

THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Chapel Hours
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:
8 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Tuesday and Friday:
8 a.m. until 7 p.m.
Other hours are by appointment.

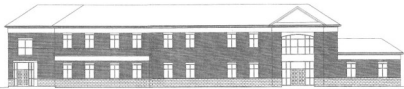
Office hours
Tuesday—Friday
9 a.m.—1 p.m.
or by appointment

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS AND PARISHIONERS

If you'd like to join our Parish Family please fill out the parish registration form in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket, mail to Post Office Box 998, Athens, AL 35612 or bring to the church office.

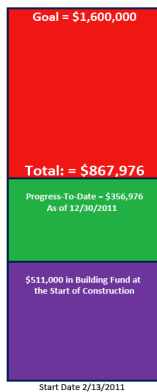
DATES TO REMEMBER

- 12/31 Ring in the New Year at Midnight Mass; Adoration at 11:30
- 1/6 First Friday Adoration begins at 7:30 a.m.; Holy Mass at 8:30 and Adoration until 7 pm
- 1/7 First Saturday Rosary and Mass dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary begins at 8 a.m.
- 1/22 Volunteer Appreciation Sunday; Wine and hors d'oeuvres from 4:30 until 6 pm



NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING

Collections - to - Date



PRAYER FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING

O God, with whom every good thing has its beginning, and through whom it is improved and increased: grant, we beseech Thee, that this work, which we have begun for the praise of Thy holy name, may be happily brought to completion through the never-failing gift of Thy fatherly wisdom.

We pray for the safety of all those who are working and who will work on this new building and that they will be blessed for their hard work with the satisfaction of a job well done for Your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2012



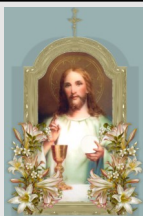
Beautiful, glorious, o'er all victorious,
Lovely, thrice blessed heavenly Queen.
Thy child forever, leaving thee never
Body and Spirit I ever have been.
My life despising, Thee only prizing,
All that I am, that I ever can be
Give I, my Mother Maria to Thee.
Thou art full of grace, in Thee sin has no place,
Thou, O Maria, Thou only art fair
And to thy majesty nothing can wanting be,
All that is perfect and lovely is there.
Vase of election, of all perfection,
Thou art, O Virgin, so wondrously made,
That God Thee chose and in glory arrayed.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Jan 2-8

Mon 1/2		Mass at the Prison
Tue s 1/3	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed 1/4	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Anthony</i>
Thur 1/5	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the Chapel
Fri 1/6	7:30 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Adoration
Sat 1/7	8:00 am 8:30 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Miraculous Medal</i> Rosary Holy Mass in the Church Hispanic Mass
Sun 1/8	8:8:30 am 10:45 am 11:15 am	Rosary/Holy Mass Rosary Holy Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturdays: 3:45-4:45 pm or by appointment



OUT OF RESPECT FOR JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND THE SACREDNESS OF THE SANCTUARY, kindly refrain from talking inside the church. Socializing is always welcome in the vestibule, outside the church, or in the church hall.

Thank you for your kind observance.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

- Altar Society:** 1st Tuesday, 9:30 am in Hall
- Bible Study Class:** Sundays 9:50-10:45 in the Chapel Sacristy
- Breakfast Sunday:** Resumes in the spring
- Choir Practice:** Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Church (Tim Gibbs, Director—230-0640)
- Community Food Pantry Collection:** Basket in Church Vestibule
- Donut Sunday:** Resumes in the spring
- Family Night:**
- Knights of Columbus:** 2nd Tuesday, 6:45 pm in the church hall Youth Room—(Dave Moreau, Grand Knight 256-233-4610)
- RCIA:** New class beginning. Call the office if interested.
- RE:** 9:50 am in the church; parents pick up at 10:45 in classrooms.
- Ladies Social Circle:** 4th Wednesday, 9:30 -11:30 am in the church hall.
- Ultreya:** 4th Thursday, 6:45 pm in the chapel
- Youth Group:** Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm- church hall Youth Room during school year

NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER

A plenary indulgence may be gained by reciting or singing the hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" on the first day of the year. This hymn is traditionally sung at the beginnings of things, calling on the Holy Spirit before endeavoring something new:



Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,
and in our souls take up Thy rest;
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,
O heavenly gift of God Most High,
O fount of life and fire of love,
and sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Kindle our sense from above,
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;
with patience firm and virtue high
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,
and grant us Thy peace instead;
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,
turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow
the Father and the Son to know;
and Thee, through endless times confessed,
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Now to the Father and the Son,
Who rose from death, be glory given,
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,
henceforth by all in earth and heaven.
Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes resume next Sunday, January 8.

Youth Group resumes next Sunday, January 8 in the youth room at 6 pm.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

JIM JACKSON

who passed away December 27.

*"May the angels lead you into paradise;
may the martyrs come to welcome you
and take you to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem."*

CONGRATULATIONS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Benjamin and Roselia Rosales	8 yrs Jan 3
Lee and Jill Burch	16 yrs Jan 6
John and Mary DelVillian	60 yrs Jan 5

*May every joy you share and
every challenge you face bring you closer
together and closer to God, our Father.*

WELCOME!

PLEASE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

**Pierre and Charlotte Beique
Luis Delgado and Maribel Ramirez**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Matthew Dempsey's name was left off the Christmas Flower list in error. Please remember to pray for him as well as all those listed on the Christmas Flower list. Our apologies to Matthew's family for the oversight.

FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of Tuna Helper, Pancake Mix, Syrup, and Spaghetti Sauce.

*Thanks for all your Support!
Rachel Thompson*

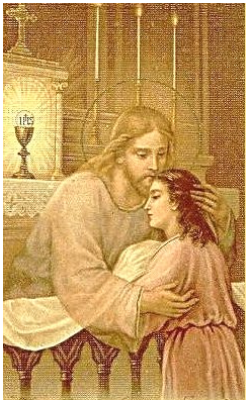
CLASSES ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH



Adult classes on the Catholic faith will begin on January 8 at 9:30 (after the 8:30 Mass). These classes are for any one interested in joining or returning to the Catholic faith, for any

Catholic who wants to be confirmed, or for any Catholic who wants to know more about his or her faith. We will initially meet in the cry room of the church, but may move to the church library for meetings after January 8.

FIRST FRIDAY



Friday, January 6 is First Friday
Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist begins in the chapel at 7:30 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 8:30. Adoration continues until 7 p.m.
Come spend an hour with Jesus.

"Your faith will help you to realize that it is Jesus Himself who is present in the Blessed Sacrament waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week." Pope John Paul II

FIRST SATURDAY MASS OF REPARATION



As requested by Our Lady of Fatima, the **First Saturday of each month is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in reparation for the sins of the world.**

This Saturday, January 7

The Holy Rosary and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass begins at **8 a.m.** in the chapel followed by the Novena of the Miraculous Medal.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Walter and Ann Steverson

On the Baptism of Their daughter

EMILY PAIGE STEVERSON

On December 17.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES

If you missed picking up your envelopes in December, you can pick them up in the office between 9 AM and 1 PM. - Or you can call the office and request that we leave them in the church sacristy for you to pick up. We'll take them to the Church for the weekend Masses and leave them on the counter in the sacristy.
Office phone: (256) 232-4191

MARCH FOR LIFE

2012 UNITED FOR LIFE RALLY & MARCH



He who closes his ear to the cry of the helpless will himself cry out and not be heard. Proverbs 21:13

Saturday, January 14

**Respect Life Mass
9 AM**

Cathedral of St. Paul

**Rally & March
10:45 AM**

**Brother Bryan Park
22nd Street South at 10th Avenue
Birmingham, AL**

Rain or Shine-Legal & Peaceful
Bring Your Kids and Come Celebrate Life!

