

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 2018



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	Apr 15	Cub Scouts Bake Sale after all Masses 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School) 10:30 AM Bishop Deshotel at St. Mary 6:00 PM Life Teen (Parish Hall)
TUE	Apr 17	4:00 PM Children's Bell Classes (Church) 6:00 PM Life Teen (School) 6:15 PM Bells of St. Mary Rehearsal (Church)
WED	Apr 18	6:30 PM Adult Vocal Choir Rehearsal (MR)
THU	Apr 19	1:30 PM GriefShare (Conference Room) 6:30 PM Altar Society Meeting/Social (PH)
SAT	Apr 21	Boy Scout PoBoy Ticket Sale after Mass
SUN	Apr 22	Boy Scout PoBoy Ticket Sale after all Masses 10:30 AM Children's Church (Church/School) 10:30 AM Children's Bells Ringing at Mass 6:00 PM Life Teen (Parish Hall)



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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon	Apr 16	7:00	Peace in Our Country
Tue	Apr 17	7:00	Communion Service
Wed	Apr 18	7:00	Keith LeJune; Andre Holloway
Thu	Apr 19	7:00	Sick & Homebound of the Parish
Fri	Apr 20	7:00	George Cole; Arthur J. Mire Family
Sat	Apr 21	4:30	Sylvia Smith; Thomas Higginbotham; Henry Cary; John & Geneva Manuel; John Meche; Adeline Cary Duhon; Bill Stonecipher; Andre Holloway; George Cole; Helen Palombo; Broussard Family
Sun	Apr 22	8:00	Ronnie Gibbens; Gerry Guidry; Dr. Dean Keeley
		10:30	George LeBlanc; Renee Mallette; Jerry Sibille; William Bishop; Frank & Mary DiBenedetto; M/M Herman Gesser Sr.
		5:00	St. Mary Parish Family

MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Weekly Offertory	\$58,659.00
Average Weekly Offertory	\$14,665.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COLLECTION

March	\$ 5,572.00
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TOTALS: MARCH 2018

Total Parish Income	\$64,231.00
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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief Service	\$ 1,581.00
Church in Eastern Europe	\$ 1,405.00

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; Diane Sibille; Robert Ducharme;
Father Dan Edwards; Beverly Webb; Denise Conciene;
Jean C. Breaux.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Purificator for April – Arthé Lambert

April 19-20	Carol Long & Dee Irion
April 26-27	Leslie Cathey & JoAnn LeJune
May 4	Sophie Bergeron & Norma Billeaudeau
May 10-11	Carol Duplechin & Volunteer Needed
May 17-18	Sally Block & Susan James
May 24-25	Leslie Cathey & Mary Beth Broussard

APRIL 16 - 22

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

Mon April 16

Mary Barras
Natalie Domingue
Bradford Laperouse
Leslie Morella
Scarlet Pettit
Natalie Pierret
Andrew Roché
Florence Rosales

Tue April 17

Maria Ardon
Brody Clark
Annette Cutrera
Jillian Domengeaux
Ashley Hutchison
Sophia Paval
Dr. Randal Pilgrim

Ann Salvatierra
Terrie St. Martin
Pedro Villarreal
Martha Whipple
Wed April 18
Shirley Fitch
Eugene Minvielle, IV
Nicholas Monfra
Sophia Verret

Thu April 19

Robert Buller
Fri April 20
Cora Benoit
Donna Breaux
Erin Corley
Jean DeLatte
Jodi Gibbens
Caroline Guidry

Zackary Knight
Triston Lavergne
Veronica Pierce
Sat April 21

Mikayla Arnold
Marie Bellard
Amanda Brown
Camille Cormier
Claire Judice
Shirley LeBreton
Tadrick Sebastian

Sun April 22

Ion Cazan
Ernest Domingue
Adam Love
Murphy Miller
Molly Torian

St. Mary Mother of the Church Parish
Parish Policy
Verification of St. Mary Parishioner Status
When Registering at
St. Mary Early Learning Center (SMELC)

This policy deals with priority being given to registered, participating St. Mary Parishioners when registering their children to the St. Mary Early Learning Center (SMELC). It applies to current students, siblings of current students, and new families to the SMELC.

1. Families that are registered, participating parishioners of St. Mary Parish will be given priority over others when registering a child at St. Mary Early Learning Center (SMELC) and exempted from paying the annual “Capital Improvements Fee.”
2. When submitting the necessary forms during registration procedures in January, it is important that St. Mary Parishioners also submit a “Parishioner Verification Form” signed by the pastor to receive priority status and exemption from the “Capital Improvements Fee.”
3. In preparation for in-house registration and siblings, St. Mary Parishioners should submit their completed “Parishioner Verification Form” to the Parish Offices during the first week in December, requesting the pastor’s signature. If parents prefer to meet with the pastor, they should request a meeting during the dates and times announced by the SMELC; otherwise the parents will be informed when they can pick up the signed form.
4. In preparation for registration of new families, St. Mary Parishioners should submit their completed “Parishioner Verification Form” to the Parish Offices during the second week in December, requesting the pastor’s signature. If parents prefer to meet with the pastor, they should request a meeting during the dates and times announced by the SMELC; otherwise the parents will be informed when they can pick up the signed form.
5. Those requesting “St. Mary Parishioner” status and the privilege stated above should take note of the following:
 - a. St. Mary parish records should indicate that the family registered as members of St. Mary Parish at least six* months before SMELC registration dates in January.
 - b. The family requesting the pastor’s signature should have already established the habit of attending Mass at St. Mary regularly on Sundays.
 - c. The parish records should clearly indicate that the family requesting the pastor’s signature will have established a six-month record of giving financial support to St. Mary Parish and/or involvement in at least one parish ministry. Financial support is best done by electronic transfer (call 981-3379 to request the appropriate form), checks, or church envelopes; involvement in ministries is best done by signing up for a ministry six months prior to registration.
6. The pastor has the authority to make exceptions to this policy. He will consider requests for exemption from part of these requirements for those who have a good reason (e.g. recently moved into the parish boundaries). This request would best be made during an appointment with the pastor during the months of November or December rather than during the SMELC registration process in January.

