

Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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Pentecost

June 4 2017

Mass times: Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:00AM, 10:30AM, 2:00PM, Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:00PM, Sunday 7:30AM, 10:10AM, 1:30PM

Mass Intentions: Tuesday, June 6, 9:00 AM: Henry Ledbetter, RIP, Wednesday, June 7, 9:00 AM: Betty LaSusa, RIP, Thursday, June 8, 9:00 AM: Bill Chappell, SI, Friday June 9, 9:00 AM: Ken & Eileen, SI

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Patricia Kennedy, Janis Welch, John Joyner, Bill Fagen, Chuck Jones, Shirley Winslett, Don & Pat Standifer, Terry & Eileen Taylor, Richard Coyne, Godfrey Fayard, Joshua Hayes, Barbara Kuberski, Eugene and Libby Nabors, Louis Sprueill, Benny Garza, Patricia Maddux, Charlie-Kai Wadsworth, Katelyn Mock, Curtis White, Cayden Cox, Jack Coppola, Ed Gimberg, Raymunda Longino, Carolyn Shaffer, John McLendon, Doris Williams, Linda Jennings, Donna & Rex Ziegenbein, Cole Amundson, George Pilato, Reta McCombs, Sheila Blackston, Frankie Tortorigi, Sharon Neal, Maureen McDowell, Marvin McCombs, James Coates, Kristin Sorensen

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of June: For National Leaders...That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

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

ADULT EDUCATION/FORMATION: Sundays @ 9:00-10:00AM in the Parish Life Center Library
No class on June 4, June 11, 18, and 25: Fr. Bean - Pope St. John Paul II's *Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

St. Theresa Youth Group Events for June:

BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND!

Wednesday, June 7: Outing to Alabama Adventure (11:30AM)

Saturday, June 10: Car Wash to raise funds for NCYC trip (8:00AM-12:00PM)

Wednesday, June 14: Outing to Steel City Pops (6:30PM)

Saturday, June 17: Volunteer work at Joy Park's garden (8:00 AM)

Wednesday, June 21: Outing to Leeds Drive-In (7:30PM) "Transformers"

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ANDREA MITCHELL @ 914-7884

Goretti Group for 8th Grade - College Age Young Women meets this Monday Evening, June 5, 6:30-8:30

Vacheresse House: 1040 Montevallo Road, Leeds, AL 35094 (2 blocks from the church)

Dinner: White chicken chili and homemade Cookies

Topic: "Cell phone addiction and communicating with each other"

We will also pray the Holy Rosary and Fatima Prayers...Call Eileen for more info- 335-9531

The LEGION OF MARY meets each Tuesday following the 9AM Mass in the Parish Life Center Library. For more information please phone the Parish Office or just show up for the meeting!

ATTENTION PARENTS: Totus Tuus is a Catholic "Vacation Bible School" type event for children. We will be hosting it again this year. July 24-28, 2017. To register your little one(s) please call DRE Samantha Wadsworth at the office (352-3741).

NEW OPENING DATE FOR PARISH BINGO GAME: *The first St. Theresa Bingo will be held on Friday, June 16th in the Parish Life Center Hall. 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.*

The Marian Year of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama...upcoming events in our Parish:

- ❖ *Sunday, June 11, 18, and 25: **Exploring Pope St. John Paul's document Rosarium Virginis Mariae**. This Apostolic letter gave the "Luminous Mysteries" to the world. Join Fr. Bean during these three Sunday mornings to deepen your love and understanding of the Holy Rosary., 9:00-10:00AM*
- ❖ *Saturday, July 8: **All day conference on the "Message of Our Lady of Fatima"** This powerful event will begin at 9:00AM in the Parish Life Center Hall. Special guests will include Fatima expert Sr. Rita Marie, SSEW and EWTN host and author Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. There will be opportunities for prayer. The Sister Servants provide a book/gift table. Lunch will be provided.*
- ❖ *Wednesday, August 9: **Mary and the Bible** We welcome Diocesan Office of Evangelization Director John Martignoni for a reflection on this important topic. Sandwiches will be served at 6:00PM followed by a Rosary with Fr. Bean. John will give his talk and have a Q&A at 7:00PM*

The Father Jim Naughton Scholarship: This is the fourth year that our students, entering grades 6 -12 (next school-year) can apply for this scholarship. The scholarship is open to all registered youth of St. Theresa parish. We are awarding three scholarships of \$1,000.00. Application Forms can be obtained in the parish office or the foyer of the church. The completed application must be returned along with required Essays and Letter of Recommendation by June 18, 2017.

NEW PARISH LIFE CENTER REPORT:

With thanksgiving to God we have completed the Parish Life Center and have been enjoying the blessing of this new facility. Our Diocesan loan amount is \$762,771 with a monthly repayment amount of \$7,191. The interest rate on this loan is 2.5% and is subject to changes in the financial market. We will make our first payment on June 15.

IRELAND PILGRIMAGE MEETING!!!!!!!!!!

There will be a brief informational meeting about the pilgrimage to Ireland on Sunday, June 25 following the 10:30 AM Mass. This meeting will take place in the Parish Life Center. Please make plans to attend.

SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Ephrem (d. 373 AD)

Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syrian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Faith. Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to Edessa, along with many other Christians. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest. Ephrem was said to have avoided priestly consecration by feigning madness!

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups and using their melodies, compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit." Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373. His feast day is June 9.