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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, March 29, 2014

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 30, 2014

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 30, 2014

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

- *Psalm 23:1*



Mass Intentions March 31-April 6

Monday: Joseph Amaro by Wayne & Dorothy Hayes †

Tuesday: Linda Riemenschneider by the Morteks †

Wednesday: Harry Scruggs by the Morteks †

Thursday: Special Intentions

Friday: Davis Maliekal by the Brazzolotto †

Saturday: Trudi & Andy McClay by the Zielinskis †

Sunday: Johnny Crapet Jr. by the Crapet Family †

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, Daniel Centilli, Andrew Centilli, Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Michael Cozzi, Matt Joiner

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 205-338-0207, 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 March 31-April 6

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday &

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama Office of the Bishop

March 14, 2014

Dear Family in Christ,

How will you help Jesus in Disguise?

An important opportunity to express Christian compassion and generosity is the Catholic Relief Services Collection. The collection is scheduled for the weekend of March 29-30, 2014.

Catholic Relief Services assists people in 94 countries on the basis of need, not race, creed or nationality. Funds from this special collection help Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR), an initiative sponsored by the USCCB Department of Migrant and Refugee Services (MRS). POWR works to help legally recognized refugees to the United States find work, learn job interview skills, build credit, and join vibrant faith communities in their new home.

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The Holy Father's Relief Fund assists victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world.

Please be generous in the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support will make a difference in the lives of millions of people in need. ■ know you will respond generously to this Lenten Appeal.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.
Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

The youth who would be king not by his own choice or the vote of the people but by a divine choice—David, the Shepherd-King in today's scripture. (1 Samuel 16:6-13)..

A blind man sitting by the roadside one day when Jesus happened to be passing by was the recipient of physical sight which he never asked for or expected. But, more than physical sight, he also received the light of faith. His joyful response: "I do believe, Lord" followed by his act of worship offered to Jesus is the culmination of a dramatic story in the Gospel reading this Sunday.

The Shepherd boy David was out in the fields tending his father's sheep when the prophet Samuel came looking for him: He almost missed the prophet's visit. His seven brothers were presented to Samuel in the hope that one of them would be the one God wanted to be King. Here the rules of logic and the ancient custom of seeing the first-born son as favored had to give way to God's choice. Even though David was the youngest, he was the one chosen. God's ways are often surprising and mysterious as always, God remains supremely free in his decisions and in the Gospel story everyone is blind in some way. The disciples were locked in to an old theology that said physical handicap is a punishment for sin. Jesus said no to that.

The Pharisees, the keepers and guardians of the faith, had no idea how to explain what Jesus did. The Sabbath, they said was no time for miracles.

The neighbors did not recognize the blind man after he received his sight. Why could they not see this? The parents of the blind man considered membership in the Synagogue more important than standing up for their son and accepting his cure.

The man who had been born blind came to full sight and the insight of faith. All the other characters in this all too human story fall into pervasive blindness.

Where are the blind spots in my life? What prejudice or unexamined custom or bad theology has kept me from seeing the light and the truth?

Pope Francis on what the Church needs in its Leaders:

"Leaders who can appeal to the world to charm it with the beauty of love and to seduce it with the freedom bestowed by the Gospel...sowers of the Word, confident of its truth" (Feb. 27, 2014).

And a Prayer too: "May every little death in life teach us how to die the last death that is the beginning of true life" (Caryll Houselander—1954).

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 30-April 6

Sunday—March 30

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

***Knights of Columbus 5th Sunday**

***2nd Scrutiny 11:15am**

***RE –Lenten Penny Bong cont.**

***Reconciliation Gr. 6, 7, & 8**

Monday— March 31

Mass 9am

***Legion of Mary—after Mass**

***Bridge**

Tuesday— April 1

Mass 9am

*** RCIA 7pm**

Wednesday— April 2

Mass 7pm

Thursday—April 3

Mass 9am

Friday—April 4

Mass 9am

***First Friday Adoration 9:30-12:30**

***Bible Study-Matthew 10am**

***Fish Fry 5-6:45pm**

***Stations of the Cross 7pm**

Saturday—April 5

Mass 5pm

***Confessions 3:30-5pm**

***3rd Scrutiny 5pm**

Sunday—April 6

Mass 8:30 & 11:15am

***RE /Youth Mass 11:15am**

***RE Penny Bong Cont..**

***Reconciliation High School**

***Adult Ed 9:45**

FINANCE NEWS
July 2013-June 2014
Last week

| Actual | Budget |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| *Offertory: \$ 4622.30 | \$5199.00 |
| <u>Year-to-date</u> | |
| *Offertory: \$206,229.48 | \$192,363.00 |

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 — 34 cans.

