



First Sunday of Lent

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Sunday: 7:45 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
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Confession:

Saturday - 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. or by appointment

Weekday Mass (Chapel):

Wednesday: 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, Friday: 8:30 A.M.
First Saturday: 9:00 A.M.

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Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30AM-3:30PM
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Marriage Requirements:

Meet with Father Culotta @ 980-1810, ext. #2 at least six months in advance.
Visit wedding link on Web Site prior to meeting

Baptism Requirements:

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Parish Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers and all those who have asked for our prayers.

Helen Trabits, George James, Patricia Sheehan, Kathy Matuszak, Jeanette Larsen, Jane St. Denis, Don St. Denis, Santo Vizzina, Brennan Simkins, Elbert Bell, Ronnie Romano, Ronnie DeFalco, Peyton Abernathy, Brad Lembcke, James Trabits, Brent Sparkman, Donald David, Kevin Camp, Sam Culotta, Julie Seigle, Gary Weitekamp, Jenny Lyn Pair, Michael Pair, Joan Van de Veer, Marietta Molay, Mary Catherine Schroeder, Shari Grantham Robie Bencho, Henry Pitre, Jackie Tevendale, Elena Sain, Tom Smith, Betty Quinlivan, Dean Arrington, Buster Brandino, Hays Ziemann, Brad Rosenwald, Brooke Wallace, Craig Pearce, Stephen Lanzi, Bootsie Porter, Cindy Troha, Bobbie Keith, Robert Dillard, Joseph Lanzi, William Morgan, Carolyn Westrich, Samuel Belcher, Isabella Belcher, Jim Meggs, Cedric Webber, Vester Webber, Patsy Evans, Gertrude Sgroi, Richard L. Swetonic, Mary Ann Stith, Rosa Butera, Jim Charles, Kevin Glandon, Peggy Devenisha, Jon Montgomery, Nunzia Massaro, Darlene McCulloch, Sam Ferlisi, Jan Cavaleri, Sandy Marriner, Sr. Cecelia Zamboni, M.C., Ginger Scalici

Mass Intentions

Tues. Feb. 24 – NOON.....**Joan Harper**
Wed. Feb. 25 - 6:00 PM**Michael Centanni**
Thurs. Feb. 26 - 8:30 AM.....**Marlene Catalino**
Fri. Feb. 27 - 8:30 AM.....**Jean Funk**
Sat Feb. 28 - 4:00 PM.....**Cindy Stem**
Sun. March 1 - 7:45 AM....**Mary Agnes & Rocco Calamusa**
Sun. March 1 - 10:30 AM.....**People of the Parish**

Next Week's Readings

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thurs: Esr C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sun: *Second Sunday of Lent*
Gn 22:1-2,10-13,15-18; Ps 116:10,15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Financial Information

February 15, 2015

	(Budgeted)	(Actual)	(YtD Budget)	(YtD Actual)
Collection:	30,771	20,959	217,797	212,513
Faith Direct		17,748		

Current Parish Debt

\$3,193,186

Special Thanks

We are most grateful to our Parish Knights of Columbus for their continued generosity in providing the delicious meatless meal after the Ash Wednesday evening service.



Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to share the sad news that our parish secretary, Ginger Scalici, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. We join with her husband, Matt, their three children and three grandchildren in offering our encouragement, support and prayers. Ginger has taken a temporary leave of absence as she soon begins her treatment. During what we hope will be a short interval, our former Parish Secretary, Harriet Bischoff, has offered to assist us in the Parish Office. I appreciate the many parishioners who have already offered to lend a helping hand allowing Ginger and her Family the time needed to move towards a treatment plan. Let's keep the Scalici Family in our prayers and thank you for your understanding with the temporary staffing of our Parish Office.

The family has requested no visitors at this time, but welcomes everyone to visit the CaringBridge link (<http://links.t.caringbridge.org/>) for updates.

Hope and Joy,
Fr. Joe Culotta

Ecumenical Taizé Service to Take Place at Our Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will host an ecumenical Taizé prayer service on Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. The simple and reverent music of Taizé, along with the inclusion of Scripture, intercessory prayer, and time set aside for silent reflection, helps to provide a very meditative and personal liturgical experience for all who participate.

The theme for the hour of prayer will be *Rest Now in Me*. The Taizé service will take place in the church. Our Lady of Lourdes is located at 980 Huffman Rd. For further information, call (205)836-2274.

FOSM2015 – Be A Volunteer!

Now is the time to join the many others who share their time and talent as a volunteer at the annual Feast of Saint Mark Festival.

