



Saint Aloysius Catholic Church

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March 31, 2019

Fourth 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
(e-mail: music.staloysius@gmail.com)

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet on Monday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING

The **Mother of Christ Altar Guild** will meet on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Hostesses are Terri Farley, Louise Harris, Mary Jones, Theresa Monte, Judy Webb, and Brigitte Wright.

SAINT ALOYSIUS MEN'S SOCIETY

The **Saint Aloysius Men's Society** will meet on Monday, April 8 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, April 9 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

The second collection this weekend is the annual Catholic Relief Services collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Offering envelopes are on the table in the Narthex.

SECOND COLLECTION—NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Building and Grounds Fund collection.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and Donuts are served weekly after the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Church. Come join us! *Coffee and Donuts will not be served this Sunday, March 31, due to Spring Break. The social will resume on April 7.*

MAKING PALM CROSSES

Volunteers (women and men) are needed to help fold palm leaves into crosses! This annual labor of love will take place on Wednesday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Church. Bring your lunch with beverage and a pair of scissors. For more information, please call Frances George at 424-8288.

MASS INTENTIONS

March 30 – April 7

(† = Deceased)

Saturday (4:30 p.m.).....Steve and Carol Tate
Sunday (8:30 a.m.).....† Michael Tramell
Sunday (11:00 a.m.).....Saint Aloysius Parishioners
Monday.....† Dollie Hicks
Tuesday.....Permanent Closing of the Tuscaloosa
... 'WAWC' Abortion Clinic and Conversion of Its Staff
Wednesday..... Vickie Gavin
Thursday.....† Tony Pardi
Friday..... † Hugh Kilpatrick
Saturday (4:30 p.m.).....† Rosalie Giambrone
Sunday (8:30 a.m.)..... Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday (11:00 a.m.).....Saint Aloysius Parishioners

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations and welcome to **Julia Catherine Guess**, daughter of Andrew and Alex Guess, who was baptized on March 23.

LENT 2019 PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING

Prayer: pray about seeking God's will in your own life.

Fasting: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.

Almsgiving: during Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving."

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.

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. *There will be no classes this Sunday, March 31, due to Spring Break. Classes will resume on April 7.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

April 7 – 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

	Last Week	Online Giving	Year-to- Date
Offertory	\$7,399.00	\$1,120.00	\$99,414.25
Building Fund	\$ 50.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 8,481.25

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	Larry Jones	Joe Puccio
Barbara Bridges	Meredith Jones	Don & MaryAnna
Jack Chiarella	Betty MacPherson	Schilleci
Don Graham	Gloria McDaniel	Steve Tate
Mary Ann Graham	Edwina Martin	Irene Tutten
John V. Jones, Jr.	Billy Monte	

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

He gave His whole life for us. Can we give one hour a month for Him? Our parish's monthly Eucharistic Adoration will be on Saturday, April 6 from 4:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. A sign-up list will be in the sanctuary to keep a record of who is attending Adoration and at what hour. For more information, please call Kathy Tortorice at 426-1797.

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.

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.

CANNED GOODS DRIVE

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

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 kathytortorice@gmail.com.

JOB OPENINGS AT EWTN

EWTN is searching for qualified candidates for the following positions in Irondale: **Benefits Specialist, Human Resources Manager, Fulfillment Center Associate, Traffic Assistant, 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.

LAST SUPPER PRESENTATION

The Knights of Columbus Council #9862 will host a reenactment of The Last Supper at the Cathedral of Saint Paul (2120 3rd Avenue North in Birmingham) this Sunday, March 31 in the *upper room* of the Family Life Center. The Knights will also host a dinner before the reenactment at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$12.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children ages 5-12, children under 4 are free; tickets can be purchased at the door. All proceeds go to the State Council Seminarian Scholarship Trust Fund.

LENTEN RETREAT

Saint George the Great Martyr Melkite Parish (401 10th Avenue South in Birmingham) will host a retreat weekend on April 5—7. All are invited for fellowship, food and prayer. For more information, please visit www.saintgeorgeonline.org or call Jo Ann at 447-4954.

HOLY WEEK RETREAT AND DAY OF REFLECTION

The Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama will hold a Holy Week retreat on April 15-21. The retreat center is nestled in 1,200 acres of woodlands in Eastern Alabama. Surround yourself in quiet solitude and enjoy this sacred place during holy week for a silent, private retreat. The cost is \$70.00 for each overnight. For more information or to register, please call 1-334-855-4474 or visit www.msbt.org.

A Desert Retreat Day of Reflection will also be held on Wednesday, April 17 from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. (ET); lunch is included. The presenter will be Sister Gail Lambert, M.S.B.T. A free will offering will be taken up. See registration information above.

21ST ANNUAL LEBANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

Saint Elias Maronite Parish (836 8th Street South in Birmingham) will host its 21st Annual Lebanese Food and Cultural Festival on April 26—27. Delicious homemade Lebanese food will be for sale in addition to tours of the church, the only Maronite church in Alabama. The Amin Sultan Band will perform nightly from 6:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Twenty-five percent of all proceeds go to local and national charities other than Saint Elias. To date, over \$509,000 has been donated to other charities! For more information, please visit www.stelias.org/festival.

The annual Saint Elias Cedar Run 5K will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Cedar Shake Fun Run at 9:00 a.m. benefitting The Exceptional Foundation, an organization established to provide social and recreational activities for individuals with special needs (www.cedarrun5k.com).

ESSAY CONTEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP

The Italian American Heritage Society announces the opportunity for a \$500 scholarship based on the winning essay, “What My Italian Heritage Means to ME.” To be eligible to participate, the applicant must have a relative who is a society member in good standing. Also, the person submitting the essay must be currently enrolled at the college level or a high school senior who has been accepted at a college. The \$500 award will be paid directly to the college. The deadline for submitting the essay is Friday, May 31. For more information, please visit www.iahsbham.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	Zach Edmonds
Lance Rosser	Blake Seidel
Christian Malnar	

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 **Bruce and Lisa Jones**, who are celebrating their Wedding Anniversary on April 1.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

- March 31.....Mason Hicks
- April 1.....Bruce Jones, Alexander Wickman
- April 2.....Theresa Ingle
- April 3.....Pete Gagliano
- April 4.....Luis Alvarado
- April 5.....Mary Liz Garzarek
- April 6.....Jerrie Salvago