

St. Barnabas Catholic Church

Liturgical schedule this weekend, August 29-30:

Saturday, August 29:

- Drive Through Confession 1-3pm at St. Barnabas
- Communion Service 4pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, August 30:

- Sunday Mass 9am in the Church

***Face Masks are required to attend Sunday Mass. Please keep social distancing between families.**

Even though the dispensation has been extended until November 22, 2020. If you feel safe enough to be attending non-church social events, please make your way back to confession and mass for the sacraments. We miss you.

If you or a family member are in need of anointing or need a priest, please call the church office.

Spiritual Exercise for this week:

Let us pray to the Holy Spirit for our confirmation candidates who are receiving their Confirmation this Tuesday, Sept 1 at the Cathedral of St. Paul. May we also pray for ourselves to renew the fire of the Holy Spirit within us:

Spirit of God, grant me:

The gift of wisdom

To see the world through your eyes,

The gift of counsel

To make difficult decisions,

The gifts of knowledge and understanding

To use my mind to know you and to love you,
The gift of fortitude
To have the courage to live in the faith
Despite the difficulties and disappointments,
The gift of piety
To be able to express my special love
And commitment to you,
And the right kind of awesome fear
That makes me pause to wonder and revere God's love.
Amen.

Register for continuing your faith...we need all ages, singles and families to register for Family Catechesis. Please register by 8/31/2020.

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Mass Readings for this weekend:

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 124

Reading 1

Jer 20: 7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped;
you were too strong for me, and you triumphed.

All the day I am an object of laughter;
everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out,
violence and outrage is my message;
the word of the LORD has brought me
derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him,
I will speak in his name no more.
But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones;
I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9.

R. (2b) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts
like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary
to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life;
my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;
lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,
and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.
R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Reading II

[ROM 12: 1-2](#)

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.
Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Alleluia

[Eph 1: 17-18](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
that we may know what is the hope
that belongs to our call.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

[MT 16:21-27](#)

Jesus began to show his disciples
that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly
from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed and on the third day be raised.
Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him,
“God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.”
He turned and said to Peter,

“Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me.
You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples,

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world
and forfeit his life?

Or what can one give in exchange for his life?

For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory,
and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”

"Cards & Calls" Volunteers Needed

Since Covid started, I have made several phone calls or sent greeting cards to our known homebound or "senior" parishioners to see if they need anything, and to let them know they are not forgotten. More volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact Angie Dailey at the parish office, 205-833-0334, or email stbarnabasbh@gmail.com

St. Williams 50th Annual Seafood Festival

Labor Day Weekend

915 Gunter Avenue - Guntersville, Alabama

Please Continue to Support the Parish Financially

You can mail your contribution to

St. Barnabas Church
7921 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35206

We encourage you to enroll in our online giving program at
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stbarnabasbhm>

Or you may text to give at 205-850-7921

St. Barnabas Food Pantry

Our pantry shelves are almost completely empty. We are asking for your help in donating any non-perishable food and/or household items. Any item is appreciated. Some high demand household items include: dish and clothes detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, soap and cleaners. When planning your donation, please consider the families and their needs. Meaning, if you bring peanut butter also consider bringing jelly or if you bring noodles, could you please bring pasta or alfredo sauce, etc. We serve many families and like to be able to provide complete meals.

Thank you for your generosity. Items can be left in the church or by the elevator. The pantry is not open to the public because of COVID, but we are taking appointments and serving families who come to our door.

Prayer for Upcoming Election (USCCB)

Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our
city/state/country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our
community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

For more information on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, please visit these sites and see the attachment.

<https://www.ewtn.com/vote/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/vote/brief-catechism.asp>

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/parishes-and-schools/upload/catholics-care-catholics-vote-bulletin-insert.pdf>

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