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MASSES: Saturday: 5:00pm.,

Sunday: 8:30am. and 11:15am.

WEEKDAYS: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00am.

Wednesday at 7:00pm.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday –Thursday 9:30am – 1:30pm.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30pm. – 5:00pm. Or by appointment.

MARRIAGE PLANS: Must be made 6 months before date of wedding

MORNING ROSARY: 8:30am. before Mass.

MONDAY: Miraculous Medal Novena, following Rosary.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: Novena To The Sacred Heart of Jesus – before 9am Mass
Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am – 12:30pm

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION: Third Sunday of every month at 7:00pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: August through May/ Ages 3 through high school

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, January 25, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 26, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2014

Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

— Psalm 27:14



Mass Intentions Jan 27– Feb. 2



Monday: Harry Scruggs by the Brazzolottos †

Tuesday: Kenneth Reid by Jeanie Reid †

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Thursday: Eric Reid by Jeanie Reid

Friday: Peter Elie by the Elie Family

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Hugh Crowson by the Brazzolottos †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Betty Brennan, Frank Dickinson, Dianna Markovich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid, Doris Gregg, Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Guy Veasey, Daniel Centilli, Andrew Centilli, Denny Gentry, Lance Stella, Cindy Naro, Carla Rockhill, Hildie Bowman

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line call Sharon Stice at 256-338-0207, or email:

cocoapuff@centurytel.net

Please note that names remain on the prayer list for 30 days and then are removed unless the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Reading Jan. 27– Feb. 2

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26;
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30;
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14;
Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11;
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday &

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]



Shower of Blessings

**You are invited Sunday,
February 2, 2014, after
11:15am Mass.**

Cheryl Ciamarra, Alabama Citizens for Life Board Director to The National Right to Life Committee in Washington D.C., will speak Sunday, February 2, 2014, at the Shower of Blessings after the 11:15 Mass to update us on Alabama's Pro-life Legislation's current status as well as proposed legislation for this session. She will also answer any pro-life matters of concern you may have. All are invited, and please bring your Baby Bottles to benefit Ann's New Life Center.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

How difficult it is to maintain a sense of unity and common purpose in times of fragmentation and rank individualism.

St. Paul contends with this challenge as he writes to the young Christian community of Corinth. Already they are divided by "rivalries", as some claim allegiance to one leader, while others adhere to someone else. Some claim to follow Paul, others claim allegiance to Apollos and others to Cephas (Peter).

Paul emphatically makes the point that it is not the minister of baptism who matters, only the Christ in whom all are baptized.

It is well to remind ourselves that our primary allegiance is to Jesus Christ— nothing else. Not a particular parish (even though you may think your parish is the greatest or even cool). Nor is it a certain Pastor or a particular Deacon, or a favorite devotion, an established way of celebrating Liturgy, or even an accustomed way of thinking about God.

Paul also speaks of his mission to preach the Gospel, "not with the wisdom of human eloquence" but to present a Christ who suffered and died for us. Clever words and new found gimmicks will hardly be enough. A Christ without the Cross would be a deception.

In the Gospel reading, Matthew gives us the beginning of Jesus' ministry, his early preaching and the calling of his first disciples. We marvel at the immediate response of the two sets of brothers, Peter and Andrew; James and John. They left their careers and their families to follow Jesus. Is the Kingdom of God worth all that, you ask. Yes and much more.

St. Gregory the Great wrote: "The Kingdom of God has no assessment value put on it, but it is worth everything you have. To Zacchaeus it was worth half his goods, because he kept the other half to restore fourfold what he had taken unjustly: to Peter and Andrew it was worth the nets and boat they gave up; to the widow it was worth two small coins: to another person it was worth a cup of cold water. The Kingdom of God, as I said, is worth everything you have."

A Special Thanks: To the great number of Parishioners, 62, who took part in the Morning of Reflection on the meaning of the Liturgy in Parish life. Fr. Rick Chenault gave us many insights and new motivation for re-committing ourselves to our various Liturgical Ministries.

Sympathy & Prayers: We extend our heartfelt sympathy & prayers to John Manning and to Ron & Wendy Struzik and family on the death of Wendy's mother, Sherry Manning—A woman of deep faith.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS January 26– February 2

Sunday—Jan. 26

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

Special Collection—
Church in Latin America

*RE

*Baby Bottle Drive cont.

