

St. Barnabas Catholic Church

April 17, 2016 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Mass

6:00pm Saturday Vigil

10:00am Sunday

Daily Mass

8:30am Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri

7:00pm Wed (with novena)

8:30am First Saturday

Eucharistic Adoration

7:00-8:00am Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri

Confession (Reconciliation/Penance)

5:00-5:45pm Saturday

and upon request

Anointing of the Sick

Speak to a priest to determine if now is the right time for this sacrament. The Anointing is usually preceded by Confession. For sacramental emergencies, call any time, day or night.

Baptism

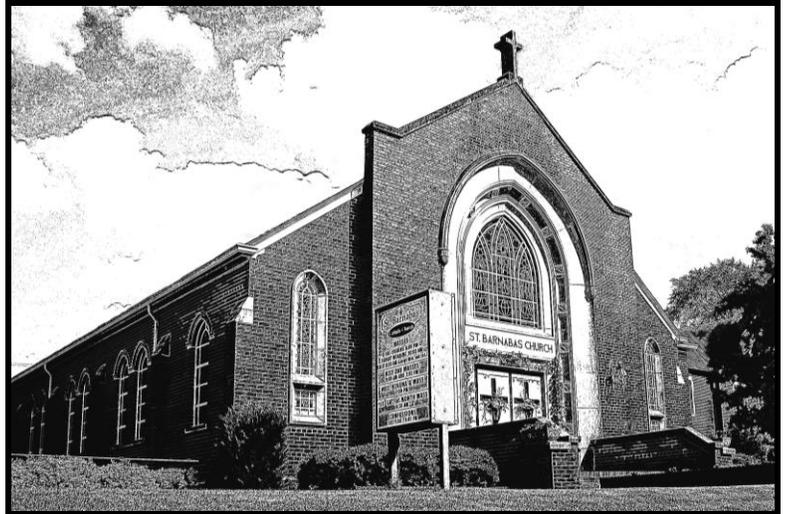
Contact Fr. Jerabek – preferably during the pregnancy.

Holy Matrimony

Contact Fr. Jerabek no less than six months in advance to begin the preparation process.

Parish Registration

Speak to an usher or call the office.



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Father Bryan W. Jerabek, J.C.L.

Pastor

Monsignor Eugene O'Connor, *Pastor Emeritus*

Father José Luis Guevara, *Priest in Residence*

Ms. Alice Carter, *Parish Secretary*

Mr. David Renda, *Pastoral Care*

Mr. Steve O'Donnell, *Maintenance*

Ms. Sandra Hudecz, *Housekeeper*

Mr. Tim Tipton & Mr. Frederick Pollman, *Organists*

St. Barnabas Catholic School (K4-8)

Mr. John Parker, *Principal*

205-836-5385 – <http://stbcshbm.org>

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 17, 2016 – My sheep hear my voice.

Parish Mass Intentions

Saturday 4/16	Souls of Priests in Purgatory
Sunday 4/17	People of the Parishes
Monday 4/18	Fr. Donulus Evers, O.F.M.
Tuesday 4/19	Margaret Holback+
Wednesday 4/20	*
Thursday 4/21 <i>School Mass</i>	Joseph Bellerive+
Friday 4/22	*
Saturday 4/23	Intentions of L. & C.W.

Monsignor O'Connor's Mass Intentions

Saturday 4/16	Audrey Benson
Sunday 4/17	Rita Dumais+
Monday 4/18	Rev. Miguel Sanchez+
Tuesday 4/19	Betsy Veigl+
Wednesday 4/20	Special Intention (J.L.)
Thursday 4/21	Fay Avrard+
Friday 4/22	Sebastian & Miriam Anderson
Saturday 4/23	Pat McQueen+

Offertory Collection – April 9/10, 2016

Regular Offertory	\$	1,987.50
Maintenance Fund	\$	438.00
Benevolent Fund	\$	0.00
Food Pantry	\$	0.00

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday – 4/24/16

1 st Reading:	Acts: 14:21-27
Responsorial:	Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
2 nd Reading:	Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel:	John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Vocation Crucifix Apostolate

The vocation crucifix will pass from the Lackey Family to Mr. & Mrs. James Jacobson on Saturday, and from the Corbett Family to Jean Rankin & Rose Miller on Sunday.

Pray for the Sick

Please pray for: Maria Gomez, Frances Humphrey, Joe Zyne, Theresa Smith, Thomas (Joe) Faucett, Deborah Muffley, Virginia McGrew, Gertrude Sanders, Ann Loring, Mr. & Mrs. James E. Jacobson, Leslie Walters, Audrey Benson (Ireland), Cesarea Villanueva, and all those listed in our Long Term Care Book. You are welcome to add names to this book, which is located by the St. Joseph statue in the church. Please call the office to add names to this list.

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord

We extend sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Elizabeth Gadilhe on the death of her husband, Phillip. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Sanctuary Lamp – April 18 through April 24

For Margaret Mangina, by Mary Jean Romano.

Monsignor O'Connor's Bible Study

Classes will meet on April 18 & 19 at the regular times, in the Fireside Room.

ALTAR/CHURCH M. Lemonis & J. Buchanan

ALTAR LINENS Margo Lemonis

PANTRY Mickey Hart

NEW! Save the Date

There will be a Farewell Gathering for Father Jerabek on Sunday, June 26 (after the 10:00am Mass). More details will be published later. To help, contact Theresa Petruzella, 205-901-0734.

From the Pastor...

“POPE TELLS FAITHFUL TO FOLLOW THEIR CONSCIENCE” – REALLY?

