

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Lenten Mission “Rekindling the Spirit”

March 5, 6 & 7

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

6:30 PM

Fr. Jack Conley, CP

Our Mission Speaker will give the homily at all of the Masses the weekend of March 3-4.

Mass will also be celebrated at 10:00 AM on Monday through Wednesday, with Confessions following each Mass.



St. Mary Mother of the Church

419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503

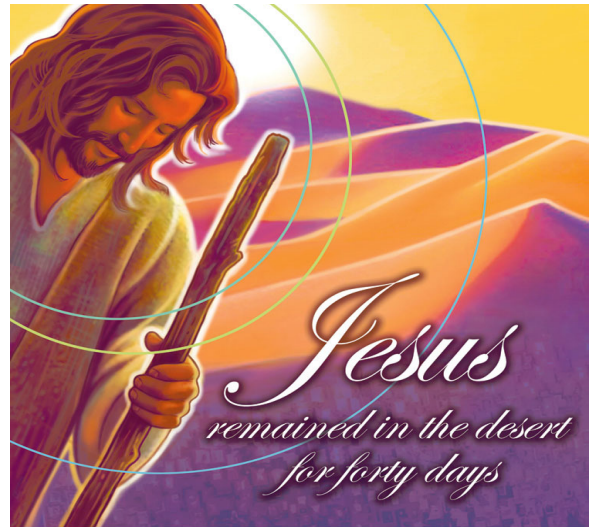
www.stmarych.com

Pastor	Rev. Harold J. Trahan	Baptism	Expectant parents should register for Baptism Class four to six months before the child's birth. Baptismal classes are held once every month. Baptisms are celebrated once per month on Saturday at 10:00 AM or periodically during the year at the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass.
Phone	337-981-3379	Marriages	St. Mary Church is available for weddings of registered parishioners and those interested in becoming parishioners. The pastor should be contacted 9-12 months before the wedding date.
Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM, 1:00-4:00 PM Friday: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Funerals	The pastor should be contacted immediately after the death of a loved one. Funeral plans should be discussed with the pastor prior to making final arrangements at the funeral home.
Masses	Monday, Wednesday-Friday: 7:00 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 AM, & 5:00 PM		
Reconciliation	Saturday: 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday: 9:45—10:15 AM Monday, Wednesday-Friday: 6:45 AM		

THIS WEEK

Morning Prayers Monday thru Friday 6:30 – 6:45 AM

SUN	Feb 18	10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School)
		10:30 AM Bells of St. Mary Ringing at Mass
		6:00 PM Confirmation Session
		6:00 PM Edge Program (School)
		6:00 PM Life Teen (Parish Hall)
TUE	Feb 20	3:45 PM Children's Bells Classes (Church)
WED	Feb 21	6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Ministry Room)
FRI	Feb 23	5:30 PM Way of the Cross (Church)
SAT	Feb 24	5:30 PM Dinner and a Movie (Parish Hall)
SUN	Feb 25	10:30 AM 1 st Communion Enrollment (Church)
		10:30 AM Children's Bells Ringing at Mass
		10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School)
		6:00 PM Edge Program (School)
		6:00 PM Life Teen (Parish Hall)



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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Feb 19	7:00	Cecelia Blanchard; Jeris Toce
Tue	Feb 20	7:00	Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Wed	Feb 21	7:00	John Meche; George Cole
Thu	Feb 22	7:00	Emery Guidry; Nick Bernard; Katherine Comiskey
Fri	Feb 23	7:00	George Cole
Sat	Feb 24	4:30	George Scott; Barbara Stansbury; M/M Edmund Baudoin; John Melancon Jr.
Sun	Feb 25	8:00	Dr. Dean Keeley; Ronnie Gibbens; Gerry Guidry; George H. Cole; Joe "Bud" Ardoin
		10:30	Renee Mallette; George LeBlanc; Jerry Sibille; Louis B. Mann Sr.; Richard Wild; Virginia White; William Bishop; Hudson Bain; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.; Catherine Wise Carver
		5:00	St. Mary Parish Family

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Weekly Offertory	\$77,437.00
Average Weekly Offertory	\$15,487.00

ANNUAL DONATIONS

\$30,000.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLECTION

January	\$ 5,932.00
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TOTALS: JANUARY 2018

Total Parish Income	\$113,369.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

St. Mary Charities	\$ 1,233.00
Church is Latin America	\$ 1,318.00

SICK IN THE PARISH

Please pray for:

Loraine Namias; Thad Doucet; Tom Martin; Alice Carlin;
Vance Carlin; Billie Hebert; Jeannine Sibille;
Carolyn Kreig; Grant Elledge; Lawana Carlin;
Sammy Guilbeaux; Stephanice Davis; Mason Sonnier;
Carolyn Perron; Rita Schenck; Don Breaux.

