

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2017

Weekly Mass Intentions: Saturday, April 29, 5PM: Fr. Andy Kennedy (RIP), Sunday, April 30, 8AM: For persecuted Christians, 10:30AM: For the people of the Parish, Tuesday, May 2, 9:00 AM: Fr. John Arnone (SI), Wednesday, May 3, 9:00 AM: Leticia Tomas (SI), Thursday, May 4, 9:00 AM: Nils Gimberg & William Fager, Sr. (RIP), Friday May 5, 9:00 AM: For an end to abortion

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Patricia Kennedy, Janis Welch, John Joyner, Janet Bean, Bill Fager, Chuck Jones, Shirley Winslett, Don & Pat Standifer, Terry & Eileen Taylor, Frances Ragsdale, Richard Coyne, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis Sprueill, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Don Mock, Katelyn Mock, Jeff Bearden, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Alipio Tomas Jr, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna & Rex Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, George Pilato, Joy Kemper, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston, Frankie Tortorigi, Sharon Neal, Maureen McDowell, Weston Ross, Tommy Priola, Marvin McCombs, Bonnie O'Neal (*Beginning with thus bulletin names will stay on the prayer list for one month...please phone the office to add a name, have a name kept on for another month, or removed*)

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of May: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA...that Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK: Mass @ 9:00 AM followed by exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Novena and Litany of the Sacred Heart, and Anointing of the Sick.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK: Confessions @ 11:30, Rosary @ 12:00 followed by Mass.

NEW LECTURE SERIES WITH FR. BEAN: "Exploring Christian Mysticism" 10:00-11:30AM each Wednesday in the Parish Life Center Hall. This Week's topic: Mysticism in the Bible

ADULT EDUCATION/FORMATION: Sundays @ 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center Library/Conference Room.

May 7 - Fr. Bean Catechist - Topic - Ministries of the Church, What is a diocese?,

May 14 - Fr. Bean Catechist - Topic - Early Church Fathers, Intro to Catholic History and Western History

May 21 - Fr. Bean Catechist - Topic - Catholic culture: music, art, literature, and architecture

May 28 - Dave Vacheresse - Topic - Great Shrines, Apparitions and Miracles

June-TBA - field trip to EWTN with Eileen Vacheresse

LEGION OF MARY MEETING this Tuesday following the 9AM Mass in the Parish Life Center Library. The Legion Mary meets every week for Prayer and spiritual formation. The members of the Legion make a weekly visit to parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes. Please prayerfully consider joining us.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS: Next regular meeting (grades 7-12) is this Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00PM in the Parish Life Center. Hope to see you there! For more info. contact Youth Group Coordinator Andrea Mitchell at 914-7884

ST. MARIA GORRETTI GROUP FOR GIRLS: Congratulations and thank you to St. Theresa Parish! We raised \$308.00 for the Parish Library! The Goretti Group and Father Bean believe we need to update the Children's Books selection. We also had a request for books from the author, Dietrich Von Hildebrand - a wartime hero and devout Catholic. **NEXT MEETING:** We will begin the Summer Session Goretti Group Monday May 22. Everyone needs the opportunity to finish their finals focused on their grades and prayer. For more information on this group please call Eileen at 335-9531.

Mother's Day Mass Cards and Offering envelopes are available in the Foyers for the Masses of the Weekend of May 14. Please place completed offering envelopes in the collection basket or place it on the altar prior to the anticipated Mass on Saturday, May 13. The Mother(s) (living or dead) listed on the envelope will be remembered in the Mother's Day Masses.

Mark your calendars for the following events:

- Confirmation Mass with Bishop Baker, Sunday, May 7, 2:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul
- K of C Yard Sale: June 9-10, 8AM-3PM
- Totus Tuus is a Catholic “Vacation Bible School” type event for children. Our parish will be hosting it again this year. July 24-28, 2017
- There will be an all-day “Fatima Conference” in the Parish Life Center on Saturday, July 8, 2017. Speakers will be members of the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word and Author and EWTN Host Donna Marie Cooper-O’Boyle.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY FUN AND 4th ANNUAL FISHING DERBY: Saturday, May 20th, 9AM-3PM, the Watkins Property, 3400 Cherokee Road, Pell City, AL 35128

For directions or more information please call Dr. Bill Watkins at (H) 640-7788 or (C) 919-0090

This year the theme is “Western Costume Day”: Free hot dogs; bring something to share; Fishing; Rubber Duck Race; Pirate Boat Ride; Stage Coach Ride; 9-iron golf; Horseshoes; Nature Trail Walk; Indian Village; Porch Games; Costume Prizes!

The Father Jim Naughton Scholarship: Former Pastor Fr. Jim always demonstrated his great care and love for the youth. In his honor, we are using some funds, provided by him, to give our youth the opportunity to earn “The Father Jim Naughton Scholarship.” This is the fourth year that our students, entering grades 6 – 12 next school-year, based on a set of criteria determined by the Finance Council, can apply for this scholarship. The scholarship is open to all registered youth of St. Theresa’s parish. We are awarding three scholarships of \$1,000.00. Application Forms can be obtained in the parish office. The completed application must be returned along with required Essays and Letter of Recommendation by June 18, 2017. Awards are for one year at a time, but previous winners may re-apply in following years.

The Knights of Columbus announce, COMING IN JUNE: BINGO! BINGO! BINGO! The St. Theresa Bingo will be on the first and third Friday of every month (starting on Friday, June 2). This event will take place in the Hall of the Parish Life Center. Cards will go on sale at 6:00 PM and the games will begin at 6:30 PM. There will be 6 games per evening with various cash payouts per game. Refreshments and snacks will be sold for a minimal price. No alcohol will be permitted. City ordinance prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from playing. Proceeds will benefit the payoff of the new Parish Life Center. Cost: 1 card...\$10, 2 cards...\$15, 3 cards...\$20, etc. Each card will allow you to play all six games.

Saint of the Week: St. Athanasius (296-373 A.D.) led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism. When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ’s divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism. Among his ascetical writings, his Life of St. Anthony achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world. His feast day is May 2.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29. MAY THE LORD JESUS ALWAYS KEEP YOU CLOSE!!!!!!