

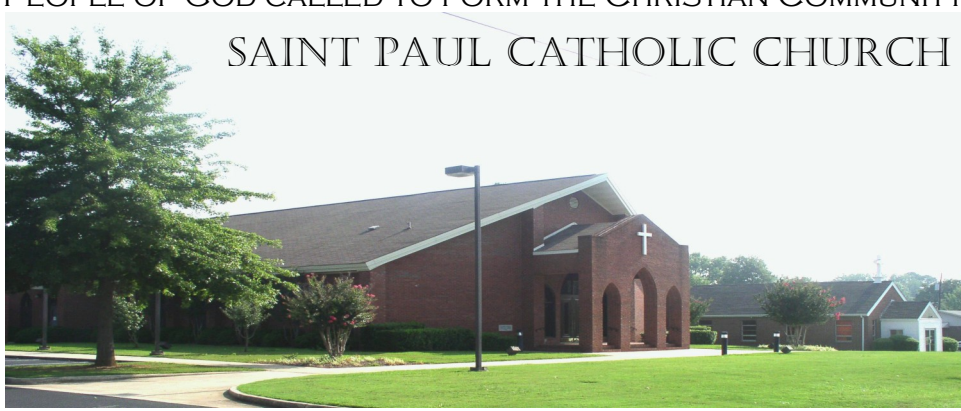
THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

# 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

To join our Parish Family please fill out the parish registration form in the vestibule.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1/31 Meeting: ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans; 6:30 pm
- 2/3 FIRST FRIDAY: Adoration 7:30 AM—7 PM  
Holy Mass at 8:30AM/Novena to St. Peregrine 8:20 AM  
BLESSING OF THROATS: ST BLAISE FEAST DAY
- 2/4 FIRST SATURDAY: Holy Mass in Reparation for the sins of the world begins with Rosary at 8 AM; Mass 8:30  
BLESSING OF THROATS: ST BLAISE FEAST DAY
- 2/5 NO YOUTH GROUP MEETING
- 2/22 ASH WEDNESDAY  
Holy Mass at 8:30 AM and 7 PM
- 3/12 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE : 6 pm

## 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time: January 29, 2012

### GOD'S GRACE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE LOVE OF WORLDLY THINGS.

*From The Imitation of Christ, by Thomas à Kempis*

**C**hrist: My child, My grace is precious and will not be mingled with earthly things or worldly consolation. You must get rid of every impediment if you would have that priceless gift poured into your soul.



CHOOSE A HIDDEN PLACE FOR YOURSELF  
and delight to retire there alone,

where you need not talk with anyone,

but instead pour out your heart to God in prayer.

In this way you will have a clear conscience and a contrite heart.

Look upon the whole world as nothing, preferring to give your time to God before all external things.

YOU CANNOT FIX YOUR MIND ON ME AND AT THE SAME TIME DELIGHT IN TRANSITORY PLEASURES.

Friends and acquaintances must be kept at a distance

and your heart disengaged from all temporal comfort.

This is what the blessed Apostle St. Peter beseeches the faithful of Christ: to keep themselves as strangers and in exile. (1 Pet 2:11) in this world.

WHEN PEOPLE ARE ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THIS WORLD,

what confidence will be theirs at that moment

if they are not detained by an attachment to anything in this world!

But a weak soul is yet incapable of detaching its heart perfectly from all things; nor can the carnal person understand the liberty of the spiritual person.

PERSONS WHO WOULD BE TRULY SPIRITUAL must renounce both those who are near as well as those who are far away; and they must especially beware of themselves, for in overcoming themselves, they will the more easily subdue all things else.

The most noble and perfect victory is the triumph over oneself.

THEREFORE, PERSONS WHO KEEP THEMSELVES IN SUBJECTION

so that their sensuality obeys their reason, and their reason is obedient to Me in all things, are indeed, the true conquerors of themselves and the lords of the world.

IF YOU WOULD CLIMB TO THIS HEIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY,

you must begin heroically by laying the axe to the root in order to cut away and destroy utterly those secret and uncontrolled inclinations toward yourself and toward every personal and material gain.

FROM THIS VICE OF SELF-LOVE EMANATES ALMOST ALL THAT MUST BE UPROOTED AND OVERCOME. Once this has been mastered and brought under control, you will know a great peace and tranquility.

BUT THERE ARE FEW WHO ENDEAVOR TO DIE COMPLETELY TO THEMSELVES

and to rise above their own nature.

Therefore they are so centered on themselves as to make it almost impossible to be lifted in spirit above themselves.

PERSONS WHO REALLY DESIRE TO WALK FREELY WITH ME MUST MORTIFY ALL THEIR EVIL AND UNNECESSARY AFFECTIONS AND MUST NOT CLING SELFISHLY TO ANYTHING CREATED.



