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Friends of St. Mary Parish

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. G. Warren Wall

Fall/Winter 2017-2018

St. Mary New Parish Logo

We are proud to introduce our new parish logo which debuted during our 150 Year Anniversary Celebration in March. Designed by **Terry Edeker of Pixallure Design**, the logo, representing both St. Mary Church and St. Mary Catholic School, combines history and faith as marked by our beautiful, historic church bell tower. You will begin seeing this logo on all St. Mary correspondence, outerwear, and specialty items. If you are interested in a magnet with the logo for your car or would like to purchase commemorative wine glasses with our new logo, please contact the parish development office at (251) 432-8678, ext. 3 or mrnmanan@stmarymobile.org



St. Mary Parish Annunciation Academy

St. Mary Parish invites you to attend a presentation for the proposal of St. Mary Annunciation Academy. This new educational ministry, separate and apart from St. Mary Catholic School and St. Mary Mom's Day Out, will offer new opportunities for our high school age youth.

To find out more about this exciting new program for Mobile, please join us:

Thursday, August 10

At 6 p.m.

In St. Mary's Sisters of Mercy Building

Light refreshments will be served

Celebrating 150 Years!

St. Mary Parish would like to thank the 150 Year Co-Chairs, **Louise McClelland** and **Emily Montague**

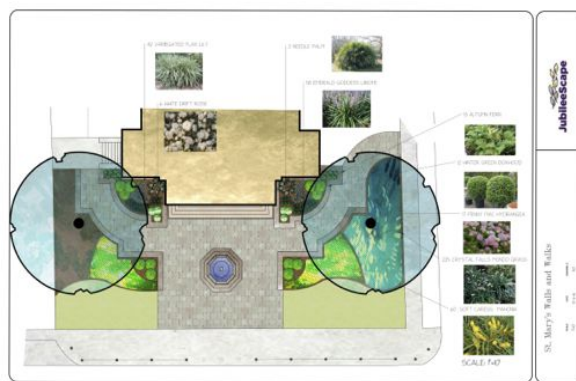
and their crew of volunteers for a most successful Celebration weekend March 25 and March 26, 2017. With a proclamation



from the City of Mobile marking March 25 as St. Mary Parish Day and a resolution from the State of Alabama, the celebration has been marked in history. Visit our website at www.stmarymobile.org for a letter from Co-Chair Emily Montague and photos of the event. Our celebration continues to the end of 2017.

St. Mary Plaza

Our 150 Year anniversary brought in the installation of the fountain, the first phase of the St. Mary Plaza. St. Mary will move on to the next phase of completing our church Plaza. Named gift opportunities will be available for the following: church planters; sidewalks; seating wall sections; landscaping; landscape lighting; bollards; and lamp posts. More information will be available soon about the completion of these projects. A rendering of the plaza is available on-line and in the church. For more information, contact the parish development office at (251) 432-8678, ext. 3 or view options on-line at www.StMaryMobile.org.



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Called to Life in Love: An Evening for Married Couples

Join us for year two of Evenings for Married Couples! Events are held on the first Tuesday of each month and offer monthly topics and speakers with great food and fellowship. Join us for our first two events this fall!

■ **Tuesday, September 12: 6 to 8 p.m.**

Presented by St. Mary's Montague and Naman Families
"What St. Mary Parish means to me!"

Each couple is asked to bring items to be placed as center pieces representing what St. Mary means to them. Items needed by September 7. Feel free to bring two place settings of your everyday china, special wine glasses, flatware and anything that makes you feel at home!

Event takes place in Sisters of Mercy Building.

■ **Thursday, October 12: 6 to 8 p.m.**

Presented by St. Mary's Catherine and Thomas Arensberg:
"Swing Dancing! Learn how to dance your way into lifelong happiness!"

