



THE PEOPLE OF GOD CALLED TO FORM THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF

# SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SEPTEMBER 11, 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

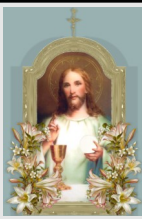
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday:

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

- 9/14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
- 9/15 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
- 9/18 8:30 Mass: Religious Education Teacher Blessing
- 9/19-22 Diocesan Priest Retreat
- 9/24-25 Catholic Charities Pledge Weekend
- 10/2 PET BLESSING: 1:30 pm in parking lot
- 10/4 FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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#### FORGIVING OTHERS...

*"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Matthew 18*

"If a man finds it very hard to forgive injuries, let him look at a Crucifix, and think that Christ shed all His Blood for *him*, and not only forgave *His* enemies, but even prayed His Heavenly Father to *forgive* them also. Let him remember that when he says the Pater Noster, every day, instead of asking pardon for his sins, he is calling down vengeance on himself." *Saint Philip Neri*



"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart. *St. Faustina.*

**'If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive'. - Blessed Mother Teresa**



"For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by *forgiving* and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray—that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy. And when the Last Day comes, we shall be judged from this, and on this basis we shall receive the eternal verdict. *St. Faustina*

As the Catechism states: "Love, like the Body of Christ, is indivisible; we *cannot love* the God we cannot see if we *do not love* the brother or sister we do see. In refusing to forgive our brothers and sisters, our hearts are closed and their hardness makes them impervious to the Father's merciful love..." *St. Thomas Aquinas*



#### HEALING PRAYER AT BEDTIME

Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, go back into my memory as I sleep. Every hurt that has ever been done to me. ...*heal that hurt.*  
Every hurt that I have ever caused to another person. ...*heal that hurt.*  
All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I am not aware of. ...*heal those relationships.*

But Lord, if there is anything that *I need to do.* ...  
if I need to go to a person because he is still suffering from my hand, bring to my awareness that person.  
I *choose* to forgive, and I *ask* to be forgiven.  
Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, Lord,  
and fill the empty spaces with your Love. Thank You Jesus. Amen

## THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

**SEPT 12-SEPT 18**

Mon 9/12		
Tues 9/13	5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help</i>
Wed 9/14	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <i>Novena to St. Anthony</i>
Thur 9/15	8:00 am 8:30 am	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel <b>OUR LADY OF SORROWS</b> <i>Novena to St. Jude</i>
Fri 9/16	7:30 am 8:30 am 9—7 pm	Rosary & Adoration Holy Mass in the chapel Adoration
Sat 9/17	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 9/18	8/8:30 am 10:45/11:15	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

### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Altar Society:** 1st Tuesday, 9:30 am in Hall

**Bible Study Class:** Sundays 10:00-10:45

**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:** Announced in bulletin, 5 pm in church hall

**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 chapel. **Call the office if interested.**

**RE:** 9:50 am in the church; parents pick up at 10:45 in classrooms. (RESUMES SEPT 11)

**Ladies Social Circle:** 4th Wednesday, 9:30 -11:30 am in the church hall (RESUMES IN THE FALL)

**Ultreya:** 4th Thursday, 6:45 pm in the chapel

**Youth Group:** Sundays 6:00-7:30 pm- church hall Youth Room during school year

## SEPTEMBER 12:FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY



“O Name of Mary! Joy in the heart, honey in the mouth, melody to the ear of Her devout clients!”

*St. Anthony of Padua*

“Mary means enlightener, because She brought forth the Light of the world. In the Syriac tongue, Mary signifies Lady.”

*St. Isidore of Seville*

“Mary means Star of the Sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary’s maternal intercession.”

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

“This most holy, sweet and worthy name was eminently fitted to so holy, sweet and worthy a virgin. For Mary means a bitter sea, Star of the Sea, the Illuminated or Illuminatrix. Mary is interpreted Lady.

Mary is a bitter sea to the demons; to men She is the Star of the Sea; to the Angels She is Illuminatrix, and to all creatures She is Lady.”

*St. Bonaventure*

“The name of Mary “cannot be pronounced without bringing some grace to him who does so devoutly.”

