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The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 1, 2017

Special Day of Adoration Friday, Oct. 13th: here at St. Martin from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm. Adoration will continue at the Newman Center 200 building (which will be locked) from Friday 7:00 pm – 8:00 am, Saturday morning. October 13th marks the 100th anniversary of the appearances of Our Lady of Fatima. Therefore, throughout the Archdiocese of Mobile, participating parishes will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please sign up for an hour on the bulletin board in the parish hall.** Please note that we will be moving adoration this week from Wednesday, Oct. 11th to Friday, Oct. 13th.

Changes to Next Week's Schedule Oct. 2-4: all the priests of the archdiocese will be attending a workshop Monday evening – Wednesday noon. Therefore, Holy Mass will not be offered on Tuesday Oct. 3; however, Mass will be offered on Monday, Oct. 2nd at 12:15 pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, October 1

CCD K-8th - 8:30 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Holy Mass in Spanish - Sunday October 1st at noon
Misa en Español - Domingo octubre 1 a las 12:00 mediodia
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
High School Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Monday, October 2

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am
Holy Mass - 12:15 pm

Tuesday, October 3

Men of St. Martin - 6:30 am
No Holy Mass

Wednesday, October 4

Adoration - 9 am - 8 pm
Holy Mass - 5:15 pm
Bible Study in Spanish - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Small Group Bible Study - 6:00 pm

Thursday, October 5

Holy Mass - 12:15 pm
RCIA - 6:00 pm

Friday, October 6

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, October 7

Sacrament of Reconciliation – 4:45 to 5:15 pm
Holy Mass—5:30 pm

Sunday, October 8

No CCD K – 8th
Sacrament of Reconciliation – 9:30 to 9:45 am
Rosary – 9:30 am
Holy Mass – 10:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sorrell Chapel - 4:35 pm
Holy Mass, Sorrell Chapel - 5:00 pm
No High School Meeting

Meeting for All Lectors Oct. 15 & 16: for those of you who are veterans as well as those of you who signed up during time and talent, please make plans to attend a **brief training session following Holy Mass.**

Right to Life Holy Hour Wednesday, Oct. 4th 7 – 8 pm: October is Respect Life Month, and so, we will have a holy hour in which we will pray some devotions together and have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. **Please make every effort to come, even if you can only come for part of it.** If you are unable to come, please join us spiritually in your home or wherever you are by praying with us that all life will be respected from the moment of conception until natural death. **Please feel free to invite your friends.**

Meeting for All Ushers, Gift-Bearers & Greeters Oct. 21 & 22: for those of you who are veterans as well as those of you who signed up during time and talent, please make plans to attend a **brief training session following Holy Mass.**

Blessing of Pets Oct. 8th at 3:30 pm: In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day is Oct. 4, we will have the blessing of pets over by the lawn mower shed (near the statue of St. Martin).

Big Thanks to Our Lawn Mowers & Maintenance Men: as we (hopefully) wind down another season of lawn mowing, let's thank Verne Crowe, who is in charge, and the men who work so hard to keep our grounds looking so good. Thanks as well to Randy Leutzinger who does the maintenance work around the church. All these guys to great work and they deserve our thanks.

October is Respect Life Month: Our Catholic Faith teaches us that we must respect life in all its stages, from conception to natural death, because all human life is created by God and is sacred. Please educate yourself on the sanctity of human life; please pray as well that every human life will be respected and loved with the dignity that God gives each one of us no matter how young or old we are.

CAPP Retraining: It is time for all volunteers who work with children and adolescents to renew their Child Protection training. Please go to www.mobilearchdiocese.org/childprotection to read the articles and take the quiz.

Concert at St. Martin Monday, Oct. 2nd: presented by the Troy Arts Council. The Rose Ensemble will perform a program that will honor St. Francis. Check it out at: <https://www.roseensemble.org/shows/il-poverello-life-and-legacy-st-francis-assisi>. For tickets, go to: www.troyartscouncil.com or just buy them at the door.

Sunday October 1st Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Irma: Hurricane Irma has resulted in deaths and has inflicted great damage upon areas of the Caribbean and Florida. Our people are remarkably generous in responding to the needs of their neighbors.

Pray the Rosary Sunday at 9:30 am



Let us Pray for:

Brian Britt, Sharon Listul, and Ellen Blum. Please send an email to [REDACTED] to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



Renewing of Prayer List: as we periodically do, we will be renewing our prayer list next week. If you have people who should stay on the list or whom you would like to add to the list, please email their names to Jeffrey Blair at [REDACTED]. You can also call the church office with the pertinent info.