205-252-0706, ext. 30
BirminghamMarchForLife.com

THANK YOU

I would just like to say Thank You to everyone for all your Good Wishes at Christmas and for my Anniversary. My heart is overwhelmed at the love and concern that is expressed by all of you. Thank you for all of your prayers, your cards and gifts. Your prayers are what help me make it through each day. Thank you also to all who attended Christmas Masses and to those who came to the Anniversary Mass helping to make that day even more special. I became a priest to do God's will and serve His people. I have been blessed that He has sent me here and I am grateful to you all for all you do for me.

*with love and Prayers
yours in Christ
F. Charley*

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Vocation Discernment Retreat Weekend, January 6-8, 2012

Sponsors: Benedictines of Alabama. St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, Alabama

Event Dates: Arrive Friday Jan 6 at 3 PM, Depart Sunday afternoon, January 8

Location: St. Bernard Abbey, 1600 St. Bernard Drive, SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055

Description: To provide help in vocational discernment and introduction to monastic life and Benedictine spirituality

Details: Conferences on vocation discernment and monastic life, tour of the abbey, and the opportunity to join the community in public and private prayer and all meals.

Free of charge. Space is limited.

Contact: Fr. Jacob Amos, O.S.B., Vocation Director.

Office: 256-255-5801;

Cell: 256-590-7429;

Email: frjacobosb@yahoo.com

MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 12/31	1 JN 2: 18-21 Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 JN 1: 1-18
Sat Vigil/Sun 1/1 SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD	NUM 6: 22-27 Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 GAL 4: 4-7 LK 2: 16-21
Mon 1/2	1 JN 2: 22-28 Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 JN 1: 19-28
Tues 1/3	1 JN 2: 29—3:6 Ps 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6 JN 1: 29-34
Wed 1/4	1 JN 3: 7-10 Ps 98: 1, 7-8, 9 JN 1: 35-42
Thur 1/5	1 JN 3: 11-21 Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5 JN 1: 43-51
Fri 1/6	1 JN 5: 5-13 Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 1: 7-11
Sat 1/7	1 JN 5: 14-21 Ps 149: 1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b JN 2: 1-11
Sat Vigil/Sun 1/8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	ISA 60: 1-6 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 EPH 3: 2-3a. 5-6 MT 2: 1-12

January 7/8, 2012 Server Schedule			SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE		
To receive a schedule by e-mail, send your request to Tom at spschedule@bellsouth.net			Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot serve. * Denotes designated temporary Deacon for this Mass.		
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	Altar Servers	Music
5 pm	Kathi Davis	John Frey Patricia Frey John Morgan*	Thomas Lipka	John Diaz	Organ
8:30	Joan Sokoll	Tom Caillouet* Linda Butler Chuck Butler	Edward Borucki	Alexander Mingus Matthew Brannan Haley Branson	Guitar
11:15	Scott Halsey	Carl McLemore* Chris Miller Steve Kirkpatrick	Steve Moquin	Isaac Niedzwiecki Adriana Moore Grant Baugher	Piano

Dear God, we place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore to good physical & spiritual health, Your servants listed here...