*St. Bonaventure*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**WELCOME BACK** to all the students and their teachers! Religious Education classes start back this weekend. Be sure to meet first in the church at 9:50 as classrooms have been rearranged due to the construction of the New Religious Education Building. **NEXT SUNDAY at the 8:30 Mass** Fr. Charley will bless our dedicated teachers who have been called to the ministry of catechist. **Please come and support these wonderful parishioners who have committed to give of their time each week to teach our children about their Holy Catholic Faith and the importance of living out that faith in their own lives at home, school and neighborhood.**

### THANK YOU



Thank you to all those who worked so hard in the last few weeks to get the classrooms ready for the start of Religious Education Classes: those who made the new temporary classrooms, those who moved furniture and supplies, and those who cleaned. Your hard work is very much appreciated by all of us! **THANK YOU!**

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING TO OUR PARISH:



David and Hannah Monroe  
Nicolas and Isabel Hernandez and family  
Camilo and Dulce Figueroa and family  
Richard Cislo and daughter



### CONGRATULATIONS



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tim & Brenda Gibbs	18 yrs 9/11
Tommy & Dianne Atchley	25 yrs 9/13
Milan & Anita Breternitz	48 yrs 9/14

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

### REMEMBERING 9/11 IN PRAYER

**GOD OF PEACE, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth.**

**IN YOUR GOODNESS, give eternal light and peace to all who were victims of 9/11.**

**IN YOUR COMPASSION, bring healing to those who suffer from injury, illness, and grief and give them strength to continue to live their lives with courage and hope.**

**TURN TO YOUR WAY OF LOVE those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.**

**GRANT THAT THOSE whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost may not have been lost in vain.**

**COMFORT AND CONSOLE US, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.**

Adapted from Pope Benedict XVI prayer at Ground Zero

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

If you have not registered your child for Religious Education, please do so today. Forms are available in the vestibule and at the church website. Please attach payment and return in the collection plate or mail to the church office.

**\$20 per child                      \$40 max per family**  
**Classes begin today, SEPTEMBER 11TH at 9:50 a.m. in the church.**

SEPTEMBER, MONTH OF  
OUR LADY OF SORROWS



**PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**O MOST HOLY VIRGIN,**  
Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
by the overwhelming grief you experienced  
when you witnessed the martyrdom,  
the crucifixion,  
and death of your divine Son,  
look upon me with eyes of compassion,  
and awaken in my heart  
a tender commiseration for those sufferings,  
as well as a sincere detestation of my sins,  
in order that being disengaged  
from all undue affection  
for the passing joys of this earth,  
I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem,  
and that henceforward  
all my thoughts and all my actions  
may be directed  
towards this one most desirable object.  
Honor, glory, and love  
to our divine Lord Jesus,  
and to the Holy and Immaculate  
Mother of God. Amen.

**FOOD PANTRY**



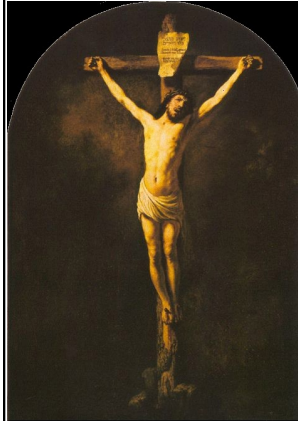
The food pantry is in need of  
**Cooking Oil, Canned Chicken,  
Cornmeal, Mixed Vegetables,  
Instant Potatoes and Bar Soap.**

*Thank you for your continued support,  
Rachel Thompson*



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

SEPTEMBER 14: FEAST OF THE EXULTATION  
OF THE HOLY CROSS



On the Feast of the  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
we honor the Holy Cross by  
which Christ redeemed the  
world. The public  
veneration of the Cross of  
Christ originated as far back as the  
4th century.

*We adore Thee O Christ and we praise Thee,  
Because by thy holy Cross  
Thou hast redeemed the world.*

**NOVENA OF  
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Jesus, Who because of Your burning love for us  
willed to be crucified and to shed Your Most  
Precious Blood for the redemption and salvation  
of our souls, look down upon us and grant the  
petition we ask for .....(mention here).

We trust completely in Your Mercy.  
Cleanse us from sin by Your Grace.  
Sanctify our work.

Give us and all those who are dear to us our daily  
bread, lighten the burden of our sufferings,  
bless our families, and grant to the nations, so  
sorely afflicted, Your Peace, which is the only true  
peace, so that by obeying Your Commandments  
we may come at last to the glory of Heaven.

**ALTAR SERVER RECOGNITION**

The Serra Club is recognizing the Altar  
Servers of the diocese with a reception **next  
Sunday, September 18 at 2 pm in the  
Cathedral in Birmingham.** Each altar  
server will be recognized. Those parents  
who are interested in taking their altar  
servers to this reception should call  
*Randy Toliver at (205) 956-7048*

**YOUTH GROUP**

**YOUTH GROUP** starts back **this Sunday,  
September 11 from 6—7:30 pm**  
in the **Church Hall Youth Room.**  
All high school students are invited.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES PLEDGE DRIVE**

**September 24/25** is the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES PLEDGE DRIVE.** Pledge cards sent  
from Catholic Charities 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.

