

2018 CSA-PRAYER AND OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

As we near the end of our Lenten journey, we are grateful for your support of the 2018 Catholic Sharing Appeal. Your prayers and financial support helps the Church to continue the works of the Lord Jesus. If you have not made a pledge or given a one-time gift to the CSA, pledge envelopes are in the back of the church, or you can give online at www.biloxidiocese.org/catholic-sharing-appeal.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR – MARCH 19, 2018

The Parish Life Committee of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is planning a St. Joseph Altar this Monday, March 19, 2018 in the Sacred Heart Center from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited. Please come and view the altar and have lunch with us.

DAY OF REFLECTION FOR PRIESTS

On Tuesday, March 20th, Father Colten and Father Dennis will be away from the parish from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. attending a day of reflection with Bishop Kihneman and all the priests of the Diocese of Biloxi. Please pray for the Priests who minister in our diocese as we come together for a day of prayer and reflection. Daily Masses that day will be celebrated as usual.

ST. PATRICK'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The students of St. Patrick's High School will be attending a retreat in the Cathedral's Sacred Heart Center on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Please keep our young people in prayer as they come together for a day of prayer and reflection.

Living Words: Scripture and Tradition

Archived episodes of Father Joe Dilettuso's television program, Living Words: Scripture and Tradition, can be viewed on the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi's YouTube page. Currently featured is a six-part series on The Passion Narratives with Father Austin Walsh, ST. This is a valuable and timely resource for the Lenten Season. We will continue to add additional episodes of this program in the future. A link to the YouTube page is also available at www.biloxidiocese.org

RCIA

This weekend the RCIA Elect and Candidates are celebrating their Third Scrutiny. This is an important step towards their Sacraments of Initiation and full participation in the Catholic faith community at the Easter Vigil. Please remember to pray for the Candidates and their Sponsors as they continue their faith journey. If you would like further information, please contact Greg or Penny Payne 228-365-6348

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In keeping with the Via Delarosa of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in honoring his death on a Friday, we celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral Church. Come and keep company with the Lord in his walk of Passion and Sorrow in Lent. Stations are held each Friday at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral Church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Mon Mar 19 | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16, Rom 4:13, 16 18,22, Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a |
| Tues Mar 20 | Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30 |
| Wed Mar 21 | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, Dn 3:52-56, Jn 8:31-42 |
| Thur Mar 22 | Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59 |
| Fri Mar 23 | Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42 |
| Sat Mar 24 | Ez 37:21-28, Jer 31:10-13, Jn 11:45-56 |
| Sun Mar 25 | Mk 11:1-10, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:5-11, Mk 14:1 15:47 |



YOUR SUNDAY TITHING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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| Regular Collections | \$ | 8,098.83 |
| Capital Improve. | \$ | 230.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 722.00 |
| Nativity Elem. | \$ | 656.00 |
| Misc. | \$ | 843.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | \$ | 10,549.83 |

CCD

CCD classes will meet at their regular time, 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Mar. 21. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Barbara Ziz, 228-918-9778

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULES AT NATIVITY

March 27th, 2018 Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m.
March 29th, 2018 Mass of the Lord's Supper – 6:00 p.m.
March 30th, 12 Noon, Stations of the Cross
March 30th, 2018 Veneration of the Cross – 3:00 p.m.
March 31st, 2018 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
April 1st, 2018 Resurrection of the Lord – 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.
(with a Mass in the Cathedral and Chapel), 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

BINGO MANIA

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The following families are scheduled for March 20th: Ellis (Dallas & Jeffery), Clayton (Jason & Reagan), Foster (Jay & Shelia), Fountain (Brent & Bonnie), Gnapp (Robert & Erica), Gollott (Arney & Jamie) and Gollott (Victor & Trulie) **REMEMBER! If you are unable to attend, it is your responsibility to secure a replacement.**

NATIVITY EASTER EGG HUNT!!

Nativity's Youth Ministry will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 1st, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in front of the rectory and in the Bishop's Garden. Bring the kids!!

NATIVITY B.V.M. CATHEDRAL'S 5TH ANNUAL UNCORKED AND UNCAPPED WINE AND BEER TASTING!

Save the date! Saturday, April 28th, 2018 - Exotic Wines – Craft Beers – Gourmet Food's – Sumptuous Silent Auction and Live Entertainment!

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27, 2018 at 10:30, here at Nativity Cathedral. The Mass emphasizes the unity of the diocesan Priesthood with its Bishop.

| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS | LECTORS | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| Mar 24 4:00 pm I. Liz Joachim 2. Helen Languirand 3. Andrea Gilich 4. Gayle Mavar | Mar 24 4:00 pm Jim Compton Michael Bruffey | Mar 24 4:00 pm Cayden Cannon Sabree Sanders |
| Mar 25 7:00 am 1. Marcia Mayfield 2. Nancy Powell 3. Linda Stewart | Mar 25 7:00 am Joe Koonce Jim Shugart | Mar 25 7:00 am Alec Ryan Liam Jerrel |
| 9:00 am I. John Brauchle 2. Barbara Ziz 3. Tracy Kessler 4. Michael Kessler 5. Nora Ziz | 9:00 am Maggie Landry Al Simons, Jr. | 9:00 am Trent Fulton Annabelle Landry Veronika Landry Julia Landry |
| 11:00 am I. Sondra Williams 2. Robert Moniot 3. Nanette Burke 4. Susan Toche 5. Rhonda Clark | 11:00 am Johnny Williams Peter Abide | 11:00 am Blake Walli Hadyn Hollis Terrence McDonnell Cameron McDonnell |
| 5:30 pm 1. Tricia Creel 2. Roland Creel 3. Teresa Ballinger | 5:30 pm Mary Townsend Patrick Hall | 5:30 pm Samantha Sharplin Breanna Smith Dylan Mitchell |
| | CANTORS | |
| | Mar 24 4:00 pm John Welter and Choir | |
| | Mar 25 9:00 am Susie Portas | |
| | 11:00 am Dennis Burke | |

