

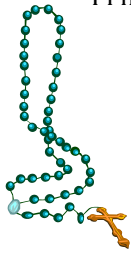


THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

# SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### OCTOBER 9, 2011



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. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

#### Chapel Hours

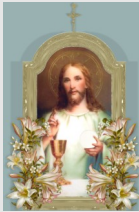
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Tuesday and Friday:

8 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Other hours are by appointment.



OUT OF RESPECT FOR JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND THE SACREDNESS OF THE SANCTUARY, and in consideration of those who come to Mass early or stay late to pray and meditate, kindly refrain from talking inside the church.

This allows those who wish some quiet time with Jesus, their moments of devotion. Socializing is always welcome in the vestibule, outside the church, or in the church hall.

Thank you for your kind observance of this request!

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/7-10/9 Knights of Columbus TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE
- 10/10 Monday Night Mass and Rosary
- 10/16 Parents Meeting for Confirmation students 10:00 a.m.
- 10/17 Monday Night Mass and Rosary
- 10/22-23 Propagation of the Faith: 2nd collection
- 10/25 Meeting re: Pilgrimage to Italy, 6:30 in chapel
- 10/30 Adoration 12:15-4 pm; ROSARY PROCESSION 4 pm; Family Night-meet in church first



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from "Introduction to the Devout Life"  
by St. Francis De Sales

#### Preparation:

1. Place yourself in the Presence of God
2. Humble yourself before Him, and ask His inspiration.

#### Considerations

1. Imagine yourself alone with your good angel in an open plain, as was Tobit on his way to Rages. Suppose the Angel to set before you Paradise, full of delights and joys; and on the other hand Hell, with all its torments.

Contemplate both, kneeling in imagination before your guardian

Angel. Consider that you are most truly standing between Hell and Paradise, and that both the one and the other are open to receive you, according to your own choice.

2. Consider that the choice you make in this life will last for ever in the next.
3. Consider too, that while both are open to receive you according to your choice, yet God, Who is prepared to give the one by reason of His Justice, the other by reason of His Mercy, all the while desires unspeakably that you should select Paradise; and your good Angel is urging you with all his might to do so, offering you countless graces on God's part, countless helps to attain to it.
4. Consider that Jesus Christ, enthroned in Heaven, looks down upon you in loving invitation: "O beloved one, come unto Me, and joy for ever in the eternal blessedness of My Love!" Behold His mother yearning over you with maternal tenderness— "Courage, my child, do not despise the Goodness of my Son, or my earnest prayers for thy salvation." Behold the Saints, who have left you their example, the millions of holy souls who long after you, desiring earnestly that you may one day be for ever joined to them in their song of praise, urging upon you that the road to Heaven is not so hard to find as the world would have you think. "Press on boldly, dear friend," they cry. "Whoso will ponder well the path by which we came hither, will discover that we attained to these present delights by sweeter joys than any this world can give."

#### The Choice

1. O Hell, I abhor thee now and for ever. I abhor thy griefs and torments, thine endless misery, the unceasing blasphemies and maledictions which thou pourest out upon my God;—and turning to thee, O blessed Paradise, eternal glory, unfading happiness, I choose thee for ever as my abode, thy glorious mansions, thy precious and abiding tabernacles. O my God, I bless Thy Mercy which gives me the power to choose—O Jesus, Saviour, I accept Thine Eternal Love, and praise Thee for the promise Thou hast given me of a place prepared for me in that blessed New Jerusalem, where I shall love and bless Thee for ever
2. Dwell lovingly upon the example set before you by the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, and strive to follow where they point you. Give yourself up to your guardian Angel, that he may be your guide, and gird up your courage anew to make this choice.

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

**OCT 10-OCT 16**

Mon 10/10	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the c hapel
Tues 10/11	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed 10/12	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Anthony</i>
Thur 10/13	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Jude</i>
Fri 10/14	7:30 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Adoration
Sat 10/15	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 10/16	8/8:30 am 11:15 am	Rosary/Holy Mass Rosary/Holy Mass

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



The Holy Rosary is prayed thirty minutes before each Mass.

### 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:** September 25—5pm

**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

### PLEASE PRAY



Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**JOHN O'NEILL**  
beloved husband of Nancy O'Neill.  
John passed away October 6.