Thank you for your generosity!



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.



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, April 12, 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) Thomas-ton at (205)338-1080 or email at phillip050@centurytel.net.

LENTEN CHALLENGES?

Try the following

PRAY for our RCIA members.

Melanie Allor, Ashley Goodwin, Ann Marie Wilhoite.

Pictures are in both foyers. Please introduce yourself, pray and encourage these candidates as they continue their RCIA Journey through Holy Saturday. A wonderful way to share your faith, build new friendships and build the Kingdom of God.

FAMILY CHALLENGES:

FISH FRYS 5-6:45pm

Gather the Family and keep the Fast! Dine with the K of C.



Following the Fish Fry *PRAY with us
THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm



Pick up your cross and follow me. Pray the **Passion of our Lord** as a family. Jesus asks, "**Won't you spend 1 hour with me?**"

HOLY WEEK BEGINS WITH PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13~Mark your Calendars NOW

Join us for the **LIVING STATIONS 7:30pm**

See Religious Ed page

APRIL 14 SEDER MEAL

You are invited to remember the Passover as we celebrate the

Seder Meal April 14 at 6 pm

!!!Reservations a MUST!!!

Deadline for reservations is March 30

Or call Parma 205 405-0948

This is the great 'today' that runs through Jewish and Christian stories: It is our story! Step into the past and live the joy of the future.



Retreats and Other Programs

Cullman, AL St. Bernard Prep School to host 30th Annual Bloomin' Festival

Arts and Crafts Fair

April 5-6, 2014. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission Donation to festival is \$5. www.bloominfestival.com or www.facebook.com/bloominfestival

5K/10K Run to be held on the running trails at St. Bernard on Saturday, April 5 at 7:30 a.m. All ages welcome to participate. Register online <https://www.raceit.com/Register/?event=25698>

Ave Maria Grotto admission is \$3 per person (festival weekend only)! www.avemariagrotto.com or www.facebook.com/avemariagrotto



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Holy Week Retreat

Blessed Tinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Michell, Al is offering a "Holy Week Retreat" on April 14-20, 2014. The Holy Week Retreat will simply be a time for joining our retreat center community in a silent retreat with the option of spiritual direction and of prayer times in common. There will be daily Mass at the retreat center on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will join St. Joseph Parish at Holy Trinity for the liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday). We welcome you to join us for all or part of this week.

The fee is \$60.00 each overnight (includes 3 meals daily)

The retreat begins with supper at 6pm (Eastern time) on Monday, April 14, 2014 and concludes Easter Sunday following breakfast. For registration info call 334-855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Rd., Ft. Mitchell, Al 36856.

ASSIGNMENT LIST

April 2-6

WEDNESDAY MASS 4/2/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers John Smith, Ronni Gagliano
Lector Bernie Funderburg

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY 4/4/2014 7:00 PM

Altar Servers Tiffany Rochford, John Smith,
Sawyer Stice

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY MASS 4/5/2014 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Jim Gorman, Marty Poteracki
Greeters (S) Gisela Scruggs
(N) Susan Moseley
Lector Karen Hand, Rose Ballard
Ministers Tom Graffo, Gloria Albright,
Connie Hertrich
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob & Karen Hand,
Larry Foltz

SUNDAY MASSES 4/6/2014

8:30 AM

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Matt Frey, Michael
& Anthony Emerick
Greeters (S) Anna Emerick
(N) Janice Stella
Lectors Anna Emerick, Carey Monistere
Ministers Deacon, Michael, Teri & Ronni
Gagliano, Sarah Brazzolotto
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Chris Frey, Laura
Headley, Tom Graffo

11:15 AM

Altar Servers
Greeters
Lectors
Ministers
Ushers

YOUTH MASS
Stephen Poteracki, Monica
Liverman, Ryan Murphree, James
Lewis
(S) Patrick Buckland,
(N) Ethan Young
Hunter Paterson, Ryan Murphree
Deacon, Tiffany Rochford, Ryan
Curran, Danny Smith, Ronni Gagliano
Don Frederick, Chris Gallegly,
Sophie Poteracki, Alex Walser,
Hunter Patterson, Angel Frederick

If you cannot keep your assignment
PLEASE find a substitute.