DIED IN CHRIST

Lee Allen "Mickey" LeJeune, father of Karren Hays
Michael Allen, son of Cynthia Allen

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for February – Gerry Horaist

Feb 22-23	Caroline Mader & Volunteer needed
Mar 2	Corky Hutchison & Catherine Andrew
Mar 8-9	Shirley LeBreton & Loraine Allain

FEBRUARY 19 – 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon Feb 19

Catherine Broussard

Katelyn Chouest

Jimmy Credeur

Stanley Lerille

Rosemary Martin

Bridget Saloom

Tue Feb 20

Mia Ducharme

Joseph Giglio, IV

Jerry Guilliot, Sr.

Ronald Landry, Sr

Laura Williams

Wed Feb 21

Richard Barron

Jeffrey Foley

Carolyn Hebert

Ronda Hebert

MaryRuth Keeley

Paxton Perret

Alexandra Schreiber

Thu Feb 22

Alexia Ardon

Emma Buzhardt

Vickie Carney

Emily Doucet

Jack Mader

Jennifer Monceaux

Michael Morella

Violet Stutes

Michelle Walet

Fri Feb 23

Jean Breaux

Catherine Cheramie

Sandra Cox

Elaine Curry

Anthony Leach

Lucille McGee

Julia Slavich

John Soileau

Sat Feb 24

Kirk Colarelli

Jeffery Davis

Gabriel Hamontree

Joshua Hebert

Connor Lambert

Joanne Liberra

William Perrin

Patrick Price

Laurie Smith

Sun Feb 25

Robert Ducharme

Gerald Gerdes

Victoria LeBlanc

REKINDLING THE Fire



A Parish Mission Experience

2018 LENTEN MISSION

Theme: "Rekindling the Spirit"
Speaker: Fr. Jack Conley, CP
Weekend: 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 3-4
Fr. Conley will speak at all weekend Masses

MISSION NIGHTS

Monday, March 5, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Theme: VISION: From Wounds to Wonder

Tuesday, March 6, 6:30-7:30 PM

Theme: PASSION: From Magic to Mystery

Wednesday, March 7, 6:30-7:30 PM

Them: HOPE: From Grumbling to Gratitude

Activities will be offered for children ages 5-11 in the Parish Hall.

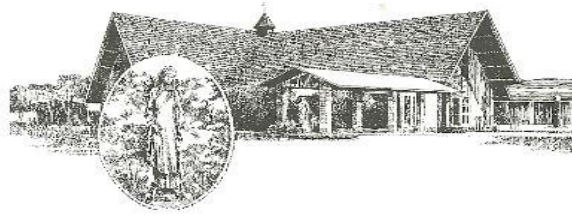
Babysitting is available by calling Jan Spizale for reservations at 298-2072.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 10:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, after 10:00 AM Mass



6 February 2018

Most Rev. J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Diocese of Lafayette
P.O. Box 3387
Lafayette, LA 70502

Re: **Resignation as Pastor**

Dear Bishop Deshotel,

My 75th birthday will be on June 9, 2018. As required by Canon Law, I hereby submit my resignation as pastor of St. Mary Mother of the Church Parish effective on that date.

Nevertheless, I wish to continue serving the Church of the Diocese of Lafayette as pastor of St. Mary for as long as my health permits and you so desire. Unlike others, I do not look forward to being free from pastoral responsibilities such as administration. My forty years as a pastor have been rewarding. Despite having less energy, I believe I can continue fulfilling my responsibilities as pastor. I have also concluded that our Church would be better served if there were one more pastor in active ministry and one fewer priests among the retired.

Respectfully,

(Rev.) Harold J. Trahan
Pastor

Dear St. Mary Parishioners,

Because I will be 75 in June, I recently met with Bishop Deshotel to submit my mandatory Letter of Resignation and discuss my future. He accepted my offer to continue serving as pastor of St. Mary Parish for an indefinite period. This means I will not be joining the ranks of retired priests at this time. It also means I can begin planning my 50th Anniversary of Ordination here at St. Mary at 6:30 PM on March 1, 2019, which is Friday before Mardi Gras weekend next year.

Thank you for your support and cooperative spirit during the past 10½ years. Please continue keeping me in your prayers.

Fr. Harold Trahan

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LITURGY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

All Liturgical Ministers are reminded to send in their unavailable dates for March and April to Deborah at deb58@cox.net or call 981-3379 ext. 250, by **Monday, February 19**.

