

~Fifth Sunday of Lent~

Lent begins Wednesday, February 14, & will continue until Holy Saturday. It extends for a period of 40 days, exclusive of Sundays, since fasting never occurs on the Lord's Day. Lent's purpose is to better prepare for the feast of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday) & to dispose us to receive the graces that Jesus merited by his passion & death. Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fasting & abstinence.

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Stations of the Cross are each Lenten Friday at 6 PM. There will be no Meager Meals this year.

The Seder Meal will be at St. Peter Church on Wednesday, March 28. See the St. Peter website for the exact hour & tickets.

Annual COPE baby shower- March 18, Sunday, after Mass in the Marian Center. Any new or gently used baby items are greatly appreciated, for Mothers in need. Diapers and cash donations are also welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Please join us!



“The St. Vincent de Paul Society has produced a 10-episode series of 30-minute TV programs for EWTN TV that will air every week over the next ten weeks starting Sunday March 4. The programs will be shown twice on Sundays, at 5:30 am & 3:30 pm CT, and then repeated again the following Saturday at 5 pm CT. These programs show the many different activities that Vincentians do to serve those in need around the country. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is very active throughout the Archdiocese of Mobile.”

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Coming to St Peter Parish in Montgomery: The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit! April 5-8. Over the Church's history, God has revealed the truth of Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist through incredible miracles. Come and discover these miracles! Open: April 5 (10am-12pm, 1pm-8pm) Open April 6 (10am-12pm, 1pm-8pm), April 7 (11am-5pm), April 8 (1pm-5pm). St Peter Parish, 219 Adams Avenue, Montgomery. For more information, call the Parish (334-262-7304)

To purchase an Altar Easter Lily in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out a envelope in the back of the church & put it in the collection basket with \$9 per plant. These need to be turned in no later than March 25th.



HOLY HOUR FOR OUR COUNTRY Join us every Tuesday at 7 PM for a Holy Hour at St. Peter's Church in which we will pray for our country. (Please note, this is not intended to be a substitute for those who are committed to a holy hour at the Adoration Chapel). In the Holy Hour, we will pray a Litany of Saints from America, invoke the intercession of the Guardian Angel of America, and other prayers.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY Every fourth Monday of the Month, the Dead Theologians Society will meet at 7 PM in the St. Peter's Parish Hall to discuss various readings from Church Fathers, theologians, and other ecclesiastical writers.

Chrism Mass will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile on March 27, at 11 AM. Archbishop Rodi & the priests of the Archdiocese will exemplify their unity/communion. This Mass emphasizes the institution of the priesthood. At the end of the Liturgy of the Word during the Mass, there is a general renewal of commitment to priestly service by both the Archbishop & the priests. Also, the blessing of oils & consecrating of chrism will also take place.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

From **February 14 –March 25**, you're invited to join, **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of *prayer & fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach* –to stand and peacefully pray in the public right-of-way across the street from the Montgomery abortion facility, **Reproductive Health Services**, 811 S Perry St. The **Kick-Off** for the campaign is Thursday, February 8 at Chappy's Deli (Perry Hill) @ 5:30pm. Please PRAY and ask God if He is calling you to participate and be willing to embrace this opportunity to glorify and honor God by proclaiming the right to life for those who have no voice! **If you'd like more information** – and especially if you'd like to be a **Prayer Volunteer**, please contact: Michelle Rowe, 40 Days for Life Campaign Coordinator: 334-233-4682 or 40dfllmontgomery@gmail.com . To sign up **ONLINE** go to: 40daysforlife.com/Montgomery

Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday March 8, 2:30pm at Holy Spirit Parish

Receiving Holy Communion and Reconciliation, listening to a sermon on mercy, venerating the Image of Divine Mercy are the heart of the celebration. These should be approached with a disposition of trust in Jesus and with repentance. We should be drawn to God's mercy with trust, receive His Mercy with thanksgiving, and share His Mercy with joy.

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Ushers
March 18
 10:00 AM Bennie Ryan
 Steve Smejkal
 Open
 Open

March 25
 Ken Hutchinson
 Bobby Spotswood
 Open
 Open



Rosary
 Mike Petrof

Jamie & Dawn
 Damato

Lectors
 10:00AM Mike Petrof

Jamie & Dawn
 Damato



Eucharist Ministers:

Mar 18
 10:00, Randal Beesley

Mar 25
 10:00, Mary Loftin

April 1
 10:00, Jamie Damato

April 8
 10:00, Karen Franklin

Weekly Tithing Report:

March 18, 2018

Year's 2018 Budget: \$156,000.00
 Budget to Date: \$30,000.00
 Sun Collections to Date: \$24,616.50
 Sun Collection Last Week: \$2,036.00
 Building the Future: \$50.00

Thank you for your generosity!

"When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose...let us treat each person as the masterpiece that he or she is."

~ USCCB, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

We pray that God may create clean hearts in us, that we may see and treat others as His beautiful creations.

"Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death."

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB

Catholic Social Services is continuing to provide low cost Immigration Services at its office in Montgomery, AL. For further information please contact Olga White at 334-288-8890 ext. 219.

Servicios Sociales Catolicos continua ofreciendo, a bajo costo, servicios de Inmigracion en su oficina en Montgomery, AL. Para informacion por favor llame a Olga Fernandez White 334-288-8890 ext 219.

Natural Family Planning

In order to help couples live out the Church's beautiful teaching on marriage & family life, the Couple to Couple League offers classes on natural family planning. To find out more info, go to www.ccli.org & search for classes in your ZIP Code. Or, call Brian & Vicki Petters, 334-356-5357.



Please pray for:

Anna Strickland	Gladys Bracken	Dana Libby
Ed & Loretta Martin	Cal Libby	Shannon Young
Kathleen Faulkner	Helen Rayburn	Tom Somerville
Clarice Goodin	Lesly Somerville Simon	
Cammie Moreno Shaddock		

Montgomery Area Adoration Chapel

Call Priscilla Berry, 288-3292.



Adoration Chapel's open hour:

Sun: 3-4 AM.

Mon: 3-4 PM.

Fri: 2-3 PM.

Prayer Partners needed:

Sun: 2-3 PM.

Tues. 7-8 PM, 11 PM-12 Midnight.

Fri. 8-9 AM.

Adoration Chapel

Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving & adoration for all He has done for our salvation. "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive honor, glory, & praise." (Rv 5:12)

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sun, Mar 18	10:00 AM, OLQM Parishioners
Mon, Mar 19	6:30 AM, Juli Elizabeth Meyer (L)
Tues, Mar 20	8:15 AM, Makenzie Rae Martin
Wed, Mar 21	8:15 AM, Rebecca Smith (L)
Thurs, Mar 22	8:15 AM, Handy Olmi
Fri, Mar 23	8:15 AM, George Gereke

Food & Fellowship—March 25—Bring something to share.



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Water Cooler Catechism

Fr. Pat Driscoll from Holy Spirit Parish & Tom Riello from Montgomery Catholic Prep are on WMGY (800 AM) at 8 AM, Sunday mornings, & online a archangelradio.com & the Archangel Radio app.

Catholic News Sources:

EWTN.com; CatholicCulture.org; Catholic World Report.com; www.cardinalnewmansociety.org & USCCB.org (official website of the US bishops)