Event takes place in St. Mary Gym

Suggested Minimum Donation \$25/couple

Bring a bottle of wine to share. Childcare provided with reservations. RSVP by the Friday before the event to **Laurel Wallace** at (251)432-8678 ext. 4 or lw Wallace@stmmarymobile.org

Welcome New Catholics

St. Mary welcomes the newest members of our church. At the Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 15. The following joined our family of faith. Catechumens included: **Lawrence J. Carpenter, Jr. ; Kyndel Lee Edens; Kayla Shea Esfeller; Nicholas Edward Hebert; Brooke Byron Thames; Rowan Garrett Thames; Addison Faith Yeargan; Candidates; Aaron Kortnee Acton; Rachel Leigh Howat Burton; Lisa Maria Carl; Aimee Melinda Cortes; Emory Earl Ellis, III; William Ryland Hester; Rosa Mary Pettaway; and Tanya Beth Posey**

Our First Communicants



St. Mary Parish held First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30 celebrated by Pastor, **Rev. Msgr. G. Warren Wall**. Under the guidance of their First Communion Instructors; **Donna Anderson; Amy Duncan; Brett and Aubrey Prylinski; and Teresa Gill**, we congratulate the following students on receiving this beautiful sacrament: **Thomas Michael Arensberg, Jr.; Gabriel David Barbour; James-Henry Allen Boyes; Cailyn Grace Boykin; Reagan Monteen Burroughs; John Xavier Dudley; Stella Rowen Dunaway; Bailey Rose Ehlert; Vivian Lee Ellison; Addison Elaine Feirman; Clara Jan Fowlkes; Ava Elizabeth Hambright; Samuel Scott Hanks; Charles Richard Heinz; Henry Joseph Hewitt; Eva Marie Howat; Lillian Cecile Howell; Micah Jordan Johnson; Louise Harmon Lague; Caroline Camille Claire Leary; Brooks Michael Lomax; Morgan Ann Lucky; Cooper McGowan Matthews; Adrian Brady Moore; Xavier Francis Montague; Catherine Cecilia Morrow; Isabella Arianna Nicholson; Sean Patrick O'Connor; Amelia Outlaw; Anna Claire Perniciaro; Jade Carlin Theresa Powe; Wesley Adams Pringle; Evie Elizabeth Rice; Mary Alice Robinson; Emily Krouse Smith; Riley Christopher Smith; Lola Rose Stiell; Patience Marie Strickland; Rowan Brooks Thompson; Jasmine Jessica Trang; and Donald Alexander Urquhart, IV**

Confirmation Class of 2017

St. Mary Parish welcomed Archbishop **Thomas J. Rodi** on March 15 to confirm 32 new young people who were well prepared for this sacrament under the direction of **Candice Wilson**. Pictured are the members of St. Mary's Confirmation Class of 2017 with Archbishop Rodi and St. Mary's **Rev. Msgr. G. Warren Wall, Rev. Cecil Spotswood, and Deacon Ernest Johnson: Anna Rose Arensberg; William Abston Armstrong; Addison Anne Baucom; Ashlyn Kay Blankenship; Evan Christopher Collier; Kristopher Riley Conlon; Ila Grace Cummings; Nathaniel Scott Duncan; William Evans Finnorn; James Augustus Grow; Elizabeth Andrea Hand; Stephen James Hand; Grace Margaret Jensen; Rachel Catherine Johnson; Nicolas James Larriviere; Anna Grace Lynam; Margaret Elizabeth Mather; Ella Mary McClintock; William Woodworth McPhillips; Ashley Lynn Morgan; Kevin Joseph Muscat; Mathilde Elizabeth Marie Naman; Margaret Virginia Neese; Charles Edward Purvis; Catherine Camille Repoll; Michelle Renee Roca; Madison Leigh Rowland; Collin Tobler Schilling; Andrew Michael Snetsinger; Desi Vaughn Tobias; Emani Starr Toomer; Mary Catherine Watson; John Ira Wiesand; Addeline Grace Wilson; and Taylor Olivia Wishon**



