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Beloved of St. Monica,

After the ordination of two deacons at the Cathedral this Saturday, I am grateful to be going on vacation for two weeks. While I am gone, I pray you enjoy Father Jim O'Neal and welcome him "home". He is a retired Army Chaplain and a good friend.

Back in in the summer of 1983, I shared with my fiancé that I needed to break it off. The nagging and persistent whisper from God to enter the seminary had to be addressed. Linda, an Air Force pilot, was wonderful, for she truly loved me and knew I needed to answer this call. I was scared.

The very next day, I was sitting quietly in the chapel at Christ the King in Jacksonville. At 23 years old and one year left on my enlistment in the Coast Guard, I didn't know what to do or where to apply.

Then, this very tall priest looked at me with compassionate eyes and smile. He asked if I had considered being a priest. I was caught off guard. It was always me pursing whether to be a priest on my own terms. I didn't think diocesan priesthood was for me. He invited me to go on a Cursillo Jesuit retreat at Camp St. John in Switzerland... Florida.

That priest was Father Jim O'Neal. He then got me in touch with vocation director Father Pat Foley at St. John the Baptist in Atlantic Beach. I began to attend his Bible Studies. It was glorious. For years I struggled and wrestled with the Sacred Scriptures. This enflamed my desire to eventually get my Masters of Art in Sacred Scripture. Thirty years ago this month, I began my first assignment as a priest at St. John the Baptist and I thank God for everyday of my priesthood... in good times and bad times, sickness and health... loved and loving.

Beloved, we are all called by God. We all have a vocation. However, we do indeed need to take the time and listen. We are all "called" to have faith like the woman who encounters Jesus, *"Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."*

Thank you for the opportunity to go up to the mountain with Jesus and refresh my soul.

Love, joy, peace,

Father Ron

P.S. Please keep two Mothers- in-love in your prayers. They were called home to God.
Gladys Hodge, mother of Stanley (and late Susan) Hodge.
Carol Schneider mother of Susan (Walt) Egan.

Also keep Noeme Alvarez, who has often played the piano for us, in your prayers. Her mother, Beatriz, was also called home shortly after her father, Pedro, was called home.

Congratulations to Yvonne Wigand and Mckenzie Davis who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday at the Cathedral in St. Augustine last Sunday. Also to Daniel Davis who was received into the church and confirmed.



Yvonne Wigand (left) after her confirmation.

McKenzie and Daniel Davis (right) after their wedding, convalidation.



Congratulations Class of 2020!



Angel Lopez-Martinez was born in Charlotte, NC, He lives in East Palatka, FL with his Mother, Father and five younger brothers and sisters. His Mexican American heritage is one of hard work, his parents have taught that hard work and determination go hand in hand with success, he feels if you do something you should commit all the way. He is a Palatka High School graduating senior and was a dual enrollment student at St. John River College. He is graduating high school with 31 credits and a 4.1 GPA. He is proud to say that he is a first-generation college student in his family. He loves spending time with family and friends. He enjoys fishing, eating, going to Church and watching Disney movies. He is finishing his 2nd semester at SJR and plans to continue there to complete pre-requisites in the Fall. He then plans to transfer to Daytona state to major as physical therapy assistant.

Thank you, Angel for all you have done and congratulations our prayers go with you.



Dylana Nikole Lynn was born in Gainesville, Fl she lives in Melrose, Fl with her Mother, Father, and younger sister. Her parents inspire her hard work and her faith, they attend Trinity Baptist Church in Keystone Heights, where she serves in the church library and nursery also helping with VBS during the summer, she has also volunteered her time refereeing flag football and soccer for their sports ministry. Dylana has served two mission trips to Costa Rica learning things that have made a lasting impression on her. Through all her blessings and passions for helping and serving others her goal is to become an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). She has a 4.14 GPA. Southeastern University in Lakeland Florida is her first stage on reaching this goal by working for the bachelor's degree in nursing then continuing for her masters.

Congratulations Dylana and our prayers go with you as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Jubilee Scholarship Winner



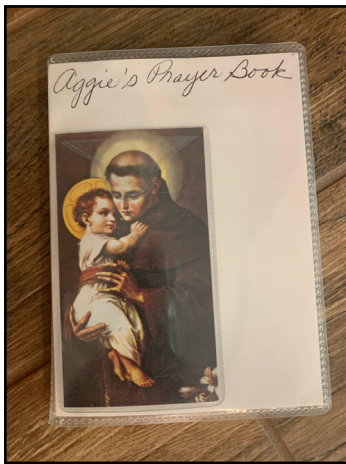
Ansley Hall IV is the son of Laura and Andy Hall. He started school at EH Miller in 2003, attended Browning Pearce where his teachers included parishioners Kathy and Lindsay Motl, and Jenkins Middle School before returning to EH Miller in the eighth grade. He is a straight A student and Terrific Kid at EH Miller, from which he will be graduating Thursday, Aug. 13. He will be speaking at the ceremony. He is a lector and altar server a St. Monica, a Special Olympics bowler and a former Boy Scout. He will continue at EH Miller for two more years while receiving vocational training.