*"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."*

### CONFIRMATION



**ALL PARENTS OF THOSE  
WHO ARE TO MAKE THEIR  
CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR  
SHOULD MEET IN THE  
CHURCH  
NEXT SUNDAY AT 10 A.M.**

### FOOD PANTRY



The food pantry is in need of  
Canned Corn, Instant Potatoes,  
Canned Chicken, and  
Canned Beef Stew.

*Thank you for all your support!  
Rachel Thompson*

### CHANGES IN THE MASS CD AVAILABLE

Bishop Foley's homilies in August on the changes in the Mass are available on CD. The CD includes:

1. The Spiritual Life of Your Soul & the Reality of the Mass
2. A Brief History of the Mass & the Process of translation from Latin to English.
3. Applications for the Principals of Translation & the Reason for the Changes.
4. The Actual Changes: Beginning of Mass-Creed
5. The Actual Changes: Presentation of Gifts -End of Mass

IF INTERESTED, CALL THE OFFICE TO ORDER YOUR COPY  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO:  
THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING FUND**

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES PLEDGE DRIVE



**If you have not picked up  
you Catholic Charities  
Pledge card, please try to take care of  
that this week-end.** Pledge cards are in the vestibule in two boxes marked A-L and M-Z. Find your pledge card; then fill out the card and drop back in the collection basket.

Please welcome to our parish



Donald and Bonita Shetter

# WELCOME!

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Agustin & Flor Bustos	5 yrs	10/12
Gary & Maria Taylor	29 yrs	10/09
Grover & Rose Gardner	57 yrs	10/09

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE



**Knights of Columbus  
TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE  
This Weekend!  
October 7-9**



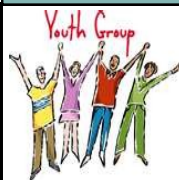
*Contact: Andy Ruble, arubleccl@gmail.com  
256-509-1281*

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS  
"OUR FATHER'S PLAN"  
Meets In the Chapel Sacristy  
Following 8:30 Mass-10:45**

**Bring your Bible and join us for class as we  
view the DVD program and have round-table  
discussion afterwards**

### YOUTH GROUP



**YOUTH GROUP  
MEETS THIS SUNDAY  
FROM 6:00-7:30 PM  
YOUTH ROOM IN THE  
CHURCH HALL**

### RCIA CLASSES ON THE FAITH



**CLASSES ON THE CATHOLIC  
FAITH** will soon begin. These classes are appropriate for anyone thinking about joining the Church, or who is an adult who wants to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or who just wants to know more about Catholicism. The time of the classes will be set to fit the schedule of those interested.

*If interested, please call the church office or call  
Jim Reisz at 256-614-0038.*

OCTOBER : MONTH OF  
THE MOST HOLY ROSARY



**The Joyful Mysteries**

from the Apostolic Letter  
Rosarium Virginis Mariae  
of Pope John Paul II  
to the Bishops, Clergy and Faithful  
on the Most Holy Rosary.

THE FIRST 5 DECADES, the “Joyful Mysteries,” are marked by the *joy radiating from the event of the Incarnation*. This is clear from the very first mystery, the Annunciation, where Gabriel’s greeting to the Virgin of Nazareth is linked to an invitation to messianic joy: “Rejoice, Mary.” The whole of salvation history, in some sense the entire history of the world, has led up to this greeting. If it is the Father’s plan to unite all things in Christ, then the whole of the universe is in some way touched by the divine favour with which the Father looks upon Mary and makes her the Mother of His Son. The whole of humanity, in turn, is embraced by the *fiat* with which she readily agrees to the will of God.

EXULTATION IS THE KEYNOTE of the encounter with Elizabeth, where the sound of Mary’s voice and the presence of Christ in her womb cause John to “leap for joy.” Gladness also fills the scene in Bethlehem, when the birth of the divine Child, the Saviour of the world, is announced by the song of the angels and proclaimed to the shepherds as “news of great joy.”

THE FINAL TWO MYSTERIES, while preserving this climate of joy, already point to the drama yet to come. The Presentation in the Temple not only expresses the joy of the Child’s consecration and the ecstasy of the aged Simeon; it also records the prophecy that Christ will be a “sign of contradiction” for Israel and that a sword will pierce His mother’s heart. Joy mixed with drama marks the fifth mystery, the finding of the twelve-

year-old Jesus in the Temple. Here he appears in His divine wisdom as He listens and raises questions, already in effect one who “teaches.” The revelation of His mystery as the Son wholly dedicated to His Father’s affairs proclaims the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom. Mary and Joseph, fearful and anxious, “did not understand” His words.