Welcome Melanie Karolenko! Director of Youth Ministry

We are happy to give a warm welcome to our new Director of Youth Ministry, **Melanie Karolenko** who will arrive to Mobile in late July. Melanie is from Finksburg, Maryland which is a suburb north of Baltimore. She grew up in a small town with her Mom, Dad and three older brothers. She went to a Catholic high school, then attended Franciscan University of Steubenville where she graduated in May with degrees in Theology and Catechetics. Among many other experiences in youth ministry, she has served on an Edge Core Team in Steubenville for two years, helped lead over 25 youth retreats, and has been a Summer Missionary for a Life Teen summer camp in Georgia for three years. Melanie is extremely excited to be a part of the St. Mary Parish community and serve the high school and middle school parishioners. She wants to offer the youth a place where they can foster authentic friendships and encounter the personal love of Jesus Christ. Weekly youth events will include fun games, activities,

opportunities for prayer, and talks that will make the Faith relevant, understandable, and applicable to daily life. Melanie studied dance from age three until her senior year of high school, so she is always ready for a good dance party too! Melanie notes, "The youth ministry program will be a place of joy, and we cannot wait to see what the Lord does in the hearts of those in the St. Mary Parish community through this ministry."



**Help us Welcome Melanie!
Sunday, September 10
following the 9 a.m. & 6 p.m. Masses
on the St. Mary Church Plaza.**

**Join St. Mary Youth Ministry Program!
Edge: 6th through 8th grade
Lifeteen: 9th through 12th grade**

Both programs will begin Sunday, September 10. Edge meets from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Youth Mass is at 6 p.m., and Lifeteen meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Sunday. For more information, contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678, ext. 4 or email Melanieatmkarolenko@stmarymobile.org

St. Mary Mom's Day Out Open House

New Playground Equipment! St. Mary Mom's Day Out is enjoying their new playground made possible through the generosity of tithing dollars. We have also been able to expand our space to include both the chapel and the front parlor of the Seton Center! Mark Your Calendar for **The MDO Open House, Sunday, December 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** For more information on our MDO Program, log on to www.stmarymobile.org or contact our **MDO Enrollment Officer, Nancy Willis** at momsdayout@stmarymobile.org or (251) 441-5048.



St. Mary Catholic Eighth Grade Honors

St. Mary Catholic School 8th Graders were honored at the annual commencement Mass and Ceremony held this year on May 24. The awards sponsored by the St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council 13163 include The Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Cunningham Award, 4.0 GPA Awards, and Altar Server Recipients. Pictured are this year's Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Cunningham Award Winners; **Meghan Stein** and **Ulysses Holbert**.



St. Mary Catholic School Parent Night and Open House! Tuesday, November 7

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Information Dinner
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Curriculum Tours**

This annual event is a great way for families to explore the many opportunities at St. Mary for children in Pre K-3 through eighth grade. Child care and a meal is provided for children during the event if needed. Information for the 2018-2019 school year will be available. For more information or reservations, or to visit St. Mary Catholic School at anytime throughout the year, contact the school office at (251) 433-9904.

St. Mary CCD Registration Dates

Registration for St. Mary CCD Program will take place the following dates in the main church vestibule.

**August 27, following the 9 a.m. and 11:30 Masses
September 9, following the 5 p.m. Mass
September 10 following the 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses**

CCD Classes begin September 17 at 10:15 a.m. Classes are held weekly at St. Mary Catholic School. This religious education program is required for parishioners in grade K-8 not in Catholic School. For more information, contact **Teresa Gill**, Parish Catechetical Director, at teresamicuccigill@yahoo.com or (251) 432-8678, ext. 1

Annual Fund Drive 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 Annual Fund Drive closed out with **\$49,200 in pledges**. Coupled with the Knights of Columbus **Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament**, which brought in **\$9,446** in November, a total of **\$58,646** has been raised towards accomplishing our goals for this year. A great way to honor loved ones, the brick and fence campaigns continue. The 2017-2018 appeal will begin this fall. To make a gift, email the development office at mrnaman@stmarymobile.org or call (251) 432-8678, ext. 3. On-line pledging available at www.stmarymobile.org

St. Mary New Playground Equipment Installation in Progress on St. Mary's Thompson Field!