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Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on the Sunday Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A * March 30, 2014

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

Adulto: ¿Qué haces en tu vida en este momento para avanzar hacia la luz en vez de las tinieblas?

Children: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

Niño: ¿Cómo puedes dejar que la luz de tu fe en Jesús brille para que otros la vean?

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

ALL YOUTH all ages ARE INVITED to make it a family affair & **JOIN US FOR THE LIVING STATIONS** April 13 7pm.

COMING SOON* APRIL 13 *7:30pm
ALL ARE INVITED TO
begin your Holy Week with the
LIVING STATIONS



7:30 pm

Contemporary Music begins at 7 pm

Join our Youth as they perform **THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD. BRING THE FAMILY, BRING A FRIEND** And share the faith.



Religious Education 2013-2014

Every Sunday at 9:45 am

Grs PreK thru 12

COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Mar 30 4th Sun Lent/RE 9:45am

Penny Bong Continues

Reconciliation Grs 6,7 & 8

2nd Scrutiny 11:15am Mass



April 1 RCIA 7pm

April 4 10am Bible Study * Gospel of Matthew

Fish Fry 5-6:45pm

Stations of Cross 7pm

April 5 3rd Scrutiny 5pm Mass (RCIA)

April 6 5th Sun Lent/RE 9:45am

Youth Mass 11:15am

Penny Bong Continues

Reconciliation Grs HS 9-12

ADULT ED Next Session May 4th at 9:45am



RCIA SCRUTINIES: A time of prayer and invitation for those Electing to continue to pray. We celebrate **Sat 4/5 the Third Scrutiny @ 5pm Mass**
The presentation of the Lord's

Prayer. "Go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father in secret." Mt 6:9-13

Join us as we pray for our candidates!

PENNY BONG!! ends April 13 *Bring that

silver change OR paper money and

LET'S FILL THE MILK JUGS!

Remember Pennies take away from total!



EASTER IS FAST APPROACHING, HOW HAS YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY BEEN? Let's focus on **PRAYER** this week. **Examine your consciousness** at the end of each day. Ask yourself where and how you experienced God's presence throughout the day. What does He desire from me? What do I desire of God? Pray with thanksgiving and openness to the stirring of the Spirit in your mind and heart. **Build awareness of the need to live simply and sustainable.** Shut off the lights, computers, television. Read the scriptures for the day and then form a prayer circle and express what you appreciate about each family member. Thanks God for one another. **Listen.** Ask no questions and hear what God is saying to you. Reflect on the Sunday Gospels. **Walk outside** with the Lord. See his nature in every new bud blossoming. Give Thanks!

Parish Messages

The Knights of Columbus are now taking applications for their scholarship funds to be given on Senior Sunday, May 18th. The applications can be obtained by requesting the forms from Jay Willi at jwilli@coosaahs.net. Applications must be received by April 27th.



Pro Life Corner



Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center

11th Annual GOLF FORE LIFE

Friday, May 2, 2014

at Highland Park Golf Course

SHOTGUN START at 1:00p.m

Lunch at noon

Have fun, save lives and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is **\$200** (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer and prizes will be awarded immediately following the tournament. We need 18 people to organize a foursome to make this year's fund raiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families and companies to a Hole Sponsor, **\$500.00** or half a Hole Sponsor, **\$250.00**. This Ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life and to support them in that decision. Post-Abortion healing support is also offered. The beautiful ministry of Her Choice exists because of the gracious giving of people like you. Please, support this event and contact H.C. at 205.447.8796 or golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.

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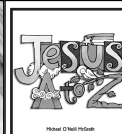
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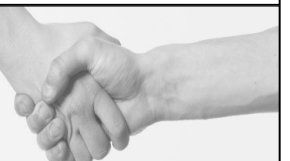
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