

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday
of the Year
September 22/23, 2018*



Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM † Deacon John Cretaro

Sunday - St. Pius of Pietrelcina
8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM † Larry Schaff / B. & M. McCandless

Tuesday
8:00 AM † Msgr. Timothy Deasy / Anonymous

Wednesday – Ss. Cosmas & Damian
8:00 AM † Richard Paterson / Lori NeSmith

Thursday – St. Vincent de Paul
8:00 AM Deceased members of St. Vincent de Paul Society / SVdP Conference

Friday- St. Wenceslaus
8:00 AM † Deacon John Cretaro / Anonymous

Saturday – Ss. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael
5:00 PM † Edwin Fuller / Marlene Fuller Family

To request a Mass in memory of or for the welfare of a loved one, please call the office.

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.



Juanita Baena, **Bill Brennan**, Cole Callahan, Berkleigh Cirilli, Ginny Cook, Allen & Gwen Dretzka, **Barbara Edwards**, Jim Edward, Nicole Fehn, Jo Flynn, Richard Fortunati, **Diane Geiselman**, June Henderson, **Susan Henderson, Valerie Hines, Gary Howman**, Judy Jordan, **Bud Kaechele, Mercedes Carol Knutson**, Mary Link, Brenda McCord, Curtis Malone, Bob & **Margaret Nail**, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Patton, Paul Peschel, Loretta Roy, John & Dotsie Santa Cruz, George Schaff, Ann Scott, Sheila Scott, Harold Shockley, Dave Woodford

~ Prayer Requests ~

Terry Danson – 251-961-2165 or tsdanson@gmail.com

If you or someone you know is homebound, ill, due to have surgery or is in the hospital and would like a visit from the pastor or to receive the sacraments, please call the rectory or the office.

First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nail	† James E. Link	James D. & Mary Lou Chunn Partridge & Family
Living & Deceased Kaiser, Klein & Murphy Families	† Deacon J. Cretaro	Living & Deceased Lacoy & Clancy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families	† Doris Mullek	Living & Deceased Kearns & Patterson Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families	† Margaret A. Mullek	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	† Joe Lacoy	The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	† A.M.S. Warriner	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Living & Deceased Shields, Self & Chambers Families	Mignon Kilday	Intentions of the President of the United States
Living & Deceased Cretaro & Kilday Families	Jo Anne Cretaro	of America

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday 9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday 10:30 AM Choir Practice – Church
Friday 8:30 AM Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

5:00 PM = 56 8:00 AM = 53 10:30 AM = 64 Total=173

STEWARDSHIP for September 16, 2018

Offertory = \$1,792.00
Maintenance = \$80.00
Renovation Projects = \$1,180.00
Catholic University = \$194.00
Special Second Collection **next week** – Visiting Priests

IMMACULATE MARY HALL REPAIR ~ We ask each parishioner to prayerfully consider pledging (or re-pledging) to the renovation work of our parish hall, which began last week. Please use our **"Parish Renovation Project"** envelopes in the pews and also in your quarterly offertory packets. **Thank you for your continued support!**

ACCW PRIESTS' BURSE CLUB dues help support our seminarians' education. Envelopes are in the pews and at church entrances. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for holy priestly vocations.

54-DAY NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Every day at 3 PM from Friday, September 14 through Tuesday, November 6 we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the rosary. Those who can come on weekends, please bring your children.

ATTENTION ALL 1ST – 8TH GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please call Pat Hilderbrandt (961-1010) to register for religious education (CCD) classes. Homeschooling will continue, and regular classes will begin in the parish hall after roof repairs and renovation are completed.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

~ CHRISTMAS SHARING PROGRAM ~

Please join us for our volunteer orientation/training meeting on Wednesday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m. at Catholic Social Services in Robertsdale. Volunteers will be trained to register families. We also need volunteers to sort, pack and distribute toys. A light lunch will be served. Call Peggy Peterson for more information at 947-3877.

Gospel Reflections ~ THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wish to instill in the disciples. Theirs must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("Who is the greatest?") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

A Stewardship Moment ~ In today's Gospel, we learn that the disciples of Jesus had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus is about to turn their idea as well as our society's idea of "greatness" upside down. He embraces a child and tries to help the Twelve understand that to be great is to be focused on something other than themselves. Jesus teaches that true "greatness" lies in being a good steward of those who are not great: welcoming one who is not viewed as great by our society's standards, like the child, the innocent, the vulnerable, the suffering, those who are outside our comfortable circle of family, friends, companions and colleagues, those who need a welcome. Jesus redefines our notion of greatness. How do we define greatness? Is our notion of greatness consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ?

To the ST. JOSEPH Family: Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Michael Goodavish on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity. In Christ, The Food for the Poor Family

Church Cleaning – September 2018

Venessa Williams

Sept. 29/30

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

Lectors

S. Henkel
M. Handzus
M. Cote

Ext. Ministers

M. Donovan / S. Williams
J. & N. Alemany
B. & Willie Zielinski

Gift Bearers

Ushers' Choice
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Ushers

F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
R. Geiger / P. Zaborny
J. Hilderbrandt / B. Jarveis

SAINT BENEDICT CATHOLIC SCHOOL is selling the best product ever September 14–24. These excellent Fund Rays books give discounts for tons of products and services. Like fine dining? Then consider *Taste of Excellence* for \$20. If you like dining **AND** services, consider the Fund Rays savings book for \$15.

Both books are tailored to our local community, so there is something for everyone. For a list of all restaurants and services or for an online order, see www.supportmyschool.shop/collections/benedict.

The Fund Rays Books will be available in all parishes supporting Saint Benedict Sunday, September 23. **Don't miss your chance to save big!**

PADRE PIO IS COMING!

The relics of **St. Pius of Pietrelcina** are coming to the **Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church** September 26 – October 2

For Mass times and Veneration schedule, see flyers at entrances and on the bulletin board.

COMMEMORATING THE 101st ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN AT FATIMA

The Annual Rosary Rally will be held in Seville Square in Pensacola Saturday, October 13 at 10 AM. On Friday, October 12 at 6 PM, a High Mass will be celebrated in the Gregorian Rite, and a Rosary Procession will be held at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima at St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church, 900 W. Garden St. in Pensacola with reception to follow. All are invited. His Excellency Bishop William A. Wack, C.S.C., has given a special Indulgence to any faithful who pray before the Image of Our Lady at the Shrine. See flyers on the bulletin board.

September: New Beginnings in Your Parish

For many stewards, the real time of renewal and recommitment comes as we turn the calendar to September, and resolutions have a longer and greater impact. Why? Because good Catholic stewards realize the parish is often the place where people encounter Christ's presence in their lives, and in the fall, everything kicks into high gear. Opportunities abound for growth, for giving, for community. It's now that we ponder and make our decisions for how we will make a disciple's response during the coming year through our commitment to the life of our parishes. Stewardship Sunday is October 28.