Thanks to proceeds from our Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament, phase one of St. Mary's new playground equipment installation has begun! Pictured are Knights of Columbus members **Desi Tobias** and **Bill Reece** presenting a check of \$9,446 from the Tournament to Principal, **Debbie Ollis**. St. Mary Catholic School thanks Co-Chairs Desi and Celie Tobias, Dina Blankenship, The Thompson Family, and The St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council 13163. The Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament has raised over \$120,000 since it began in 2007 with proceeds benefitting facility and campus enhancements for St. Mary Catholic School. The Ten Year Anniversary of this tournament is scheduled for November 5, 2017 and takes place on Spring Hill College Golf Course.



Fall Family Fun!

St. Mary Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 29
12:30 to 4 p.m.
St. Mary Thompson Field
Games, Concessions, Trunk or Treating prizes for best costume & trunk!



KofC 10th Annual Steve Thompson Memorial Golf Tournament!

Sunday, November 5
Spring Hill College Golf Course
11 a.m. Lunch, 12 Noon Shotgun Start
\$100 per player.

Lighting Up Midtown Christmas Tree Lighting!

Thursday, December 7
7 p.m. St. Mary Campus
Food Trucks, Snow, Hot Chocolate, Cookies, and more!



Crawfish & Bluegrass

Lots of fun and beautiful weather made for a great day at the 15th annual Knights of Columbus Crawfish and Bluegrass Extravaganza on April 1 sponsored by the St. Mary Knights of Columbus. With four bluegrass bands and all the crawfish one could eat, this family event benefitted Veteran's Recovery Resources. **Mark Your Calendar for the April 14, 2018 event!**



New Parish Directory and App

St. Mary Parish has a new directory which was mailed to all parishioners in January. We also have a new parish app for your phone and desktop through Guide Book Publishing. If your name was not included in the print directory, you can still be added to the on-line directory. All parishioners can update their information on-line and add a photo to the directory. If you did not receive an email from the parish development office with your username and passcode for the online directory, please contact us at (251) 432-8678, ext. 3 or email **Marcelle Naman** at mrnaman@stmarymobile.org

Stewardship 2018 Kick Off!

Time and Talent Weekend: September 10
Lay Speaker Treasure Appeal: October 21-22
Pastor Appeal: October 28-29

Stewardship tithing provides the parish operational funds. Online pledging and giving available at www.stmarymobile.org

Stewardship 2017

Total Dollars Pledged: \$717,189 Pledges: 372

Casino Night Fun in Rio!

This May 6 evening of live and silent auctions, games and celebrity hosts raised over \$55,000 benefitting St. Mary Catholic School!

Thanks to Co-Chairs **Kirsten Altice** and **Chenelle Chapman**, a crew of volunteers, our sponsors, hundreds of businesses and guests for making this night a success! **Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, May 5, 2018!**



St. Mary Events Calendar

CHURCH / SCHOOL / DEVELOPMENT

■ August

- 10 St. Mary Annunciation Academy Proposal, 6 p.m. SOM Bldg.
- 14 Feast of the Assumption Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Welcome back St. Mary Catholic School Teachers!
- 15 Feast of The Assumption Masses, 6 and 7:25 a.m., 5:30 p.m.
- 18-20 Archdiocese One Family, One Faith Conference, Mobile Convention Center.
- 21 St. Mary Catholic School Classes Resume, noon dismissal.
- 21 CYO Kick-Off Mass, St. Mary Church, 5:30 p.m.
- 24 St. Mary at Mobile Chamber of Commerce Expo, Mobile Convention Center, 12 Noon to 6 p.m.
- 25 First School Mass of the Year, Mass of Holy Spirit, 8:10 a.m.
- 27 CCD Registration, following 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses
- 29 Boy Scout Information Night, 6 p.m. in School Library
- 30 St. Mary Catholic PTO Meeting, 6 p.m. in School Gym