Alvis McLemore	Bob Khym	Cathy Marten	Irene Vanslager	Lois Graff	Dale Borden	Joan Hendrick
Margie Lostracco	Pauline Garlen	Kenny Carwile	Janina Gromek	Edward J. Johnson	Elliott Malone	Marie Stephens
Larry Welker	Bert Beam	Michael Harries	April Anderson	Michael Miller	Rene Zaragoza	Terry Tyler
Anne Lefevre	June Maplesden	Luzy Heard	Braileigh Dempsey	Andy Beasley	Wesley Lavender	Andy Butcher
Angela Morales	Terri Rankin	Al West	Brandon Hicks	Jim Flynt	Mary Morgan	Howard Vinson
Jose Morales	Carol Bailey	Frank Pitruzzello	Brother Jess Smith	Connie Haislip	Karen Hancock	Gregory Carrow
Maria Hetrick	Grace Hunt	Jane Hargrove	Rebecca Pfeifer	George Rery	Ryan Hudson	Michael Carrow
Wayne Wood	Jackie Johnson	Lolita Halsey	Jimmy Stroud	Mildred Slaten	Millie Bloemer	Kimberly Bush
Tomas Branson	Virginia Gould	Pam Meyer	Major Burlin Emery	Loretta Gregg	Mary Chambers	Noah Ritchey
June Jackson	Margaret Stonecypher	John Ogle	Myrna Chavez	Carol Whitney	Terri Forbes	Marjorie Guenther
Randy Brinkley	Splendi Ward		Jose Datu	Susan Giddens	Tom Mingus, Jr.	Traci Louis
Lois Ware-Glasper	Irene & Robert Lee		Sadie Davidson	PFC Bradley Thompson	Bobby S. Gilbert	Will Pekrul
Sandra Glovich	Marjorie Dissottle		Gaylord Huffman	Lee Becatti & family	Kathy Foster	Billy Griffin
Betty Bates	Eva Isdunis		Herbert Williams	Edilberto Aliviado, Sr.	Mathias Grichtmeier	Julia Ryberg
			George Harvey, Jr.	Luis & Josefina Lopez	Betty Jaraba	Norm Wilke
						Della Rumore

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK, HOMEBOUND, MILITARY, AND OTHERS IN NEED. PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE!

To remove, add/or relist a name, or to submit bulletin information, call 256-232-4191 or e-mail to: stpauloffice@gmail.com by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Names on the prayer list may be removed after one month unless otherwise notified.

Mass Intentions	
<i>Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule</i>	
12/31 5:pm	Holy Mass for ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY
Midnight	Holy Mass for beginning of New Year
1/1 8:30	Holy Mass in memory of HAROLD BUTLER
11:15	Holy Mass for intentions of LEO WILLETTE III
1/3 6:pm	Holy Mass in memory of LEO WILLETTE, JR.
1/4 8:30	Holy Mass for the POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
1/5 8:30	Holy Mass
1/6 8:30	Holy Mass
1/7 5:pm	Holy Mass
1/8 8:30	Holy Mass in memory of MARY DEMORY
11:15	Holy Mass in memory of TOM VALLEROY

Collection Report: December 25, 2011	
Regular	\$2,261
Building Memorial to Building	\$10,360
	\$150
Burse Club	\$187
Christmas	\$4,694

THANK YOU

PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACT PERSONS

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS:
Parents must be registered members of the parish 4-6 months; call the parish office for an appointment—232-4191

HISPANIC MINISTRY:
Maria Taylor, 233-0226

MARRIAGES:
Arrangements must be made **six months** in advance with the priest.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER:
Stephen and Kristi AuBuchon 230-0483, www.birminghamcee.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:
Tom & Becky Dollman, 233-0705
Jody & Toni Griffin 614-0430

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
Elizabeth Niedzwiecki, 230-0819

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING:
Upon request: call the office prior to hospitalization, surgery or during illness. After hours emergency: call the rectory at 771-1164.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS
Register at www.wvmealabama.org or (800) 540-9963.

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:
Jan 6, Feb 3, March 23, April 13
Contact by e-mail at: register.cebirmingham@gmail.com or visit the website at www.birminghamcee.org

The Weekly Bulletin and the Servers List are available online at: www.stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS
Jesus, Eternal Priest, protect all our priests, Your servants, from all dangers and keep them safe in Your Sacred Heart. They are Yours and their life is offered in sacrifice at Your altar. Keep them pure of heart and aflame with the love of God and neighbor. Strengthen Your priests by living constantly in them, with them, and through them, especially in times of loneliness and afflictions, and when their life of sacrifice seems meaningless. Bless all their labors with abundant fruit. May they persevere in their vocation until the end. Mary, our Blessed Mother, wrap them under your mantle and save them from all worldly distractions. May the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation in this world and in Heaven, their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen

*Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for us.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.*

