

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND

This fund enables us to decorate the Church during the Christmas season. The donors and those remembered will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of January 7-8, 2017. The suggested donation is \$10. An envelope for this purpose is available in the pews and in your monthly packet. You may use one of your own envelopes, as well. Remember to include on the envelope the name(s) of those to be remembered/honored.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 8th
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ST. PEREGRINE NOVENA

Monday, January 9th
6:30 p.m.

The novena will last about 1/2 hour. It will conclude on May 8, 2017 (9 months).

ADULT EDUCATION

On Tuesday, January 10, Fr. Paul will begin a seven part series on the Sacraments of the Church. Each week a new Sacrament will be studied, beginning with the Sacrament of Baptism.. Our traditional pot luck supper starts at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and welcomed to attend. There is no requirement that everyone be able to attend all seven presentations.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Beginning on January 22, 2017, (the 4th Sunday) the 10:30 a.m. Mass will end with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will conclude at 3:00 p.m. with the sung Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION

Coadjutor Bishop David Talley will be celebrating the 10:30 a.m. Mass in our parish on Sunday, January 22. A potluck luncheon will follow in the hall. Please come to meet our new Bishop and welcome him to our parish and diocese.



DIocese
of ALEXANDRIA

YOUTH MINISTRY - GRADES 2-12

Youth night is every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.! Come hang out with us! We will have music, snacks, pool, ping pong, air hockey, video games and lots of fun! All youth are invited.

CHRISTMAS 2016

Thank you to everyone who's time, talent and treasure provided for beautiful and prayerful Christmas Masses. A special word of appreciation to St. Nick for his presence at breakfast and both Christmas vigil Masses.

FROM THE PASTOR

As you may remember, last year I purchased the Holy Family figures which form the foundation of our Christmas nativity scene. An anonymous parishioner generously purchased the Gloria angel. There are other figures available for purchase to complete the set. Three wise men: \$500 each; camel: \$500; ox: \$300; shepherd: \$400; sheep: \$100 each; kneeling angel: \$300. Please let me know if you would like to donate and/or memorialize any of the figures.

Our parish is still in need of individuals to volunteer as Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please call or email me as soon as possible to express your interest. While we already have many dedicated men and women who offer their time and talent, we can never have too many active and involved liturgical ministers. Additionally, we are asking anyone who has received first Eucharist and in at least the third grade to offer their time as an altar server at any weekend Mass.

Please take notice that the staff's email addresses have changed in addition to our parish website. We have engaged the services of Trinity Publications who generously provide Catholic Institutions with website management. Although it is still in the production phase, you may visit www.mmjchurch.org for the bulletin and other parish information. Please let me know how you like the new site and if you have any suggestions for changes or additions.

*Mary, Mother of Jesus Catholic Church***PARISH OFFICES**

Monday - Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM
Friday 8:00AM to Noon
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Website: mmjchurch.org



a growing family of love in Jesus Christ

ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., you are invited, welcomed, loved and respected here.

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On behalf of Fr. Paul and those who minister to you at Mary, Mother of Jesus Parish, may you and those you love experience a healthy and happy New Year 2017 !!!!

In observance of this holyday, the parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**Reconciliation/Confession**

30 minutes before every weekend Mass for 15 minutes.

Baptism

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or on Sunday afternoons. Contact the church office.

Holy Matrimony

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

Mass of Christian Burial

All arrangements should be made directly with the funeral home who will then contact the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:00PM - For our parish family

Lector: B. Patty
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:00AM - For our parish family

Lector: C. Sayes
Server: E. Loken

10:30AM - For our parish family

Lector: J. Antee
Server: J. Landry

5:30PM - **NO MASS**

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00AM - Eugene F. LaPalme 17th anniv.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00AM - Wilfred Moras 33rd anniv.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00AM - Joe Gauthier

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00AM - Charlie & Alma Gaiennie

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

In loving memory of
Camille Smith
by Kathy Rachall

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 per candle.

WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2017

REG. COLLECTION: SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

4:00PM - Rita A. LaPalme 4th anniv.

Lector: S. Cranford
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM - Patrick L. Matt

Lector: B. Edwards
Server: L. Delaney

10:30AM - Mae Baum

Lector: R. Patin
Server: S. Landry

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: M. Leleux
Server: M. Leleux

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00AM - For our parish family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00AM - For our parish family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00AM - For our parish family

If you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy or representatives of the Catholic Church and you want to make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and/or to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families, call Dr. Lee Kneipp, Victim Assistance Coordinator (318) 623-3804 or the Diocesan **HOTLINE** (318) 445-1427. Diocesan "Protecting our Children - Understanding, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse" brochures are available in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct are available in the safe environment section of the Diocesan website: www.diocesealex.org.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

December 31, 2016 - January 1, 2017

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 12/25/2016

Total # of envelopes	36
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 164.02
Weekly Collection	\$ 6,613.00
EFT Collection	\$ 245.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 4,529.00
Overage	\$ 2,329.00
Goal for December (4 wks)	\$ 18,116.00
Received for December	\$ 22,954.00
Over for December	\$ 4,838.00
Maintenance & Repair (FY 2016/2017)	\$ 20.00
	\$ 3,920.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 1,312.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents too!



DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

For this coming week:

December 31 - Msgr. Steve Testa

January 1 - Bishop Ronald Herzog

January 2 - Bishop David Talley

January 3 - Father Ker Texada

January 4 - Father Jacob Thomas

January 5 - Father August Thompson

January 6 - Father John Timmermans

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR SICK

Landen Bradford, Charlie Butler, Patricia Davies, Robyn Gallent, Russell Gauthier, Jane Juneau, Bruce Laborde, Evelyn Lamkin, Randall Lamkin, Donzal Langston, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Helen R. Mathews, John McClure, Charles Medica, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Donald Normand, Cynthia Parker, Donna Pearson, Kelly Pias, Raymond & Joan Rachall, Ben Rougeou, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Michael Stevens, Ruth Valley, Jacob Williamson

OUR RECOVERING

Cameron Brown, Amy Ladner Davis, Gerri Deptula, Walter, Jr. & Jackie Deptula, John Goetz, Terry Kohler, Jana Massy, Rachel Mayfield, Ottis Monroe, Dusty Nassif, Harold Roshto, Sarah Waits

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard and Linda Kelly, Buddy Normand, Fleta Waits

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Florence Broussard, Rose Ponthieux, Ray Reich, Emma Wells, Mary Virginia Young

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Timothy Deptula, Travis Edwards, Cade Jameson, Daniel Keely, Michael Smilie

If you know of anyone who should be included or removed, contact Kathy at the office. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.

Pastoral Council

Chair: Deborah Bess
Nicole Coreil, Brad Gadel, Priscilla Gadel, Runnie Hunter, Courtney Landry, Bobbie Long, Marshall Long, Rachel Patin, Katie Upton

Finance Council

Chair: Marshall Long
Brenda Benoit, Pat Brister, Gary Delaney, Bernard Patty, Kevin Switzer

Trustees

Pat Brister, Gary Delaney