The part in quotes was the headline in the Opinion section of the *Birmingham News* last Sunday, and the article with it was taken from a national wire service. While the article itself is not without its problems, it is far better than its headline, which is downright misleading. Once again I find myself needing to warn anyone who will listen: we should not get our news about the Church from secular media outlets. At the very least, we should carefully check everything they report, for it is frequently wrong.

Did the Pope really say, in his most recent document, *Amoris Lætitia* (“The Joy of Love”), that Catholics should follow their conscience? Yes and no. It is a fundamental obligation of the moral law for us to follow a certain conscience. However, there is a prior obligation: that of forming our conscience according to the truth. Many people who read this headline will not read that additional bit into it. Much to the contrary: usually, nowadays, when we read about “following one’s conscience”, it is a code-phrase for “doing whatever you like”.

So, does Pope Francis want us to “do whatever we like”? Most certainly not! His latest document, at a stunning 260 pages long (which, as now the longest papal document ever, will probably be read by few...), reaffirms all of the traditional Catholic teachings on marriage, family, and sexuality. That is not the impression you might get if you only hear secular news reports about it. But it is the truth: the Pope is Catholic! And this should not surprise us – after all, it is the Pope’s job to hand on the truth that has been revealed by God through the natural law and divine revelation, not to invent new truths or change old ones.

It is no secret that many Catholics today are following the wide and easy way that leads to destruction (cf. Matthew 7:13) by picking and choosing what they wish to believe from the Church’s teachings. These unfortunate souls

tend to desire a Pope who will validate them in their waywardness. They want a Pope who is a revolutionary, who will shake things up, who will change everything. Pope Francis’ unconventional methods and penchant for surprise have reinvigorated the false hopes of this particular group of Catholics – as well as of many who are outside the Church and want to see her ultimately fail. This includes many who write or report in the secular news media.

And so, when Pope Francis says or writes something, there is a tendency on their part to interpret it through their paradigm of change and rupture with respect to Church teaching. Their false hopes are also marked by a certain arrogance that has been the hallmark of the last 50 years or so: namely, the thought that, notwithstanding the truths, social customs, and moral norms that virtually all societies have recognized and handed down for millennia, somehow, in our time, we have to start anew and reject what came before us.

Pope Francis has reaffirmed traditional Church teaching – teaching which no Pontiff, no human power, has the authority to change. He could not do otherwise. In reaffirming that teaching, he has certainly placed his own characteristic mark on it by focusing on certain key values: mercy, compassion, pastoral sensitivity, and so forth. But this in no way changes the truths that any Catholic can look up in the *Catechism* or in the teachings of any of the previous popes.

The Catholic Church has faithfully handed on God’s sacred truth for almost 2,000 years now, even as various merely-human societies and powers have risen... and fallen. Our own society is currently in an acute stage of decline. The solution to our woes is not to bend the Church to the world, but to bend the world to the Church. Pope Francis wants us to do our part by living out our faith and accompanying those who are struggling, with compassion and understanding. That does not mean leaving them where they are at, but helping them to get to the goal. Of course the Holy Father wants us to follow our conscience – but a conscience that has been illuminated by the light of faith and the teaching of Christ’s Church! ✠

NEW! Senior Citizens' Mass & Luncheon

This month's activity is scheduled for Thursday, April 21. Mass will be at 12noon in the church, followed by lunch & bingo in the cafeteria. All Seniors are invited to enjoy spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and dessert!

Holy Child Chapel Opportunity – 15 left!

Chapel chairs are being purchased for our School Chapel to match the other furniture. Each solid oak, upholstered chair with a flip-down kneeler will cost \$190. This price includes the placement of a small memorial plaque on the back. Ten chairs have already been claimed; 15 are still available. Did your child(ren) attend St. Barnabas? Did you attend St. Barnabas School? This is a great opportunity to place the names of such people before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel! Let Father Jerabek know if you would like to help!

NEW! Church Directory – COMING SOON

Thanks to everyone for being a part of our new church directory. We are expecting the directories to arrive in May!

Retaining Wall, Paving

Due to rain delays, the work will likely begin this coming week on the retaining wall. Paving will follow once we have found a suitable contractor and bid. Please pray for good work!

NEW! Catholic Home Missions Appeal

On the weekend of April 23/24 we are asked to contribute to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This annual Appeal supports programs in religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education, and ministry training in mission dioceses, including the Diocese of Birmingham. Please be generous!

St. Barnabas School YARD SALE

The annual Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, April 22/23, and will be run by the School & PTA this year. All proceeds will support the school. If you have anything you would like to donate or for additional info about the yard sale, please contact Mrs. Smith in the school office at 205-836-5385.

Ladies' Auxiliary Raffle

The St. Barnabas Ladies' Auxiliary is selling tickets for two exciting raffles. Pink tickets are being sold to benefit the women's scholarship fund for ASK AL KC, \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00, for a chance to win a \$500.00 cash prize. White tickets to benefit the Bishop's Fund are being sold for a one week stay in a Gatlinburg, TN condo – \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. Drawings will be held on 4/30 at the KofC Convention. You need not be present to win. See any member of the Ladies' Auxiliary for more information and/or to buy your tickets!

Her Choice 13th Annual Golf "Fore" Life

Her Choice Women's Center's 13th Annual Golf Tournament will be played on Friday, May 6 at Highland Park Golf Course. Call 205-447-8796 or email golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org to indicate your support for this event.

St. Patrick's Springfest

With a theme of *Keep Calm and Springfest*, St. Patrick Church in Adamsville is excited to announce its 32nd Annual Springfest on Sunday, May 1, 11:00am—3:00pm. Visit the website at <http://saintpatrickcc.com/springfest> or contact the church office at 205-798-5326 for details.

CATHOLIC VOCABULARY

...returns next week!