Monday— Jan. 27

Mass 9am

*Legion of Mary—after Mass

*Bridge

*Liturgy Committee Mtg. 6pm

*Knights of Columbus Mtg. 7pm

*Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm

Tuesday—Jan. 28

Mass 9am

* RCIA 7pm

Wednesday— Jan. 29

Mass 7pm

*Ministries Reception after Mass

Thursday—Jan. 30

Mass 9am

Friday—Jan. 31

Mass 9am

*Bible Study—II Corinthians 10am

Saturday—Feb. 1

Feast of St. Blaise

Mass 5pm

*Confessions 3:30-5pm

Sunday—Feb. 2

Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of throats after all Masses

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

*RE / Youth Mass 11:15 am

*Shower of Blessings after 11:15 Mass

—Our deepest sympathy & prayers too to Bunny Zopfi, to Tom Zopfi, and Michelle Yancey & Tanya Osborne on the death of Joseph Amaro, a father and grandfather. He died at the age of 97 and lived a life of exemplary faith. May they be counted among the Saints.
Peace & Blessings, Fr. Sexton

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

Actual	Budget
*Offertory: \$ 5818.22	\$5199.00
<u>Year-to-date</u>	
*Offertory: \$163,933.11	\$150,771.00

Includes Holy Days

The Love Pantry!!!

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

Total cans last week — 56 cans.

Thank you for your generosity!



The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of Catholic men and women, who offer their services to their pastor to assist in performing spiritual works in the parish. Meets Mondays following Mass.

Contact: Audrey Springer 205-365-0211



Knights of Columbus
Council 12270

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization open to Catholic men, 18 and older, in good standing with the faith. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie: it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your church, while enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about. Contact: James Raynor 205-884-1777 or J.P. Willi (205-338-3131). Our website is : www.ollkofc.com.



Mark Your Calendars

For The Old Women at the Well
 Saturday, February 8, 2014
 10:00 am

. We can't wait to see you there! **Bring a friend!!!**
And.....Don't forget to bring a dish to share for lunch .

Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Elizabeth (Bit) Thomaston at (205)338-1080 or email at phillip050@centurytel.net.

Faith

Fellowship

Friendship

Adult Choir Practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm. If you are interested in joining the choir please contact Charmaine Welch 205-913-4967.



Surfsiders: Fun and Games

Meets every third Wednesday of the month in the church hall. For more information call Larry Martens 256-338-6927.



Pro Life Corner

Month 9 —I'm here!

Thanks for praying for me!

Shower of Blessings will be
Sunday, February 2, 2014



after the 11:15 Mass.

Please note this is a different date than what was printed on the Church Calendar.
Our speaker this year will be

Cheryl Ciamarra.

Retreats and Other Programs



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 107 Holy Trinity Road · Fort Mitchell, Alabama 36856
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 www.msbt.org/mis_btstr.htm

Annual Men's Retreat:

Christian Men Following in the Footsteps of Jesus

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat is offering our **Annual Men's Retreat** entitled "Christian Men Following in the Footsteps of Jesus" on Feb. 7-9, 2014. This retreat will explore elements of a spirituality for men in the world, emphasizing the major characteristics of Jesus, as well as how we are called to be the "hands, feet, and eyes" of Jesus. The presenter is Brother Loughlan Sofield, S.T.

Cost: \$170 (includes \$40 non-refundable deposit)

The retreat begins with registration at 7pm Fri, Feb 7th and concludes with dinner at noon on Sunday. For registration information call (334)855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat,

107 Holy Trinity Rd, Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856.

Grief Recovery Support Group

Grief Share

Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group for people who are grieving the death of someone close to them.

Seminars will be held on Wednesdays starting Jan. 15th, at 6pm and continuing every Wednesday for 13 weeks.

Seminars are facilitated by Janet Betz. Please call 205-338-1113 between 4pm & 6pm for questions or more information.

Seminars will be held at Arbor Baptist Church in Pell City.

1st Annual

Godly Women R One Retreat

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

722 East St S

Talladega, Alabama

Pastor: Fr. Thomas Woods

Presented By The Ladies Guild

Saturday, February 1, 2014

9:00 - 2:00PM

Registration/Sign-in 8:30-9:00

\$10.00 Donation

"God's Wonder Woman as the modern woman, connecting with our spiritual self"

The modern woman plays multitudes of roles: mother, jobs, carpools, wife, and spiritual leaders.

"United we come to serve and lift him up in our daily lives".