■ September

- 4 Labor Day, No Classes
- 5 Child Protection Training, 6 p.m. in School Gym. Required for all parish & school staff and volunteers working with or around children.
- 7 RCIA Begins, 7 p.m. Sisters of Mercy Bldg.
- 8 Blessed Mother's Birthday!
- 9 CCD Registration, following 5 p.m. Mass
- 10 Welcome New Youth Director Melanie Karolenko! following the 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses, Edge and Lifeteen begin weekly meetings. Edge from 4 to 4:30 p.m. and Lifeteen, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- 10 Time and Talent Kick-Off Weekend
CCD Registration following 9 and 11:30 a.m. Masses
- 12 Evening for Married Couples, 6 p.m., SOM Bldg.
- 17 CCD Begins, 10:15 a.m.
- 27 Welcome Archbishop Rodi! 8:10 a.m. Mass
- 29 St. Mary Night at The Lip! McT vs. Blount, Tailgate at 5:30 p.m.

■ October

- 4 Feast of St. Francis Blessing of The Pets, 9 a.m.
- 6 St. Mary Catholic School Grandparents Day! Mass at 8:10 a.m., followed by classroom visits and luncheon.
- 12 Evening for Married Couples, Swing Dancing! 6 p.m., Gym
- 21 St. Mary Parish Stewardship Lay Speaker Appeal
- 23-27 St. Mary Book Fair Week and Red Ribbon Week
- 28-29 St. Mary Stewardship Pastor Appeal Weekend
- 28-29 Men of St. Joseph Outback and Women's Cursillo
- 29 Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat! 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 30 Halloween Luncheon for 50 Plus Members of The Parish sponsored by 7th Grade. 12 noon, Sisters of Mercy.
- 31 Happy Hall oween!

■ November

- 4-5 Stewardship Appeal Wrap-Up Weekend
- 5 Steve Thompson 10th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, Spring Hill College Golf Course, 11 a.m. lunch, Noon Shotgun Start, \$100 per player, teams welcome!
- 7 St. Mary Catholic School Parent Night and Open House! 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Information Dinner; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Curriculum Tours. For more information, contact the school office at (251) 433-9904.
- 9 McGill-Toolen Open House, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Evening for Married Couples, 6 p.m. SOM Bldg.
- 16 CYO Toy Bowl Mass, 5:30 p.m.
- 18 CYO Toy Bowl Classic, Lipscomb Field
- 22-25 Thanksgiving Holidays
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving!
- 26 Christ The King Celebration, Cathedral
- 28 First Reconciliation, 6:30 p.m.

■ December

- 2 McGill-Toolen 8th Grade Placement Test
- 3 First Sunday of Advent
- 6 Feast of St. Nicholas
- 7 Feast of Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, 5 p.m. St. Mary School Christmas Performance, 6:30 p.m. St. Mary Lighting Up Midtown, 7 p.m. St. Mary Campus
- 10 St. Mary MDO Open House, Angel Tree Brunch and Santa! 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Seton Center

■ December (continued)

- 12 Evening for Married Couples, 6 p.m. SOM Bldg.
- 20 St. Mary School dismissal at noon for Christmas break
- 24 Christmas Eve, Last Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve Masses, 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and Midnight
- 25 Merry Christmas! 6 and 9 a.m. Masses

■ January

- 1 Happy New Year! 6 and 9 a.m. Masses
- 2 Teacher Inservice Day
- 3 St. Mary Catholic School Classes Resume
In House Registration for 2018-2019 School Year Begins
- 9 Evening for Married Couples, 6 p.m., SOM Bldg.
- 15 Martin Luther King Day, No classes
- 16 Open Registration Begins for 2018-2019 School Year
- 19 National March For Life, Washington D.C. and St. Mary March for Life, Thompson Field, 1 p.m.
- 20 St. Mary Catholic School Steak Out!
- 28-Feb. 2 Catholic Schools Week!