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.

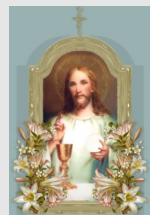
We pray for the safety of all those who are working and who will work on this new building and that they will be blessed for their hard work with the satisfaction of a job well done for Your glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Jan 30—Feb 5

Mon 1/30		
Tues 1/31	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>
Wed 2/1	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <b>Novena to St. Anthony</b>
Thur 2/2	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the Chapel <b>Novena to St. Jude</b>
Fri 2/3	8:00 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Adoration <b>Novena to St. Peregrine</b>
Sat 2/4	8:00 am 8:30 am  4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <b>Novena of Miraculous Medal</b> Rosary Holy Mass in the Church Hispanic Mass
Sun 2-5	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.**

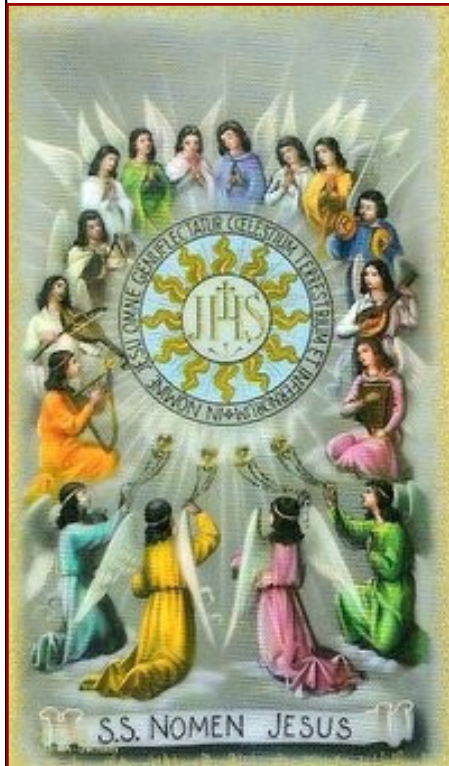
Thank you for your kind observance.

### 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:** Sundays, 9:30 AM in the cry room. **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

## JANUARY: MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

*"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord."* Philippians 2



### PRAYERS OF REPARATION FOR BLASPHEMY

*This prayer is said to have been revealed by Jesus Himself to a Carmelite Nun of Tours in 1843 as a reparation for blasphemy. He said, "The golden arrow will wound My Heart delightfully and heal the wounds inflicted by blasphemy."*

**May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be always praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ in the most Holy Sacrament of the altar.**

*The Holy Name of Jesus is taken in vain so often. When we hear someone use the Name above all names as a common swear word, we can cross ourselves and reverence the precious Name being defamed. A commendable practice involves the devout, fervent recitation of the following prayer:*

May the Holy Name of Jesus be infinitely blessed!  
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## PRAY FOR FR. CHARLEY



Fr. Charley leaves February 6 to go home to India to visit his family. He will return on February 20. Please pray for a safe journey there and back. Please also include in your prayers Father Charley's mother, Katherina, who was hospitalized during the Christmas holidays, that her health will continue to improve and she can enjoy her visit with her son.

## ST. BLAISE BLESSING

This Friday, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. This year we have two opportunities for the annual Blessing of the Throat:

Friday, February 3  
at the 8:30 A.M. Mass in the chapel and

Saturday, February 4  
at the 8:30 A.M. Mass in the chapel



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS MEETING

There will be a meeting of all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans and Ushers on **Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm** in the chapel.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Victorino and Emelia Nava	13 yrs 2/1
Scott and Doreen Medzi	21 yrs 2/2
Rick and Deb Luyk	25 yrs 1/31
Tom and Rebecca Dollman	43 yrs 2/1
Robert and Darlene Kaufer	47 yrs 1/30
Paul and Dolores Gibbs	61 yrs 2/3

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

## FUNDRAISER FOR NEW BUILDING



Tote bags will be sold after each Mass **February 11/12.**

These bags are ideal for organizing the children's

Religious Ed materials for Sunday classes. All proceeds will go toward the new Religious Education Building.

# WELCOME!

Welcome to St. Paul Parish Family:  
Walter and Maria Chaney & family  
Refugio and Jessica Calderon Flores  
& family



*Thank You*  
The Volunteer Appreciation Party was great! The décor was beautiful and the food delicious! Thank you to everyone who participated.

## YOUTH PROTECTION CLASS I

Thursday, February 16 from 6—8 PM.  
Holy Family School in Huntsville  
You must pre-register to attend.  
Call (256) 539-5221 no later than  
Monday, February 13 to register.  
**If you are a volunteer working in the parish and work with children or are in a position to be alone with children, you require to take the class.** Contact Patricia Lee Kuhn, Principal (256) 539-5221.