TO MEDITATE UPON THE “JOYFUL” MYSTERIES, then is to enter into the ultimate causes and the deepest meaning of Christian joy. It is to focus on the realism of the mystery of the Incarnation and on the obscure foreshadowing of the mystery of the saving Passion. Mary leads us to discover the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, first and foremost, *evangelion*, “good news,” which has as its heart and its whole content the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the one Saviour of the world.

ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR THE  
MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

To help you honor the Blessed Mother and her Son, Jesus throughout the month of October, the Rosary schedule is as follows:

**MONDAY, 10/16, 10/17, 10/31**

Rosary at 5:30 pm; Holy Mass at 6 pm  
in the Chapel

**TUESDAY, 10/11, 18, AND 25**

Rosary at 5:30 pm; Holy Mass at 6 pm  
in the Chapel

**WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, &  
SATURDAYS FOR THE REST OF OCTOBER**

Rosary at 8 am; Holy Mass at 8:30 am  
in the Chapel

**SATURDAY AFTERNOONS**

Rosary at 4:30 pm; Holy Mass at 5 pm  
in the Church

**SUNDAYS:** Rosary at 8:00 am & 10:45 am  
with Holy Mass at 8:30 and 11:15  
in the Church

**Sunday, October 30,**

**ADORATION OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST**  
immediately following the 11:15 Mass until 4 pm.

**ROSARY PROCESSION**

(outside if good weather; otherwise, inside).  
We will meet at the chapel at 4 pm and proceed  
from there to the Church where we will receive

**BENEDICTION**

After Benediction, we will remain in the Church for  
Fr. Charley to show us the **NEW PEW CARDS** for  
the new liturgical year, and for the choir to intro-  
duce us to the **NEW MUSIC LITURGY**.

**FAMILY NIGHT**

Chili in the Church Hall completes the day!

A big day planned to bring to a close the

**MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.**

**MASS READING FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 10/08	JOEL 4: 12-21 Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11: 27-28
Sat Vigil/Sun 10/09	ISA 25: 6-10a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 PHIL 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14
Mon 10/10	ROM 1: 1-7 Ps 98: 1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 11: 29-32
Tues 10/11	ROM 1: 16-25 Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5 Lk 11: 37-41
Wed 10/12	ROM 2: 1-11 Ps 62: 2-3, 6-7, 9 Lk 11: 42-46
Thur 10/13	ROM 3: 21-30 Ps 130: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Lk 11: 47-54
Fri 10/14	ROM 4: 1-8 Ps 32: 1b-2, 5, 11 Lk 12: 1-7
Sat 10/15	ROM 4: 13, 16-18 Ps 105: 6-7, 8-9, 42-43 Lk 12: 8-12
Sat Vigil/Sun 10/16	ISA 45: 1, 4-6 Ps 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 1 THESS 1: 1-5b MT 22: 15-21

**OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST**

**COMMUNITY DISASTER RELIEF WAREHOUSE**

Needs 3-5 volunteers on Saturdays  
from 8:30—3 pm  
Contact Kelley Smith 256-233-2323

**ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT**

**Fundraiser for LCCI**

October 13

Friendship Church

11 a.m.—1 pm

\$15 minimum donation entitles you to a meal of soups  
from vendors throughout Limestone County, viewing of  
the handcrafted bowls, a Silent Auction of works of  
artistry from artists from all around, and a keepsake  
bowl of your choosing. Tickets available at Friendship  
Church, Kindred Spirits and at the door.

**STRONG MEN STRONG FAITH  
BROADSWORD MEN’S CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, October 25

6:30 pm—8:30 pm

St. John the Baptist Church

Madison

Featuring nationally known speaker,

**Mike Durant**

Author of *The New York Times* best-seller

*In the Company of Heroes and Night Stalkers*

Includes a social half-hour, dinner,

and the presentation by Mr. Durant.