ASSIGNMENT LIST

January 29– February 2

WEDNESDAY MASS 1/29/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers
Lector

Tiffany Rochford, John Smith
Bernie Funderburg

SATURDAY MASS 2/1/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers
Greeters

Lector
Ministers

Ushers

Bernie Funderburg, Jim Gorman
(S) Susan Moseley
(N) Judy Dawley
Sonia Dale, David Springer
Martha Hayes, Gloria Albright,
Jim Dale
Cecil Rodgers, Jim Dale,
Jim Gorman, Bob Nicholas

SUNDAY MASSES

2/2/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors
Ministers

Ushers

Ryan Curran, Michael & Anthony
Emerick, Matt Frey
(S) Jacky/Tommie Johnson
(N) Mike/Kitty Gordon
Dennis Veigl, Rose Ballard
Deacon, Anna Emerick, Michael,
Teri and Ronni Gagliano
Michael Gagliano, Gregg Becnel,
Jackie Johnson, Tommie Johnson

11:15 AM

Altar Servers

Greeters

Lectors
Ministers

Ushers

YOUTH MASS

Tiffany Rochford, John Smith, Will
Pittman, Natalie Newcomb
(S) Savannah Mock
(N) AnnMarie Freeman
Taylor Vernon, Joe Pittman
Deacon, Stephen Poteracki, Monica
Liverman, Andrew Reese, Mariah
Toohey
Don Frederick, Tyler Newcomb,
Monica Liverman, Layne Monistere,
Sawyer Stice, Chris Gallegly

If you cannot keep your assignment

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on the Sunday Gospel

January 26, 2014 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

Adults: To whom could you preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than with words?

Adultos: ¿A quién podrías predicarle el Evangelio de Jesucristo esta semana con hechos y no con palabras?

Child: What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

Niños: ¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana por alguien que les hable de Jesús?



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Jan 26 RE 9:45am

Jan 28 RCIA 7pm

Jan 31 Fri Adult Bible Study

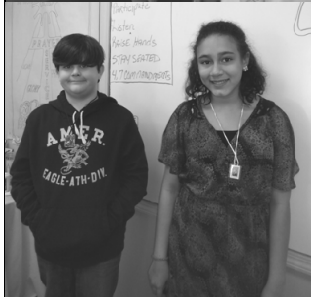
*10am II Corinthians

Feb 2 RE 9:45am * Youth Mass 11:15am

Feb 3 Parent Mtg. for Confirmation 7pm

Congratulations to the following students who have been enrolled in the Holy Scapular

Madison Barnes, Katie Boyle, Marc Halog, Harry Houk, KJ VanBrimmer, Jacob Wiley, Mason Barnes, Jimillia Sayles.



May you always be robed in the protection of Jesus & Mary!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS*JOIN US!!! LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING



LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST

Grs PreK-Gr 2 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting * **Next Meeting FEBRUARY 9 ***

12:30-2:30PM Lunch will be served! call Joanna Murphree 473-1444.

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 every 2nd Sunday

Next Meeting **Next Meeting FEBRUARY 9 ***

5-7pm Dinner will be served! Call Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 What's Happening!

Our students and leaders will travel to Washington DC January 22-26. Please keep them in your prayers. For more info contact Chris Frey 473-4661

ALL YOUTH!!!! CHURCH LEAGUE BASKET BALL IS HERE!

Schedules for all ages are now posted in the RE Bldg. and Church Hall. See Chris Frey or Anna Emerick for more info.



Join the Fun and spread the Faith!



It's time to bring in your last year's palms and place them in the baskets in the foyers...

A PALM BURNING CEREMONY will take place **March 2** after the 8:30am Mass

Attention Parents of 5th thru 8th Grade Students:

Please take the time with your children and help them prepare for the

'Annual Religion Bowl'. The Bowl will be held February 23 * 9:45am

Together we can grow in faith!



ATTN: Parents of Students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation there will be a PARENT MEETING FOR CONFIRMATION

Feb 3 at 7pm

CONFIRMATION DATE HAS BEEN SET.

We will Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation **Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 7pm.**



Parish Messages

Just a reminder that 2014 Offertory Envelopes are here in the north foyer. Please, if you haven't already done so, pick yours up today!
If you have any questions please call the office 205-525-5161.
Thank you.



Parish Messages

Attention all Knights of Columbus! The next Council 12270 business meeting will be Monday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall conference room.



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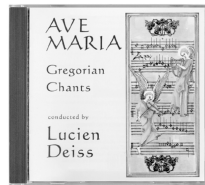
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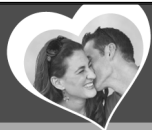


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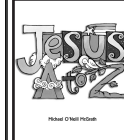
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