■ February

- 2 St. Mary Family Day and Alumni Mass, 8:10 a.m.
- 12-13 Mardi Gras Holidays
- 14 Ash Wednesday, Masses: 6, 7:25, 8:10 am. & 5:30 p.m.
Happy St. Valentine's Day!
- 15 St. Mary Valentine's Day Luncheon for 50 Plus
- 16 St. Mary Media Munch!

Each Month

MONDAY

- 40 Days for Life, 9 a.m. weekly, local abortion clinic
- Catholic Scripture Study, noon, weekly, (Sept - May) SOM Bldg.
- St. Vincent de Paul, 2nd and 4th Mon, 5 p.m., SOM Bldg.

TUESDAY

- Men's Prayer Group, 6:30 a.m., weekly, Rectory
 - Midtown Men of St. Joseph at St. Joan of Arc, weekly, 7 a.m.
 - Legion of Mary, 10 a.m. weekly, SOM Bldg
 - Rosary Group, 1 p.m. weekly, St. Mary Chapel
 - Evening for Married Couples, 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.
 - Be Prepared! Apologetics Program, 4th Tuesday
 - Den Scouts Meeting, 1st & 3rd Sun, 7 p.m, SOM Bldg
- ### WEDNESDAY
- Choir, 7 p.m. weekly
 - Bear Den Scouts, 2nd & 4th Weds, 2:45 p.m. SOM Bldg
 - Parish Council, 2nd Weds, 6 p.m. SOM Bldg
 - St. Mary School Advisory Board, 3rd Weds, 5:30 p.m., School
 - Canticle Choir Practice, 7p.m. weekly, St. Mary Church

THURSDAY

- Finance Council, 3rd Thurs, 6:30 a.m. Rectory
- Knights of Columbus, 2nd Thurs., 6:30 p.m. SOM Bldg
- R.C.I.A., weekly, 7 p.m. (Sept. - Easter) SOM Bldg

SUNDAY

- Sunday Coffee 1st Sunday, following 9 a.m. Mass & 3rd Sunday following 11:30 a.m. Mass
- Ladies Sodality, 4th Sun, 10 a.m., (Sept - May) SOM Bldg
- CCD, weekly, 10:15 a.m. (Sept - May) School Bldg
- Cub Pack Meeting, 3rd Sunday, 4:30 p.m., SOM Bldg
- EDGE Group, weekly, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (grades 6-8) SOM Bldg
- LIFETEEN!, weekly, 7 to 8:30 p.m. (grades 9-12) , SOM Bldg
- *SOM Bldg = Sisters of Mercy Building

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

MASSES

- Monday - Thursday: 6 and 7:25 a.m.
- Friday: 6, 7:25 and 8:10 a.m. (school year)
- Saturday: 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Vigil
- Sunday: 6, 9, 11:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- PRAYER: Daily, 15 min before Mass
- CONFESSIONS: Saturdays, 4 to 4:50 p.m.
- ADORATION: Fridays, Adoration Chapel, 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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Celebrating Our High School Seniors! The Mustang Walk!

St. Mary Parish welcomed back the St. Mary Catholic School Class of 2013, our newest high school grads of 2017 for the annual Mustang Walk! Decked out in their high school caps and gowns, they stormed the halls of their alma mater and afterward enjoyed a luncheon and viewing of their St. Mary 8th grade slide show. With plenty of smiles, cheers and high-fives from the St. Mary Catholic School little Mustangs, faculty and staff, the homecoming event for this group was bittersweet. We offer the Irish Blessing for

this stellar group whom we look forward to seeing again and again in the years to come!



*May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Vacation Bible School!

St. Mary Parish launched "Maker Fun Factory" this summer under the leadership of parishioner, **Elizabeth Blanchette**.

The camp held July 24-27 welcomed over 100 campers from kindergarten through fifth grade to a "world where curious kids became hands on inventors who discovered they are loving children crafted by God"! St. Mary gives thanks to the crew of volunteers who helped in this annual event for St. Mary Parish.



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