## CROSS RETREAT



**SPRING CROSS RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 MARCH 2-4 SPRINGVILLE CAMP NEAR SPRINGVILLE, AL**

**COST: \$60 PER PERSON.**

**REGISTER EARLY TO BE ASSURED A SPACE.**

## FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of Tuna Helper, Pancake mix, Syrup and Complete meals.

*Thanks for all your Support!*  
*Rachel Thompson*

### LCCI Quarter Report.

Thanks to the generosity of St. Paul Parish and other area church, during the Fourth Quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.), LCCI Food Pantry was able to help **1,123 Families** at a cost of \$54,941.00. They also helped **107 Families** with General Assistance at a cost of \$17,126.52.

*Thank You! Rachel Thomas*

The Weekly Bulletin and the Servers List are available online at:  
[www.stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org](http://www.stpaulcatholicchurchathens.org)



**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE  
MONDAY  
MARCH 12  
6 PM**

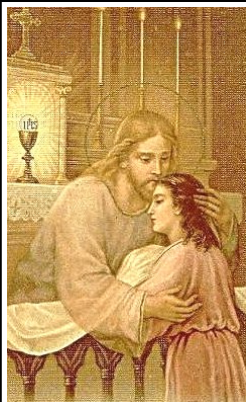
**We expect to have four priests hearing Confessions to help you prepare for receiving the Holy Eucharist at Easter. Mark your calendars!**

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

**WOMEN'S BUILD MEETING  
THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 31  
6:30 PM  
Athens State Gymnasium  
RSVP BY NOON JANUARY 31**

**Women's Build is a special event where 75% of the Habitat house is built by women!**  
To volunteer go to [www.habitatalc.org](http://www.habitatalc.org)  
Questions? Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Diane Jackson who is a member of our parish - [diane@habitatatl.org](mailto:diane@habitatatl.org) or call 256-230-6001

## FIRST FRIDAY



**Friday, February 3 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, February 4**

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.

## MASS READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sat 1/28 <b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS</b>	<b>2 SAM</b> 12: 1-7a, 10-17 <b>Ps</b> 51: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 <b>Mk</b> 4: 35-41
Sat Vigil/Sun 1/29	<b>DEUT</b> 18: 15-20 <b>Ps</b> 95: 1-2, 6-7, 7-9 <b>1 CHR</b> 7: 32-35 <b>Mk</b> 1: 21-28
Mon 1/30	<b>2 SAM</b> 15: 13-14,30; 16: 5-13 <b>Ps</b> 3: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 <b>Mk</b> 5: 1-20
Tues 1/31 <b>ST JOHN BOSCO</b>	<b>PHIL:</b> 4-9 <b>Ps</b> 103:1bc-2, 3-4, 8-9,13-14,17-18 <b>Mt</b> 18: 1-5
Wed 2/1	<b>2 SAM</b> 24: 2, 9-17 <b>Ps</b> 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7 <b>Mk</b> 6: 1-6
Thur 2/2 <b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>MAL</b> 3: 1-4 <b>Ps</b> 24: 7, 8, 9, 10 <b>HEB2:</b> 14-18 <b>LK</b> 2: 22-32
Fri 2/3 <b>ST. BLAISE</b>	<b>SIR</b> 47: 2-11 <b>Ps</b> 18: 31, 47, and 50, 51 <b>Mk</b> 6: 14-29
Sat 2/4	<b>1 KINGS</b> 3: 4-13 <b>Ps</b> 119: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 <b>Mk</b> 6: 30-34
Sat Vigil/Sun 2/5	<b>JOB</b> 7: 1-4, 6-7 <b>Ps</b> 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 <b>1 CHR</b> 9: 16-19, 22-23

## OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST

**POPE JOHN PAUL III HIGH SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE**  
Wednesday, February 1  
8:30-2:00 in the Media Center  
[ksmith@jp2falcons.org](mailto:ksmith@jp2falcons.org)

**THE RHYTHM OF GOD**  
**February 4 at 1:30 pm**  
**St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, B'ham**  
**FREE** High School Youth Event with Mass with Bishop Foley at 4:30 pm & a free Youth Dinner at 4:45 in the Parish Life Center  
*Register by January 25: [www.RhythmOfGod.com](http://www.RhythmOfGod.com)*

**PRO-LIFE SPIRITUALITY & ACTIVISM SEMINAR**  
**St. Stephen Catholic Chapel**  
**Saturday, Feb. 11: 9 AM—Noon**  
**(205) 705-9158**  
Sponsored by: Diocesan Pro-life Office and Knights of Columbus Council 9862

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**Strong Men, Strong Faith**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19—6-9 PM**  
**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, Huntsville**  
Guest Speakers: Philip Rivers & Deacon Alex Jones  
\$10 Advance Tickets; \$15 at the door