**Beginning with the 2020-21 school year this requirement will be raised to nine months.*

LITURGY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

All Liturgical Ministers are reminded to send in their unavailable dates for May and June to Deborah at deb58@cox.net or call 981-3379 ext. 250, by **Monday, April 23**.

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**.

CHILD CARE AT 10:30 MASS

We offer babysitting for children 1-3 years of age. Registration is necessary. This can be done by contacting the Coordinator of the Parish Babysitting Services, Jan Spizale, ianspizale@gmail.com.

TRAVELING CATHOLICS

There are several resources available to help Catholics find a home away from home anywhere in the world. Also, many churches have their own websites. For more information log on to: <http://www.masstimes.org>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD direct phone number is 703-3045.

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, April 28, 9:00 AM

1st Communion Retreat

Saturday, May 5, 4:30 PM, Church

Sacrament of 1st Communion

SCOUT EVENTS

CUB SCOUT ANNUAL BAKESALE

April 14 & 15 following all Masses

Enjoy homemade treats of all kinds made by the Cub Scouts and their parents. The boys of St. Mary Cub Scout Pack 156 thank you for your support!

BOY SCOUT FUNDRAISER

St. Mary Boy Scouts will be selling PoBoy BBQ tickets after all of the weekend Masses, **April 21-22**. Please help our Boy Scouts with their annual fundraiser. PoBoy pick-up will be April 29.

FROM PASTOR'S DESK

OUR BAPTISMAL FONTS – PART II

1. **Baptistry / Vestibule** – either names can be used for that part of our plant. Because it is now the baptistry will not prevent us from having coffee and gatherings after Mass.
2. **Slippery Steps** – plans are to place special strips on each of the three steps to prevent the adults being baptized from slipping.
3. **Water Level** – the water will be kept one inch above the first step so that these strips cannot be seen.
4. **Heater** – we can raise the temperature of the water before the Rite of Baptism so as to avoid using water that would be too cold for children and/or adults.
5. **Hand Rail** – a rail is being designed to be placed next to the three steps for the adults to use when being baptized. The rail will be removed during the rest of the year.
6. **Paschal Candle** – during the Easter Season it will be next to the pulpit, but during the rest of the year the candle will be in the Baptistry. The candle will also be in the baptistry for baptisms and funerals. That is the purpose of one of the holes next to the large bowl.
7. **Other Hole Next to the Large Bowl** – we plan to design a shelf to hold the small baptism candles, holy oils, and other items used during the Rite of Baptism.
8. **Overflow** – there is little chance that the font will overflow since there is a drainage hole along the wall of the lower font next to the column supporting the large bowl.

Please call the pastor (993-9122) if you have additional questions about our baptismal fonts. (HJT)

ALTAR SOCIETY

St. Mary Parishioners are welcome to attend the Altar Society meeting and social, Thursday, **April 19**, 6:30 PM, in the Parish Hall. Come and help celebrate the installation of new officers and recap the past year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

April 17, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, will be presenting workshops on Declaration of Nullity and what is needed to begin the process. The 2 hour workshops will be held at 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM, at the Diocesan Offices. Please register by calling 261-5623, or email to catrahan@diolaf.org. There is no charge for this workshop.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

AMAZING GRACE FAMILY RACE

8th Annual Amazing Grace Family Race is a summer program based on the TV series, "Amazing Race". Come race with us around the diocese and celebrate our 100th Anniversary. The race will run **June 2-30**. Run as many legs of the race as you are able. All families are invited to participate, especially families with children ages 5-12. Be on the lookout for registration information. Any questions, contact Cindy or Tiffany at 703-3045.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Splash Canyon VBS

June 11 to 15, 9:00 AM till NOON

Children 5-10 are welcome.

Your children will learn that God keeps His promises on life's wild ride! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts where our faithful God keeps His promises to be with us and gives us life and hope through Jesus, our Savior.

Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, learn that all God's promises are Yes in Jesus!

Register now! Spots are limited. Registration will end when we reach 60 children. First come, first serve.

For more information, contact Mindy Ancelet at mindyancelet@gmail.com or call the Religious Education office at 703-3045.

CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS

Handbells for children who are beginning the 2nd grade are invited to participate in the half hour class beginning Tuesday, **June 5**, 4:00 PM. Contact Deborah Duhon at 981-3379 to register.