



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch, Noon – 12:30 p.m.)

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

PASTOR

Rev. Gerald Holloway Office: 424-2984
Home: 424-1839
(e-mail: staloysiuspastor@bellsouth.net)

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mrs. Stephanie Gerson 424-2984
(e-mail: staloysiusre@bellsouth.net)

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.

CHOIR DIRECTOR

Mr. Will Krysiek 424-2984
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SUNDAY BULLETIN

Deadline for new items Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH SECRETARY

Mrs. Judy Cacioppo 424-2984
(e-mail: staloysius@bellsouth.net)

HOLY DAYS

Please check Parish Bulletin

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Randy Clowdus 540-1394
(e-mail: rclowdus@bham.rr.com)

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Officer to be Elected

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING of the SICK

The Church recommends this sacrament to all who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please call the office.

FUNERALS

In order to secure the services of a priest or the use of the Church, it is necessary to contact the Church Office *before* making arrangements with a funeral home.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Please contact Father Holloway for Baptismal Preparation.

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage must meet with Father Holloway at least six months before your proposed date. Weddings will not be performed after 2:00 p.m. or before 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

ALTAR GUILD MEETINGS

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are Nancy Bryant, Roxanne Celetti, Pam Giardina, Ann McMahon, and Priscilla Winstead.

The **Holy Family Altar Guild** will meet on Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call Kellie Whitson at 296-3390 or Vickie Gavin at 451-5318.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. All men of the parish are welcome. For more information, please call Charles Ellis, President (365-5896), or Jim Galloway, Vice President (516-1645).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The **Knights of Columbus** will meet on Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. All Catholic men of the parish are welcome to attend. Not a member yet? Come as a guest and learn more about the projects and activities of Council #2631! For more information, please call Grand Knight, Joey Ceravolo, at 966-1842.

SECOND COLLECTION—THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, our second collection is the 134th annual national Black and Indian Missions collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your support!

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Parish School of Religion collection. Funds from this collection will take care of costs associated with Faith Formation classes in addition to ensuring our former school buildings are maintained for future use.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts are served weekly after the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Church. Come join us!

MASS INTENTIONS

March 9 – 17

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.) . . . † Mary Gurosky (would have been her 99th birthday)
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) Larry Jones
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday † Rosalie Giambrone
Tuesday † Debra Albright
Wednesday Joe Chereporvich
Thursday Buster Antonio
Friday Curtis Stoves
Saturday (4:30 p.m.) † Martha Venz
Sunday (8:30 a.m.) † Viktoria Cobb
Sunday (11:00 a.m.) Saint Aloysius Parishioners

SYMPATHY

The Parish Community extends prayerful sympathy to the family of **Dollie Hicks**, who is survived by her daughters, Melinda Turner and Tammy Hill, two grandchildren, one brother, and other family members. Please keep this family in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations and welcome to **Henry Salvador Schell**, son of Theodore and Stephanie Schell, who was baptized on March 2.

WELCOME

The Saint Aloysius Parish Community welcomes the following as new members: **Mike and Mandy DeSantis; Billy and Kathleen Jones and son, Justin; and Henry “Hawk” and Barbara Andrzejewski.**

RCIA

Have you or someone you know thought about joining the Catholic Church or simply had questions about the Church? Are you Catholic but, for whatever reason, did not receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation? If so, then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for you! Classes are on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria (a light supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.). For more information, please contact Stephanie Gerson or Father Holloway in the Church Office.

CANNED GOODS DRIVE

Our parish is collecting non-perishable canned goods (no glass) for Greene County through Easter Sunday. Two bins are in front of the table in the Narthex. Help us feed the less fortunate this Lent!

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

March 17 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17—4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$6,758.05	\$1,235.00	\$74,810.40
Building Fund	\$1,824.00	\$ 185.00	\$ 7,599.00

SAINT ALOYSIUS CHOIR

Saint Aloysius welcomes singers and musicians to join our music ministry! Weekly choir practice is on Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Church. For more information, please contact Will Krysiak at music.staloyusius@gmail.com or 424-2984.

CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Saint Aloysius Parish offers boxed children's offertory envelopes for those families who wish them. They are available after the weekend Masses in the Ministries Office or during the week in the Church Office. Please sign the list by the number of the box that you receive so we can properly credit the children who contribute.

E-MAIL PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer is powerful and we need all the prayer warriors that we can get. Sheila Zito e-mails prayer requests for the parish, Mother of Christ Altar Guild, and the Choir. If any parishioner has a prayer request or wishes to be notified of other people's requests, contact Sheila at fsz321@bellsouth.net.

PARISH WEBSITE

The weekly bulletin, monthly calendar, Online Giving link, religious education information, etc. are accessible on our parish website at www.staloyusiuscc.org. Scan from your smart phone for our Online Giving link:



You can also give via Text Message to 205-708-0221.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Recently Discharged From Hospital

Sick and Shut-in

This list is intended for homebound members of Saint Aloysius Parish. Those from our parish recently discharged from the hospital will be listed for two weeks. Individuals outside our parish community may be placed on this list for a two-week period only. All the sick are remembered weekly in our General Intercessions.

Myra Antonio	John V. Jones, Jr.	Joe Puccio
Barbara Bridges	Larry Jones	Don & MaryAnna
Brooklyn Butler	Meredith Jones	Schilleci
Jack Chiarella	Betty MacPherson	Steve Tate
Don Graham	Edwina Martin	Irene Tutton
Mary Ann Graham	Billy Monte	Terry Wozmack

Nursing & Retirement Homes, & Assisted Living

<u>Self Health Care & Rehab.</u>	<u>The Woodlands at</u>
Jackie Russo	<u>Tannehill</u>
<u>The Oaks on Parkwood</u>	Jean Sullivan
Rudy Cooper	Kathy Whited
<u>Plantation Manor</u>	Lori Wieczorek
Claudia Charme	<u>Aspire (Hoover)</u>
<u>Danberry at Inverness</u>	Charles Pardi
Virginia Guarino	

If you are or you know of someone on the shut-in list who's well enough to be removed from this list, please call the Church Office.

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

If any parishioner knows of a nursing home or assisted living resident who is Catholic and is not on the above list, please call the Church Office.

VISITING HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES

Father Holloway would be happy to visit the sick in hospitals and nursing homes if the person or family requests a visit.

SICK, SHUT-IN, AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

If a lay minister is not visiting you on a regular basis, please call the Church Office so we can make the proper arrangements.

SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As Catholic Christians and members of the Parish Family of Saint Aloysius Catholic Church, we are committed:

- To provide all our members (adults and youth) opportunities for spiritual development through worship, prayer, religious education and social interaction.
- To spread the Word of God and support our Parish Family with the gifts He has given us by using our time, talent, and treasure to His glory.
- To strive continually to witness our faith as we journey toward the future that God has promised those who accept His Word.
- To reach out to the larger community of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama and the world.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Randy Clowdus, Chairperson

Micha McMeans, Vice Chairperson

Felicia Boyd, Secretary

Eddie Blanco

Phillip Galloway

Patricia Rector

Jena Shourds

Chris Waits

Pat Lambert

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Aloysius Parish will celebrate Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at Noon, 6:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. in Spanish. On Good Friday, April 19, Stations will be celebrated at Noon and Living Stations at 3:00 p.m. in Spanish.

BOOKLETS

Way of the Cross booklets are available on the table in the Narthex. The booklets are for use at home when a parishioner is unable to attend Stations of the Cross or wishes to meditate on them during the week.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Classes, for students in grades 1-8 who are attending schools other than Catholic schools, are on Sunday mornings from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the school.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study, led by Father Holloway, is held each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The topic of study is the Letter to the Corinthians by Saint Paul the Apostle. Everyone is invited.

LADIES ROSARY GROUP

A group for ladies of the parish meets on Tuesdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Day Chapel to pray the Rosary. For more information, please call Sheila Freeman at 477-7687.