Thank you, Ansley for all you have done and congratulations our prayers go with you.

Grow Strong in Your Faith

With Karen Lee

Prayer Cards



When my dear, sweet mother, Agnes, went to heaven, she left me the beautiful legacy of my Catholic faith and LOTS of prayer cards. You see my mother was known for her prayers. If anyone in our family or friends came to her with a problem, the first thing she would say was, “Don’t worry, I’ll pray a novena for you.” And she always did!

For much of my life, I had no idea what a novena was. I just knew it must be a powerful prayer. Now I know that a novena is a prayer that is usually prayed for nine days straight for a special petition. I discovered this when my mother came to live with us. Mom would always excuse herself early at night to go to her bedroom to pray. And pray she did. Before I went to bed, I would stop by her room to turn off the light. There she would be sound asleep with her glasses still on and prayer cards strewn across the bed and on the floor. Praying for others was hard work.

There were times when one of her many prayer cards would go missing and she would search everywhere. (No wonder St. Anthony was her favorite!) So, I bought a small, inexpensive 4”x 6” photo album, the kind you can get at Dollar Tree for \$1 for her prayer card collection. Problem solved!

When I eventually inherited her entire collection, I decided to continue her tradition and pray for those in need. I made my own prayer card album filled with some of her novenas, some prayers that I found to be especially beautiful, and the prayers of my favorite saints.

Maybe you, too, would like to start a prayer collection. To get you started, there are small photo albums located in the Adult Formation Center at the entrance of the church. In fact, this week we will begin the novena to St. Monica leading up to her feast day. There will be plenty of cards for everyone. Prayer cards can also be found in various locations around the church. If you are looking for a specific prayer or saint, you can order the prayer cards from www.catholicprayercards.org. Maybe one day, you can leave a legacy for your children and grandchildren.



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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses Limit 50

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Drive Thru Communion

10:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Daily Masses Limit 20

Tuesday - 5:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 8:30 am

Confessions

Saturday 3:30PM —4:15 PM or by appointment

Facebook Live Events

Mass Sunday 9:00 AM

NOTICE!: Father Ron will be on vacation from August 15th to September 1st. Please keep his travels in your prayers.

Weekend of August 9

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Ministry Schedules

Saturday, August 22, 2020 4:30 PM

Ushers: Bill Gaines, Steve Woods, Diana Phillips

Eucharistic Minister: Sandy Woods

Lectors: Ken Freligh, Mary Lawnicki

Altar Server: David Aptt

Sunday, August 23, 2020 9:00 AM

Ushers: Gerald Donnelly, Tom Hiss

Ricky Webb

Eucharistic Minister: Joe Grasso

Lectors: Stephanie Husky, Andy Hall

Altar Server: Daniel Fazio

Sunday, August 23, 2020 11:00 AM

Ushers: Bill Black, Betty Poteet, Avery Gugal

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Mundy

Lectors: Pam Mathes, Mary Iovino

Altar Server: Skylar Gugal



First Fruits Outreach Ministry

(formerly known as the 10% committee)

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that we are called to set free the oppressed and homeless, clothe the naked and do not turn your back on your own. Isaiah 58:7

First Fruits is an offering of the first of the harvest, the produce that first arises from the ground. Here at St. Monica we only have one weekly offertory collection given as an offering to God. Our first fruits here at St Monica is the first 10% of our weekly collection. Our mission is to help the poor and needy.

First Fruits Outreach Ministry members meet on the first Wednesday of each month to determine distributions to various groups, charities and individuals such as; Family Resource Center (helping children from mistreatment), Habitat for Humanity (“building” the kingdom of God), Women’s Resource Center, Camp I am Special, Sisters of St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist in Crescent City (purchase materials for teaching English), Feed the Need Putnam County, Bread of Life and God’s Kitchen (delivering meals to the homebound) to name a few.

If you would like to join this Ministry please contact the Church Office.

Our Donations for July:

\$500.00 to the Sisters of St. Joseph

\$500.00 to God’s Kitchen

\$500.00 to Special Missions Florida and Latin America



Our deepest condolences to the Hodges

Family on the loss of their mother,

Gladys Hodge,

And also to Walt and Susan Egan on the

loss of their mother,

Carol Schneider.

*May God grant you all a peace beyond
understanding in this difficult time.*



Pope’s Intentions for August:

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

A Journey into the Heart of the Iraq War with Navy Chaplain Father Ron Moses Camarda.



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 15

+John Wheeler

Sunday, August 16

Parishioners
Stella Reyes (Healing)

Tuesday August 18

Wednesday, August 19

+Jeff O'Berry

Thursday, August 20

+Elaine Jackson

Friday, August 21

Teresa G. David

Prayer Requests

Louise Egan, Sue Wilson, Fred Lininger,
David Cummings, Frank Comer,
Mary Jo Vincent, Sandy Freligh, Edna Blandford
Redonna Futch, Angie Spena, Eric Dobbs,
Susan Walwik, Laura Hall, Stella Reyes,
Thomas Szczes

Please call the office at 386-325-9777 if you know
someone that needs added



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This Week's Daily Readings

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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