Thanks to the many who have volunteered to make the past three festivals a great success. We need your help again, and the help of others, this year. We hope we can count on you to help create yet another successful event.

To simplify the volunteer process, this year we have implemented an on-line sign-up procedure.

To volunteer, please go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0E48ACA62AA7FA7-volunteer . You will be asked for your contact information, your preference of shift and area to work. All volunteers will receive a free FOSM tee shirt, so don't forget to provide your shirt size on the website where asked.

If you have any questions about volunteering, or have trouble with the site, please contact Laura Belcher, (215) 635-6777, or Carol Bettis, (205) 572-1115. You may also send your questions to fosmstmarks@gmail.com.

Thanks for your continued support of this exciting Parish event!

FOSM Tickets!

Tickets for the 2015 FOSM Italian Food Festival are here! The Festival is on April 25th this year. Tickets are available in the Church office or online at www.feastofstmark.com.

Saint Mark's Web Page

We have been working on our WEB Page and invite you to visit us. You will see on the home page some special ways to connect to:

1. The Readings of the Day;
2. A 3 minute daily Retreat; and
3. Lenten reflections with Fr. Barron.

We offer these as ways to enrich your life during this Lenten Season...www.stmarkrc.org

40 Days

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February 18 - March 29, 2015

Register at 40daysforlife.com/birmingham

or call [205-305-0950](tel:205-305-0950) or text **40DAYS** to **42828**

The 40 Days for Life campaign is based on a three-point program of Prayer and Fasting; Constant Vigil; and Community outreach.

Vigil Site: Planned Parenthood 1211 27th PI S

Birmingham, AL 35205

7 days / week 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Youth Groups

During the Season of Lent both BLAST and JCrew will meet **EVERY SUNDAY** (BLAST 5:00-5:45 PM and JCrew 5:45-7:00 PM) in preparation for Easter.

There will be a joint BLAST and JCrew dinner from 5:45-6:15 PM. These meetings will focus on Spiritual Exercises and practices that can be helpful for our Spiritual Health similar to how Physical Exercises are good for our physical health.



It's Not Too Late!

You can still participate in the Parish Pictorial Directory. While the portrait sessions are over, you can use an existing photo of your own. If you are interested in this option, please email Kathy McMahon at kathymcmahon@bellsouth.net for specifics regarding jpegs & downloading requirements.

Mom's Group

The next meeting of the Moms Group will be February 25th at 10 AM in the Nursery in the Parish Life Center. Come join us for a time to meet other moms in our parish and let the kids play. For information contact Aisling Henninger at: quigley.henninger@gmail.com

Make Pizzelle Cookies

Join us as we gather to bake Pizzelle cookies to be sold at the Feast of Saint Mark Italian Food Festival. We will enjoy church community fellowship while baking these cookies. Bring your Pizzelle makers, don an apron and come to parishioner Donna Francavilla's home to participate in this annual tradition. Date: March 14, 2015, from 9 AM-12 Noon.

Place: Donna Francavilla's kitchen (address to be revealed when you sign up).

To participate, contact Monica Sbrissa at: my3kids@me.com or call (205) 790-6548.

In case you are wondering: What are Pizzelle cookies?

They are tasty traditional Italian wafer cookies that were originally made in Ortona, in the Abruzzo region of central Italy. The name comes from the Italian word for "round" and "flat" (pizze); this is also the meaning of the word pizza. The history of our Parish dates back 110 years when the first Italian immigrants arrived in Birmingham and established a church in the East Thomas District.

Adult Ed

Our Adult Ed series continues next Sunday March 1st, as we continue our Lenten Reflections. As we move through Lent and prepare for the Pascal feast each week we look at the upcoming week's readings. Next week our youth minister, Daniel Henninger, will offer the reflection for the readings of the Third Sunday of Lent.

Please join us next Sunday March 1 at 9 AM in the PLC. Refreshments provided.

Can You Help?

We have a single woman living in Sterrett who is in need of a ride to Sunday mass. If you are able to assist, please call Sr. Terry in the Parish office or email her (stmarkpa@bellsouth.net).

St. Mark's Pastoral Council

Highlights from the February 1st Council meeting:

- Mr. Charles Boyd of the Finance Committee presented the 2015-2016 budget for the Parish to the Pastoral Council. After reviewing the details, the Council voted to approve the proposed budget for 2015.
- Mr. Don Korn, chairman of the Green Committee, reported that the education of the PSR classes on recycling has been completed. Mr. Daniel Henniger and members of the High School Youth Group assisted the Committee with this teaching program. The efforts to make St. Mark's Parish a Green campus are moving forward.
- The Parish website is being updated and revised. The committee is working to make this a user-friendly site for our parishioners.