FIRE OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Lord has blessed each of us abundantly by giving us the gift of His Holy Spirit. Come learn how He desires to work in your life every day. Our Fire of the Spirit Prayer Group meets every Thursday of the month (except second Thursday) in the Library from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Come join us in prayer and worship and release your gifts of the Holy Spirit! All are welcome. For more information, please contact Kathy Tortorice at 426-1797 or kahytortorice@gmail.com.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Benefits Specialist, Human Resources Manager, Research Analyst, Radio Producer, Non-Linear Editor, Production Assistant, Closed Captioning Proofreader, Technical Operations Center Operator (night shift), and Viewer Services Representative.** Job requirements can be viewed at www.ewtn.com. E-mail cover letter, salary requirements, and résumé to humanresources@ewtn.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The spring 40 Days for Life continues through April 14 (Palm Sunday) at Planned Parenthood (1211 27th Place South in Birmingham) from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. 40 Days for Life is a grassroots, interdenominational, nationwide campaign to open hearts to the sanctity of human life and the horror of abortion. The Campaign is based on a three-point program of Prayer and Fasting, Constant Vigil, and Community Outreach. Consider spending an hour in prayer each week for the end of abortion. For more information, please call Ed Carrick at 305-0950 or register at www.40daysforlife.com/Birmingham.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Saint George the Great Martyr Melkite Parish (401 10th Avenue South in Birmingham) will host Lenten programs plus a retreat weekend. All are invited for fellowship, food and prayer on the following dates:

- Friday, March 15 “Heaven and Hell”
- Friday, March 22 “Ask Abouna”
- Friday, March 29 “The Great Divorce”
- April 5—7 retreat weekend

For more information, please visit www.saintgeorgeonline.org or call Jo Ann at 447-4954.

RETREAT

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold a retreat entitled, "Journey of a Celtic Heart," on March 15—17. The presenter will be Carmel Boyle, a composer and singer from Ireland who gives retreats, will guide participants through gentle movement, prayer, Irish poetry and song, and stories in a reflective atmosphere. The cost is \$180.00 per person. For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474.

JOHN CARROLL CARROLLIGHTS

John Carroll Catholic High School will host its Annual Carrollights Celebration on Saturday, March 16 sponsored by the PTO. There will be dinner, drinks, dancing, and a live and silent auction. Tickets cost \$50.00 per person. For more information, to purchase tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and to donate auction items, please visit www.jcchs.org.

35TH ANNUAL SPRINGFEST

What are you doing on Saint Patrick’s Day? Come enjoy a fun family afternoon at Saint Patrick’s Parish next Sunday, March 17 (301 Shamrock Trail in Adamsville)!! The 35th Annual Springfest kicks off early at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center for Trash and Treasure. There will be fun games and inflatables for the kids, plant sale, lots of food, vendors, and a chance to win the \$2,000.00 grand prize (\$1.00 per chance or 12/\$10.00). For more information, please call the Church Office at 798-5326.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your marriage the best tune-up it has ever received! Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! The next weekend will be on March 29—31 at Saint Bernard Abbey in Cullman. For more information, please call Barney and Kathy Bellard at 530-3607 or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org.

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for our military that have been deployed around the world to fight for the freedom and security of our country, including:

<u>Navy</u>	<u>U.S. Intelligence</u>
Luke Reiter	Daniel Thomas
<u>Air Force</u>	<u>Army</u>
Daniel K. Hicks	Joseph R. Chiarella
Shea Hicks	Maj. Teri Bossard
Lance Rosser	Zach Edmonds
Christian Malnar	Blake Seidel

Call the Church Office at 424-2984 or send an e-mail to staloysius@bellsouth.net with the names of people and their branch of service to be placed on or removed from this prayer list.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following couples who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries:

March 14. George and Winifred Bratton
 March 14. Craig and Kim McCoy
 March 16. Curtis and Vickie Stoves

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

March 10. Elizabeth Vazquez-Rivera
 March 11. Dean Brazier, Jr.
 March 12. Raegan Nichols, Julian Perez
 March 13. Blane Vines, Ryan O’Neal,
 Karen Snelling, Yolanda Ruiz
 March 14. . . . Stan Hudson, Alison Stevens, Steve Tate,
 Andrew Cagle, Myrna Merced, Tim Rozas
 March 15. Casey Roszell
 March 16. Josephine Culver, Alana Hughes,
 Jerry Ragusa, Liliana Maldonado Lomeli,
 Valeria Zamora, Dulce Rivera, Brandy Zito Frost