

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

626 4th Street • Alexandria, Louisiana 71301 • Phone: (318) 445-1451

Volume XXIII, No. 40

September 24, 2017

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Cliff Pelto

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 25:

12:05 p.m. Theresa Catteruccia (living)

Tuesday, September 26:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Huffman

Wednesday, September 27:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Huffman

Thursday, September 28

12:05 p.m. John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families

Friday, September 29:

12:05 p.m. Juanita Blanchard

Saturday, September 30:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Weston Charles Johnson, Jr.

Sunday, October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Mr. Huey Peterman

11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

5:30 p.m. David Scalfano

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Catherine Sloan, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,124.24
Over or (Short)	\$624.24
Restoration Fund	\$634.00

VIRTUS TRAINING – SEPTEMBER 26

There will be a Virtus Training session on **Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria.** To pre-register, go to virtus.org, and click on Registration (on left side of screen). For more information, call 445-6424 x 213.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVE BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 1



The monthly breakfast social, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, will be held next weekend **Sunday, October 1, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall.** There will also be a table set up for persons interested in joining the Knights of Columbus and Altar Society. All are invited and welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY – OCTOBER 6

11:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:30 a.m. Confessions
11:45 a.m. First Friday Devotions
11:50 a.m. Benediction
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY – OCTOBER 7

8:15 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Saturday Devotions
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
Confessions
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

BISHOPS GOLF TOURNAMENT - OCTOBER 9

The 22nd annual Bishop's Invitational Golf Tournament, benefiting the Seminarian Education Fund **will be held October 9 at Oakwing Golf Course in Alexandria.** The 4-person scramble, which includes green fees, cart, mulligans, range balls and refreshments, is \$135.00 per person or \$540.00 per team to enter. Sponsorships, ranging from \$100.00 and up, are available by calling Sandi Tarver at 3318-445-6424, ext. 209.

FIVE MILLION ROSARIES CAMPAIGN BY OCTOBER 13

In celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Fatima, Dynamic Catholic is inviting people all over the country to join in praying 5 million Rosaries for America on or before October 13. The Rosary is and incredibly powerful prayer. It has the power to heal, bring peace, and transform lives. Whether you pledge to pray one Rosary or 100 Rosaries, your prayers make a difference. To pledge to pray, go to www.dynamiccatholic.com

**SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIRED PRIESTS
SEPTEMBER 23 - 24**

This weekend, the special collection will be for the **Retired Priests in the Diocese of Alexandria**. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement for 18 retired priests in our diocese must be adjusted as well. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our retired priests and I ask that you also keep them in your prayers.

**WOMEN'S CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 14**

The 11th annual Women's Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held Saturday, **October 14 at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville**. The conference begins with registration at 8:30 a.m., the conference begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends after the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Sister Lucy Lukasiewicz, DLIC will be the guest speaker. The \$60.00 non-refundable registration fee includes a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and lunch. Registration deadline is Tuesday October 3. For more information or to register contact Diane Ardoin at 318-419-1547 or Mary Wilson at 318-359-7735.

**RADIO MARIA FALL MARIATHON - POSTPONED
NEW DATE OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 4**

Radio Maria, a Catholic radio station located in Alexandria that is part of the World Family of Radio Maria in 150 countries, is 100 percent listener supported. It receives no funding from any other source. **Please prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge during the Fall Mariathon October, 30 thru November 4 by calling 888-408-0201**. Keep our Lady's mission of evangelization alive on Radio Maria. Listen to us on 580 AM in Alexandria; 89.7 FM in Natchitoches or online at www.radiomaria.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate would like to announce the start of a new **Permanent Deacon Formation class beginning Fall of 2018**. Deacon Richard Mitchell, assistant director for the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, is now taking contact information and fielding questions from men who may be interested in discerning this ministry. You may contact Deacon Richard at 318-445-6424, ext. 206.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Theresa Catteruccia, Melvin Hicks, Christopher Laborde, Josephine LaCour, Tara McCann, Remi Miller, Cody Mixon, Mary Kathryn Mixon, Matthew Richey, Arlene Ryder, Lauren Tassin, Barbara Ward, Rev. Martin Laird, Sept 27.

NECROLOGY

Rev. Jean Marie Biler	+Sept. 26, 1873
Rev. John M. Gayer	+Sept. 28, 1984
Bishop Augustus Martin	+Sept. 29, 1875

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND
SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **next weekend, Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANT

Luke White

FOR OUR MILITARY

If members of your family have been called to active military duty, or are already on active duty, please let us know, and we will place their names for prayer in the church bulletin. Please call the church secretary at telephone 445-1451, ext. 14, or you may email her at aryder@parish.diocesealex.org.

Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Michael Allgood, Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Christopher Fraser, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Kathyleen Dixon, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Helena Ledet, Delta Maillet, Gill Murrell, Cleta Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, J. B. Theriot, Ruby J. Williams, Jacob Williamson.

We encourage our parishioners to call with the name of family members who are ill and wish to be remembered in prayer in the weekly church bulletin. Their names will remain on the list for approximately one month. Please notify the church secretary by the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 318-445-1451 x 14 so they can be included for the upcoming weekly church bulletin. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your family member may be taken off the list.

Before someone's name is placed in prayer, be sure to have permission from that person to publicize his or her name in the bulletin.

ADVERTISER FOR THE WEEK



5211 Jackson St. Ext.
Alexandria • 561-2227

701 North 4th St., Ste. B
Alexandria • 442-9797

FDIC www.shbnet.com

5617 Coliseum Blvd.
Alexandria • 442-2228

Mortgage Lending • 443-2799

We appreciate our advertisers and encourage your patronage.