OLV Marriage & Family Life Program

Our Lady of the Valley Parish is having a Marriage and Family Life Program at 6:30 PM on:

March 5th: Fr. Kevin Bazzel on Annulments in the Catholic Church; and

March 19th: Mark Gungor offers via video, a presentation entitled "How to Stay Married Without Killing Anybody"

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Open House: Sunday, March 8, 2015, 2-4 PM.

Scripture Study

The Scripture Study group will resume its sessions on Thursday, February 26th in the Social Hall after the 8:30AM mass. The 90 minute sessions will continue each Thursday until March 26th. The Gospel of John 11:21 will be the focus. For books, contact Pat Armitage at patkenarmitage@gmail.com.

Grief and Loss Conference

Catholic Family Services, in partnership with Community Grief Support Services, cordially invites all to attend a two-day grief and loss conference on February 24th and 25th at Canterbury United Methodist Church. The speaker will be Dr. Alan Wolfelt, grief educator and counselor in his field. For registration and costs, you can call Community Grief Support Services at 870-8667.

Family Vocations Day

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church is hosting a free Family Vocation Conference on Sat., March 7th, from 9AM-3PM. The day includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Family Lunch, the Rosary, Confessions, and a Question & Answer session. Celebrating the Year of Consecrated Life & "The Joy of the Gospel." For registration: www.birminghamvocations.com.

Children's Lenten Events

Feb. 27th: Station of the Cross led by the children of the parish at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner.
March 21st: Little Children's Lent (ages 4-1st grade) get together.

Liturgical Schedule: Feb 28th & March 1st, 2015:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Saturday: Rebecca Blythe, Les Currie, Tom & Beverly Huddleston, Sharon Zaleski, Cathy Johnson, Pat Kantaris

Sunday: Sonny Jones, Theresa LoMonaco, Vincent Lovoy, Bonnie Murphy, Christian Short
(10:30) Sr. Terry Brethauer, Eleanora Castagnetta, Keri Eitzen, Marsha Floyd, Ana Hall, Leonard Mueninghoff, Joe Scotch, Steve Shoemaker

Mass Coordinator:

Saturday: Mike & Pat Kantaris

Sunday: Bill & Pat Roach
(10:30) David & Eleanora Castagnetta

Altar Linens: Diane Stith

Ushers:

Saturday: Jim Smith, Caleb Moore, Chris Moore, Jonah Moore

Sunday: Tom Perlich, Kurt Friend, Nicholas and Sarah Rose Perlich
(10:30) Rob Haley, Scott Riley

Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to Tom Membrino for receiving the "KNIGHT OF THE MONTH" award for January from St. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 13446. Tom is the Council Recorder. Tom's ability to capture the facts from our monthly meetings and distribute the minutes shortly afterwards, helps keep the members who were not able to attend informed. Tom is also our Church Director and takes the lead in getting notices of events or projects published in the church bulletin when needed. Tom is a member of the church choir and is also an integral part of the RCIA team for St. Mark's. Tom is the chairman of our annual "Tootsie Roll Drive" for mentally challenged children. Tom works hard to support the Knights and St. Mark's Church



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM followed by a meatless meal.

Alzheimer's & Dementia Support Group

Information for caregivers and healthcare professionals, will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month starting February 17th at 6 PM at Somerby. Call Valerie Boyd 229-4080 for information.

Cantors:

Saturday: Allison Creel

Sunday: John Floyd; Alex Slocum

Lectors:

Saturday: Pat Armitage, Chuck Trierweiler

Sunday: Ginny Willis, Donna Francavilla
(10:30) J Philip Troha, Lisa Arrington

Altar Servers:

Saturday: Emma Stephens, Tanner Gray, Anja Trierweiler, Ella Sciarra, Grace Spenser

Sunday: Matthew Pflaum, Brianna Braden, Adam Pflaum, Catherine Clark, Levi Hardegree
(10:30) Luke Rakers, Luke Arrington, Matthew Marquet, Zach Rakers

Greeters:

Saturday: Connie Bailey, Jayne Day, Tom Lager, Pat Smith

Sunday: Anthony & Diane Cuicchi
(10:30) Carlos Godinez, Laura Hughes, Myrna Scotch, Tom Slonnega

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