

Twenty-third Sunday of the Year
September 8/9, 2018



Mass Intentions

Saturday
 5:00 PM † Jack Wall / J. & P. Hilderbrandt

Sunday – Grandparents Day
 8:00 AM Fred M. Scott (birthday) / Family
 10:30 AM Sick & troubled seeking intercession of Frederic Ozanam / SVdP Conference

Tuesday
 8:00 AM Diana Ching / Tracey Bryant

Wednesday – Most Holy Name of Mary
 8:00 AM † Arlene Wall / J. & P. Hilderbrandt

Thursday
 8:00 AM Shirley Joffrion / J. & P. Hilderbrandt

Friday – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 8:00 AM Bobbie Floyd / J. & P. Hilderbrandt

Saturday – Our Lady of Sorrows
 5:00 PM Michelle Dunn / J. & P. Hilderbrandt

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, **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, 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 Lang & Pope Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & McCandless Families	† Joe Lacoy	Living & Deceased Altar Society Members
Living & Deceased Patton & Norton Families	† A.M.S. Warriner	The Baptized Who Do Not Practice Their Faith
Living & Deceased Shields, Self & Chambers Families	Mignon Kilday	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Living & Deceased Cretaro & Kilday Families	Jo Anne Cretaro	Intentions of the President of the United States

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 = 55 8:00 AM = 64 10:30 AM = 75 Total = 75
STEWARDSHIP for September 2, 2018
 Offertory = \$2,233.60
 Maintenance = \$532.00
 Renovation Projects = \$451.00
 Second collection **next weekend** for Catholic University

FOOD FOR THE POOR ~ Please join us today in welcoming Rev. Michael J. Goodavish who will speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

ACCW PRIESTS' BURSE CLUB APPEAL SUNDAY ~ TODAY
 Burse Club dues help support our seminarians' education. Envelopes are in the pews and at church entrances. Please return them next week. For more information, call Hannah Gale at 850-766-1645. Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for holy priestly vocations.

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

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

ATTENTION ALL 1ST – 8TH GRADE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Please contact our Parish Catechetical Leader, Pat Hilderbrandt, at 961-1010 to register for our 2018/2019 religious education (CCD) classes. Homeschooling will begin on September 12, and classes in the parish hall will begin after roof repairs and renovation are complete.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL MASS ASSOCIATION

It is not too late for Membership dues that are due September 1. An annual offering of \$50 is requested for each intention to be remembered at the Masses celebrated on ALL First Fridays during the year. To renew your membership or become a new member, place your intention and money in an envelope and put it in the offertory collection, drop it off, or mail it to the office.

Gospel Reflections ~ THE MESSIAH FORETOLD

Today's story of the cure of a deaf man with a speech impediment is a good example of how much is contained in a simple miracle story. The Greek word *mogilalos* appears only here in all of the New Testament. It is a technical term referring to someone with a stammer. It is also used only once in the entire Jewish scriptures in the passage that we read today as our first reading from Isaiah. Clearly by his choice of this precise word, Mark wants us to recognize that what Jesus is doing is the fulfillment of what Isaiah had predicted centuries earlier. In fact, Mark wants us to recognize that Jesus is the Messiah foretold by Isaiah and the other Jewish prophets of old.

The word *ephphatha*, "be opened," used to describe the restoration of the man's speech is another example of a subtle allusion to an earlier prophecy. This time the prophecy in question is from Ezekiel, when he foretells that in the messianic age, "Your mouth shall be opened to speak" (24:26). The sophistication of Mark's narrative is further revealed when we realize that there are multiple levels within a single reference. Mark not only draws our attention back to Israel's prophetic past, he also points to the initiatory practice of his contemporaries by his mention of such things as spittle, touching of ears, and the use of the word *ephphatha*, all of which were practices incorporated into the early Church's baptismal ritual.

CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS PROTECTION PROGRAM

All participants in the CAPP program are scheduled for retraining and recertification **before October 31**. The 2018 retraining articles and the retest may be accessed at www.mobarch.org under the Child Protection tab. The new articles: Article One – Create in me a clean heart and Article Two – Boundaries.

Religious Education Registration at St. Bartholomew

Visit www.stbartselberta.com/education.html to find the registration link. Religious education classes for all grades are on Sunday at 9:15 AM. Contact Tiffany Goldschmidt at 251-504-6507 with any questions. **NOTE:** All 10th and 11th graders (public and Catholic HS) will be starting the two-year Confirmation preparation process.

Church Cleaning – September 2018

Venessa Williams
More help is needed. Please check the weekly schedule. Contact the office if you'd like to help or if you are unable to clean as scheduled.

Sept. 15/16	Lectors	Ext. Ministers	Gift Bearers	Ushers
Sat: 5:00 PM	L. McGourty	Sr. Thérèse / P. Hilderbrandt	Ushers' Choice	F. Mullek / S. Pinzone
Sun: 8:00 AM	H. Shields	J. & N. Alemany	Ushers' Choice	R. Geiger / P. Zaborny
10:30 AM	M. Cote	B. & J. Johnston	Ushers' Choice	J. Hilderbrandt / B. Jarveis

"DINNER WITH FATHER LEO" ~ St. Margaret of Scotland parish in Foley is delighted to host "Dinner with Father Leo" on Friday, September 21 at 6:00 pm in the Father Bede Banquet hall of the Parish Center.

Acclaimed chef, EWTN host and dynamic speaker, Father Leo Patalinghug will offer an evening highlighted by his very entertaining cooking presentation.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the St. Margaret Parish office or at Catholic Social Services in Robertsdale. Dinner will include pasta, salad, dessert, wine, coffee and iced tea. All proceeds benefit Catholic Social Services. This will be a fun evening for ALL!!!

St. Michael Catholic High School Guardian Angel Program

~ You can donate either online, by filling out an envelope, or mailing a donation directly to the school. *Thank you for being "guardian angels" to many students who are grateful for their Catholic education!* They invite you to learn more about it at the following site: www.stmichaelchs.org/guardian-angel-program-1.

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

Relics will be taken to Sacred Heart Monastery in Mobile on September 28 and St. Jude Monastery in Marbury, Alabama on October 1. For Mass times and Veneration schedule, see flyers at church entrances and on the bulletin board.

A PRAYER FOR HEALING FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just—you gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross.

Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.

Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth.

Holy spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.