ROSARY & NOVENA

The rosary is recited at St. Mary every Friday morning before the 7:00 AM Mass. Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary is recited on **Thursdays after the 7:00 AM Mass**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lectors, Altar Servers, Greeters, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers

St. Mary Parishioners wanting to volunteer, are asked to complete a volunteer form, found at the entrances of the Church, and submit them to the Church Office. You may volunteer at any time during the year.

LENT ACTIVITIES

DAILY MASS

Daily Mass during Lent will be Mon., Tue., Wed., Thu. & Fri. at 7:00 AM. Confessions are at 6:45 AM.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:00 to 4:00 PM
Sundays, 9:45 to 10:15 AM
Monday thru Friday, 6:45 AM

WAY OF THE CROSS

Way of the Cross at St. Mary is scheduled for Friday **February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23**, at 5:30 PM.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN

Lenten Day of Prayer for Women is **February 27**, at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau. Space is limited so register early by calling 337-662-5410.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION SESSION

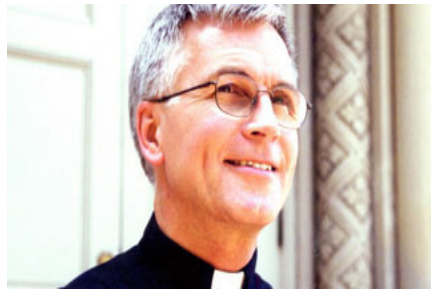
The next Confirmation Session is scheduled for this Sunday, **February 18**, beginning at 6:00 PM.

1st COMMUNION ENROLLMENT

All First Communicants are reminded of the First Communion Enrollment scheduled for Sunday, **February 25**, during the 10:30 AM Mass.

FROM PASTOR'S DESK

LENTEN MISSION SPEAKER



Fr. Jack Conley, CP is a member of the Passionate Community stationed at St. Vincent Strambi Retreat Center in Chicago, IL. He has given missions throughout the United States for the past 48 years.

Fr. Conley will be speaking at all the Masses on the Third Sunday of Lent (March 3-4), three weeks from now. The Mission will be on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 5-7) at 6:30 PM. We will also celebrate Mass at 10:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, as well as be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend Mass that weekend and the evening sessions that week. (HJT)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

GRIEFSHARE

St. Mary Mother of the Church is offering GriefShare, on Wednesdays, from 1:30 to 3:00 PM, beginning **February 21**, and lasting for 12 weeks. Call 981-3379 ext. 241 to register.

DINNER AND A MOVIE

All seniors are welcome to our next Dinner and a Movie, Saturday, **February 24**, 5:30 PM, in the Parish Hall. *Victoria and Abdul* will be our featured movie starring Judi Dench.

RICE BOWL

This is a Catholic Relief Services project that you may participate in during the Lenten Season. 25% of the proceeds helps alleviate hunger and poverty in our diocese. Rice Bowls may be picked up at the entrances of our Church. You may turn in your Rice Bowl to the parish office at any time.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette will host five regional **"Opportunities for Confession"** during Lent. Several priests will be present to hear Confessions at the locations, dates and times listed below. All are invited to attend any of these **"Opportunities for Confession"**. Please make every effort to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Monday, March 5 • 6:00-7:30 pm
St. Edmond Church

Tuesday, March 6 • 6:00-7:30 pm
Holy Cross Church

Thursday, March 8 • 6:00-7:30 pm
St. Bernard Church, Breaux Bridge

Tuesday, March 13 • 6:00-7:30 pm
Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Thursday, March 15 • 6:00-7:30 pm
St. Elizabeth Seton Church

LENTEN MISSIONS

St. Edmond Church, February 25-27
"Keep the main thing, the main thing"
For information, call 981-0874

St. Pius X Church, Feb 26 – Mar 1
"New Beginnings, Back to Basics"
For information, call 232-4656

Cathedral of St. John, February 26
"Developing a Relationship with Jesus"
For information, call 232-1322

Immaculate Heart Church, March 5-7
"Answering the Call to Discipleship"
For information, call 235-4618

St. Mary Church, March 5-7
"Rekindling the Fire"
For information, call 981-3379

St. Elizabeth Seton Church, Mar 12-14
"Escaping the Twilight Zone: A Call to Repentance and Renewal"
For information, call 235-1483

OL of Wisdom Church, March 12-14
"Evangelization Along the Streets of the World"
For information, call 232-8742

St. Jules Church, March 12-14
"I Thirst"
For information, call 234-2727

Holy Cross Church, April 14-18
"The 'Yes' of Discipleship"
For information, call 984-9636