

~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~

Father Sreboth will attend a Priest Retreat May 29 thru June 1. There will be no weekday Masses during this time.

Easter Season

It spans from Easter to Pentecost. The Paschal Candle shines forth until the Ascension to signify the Risen Christ. The principal characteristic of this season is the frequent use of "alleluia" which is the chant of victory. Jesus was victorious over sin & death. " Alleluia" anticipates the bliss of heaven, as we move forward on our journey to heaven.

Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It takes its name from the fact that it comes about 50 days after Easter. Originally in the Old Testament (Deut. 16:9), it was called the Feast of Weeks & fell on the 50th day after Passover. The first fruits of the corn harvest were offered to the Lord. Later, the giving of the law to Moses was also celebrated. In 2015, Pentecost is on May 24. Red vestments are worn to celebrate the Holy Spirit's intrusion into the Apostles. They were fired up to spread the Gospel to all nations, as they themselves lived & proclaimed the same Gospel.

Paschal Candle after Pentecost

It is kept near the baptismal font to be used during baptismal ceremonies & is also available for Funeral Rites by being placed near the casket during the Funeral Mass. The Paschal Candle is lit for the funeral.

Our Lady of Fatima

On May 13, Mary is venerated under this title following apparitions to 3 shepherd children in Portugal in 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance from sin, & prayer, especially the Rosary. 6 apparitions occurred from May 13 to October 13, 1917, to 3 peasant children, Lucia, Jacinta, & Francisco. 2017 marks the 100th anniversary.

Paschal Candle

It is a large wax candle, usually decorated, blessed at the beginning of the Easter Vigil liturgy. It is placed near the altar or pulpit & lighted during liturgical services. The Alpha above the Cross & the Omega below indicate that Christ is really the beginning & end of all. On the 4 sides of the Cross are numbers of the current year. A singer proclaims the solemn hymn of praise, Exsultet, with its theme of Jesus' triumph over darkness. So, the Paschal Candle is the symbol of the risen Savior, the light of the world.

Organist Needed

Our Lady Queen of Mercy Parish needs an organist to play weekly at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. Salary is flexible. An accompanist for the choir describes the position. Please, contact Fr. Sreboth, 288-2850.

May, being a month dedicated to Mary, is a fitting time to pray the rosary. The Joyful Mysteries are prayed on Monday & Saturday. The Sorrowful Mysteries are prayed on Tuesday & Friday. The Glorious Mysteries are prayed on Wednesday & Sunday. The Luminous Mysteries are prayed on Thursday. The simplicity of the prayers lends itself to contemplating the Mystery itself. What would one have experienced if one had been there to see, hear, touch, smell, & taste? To use 1 or more of the 5 senses can be a springboard to penetrating Mary's "scrapbook of memories" which the Mysteries present.

Easter commemorates Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. It is the greatest of all Christian festivals, having the central place in the liturgical year. The Easter season continues from Easter Sunday to Trinity Sunday inclusive.

During Ordinary Time, the Church continues to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection – but in its application to our earthly lives. The time after Jesus' Baptism covers the beginning of his preaching, his baptism, & his first manifestation. The time after Pentecost covers Jesus' public ministry of healing & preaching. The liturgical color is green which symbolizes hope & the vitality of a life of faith in Jesus.

Attention, Parishioners!

Please, attend a 1 hour meeting after the Mass which you attend on the weekend of June 17-18. The meeting will be held in the church, as the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the sacristy during the meeting. We will decide our future for the next 1-2 years. Decisions will be made after the presentation of specific facts.

Pro-Life Men Wanted!!

The tri-county area has been blessed with an amazing new ministry and a life-saving vehicle--the Life on Wheels mobile ultrasound unit. This incredible resource travels between Montgomery, Wetumpka and Prattville providing free ultrasounds to women considering abortion. The unit also parks across from the Montgomery abortion clinic several days a week. Since the unit went into service in January, lives are saved every week when abortion-minded women see their baby for the first time.

There is an urgent need for male drivers right now. Drivers can sign up for one day a week, one day a month or on an as-needed basis. This is an excellent way for men to become actively involved in the pro-life fight! You won't need a special license--only a little training. If interested, please contact Ed Gannon (334) 850-3045, evoo1957@gmail.com.

Ushers
May 20 & 21
 9:30 AM Ken Hutchinson
 Bobby Spotswood
 Open
 Open

May 27 & 28
 Bennie Ryan
 Steve Smejkal
 Chris McCracken
 Open



Lectors
 4:00PM Cole Fauchaux

David Fauchaux



9:30 AM Tom & Cindy
 Somerville

Jamie & Dawn
 Damato

Please pray for:

Lori Riggles	Bill Skinner	Gladys Bracken
Gwen Wilson	Dana Libby	Jane Bruton
Ed & Loretta Martin	Cal Libby	Shannon Young
Tom Somerville	Helen Rayburn	Philip Callahan
Cammie Moreno Shaddock		Kathleen Faulkner

Montgomery Area Adoration Chapel
 Call Priscilla Berry, 288-3292.

Be a committed Adorer. Choose any hour that is convenient to you.

Prayer Partners needed:

Fri: 10-11 PM.



Adoration Chapel

Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful & glorious in heaven! "They who humble themselves shall be exalted." (Luke 18:14). "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image." (2 Co 3:18).

Mass Intentions For The Week

Sat, May 20	4:00 PM, OLQM Parishioners
Sun, May 21	9:30 AM, Gould Family (L)
Mon, May 22	8:15 AM, Elizabeth Calhoun
Tues, May 23	8:15 AM, Cernak Family (L)
Wed, May 24	8:15 AM, Jerome Ostrowski
Thurs, May 25	8:15 AM Sisters in Alabama (L)
Fri, May 26	6:30 AM, Mae Bell Gay
Sat, May 27	9:00 AM, (Draper), Ignatius Vetrano

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The Knights of Columbus OLQM Roundtable and Parishioners of OLQM will be leading a rosary before each weekend mass. The rosary will begin 25 minutes before each regularly scheduled mass. We would like to invite all you to come and pray together with us.



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 at 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)

Eucharist Ministers:

May 20 & May 21
 4:00, Randal Beesley
 Michelle Beesley
 9:30, Jamie & Dawn
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May 27 & May 28
 4:00, Jeanne Paxson
 William Paxson
 9:30, Daniel Phillips
 Karen Franklin

June 3 & June 4
 4:00, Priscilla Berry
 Mary Loftin
 9:30, Michelle McKenny

June 10 & June 11
 4:00, Randal Beesley
 Michelle Beesley
 9:30, Jamie & Dawn
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Weekly Tithing Report:
 May 21, 2017

Year's 2017 Budget: \$208,000.00
 Budget to Date: \$80,000.00
 Sun Collections to Date: \$80,727.50
 Sun Collection Last Week: \$4,794.00
 Building the Future: \$65.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Fatima Invocation

This prayer was recommended by the Blessed Virgin to the children at Fatima (1917), to be recited by the faithful. It is often said between the decades of the Rosary & reads: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, & bring all souls to heaven, especially those who most need your mercy."

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.

