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The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 24, 2017

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.

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 note that we will be moving adoration this week from Wednesday, Oct. 11th to Friday, Oct. 13th.

Religious Education (CCD) for Children who Live Out of Town: please talk to Fr. Irwin if you live a long distance from St. Martin or are otherwise unable to make it on Sunday mornings. We will do whatever we can to work with you so that your children are educated in the faith.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARTIN

Sunday, September 24

CCD K-8th - 8:30 am
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
High School Meeting - 6:15 pm - 7:30pm

Monday, September 25

The Trudy Schroeder Women's Bible Study - 9:30 am

Tuesday, September 26

Holy Mass - 5:15 pm

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

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

Friday, September 29

Holy Mass - 6:30 am

Saturday, September 30

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

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

Stewardship of Treasure This Sunday: 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.**

2017 Catechetical Sunday: Last Sunday, the Church celebrated Catechetical Sunday, and the theme was "**Living as Missionary Disciples.**" Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists were called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Confirmation to be Celebrated Saturday, Sept. 30th 5:30 pm: we rejoice with our teens and their families who will be confirmed in two weeks by Archbishop Rodi at the vigil Mass. Everyone is encouraged to attend! It is very important that we celebrate these sacramental celebrations together as a parish. **It sends an unmistakable message to our teens that God and our Catholic faith matter- EVEN DURING FOOTBALL SEASON.** A reception will follow Holy Mass. **Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hall to bring something for the reception.**

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).

Thank God for our CCD Teachers: we honor all those who help pass on the Catholic faith in our parishes. We thank God for their work in the Lord's vineyard, and we ask for God's blessing upon them. Special thanks to: Stacy Graning, our Parish Catechetical Leader, Stacy Blair, Chastity Bradford, Sheri Brooks, Anna Gooden, Tracie Huner, Emily & Parker Reiss, Rebecca Sanders, Mary Stewart (student), Matt Young (student) and Angie Westberg who have committed themselves this year to teaching the faith to our children and teens.

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.

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.



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.

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.**

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. A special collection will be taken up Sunday October 1st for these people who are in great need.

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 – September 30, 2017

Greeters: Volunteers

Lectors: Brittany Meyer, Maria Bernardo

Ushers: Michael Meyer, Barbara Staskowski

Gift Bearers: The Messick Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Dianne Leveque, Julia Tran

Altar Servers:

Sunday – October 1, 2017

Greeters: Jeffrey and Stace Blair

Lectors: Randy Leutzinger, Marco Torres, Jr.

Ushers: Barry Smolcic, Mike Kreis

Gift Bearers: The Huner Family

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Herb Huner, Pat Block

Altar Servers: Joyce Gallie, Marie Gallie, Dominic Estis

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.

Job Opening: Dothan Catholic Social Services Area Office Director. Minimum requirement of Master's Degree in Social Work or a related field; licensure and 3-5 years administrative experience preferred. Resumes are being accepted until September 25, 2017. Send resume to: Marilyn King at mdking@mobarch.org or 188 S. Florida Street, Mobile, AL 36606. Contact the parish office for more details.

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.

Catechesis: means the education of each parishioner in the Catholic faith with the goal of making each one a disciple of the Lord. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says it this way: "An education of [parishioners young and old] in the faith of the Church through the teaching of Christian doctrine in an organic and systematic way to make them disciples of Jesus Christ" (from the definitions in the back of the Catechism).

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.

What does CCD Mean?: it means, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. It was begun by St. Charles Borromeo, a great saint of the counter-reformation (late 1500's A.D.), who saw the need to educate Catholics in their faith. The term basically refers to people bound by the same faith who gather together to study that faith.

Tithing Report September 17, 2017

Regular - \$2,875.85
Burse Club - \$112.00
Special Collection - Hurricane Harvey - \$270.00
Special Collection - Catholic University - \$295.20
Total - \$3,553.05

Renovation Campaign
Pledges Received - \$97,019.00
Percent of Total Pledged - 91%