

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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1 Sunday of Lent March 5, 2017

Mass times: Tuesday-Friday at 9:00 AM, Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 2:00 PM (in Spanish) and every First Saturday at 12:30 PM

Confession times: Saturday, 4:00 PM, Sunday, 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 1:30 PM and First Saturday, 11:30 AM

Weekly Mass Intentions: March 4 (5:00 PM) Theodore & Frank Krukowski, RIP
March 5 (8:00 AM) For the people of the Parish
March 5 (10:30 AM) For the closure of the Birmingham abortion clinic and the conversion of the staff
March 7 (9:00 AM) For persecuted Christians
March 8 (9:00 AM) Robert Bessette, RIP
March 9 (9:00 AM) George Huffman, RIP & Mary Ruth Huffman, SI
March 10 (9:00 AM) Rev. Michael Wrigley, RIP

Pope's prayer intention for March: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Patricia Kennedy, Janis Welch, Anna Smith, John Joyner, Janet Bean, Bill Fager, Chuck Jones, Shirley Winslett, Don & Pat Standifer, Terry & Eileen Taylor, France Ragsdale, Richard Coyne, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis Spruceill, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Don Mock, Katelyn Mock, Jeff Bearden, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Rebecca Liechty, 7th grade PSR Prayer-Box, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Alipio Tomas Jr, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, George Pilato, Rex Ziegenbein, Joy Kemper, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston, Frankie Tortorigi, Sharon Neal, Maureen McDowell

Lenten regulations for Roman Rite Catholics: Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting does not include water or medication.

Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:00 PM. There will be a meatless soup meal in the new Parish Life Center Hall following the Stations. Sign up in the foyer to bring soup to share.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING: The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring "10 Cans for 10 Days" program during Lent. Please bring non-perishable food items to the Hallway outside of the old Parish Hall (Martin Hall). These items will be given to Leeds Welfare and the Holy Rosary Food Pantry.

ATTENTION SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN, AGES 17-35: Is God calling you to the consecrated life? Would you like to simply learn more about the vocation of religious sisterhood? Prayerfully consider attending the retreat hosted by the Little Sisters of the Poor. The retreat will be held from Friday, March 25 until Sunday, March 26 at the Sacred Heart Residence of the Little Sisters, 1655 McGill Avenue, Mobile, AL 36604. For more information or to register to attend contact them at vocmobile@littlesistersofthepoor.org or (251) 591-3700.

Just a reminder that we are no longer collecting aluminum cans for the Youth Group. Please do not leave cans outside the rectory. Thank you!

*The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Theresa parish is offering a **\$500 scholarship** to any parish member currently in or entering college or other advanced educational facility. Applicants should send resume showing: GPA, school, church and community activities, letter of recommendation from their priest and from one other person. Send or take info in an envelope marked "LA SCHOLARSHIP" to the church office. Scholarship will be awarded in early June. For more information or questions, please contact Dee Watkins 205-640-7788.*

The Ladies Auxiliary will offer **Easter Baskets** the weekends of April 1-2 and April 8-9. Proceeds will go to our Seminarian Daniel Sessions and the Building Fund. If parishioners would like to donate a business service, gift certificate, or other item(s) that can be included in our baskets, please call Boots Barnard 640-3350. Basket winners will be picked April 9 and winners will be contacted that week

***Early Bird Announcement!** PARENTS: The parish is pleased to announce that we will be offering the Summer program Totus Tuus again this year. This exciting and fun 100% Catholic program is based on the Vacation Bible School model. Please save the following dates for your children: July 23-28, 2017.*

FAITH FORMATION IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

March 11-First Reconciliation Service at 10 AM, March 14-Youth Group and Confirmation Class trip to Her Choice Birmingham, 6:00 PM, March 26-No PSR, Spring Break

RCIA will meet this Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Parish Life Center Library. The topic is "The Cardinal and Theological Virtues". Fr. Bean is the instructor this week. Everyone is welcome to attend!

CHECK THIS OUT ON FORMED.ORG: Have a Lent to Remember with "FORGIVEN". No matter what you've done, no matter how long you've been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Log in now to watch this dynamic video series available free to our parishioners. Visit the website formed.org and enter the parish log in code QHGBQM. *"I'm going to be late for work because I couldn't stop watching Session Three of Forgiven. I thought the first episode was amazing but this one takes the cake! . . . Brought me to tears."* - Lisa M. from St. Leo's, Ridgway, PA

Parish Library and "Coffee Corner" to open soon. Check back here for more information!

Rectory dedication and new phone number: With the removal of the parish offices from the rectory Fr. Bean has dedicated the rectory to Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman: the "Cardinal Newman House" The phone number for the residence is (205)702-6356. The old office number does not connect to the rectory. After hours Sacramental emergency calls should be directed to this number.

MEET THE SAINT: Blessed John Henry Newman, Cong. Orat., was a Catholic cardinal, theologian and convert from Anglicanism who was an important figure in the religious history of England in the 19th century. He was known nationally as the most famous preacher in England. His conversion to Catholicism caused quite a stir! He became one of the greatest apologist for Catholicism in the history of the Church. Born: February 21, 1801, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Died: August 11, 1890, Edgbaston, United Kingdom, Place of burial: Rednal, United Kingdom, Education: University of Oxford, Trinity College. Beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.

A few quotes from Cardinal Newman: "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."
"Nothing would be done at all if one waited until one could do it so well that no one could find fault with it."
"Nothing is more common than for men to think that because they are familiar with words they understand the ideas they stand for."
"To be deep in history, is to cease to be Protestant."

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