country and gospel music from "Three Chords & the Truth." Pick up a flyer at church entrances. To let us know if you will bring a soup or dessert or to help, please check the schedule in the vestibule. Beverages and bread will be provided. There is no charge, but a donation is suggested. **Thank you** for your support and participation in these fun events!



### Saint Joseph FEAST DAY CELEBRATION – NEXT SUNDAY

Archbishop Rodi's visit and Confirmation at 10:30 AM Mass followed by Pot Luck luncheon. Bring your favorite dish. If you can't bring something, come anyway! There is always plenty of food. Meat, dessert and beverages will be provided. For more information or to help, please call Harriet Shields at 205-405-7499.

### Lenten Reflections

#### WHY DOES LENT SEEM SO NEGATIVE?

Starting with the somber symbol of ashes, Lent indeed has its negative side, in part because Lenten discipline aims to make us aware of our own weakness and sin and need for conversion and renewal. We won't seek a doctor if we don't know we're sick. We won't seek help unless we realize how much we need help.

But the purpose of Lenten discipline isn't negative. Self-denial is necessary, said St. Augustine, because unless we can give up what is good, many of us cannot avoid committing evil when tempted. Self-denial helps us empty ourselves so that we can be filled with God, and helps us hunger and thirst for the food and drink our souls need. We freely give up good for the promise of something better.

We should not undertake Lenten disciplines as if by themselves they heal us, make us holy or earn God's favor. Rather, their purpose is to open our hearts so that the Holy Spirit can work in us.

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

### 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. Therese.

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

**CHURCH YARD CLEAN-UP DAY for Archbishop's visit – March 17** after Mass. In case of rain, come at 8 AM on Saturday, March 18. For more information, call Tommy Shields at 1-205-405-7499.

### 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 18 & 19

**Sat:** 5:00 PM  
**Sun:** 8:00 AM  
10:30 AM

### Lectors

P. Marceau  
L. Willis  
S. Williams

### 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 / T. Shields  
J. Crump / B. Jarveis

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 18 Liturgy meeting for ministers participating in Confirmation (not Easter) – 9 AM – church.  
March 19 St. Joseph Feast Day – Archbishop Rodi's visit and Confirmation at 10:30 AM Mass followed by Pot Luck luncheon – IM Hall  
March 26 Healing Mass (check future bulletin for time)  
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

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fr. Chuck wishes to thank everyone for their gracious hospitality during his visit. He is recovering from his illness and doing much better.

### LAST LENTEN FISH FRY ~ March 17 ~ 5 PM - 7:30 PM

Saint Bartholomew Benedictine Hall, Elberta  
Adult \$8/Child \$4. Proceeds benefit Saint Benedict Catholic School, Knights of Columbus Council #2736 and St. Bartholomew Catholic Church.



**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. Some activities are for an additional fee, and some are free. If you would like to learn more, you may visit the school on campus or at their website: [www.saintbenedict.net](http://www.saintbenedict.net).

### GOOD COUNSEL MARY'S SHELTER GULF COAST

**JOB OPENING** – Resident Advisors needed. This is a paid position with benefits. Inquiries for job description can be sent to [linda\\_glover@goodcounselhomes.org](mailto:linda_glover@goodcounselhomes.org). or call Kay Trattles at 251-986-6200.

### COME ~ EXPERIENCE PEACE IN THE PINES

at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Rd., Fort Mitchell, AL 36856 – Holy Week Silent Private Retreat on April 10-16 (Eastern Time). For info, call 334-855-4525.

### The Old Country Philosopher Sez - Bob Nail

Our Best is like filthy rags  
To the God who is pure good.  
All we can do is strive each day  
To do the things we should.