| | 6:30 a.m. | 8:00 a.m. |
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| Mon Mar 19 | Kay Lawson | Andrew Cvitanovich |
| Tue Mar 20 | Chester Balius Fly. | Hugh Lauren Pepper |
| Wed Mar 21 | Poor Souls in Purgatory | Candace Ozerden |
| Thur Mar 22 | Kay Lawson | Ben Wimberly |
| Fri Mar 23 | Kay Lawson | Herbert/Bertha McDonnell |
| Sat Mar 24 | 8 Ben Wimberly | 4 Josephine Esposito Allen |
| Sun Mar 25 | 7 – Dick Smith | 9:00 F.T.P |
| | 11:00 am Hugh Lauren Pepper | 5:30 Jeffery Holland |

PLEASE KEEP OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS

Nick Wiser, Elie Hebert, Jerry Ellis, Linda Welter, Hugh Kavanagh, Gwen Gee, Gerrie Weldon, Lehwmom Skrmetti, Buddy Pullen, Annette Luther, Macklin Holloway, Mary Wimberly, Kim Wilkerson, Pete Skrmetta, Candy Widener, Tiffany Whitehead, Lena Marchioni, Holly Hill, Georgia Bellais Dominick, Maxine Kiddinger, Marie Manning, Betty Hilton, Mary Lancaster, Mickey Bradley, Cheryl Terry, Gwen Gollotte, Greg Hotaling, Jack Joachim, Jr., Michael Zorich, Sr. Fatima Starks and Karen Skremetta.

NATIVITY BVM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

* Registration for new students who are registered members of our Catholic parishes (Blessed Seelos, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Michaels, Vietnamese Martyrs) will begin on March 19th. Open registration for all other new students begins on March 22nd. For information about the school's programs, PreSchool – Grade 6, or to visit the school, please call Ms. Cheryl at the school office, 432-2269.

*Nativity School Parents will hold a Lenten dinner on Friday, March 23rd. Meals are dine in/take out from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the school.

*Mark your calendars! Nativity School's annual Breakfast with the Bunny will be held on Saturday, March 24th from 8:00 a.m. - 10a.m. at the Half Shell Oyster House in Biloxi.

For more information, please visit our school's website.

*A Lenten Luncheon will be sold on Holy Thursday, March 29th from 11:30-1:00. This meal is take out only.

Congratulations to Carla Stanley, the March winner of the Nativity School Raffle. Because of Easter vacation, the April raffle drawing will be on Thursday, April 12th.

COMMUNION VISITATION

Jesus says of you and me, "You are the salt of the earth". No one should be deprived of the Most Holy Eucharist because they are homebound, elderly, have no means of getting to Mass and/or sick in their home. Sister Jackie Tarrant, RSM will gladly bring the Eucharist to you in your home. Together we can be "salt of the earth". Sister can be reached at the rectory at 228-374-1717.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Cathedral is seeking volunteers to assist in cleaning the church. We have four teams who help once a month in this most needed ministry. We are currently asking for help. The volunteer work consists of cleaning and straightening the pews, sweeping the terrazzo floor in the pew area and vacuuming the cathedral. This is a humble and unseemly work that benefits our entire community of faith. If interested, please call the parish office at 374-1717. Thank you.

MUSIC FOR THIS WEEKEND

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| ENTRANCE HYMN | #126 |
| OFFERTORY | #457 |
| COMMUNION | #462 |
| SENDING | #127 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 19 Women of Mary, 5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph Altar, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mar 20 Men of St. Joseph, 7:00 a.m. – SHC
RCIA Class, 6:00 p.m.
Bingo, 5:30 p.m.

Mar 21 Cleaning Team "C"
CCD 5:30 p.m., SHC

Mar 22 Greenbriar Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Mar 23 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 p.m., Cathedral

MUSIC NOTES:

Our First Offering of the 2018 "Concert Series" begins this Sunday with a Choral Concert entitled: Lent: "The Music of Holy Week". This free concert is an intimate journey of the event of Holy Week portrayed in both scripture and song. The program is presented as special program by our Nativity Music Ministry Program and is offered by a massed choir composed of our Cathedral Choral Society – "Gloria In Excelsis" joined by the "Mobile Vocal Arts" Choral Society and Choral Friends of Touro Synagogue of New Orleans, Louisiana. Our Holy Week Journey begins with our Children's and Sanctuary Choirs joining with Bishop Kihneman on Saturday, March 24th at the 4:00 p.m. Palm Sunday Mass. Come share in this wonderful – festive celebration that leads us into Holy Week. Warm-up for the choirs will be at 3:00 p.m. that day in the Music Balcony. There will be a special for Easter for the Sanctuary Choir with our Brass Ensemble on Sunday evening, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. Our Choral Ensembles – the Sanctuary Choir & our Choral Society "Gloria In Excelsis" invites folks to prayerfully consider becoming members. All interested individuals wanting to inquiry/participate in the Music & Fine Arts Ministries Program should contact Terry Maddox – Minister of Music @ 251 4061454 &/or @ terrydalemaddox@gmail.com