We Honor Mary during the Month of October:

consider praying the Rosary with us before Holy Mass at 9:30 am or perhaps in your own home. You could also read something about Mary.

Stewardship of Time; Please circle those you wish to commit to and use this form to keep track of your commitments:

Attend Holy Mass on Sundays and holy days. Attend weekday Mass at least once a week. Spend 15 minutes per day in prayer. Invite a friend or acquaintance to Holy Mass. Pray together with my family before meals. Pray a daily or weekly rosary with my family. Discuss our Catholic faith with our children on a weekly basis. Teach my children our prayers. Read the Word of God for an hour a week. Spend an hour in adoration each week. Bring my family for adoration once a month. Read the Bible with my spouse each day. Pray daily or weekly for those who are sick. Observe liturgical seasons in my home. Learn more about my faith through a Bible study or prayer group.

Save the Date: Parish feast day and picnic Sunday, November 12th.

The Parish Code for Access to FORMED.ORG: is [REDACTED]. Please keep in mind that this code is for our parishioners and students only. I believe very strongly in honoring these sorts of rules. After all, if we want good Catholic material to learn from and share with our children, someone has to pay for it! (In case friends from other places enquire about getting access to FORMED, individuals are welcome to purchase access to the site as well as parishes). Thanks, Fr. Irwin

SERVING YOU NEXT WEEK

Saturday – October 7, 2017

Greeters: Volunteers

Lectors: Beth Ann Gibson, Maria Bernardo,

Ushers: John Leveque, Barbara Staskowski

Gift Bearers: The Gibbs Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dianne Leveque, Nick Drosyk

Altar Servers:

Sunday – October 8, 2017

Greeters: Herb and Anne Huner

Lectors: Mark Christensen, Emily Reiss

Ushers: Parker Reiss, Christopher Marco

Gift Bearers: Anna Chuplis, Jo Ann Gibson

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Chris Huner, Randy Leutzinger

Altar Servers: Isabel Robledo, Dominic Estis, Brady Huner

Stewardship of Treasure: At this time of year we take the opportunity to renew (or make) a financial commitment to the parish. God has blessed many of us with jobs and resources. These all belong to God before they belong to any one of us. Stewardship of Treasure, or tithing, is a way of being a good steward (manager) of what God has so generously given to us. Your regular contributions to the parish help pay bills and support all the events and activities that we engage in at St. Martin. Please pray and plan how you might support our church financially as we continue to do God's work in our community. **Simply fill out a tithing card and place it in the boxes near the church doors.**

Small Group Bible Study: will meet October 4 and October 18 at 6:00 pm in the old rectory. We are studying "Who Am I to Judge" from FORMED.org. Everyone is welcome to attend. Also, we will have a **cookout on October 29 at 4pm**. If you are interested in Small Group Bible Study please join us for the cookout, even if you haven't been able to make it to bible study. Contact Emily Reiss [REDACTED] or Anna Gooden [REDACTED] or join our Facebook group "St. Martin of Tours Small Group" for more information.

Stewardship of Time & Talent: Please take this opportunity to make (or renew) a commitment to the parish in the form of your time and talent. God has given each one of us gifts that he wants us to share with one another. Let's put those to use for the honor of God and out of love for one another. We would love to see as many people involved as possible in the various ministries and good works that our parish offers. Please be praying about how you might share your gifts with the church, and through her, with the community.

African American Contributions to the Catholic Church

Retreat: Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, Ft. Mitchell, Alabama is offering a one-day program entitled "African American Contributions to the Catholic Church" on Saturday, **October 7, 2017**. This presentation will reflect the rich history of Black priests, religious and laity in the life of the Catholic Church touching both struggles and successes. The presenter, Sr. Mary Ann Henagan is a Missionary Servant of the Most Blessed Trinity. The program begins with registration at 9:45 am (Eastern Time) and concludes at 2:30pm; Holy Mass is part of the day's program. The fee \$50.00 (includes a \$15.00 non-refundable deposit). For registration information call (334) 855-4474 or write Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Road, Ft. Mitchell, AL 36856.

Financial Numbers: We thought it beneficial to remind everyone of our expenses for 2016 during our Stewardship of Treasure Campaign. Insurance & Salaries \$51,074; Repairs, Maintenance & Capital Improvements \$4,968; Bills & Expenses \$29,705; Religious Education, Social Events & Charities \$15,550; Supplies for Church, Office & Parish Hall \$14,600; Total Expenses 115,897. During this same period we received \$160,684 in gifts from Sunday collections. As you can see, thanks to your generosity we were well able to meet our expenses and put money in the bank. To date, we have roughly \$351,919 in our three bank accounts. Please continue to be generous to your parish.