**MASS READING FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat 9/10	<b>1 TIM</b> 1:15-17 <b>PS</b> 113: 1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 <b>LK</b> 6: 43-49
Sat Vigil/Sun 9/11	<b>SIR</b> 27: 30—28: 7 <b>PS</b> 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 <b>ROM</b> 14: 7-9 <b>MT</b> 18: 21-35
Mon 9/12 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	<b>1 TIM</b> 2: 1-8 <b>PS</b> 28: 2, 7, 8-9 <b>LK</b> 7: 1-10
Tues 9/13	<b>1 TIM</b> 3: 1-13 <b>PS</b> 101: 1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 <b>LK</b> 7: 11-17
Wed 9/14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	<b>NUM</b> 21: 4b-9 <b>PS</b> 78: 1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 <b>PHIL</b> 2: 6-11 <b>JN</b> 3: 13-17
Thur 9/15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS	<b>HEB</b> 5: 7-9 <b>PS</b> 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 <b>JN</b> 19: 25-27
Fri 9/16	<b>1 TIM</b> 6:2c-12 <b>PS</b> 49: 6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 <b>LK</b> 8: 1-3
Sat 9/17	<b>1 TIM</b> 6: 13-16 <b>PS</b> 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5 <b>LK</b> 8: 4-15
Sat Vigil/Sun 9/18	<b>ISA</b> 55: 6-9 <b>PS</b> 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18 <b>PHIL</b> 1: 20c-24, 27a <b>MT</b> 20: 1-16a

**OTHER NOTES OF INTEREST**

**September 11  
10th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
Athens-Limestone Ministerial Association  
3 pm Eastside of the Square

**LCCI:FAMILY NEEDS HELP**  
Family lost their home to fire and is in need of furniture,  
household items, towels, sheets, dishes, etc. Also  
items for Girl, age 7 and Boy, age 5. Clothes have  
already been donated and are not needed. Drop small  
items off at LCCI; to donate large items, contact Tere  
Richardson at (256) 729-6337 or (314) 651-8269

**HOSPICE OF LIMESTONE COUNTY  
VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

**September 15<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2011**  
Day & Evening Sessions  
Please Call Volunteer Coordinator  
Pam Smith for more information.  
Phone#: (256) 232-5017

**POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

has items for sale that support the high school's athletic  
endeavors.: magnets, caps, umbrellas, sweatshirts, polo  
shirts, t-shirts, hoodies, athletic bags, car tags, stadium  
chairs. If you're interested in supporting the local  
Catholic high school, you can order at  
[www.jp2falcons.org](http://www.jp2falcons.org)  
Click on Athletics/Falcon Spirit Wear

September 17-18, 2011 Server Schedule			SERVER LISTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE		
To receive a schedule by e-mail, send your request to Tom at <a href="mailto:spschedule@bellsouth.net">spschedule@bellsouth.net</a>			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	Pat Hatchett* John Frey Patricia Frey	Thomas Lipka	John Diaz	Organ
8:30	Michael McLean	Joe Serocki Jackie Serocki* Doris Durham	Joe Mandarino	Maggie Besh Sarah Kate Besh Lillian Caillouet	Organ
11:15	Beverly Toney	David Toney* Greg Beam Yvonne Dempsey	Michael Gould	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...**

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

Mass Intentions	
<i>Mass Intention envelopes are available in the vestibule</i>	
9/10 5 pm	Mass for healing for <b>RAMOND LA BRECQUE</b>
9/11 8:30	Mass in memory of <b>SARAH CHAPMAN</b>
11:15	Mass in memory of <b>KATHY DUNN</b>
9/13 6 pm	Mass for <b>INTENTIONS OF BERT BEAM</b>
9/14 8:30	Mass in memory of <b>JIM CUNY</b>
9/15 8:30	Mass in memory of <b>JESSIE AGUILAR</b>
9/16 8:30	Mass for a <b>SPECIAL INTENTION OF EVA TRUSSELL</b>
9/17 5 pm	Mass in memory of <b>LINDA WEBB</b>
9/18 8:30	Mass in honor of <b>MARGARET STONECYPHER</b>
11:15	Mass for <b>ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY</b>

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Collection Report: September 4, 2011	
Regular	\$4,637
Building	\$7,874
Assumption	\$1
Burse Club	\$4

**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**  
Nashville (10/7-9); Huntsville (11/11-13)  
Register at [www.wmealabama.org](http://www.wmealabama.org) or (800) 540-9963.

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:**  
Sep 16, Oct 14  
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)

 "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist. Come back to that Adoration." ... Blessed Mother Teresa

**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.