For more information: [www.stjohnchurch.org](http://www.stjohnchurch.org)

To register at the website

Select Adult Education and then select

SMSF/Broadsword link

## October 15/16, 2011 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	Jo Ann Harvey	Eva Trussell Pat Hatchett Eugene Scarbel*	Thomas Lipka	John Diaz	Vocals
8:30	Karen Wood	Joe Serocki Jackie Serocki Chuck Butler*	Joe Mandarino	Maggie Besh Sarah Kate Besh Lillian Caillouet	Organ
11:15	Allen Saucier	David Toney Steve Kirkpatrick* Maria Taylor	Carl Mcemore	Alec Baugher Ben Rhodes Josh Maplesden	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...**

Tomas Branson	Wayne Wood	Michael Harries	Betty Jaraba	Loretta Gregg	Millie Bloemer	Noah Ritchey
Jim & June Jackson	June Maplesden	Luzy Heard	Sadie Davidson	Carol Whitney	Mary Chambers	Annika Glover
Eloise McLeod	Terri Rankin	Al West	Helen Woods	Susan Giddens	Terri Forbes	Marjorie Guenther
Randy Brinkley	Carol Bailey	Frank Pitruzzello	Gaylord Huffman	PFC Bradley Thompson	Marie Woodham	Sgt. Joe Salesky
Lois Ware-Glasper	Grace Hunt	Jane Hargrove	Herbert Williams	Irene Vanslager	Tom Mingus, Jr.	Rima Feldman
Sandra Glovich	Jackie Johnson	Lolita Halsey	Joan Hendrick	Lee Becatti & family	Bobby S. Gilbert	Gregg Blythe
Jo Ann Harvey	Virginia Gould	Pam Meyer	Lois Graff	Dale Borden	Gregory Carrow	Jim Hill
Tim Counihan	Margaret Stonecypher	John Ogle	Edward J. Johnson	Elliott Malone	Kathy Foster	Vic Acuff
Maria Hetrick	Splendi Ward		Michael Miller	Rene Zaragoza	Marie Stephens	Traci Louis
Betty Bates	Irene & Robert Lee		Andy Beasley	Jose Guadalupe Sandoval	Terry Tyler	Will Pekrul
Bob Khym	Marjorie Dissottle		Jim Flynt	Edilberto Aliviado, Sr.	Andy Butcher	Billy Griffin
Pauline Garlen	Eva Isdunis		George Harvey, Jr.	Luis & Josefina Lopez	Howard Vinson	Tim Salesky
Bert Beam	Cathy Marten		Connie Haislip	Wesley Lavender	Michael Carrow	Julia Ryberg
Kenny Carwile			George Reny	Mary Morgan	Kimberly Bush	Norm Wilke
			Mildred Slaten	Karen Hancock	Mathias Grichtmeier	Della Rumore
				Ryan Hudson		

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>							
10/8	5 pm Holy Mass for intentions of <b>TRISHA DAVIS</b>						
10/9	8:30 Holy Mass in memory of <b>PAULETTE GIROUX</b> , Lucille Evans' aunt						
	11:15 Holy Mass in memory of <b>JOHN O'NEILL</b>						
10/10	6 pm Holy Mass in memory of <b>STELLA KOLLEFRATH</b>						
10/11	6pm Holy Mass for <b>PERMANENT CLOSING OF NEW WOMAN/ALL WOMEN ABORTION CLINIC &amp; FOR CONVERSION OF ITS STAFF.</b>						
10/12	8:30 Holy Mass in memory of <b>MIKE JENNINGS</b>						
10/13	8:30 Holy Mass						
10/14	8:30 Holy Mass						
10/15	5 pm Holy Mass in memory of <b>ANNA MAE THEN</b> Paul Then's mother						
10/15	8:30 Holy Mass in memory of <b>GERALD GOULD</b>						
	11:15 Holy Mass for the <b>POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY</b>						
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**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, call the rectory at 771-1164.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS**

Huntsville (11/11-13)  
Register at [www.wmealabama.org](http://www.wmealabama.org) or (800) 540-9963.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:**  
Oct 14, Jan 6, Feb 3, March 23, April 13  
Contact by e-mail at: [register.cebirmingham@gmail.com](mailto:register.cebirmingham@gmail.com)  
or visit the website at [www.birminghamcee.org](http://www.birminghamcee.org)

Bring this Sunday Bulletin to Bojangles to receive a 10% discount on your meal!

**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.*