Contact: *John Martignoni*  
Office of New Evangelization & Stewardship  
Office: 256-255-5801

## February 4/5, 2012 Server Schedule

To receive a schedule by e-mail,  
send your request to Tom at [spschedule@bellsouth.net](mailto:spschedule@bellsouth.net)

### SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE

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	Pat Hatchett	John Morgan* Eugene Scarbel Eva Trussell	Thomas Lipka	Sam AuBuchon	Organ
8:30	Al Brinkley	Joe Serocki Jackie Serocki* Linda Butler	Edward Borucki	John Thomason Joya Brinkley Matthew Meyer	Organ
11:15	Larry Welker	Greg Beam Yvonne Dempsey* Carl McLemore	Steve Moquin	Jonathan Carwile Kevin Brown Sarah Niedzwiecki	Guitar

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

Jane Hargrove	Bob Khym	Kevin Searcy	Kyle & Ashley Seamore	Herbert Williams	Loretta Gregg	Joan Hendrick
Randy Brinkley	Pauline Garlen	Zachary Weatherford	Angie King White (Mrs. Ronnie White)	Gaylord Huffman	Carol Whitney	Marie Stephens
Maria Hetrick	Bert Beam	John Butler	Bill Barnes	Lois Graff	Dale Borden	Terry Tyler
Peggy Branson	June Maplesden	Cathy Marten	Annie Woods	Edward J. Johnson	Elliott Malone	Andy Butcher
Jo Jennings	Terri Rankin	Kenny Carwile	Irene Vanslager	Michael Miller	Rene Zaragoza	Howard Vinson
Larry Welker	Carol Bailey	Luzy Heard	Janina Gromek	Andy Beasley	Wesley Lavender	Gregory Carrow
Anne Lefevre	Grace Hunt	Al West	April Anderson	Jim Flynt	Mary Morgan	Michael Carrow
Angela Morales	Jackie Johnson	Frank Pitruzzello	Braileigh Dempsey	Connie Haislip	Karen Hancock	Kimberly Bush
Jose Morales	Virginia Gould	Lolita Halsey	Brandon Hicks Brother	George Reny	Ryan Hudson	Noah Ritchey
Wayne Wood	Margaret Stonecypher	Pam Meyer	Jess Smith	Mildred Slaten	Millie Bloemer	Marjorie Guenther
June Jackson	Splendi Ward	John Ogle	Major Burlin Emery	Susan Giddens	Mary Chambers	Traci Louis
Lois Ware-Glasper	Irene & Robert Lee	George Harvey, Jr	Myrna Chavez	PFC Bradley Thompson	Terri Forbes	Will Pekrul
Sandra Glovich	Marjorie Dissottle	Alvis McLemore	Jose Datu	Lee Becatti & family	Tom Mingus, Jr.	Billy Griffin
Betty Bates	Eva Isdunis	Margie Lostracco	Sadie Davidson	Edilberto Aliviado, Sr.	Bobby S. Gilbert	Julia Ryberg
				Luis & Josefina Lopez	Mathias Grichtmeier	Norm Wilke
					Betty Jaraba	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](mailto:stpauloffice@gmail.com) by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Names on the prayer list may be removed after one month unless otherwise notified.**

 <b>Mass Intentions</b> <i>Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule</i>	
1/28 5:pm	Holy Mass in memory of <b>JIM JACKSON</b>
1/29 8:30	Holy Mass for THE INTENTIONS OF <b>IRENE VANSLAGER</b>
11:15	Holy Mass in memory of <b>JIM JACKSON</b>
1/31 6:pm	Holy Mass for THE SOULS IN PURGATORY
2/1 8:30	Holy Mass
2/2 8:30	Holy Mass for the <b>ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY</b>
2/3 8:30	Holy Mass for healing for <b>JOHN BUTLER</b>
2/4 5:pm	Holy Mass in memory of <b>JESSICA HARDIN</b>
2/5 8:30	Holy Mass for THE INTENTIONS OF <b>IRENE VANSLAGER</b>
11:15	Holy Mass in memory of <b>MATTHEW DEMPSEY</b>

Collection Report: January 22	
Regular	\$2,783
Building	\$5,717
Burse Club	\$269
Beacons of Hope	\$439

**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](http://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](http://www.wvmealabama.org) or (800) 540-9963.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:**  
Feb 3, March 23, April 13  
Contact by e-mail at: [register.cee@birmingham@gmail.com](mailto:register.cee@birmingham@gmail.com)  
or visit the website at [www.birminghamcee.org](http://www.birminghamcee.org)

**To request a 2011 statement for income tax filing:**  
call the office (232-4191)  
or e-mail to [stpauloffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpauloffice@gmail.com).

**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.*

