

MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the good people of our Diocese, I want to personally express my sincere gratitude for your generous contribution to our Emergency Flood Relief Fund. Current estimates indicate over 40,000 families have suffered some degree of loss in our area. Your kind gift will help those affected with the rebuilding of their homes, and more importantly, their lives.

Being in the heart of "Acadiana", the people of the Diocese of Lafayette are faithful, strong and resilient. It is comforting to know that both within and beyond our borders, we have "neighbors" like you who support us in our time of need.

Please be assured of my prayers of thanksgiving, for your good health, and well-being. I thank you again for your most welcome donation.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

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O. C. CORNER

Opelousas Catholic School has been in 1st place in the Super 1 Foods "Cash for Schools" program thanks to the daily texts of our community supporters! Please keep texting 1vikings to 43101 every day to help OCS win the \$10,000 prize!

Pray for our OCS freshmen as they complete their class retreat this Friday with a day of community service, prayer and candlelight vigil and Saturday morning culminating with group discussions and a mass. May God bless them and their senior class mentors!

Homecoming is right around the corner with the parade on Oct. 6th and the game on Oct. 7th. The classes of 2007, 1997, 1987, 1977 and 1967 will be recognized, and all alumni are encouraged to attend! Contact the Development Office at 337-942-5404 ext. 105 for more information.

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. Sebastian Myladiyil, SVD; Monday: Rev. Jerome Neyrey, SJ; Tuesday: Rev. Leon Ngandu, SVD; Wednesday: Rev. James Nguyen; Thursday: Rev. Thomas Nguyen; Friday: Rev. Gayle Nunez; and Saturday.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

September: Universal Intention: That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center. Evangelization: That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.

PRAYING FOR THE SICK

The Knights of Columbus prayer group continues to pray with (and for) the sick in their homes and hospital. If you would like to have them come to your home for prayer, please contact Norbert Auzenne, at 879-2292 or you can call the church office at 942-5628. They are available for prayer on the second Wednesday of each month during the hours of 4 - 7 PM.

+VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR OCTOBER

Sept.25- Oct.1: Denise LeBlanc. Oct.2-8: Chris & Phyllis Letulle; Oct.9-15: Geraldine Thomas; Oct.16-22: Oct.23-29: John & Jerri Miller; Oct.30-Nov. 5: Jon & Shannon Miller. Thank you for your commitment! Remember to pray for our local seminarians: Carlos Lucito, Ben Pitre, Matthew Pitre, Cade LeBlanc, Marquis Simon, Michael Vidrine and Sean Fontenot.

EVENTS

SPECIAL MASS FOR PARENTS AND CCD STUDENTS

There will be no CCD Classes on Monday, September 26th and Tuesday, September 27th. There will be a special Mass for parents and all CCD students. The Mass will be on Monday, September 26th at 6:00pm. We are asking that everyone please attend.

PIPE ORGAN RECITAL BY CHRISTOPHER HOULIHAN

A pipe organ recital by internationally acclaimed New York City-based concert organist Christopher Houlihan will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 2319 Johnston Street, Lafayette, Louisiana on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 2:30 pm. The young American musician has been praised by the media as "gifted" and "dazzling". The recital is free and open to the public. There will be a small meet and greet reception in Knight Hall following the recital.

COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK

A Community Prayer Walk sponsored by local churches in Sunset and Grand Coteau is scheduled for October 15, 2016. The walk begins at 8:00am at St. Charles Borromeo Church following an opening ceremony. The group will finish the walk by proceeding to the Sunset Community Center for a closing ceremony. Transportation will be provided to take individuals back to St. Charles Church. Anyone unable to walk can travel by golf cart, motorized wheelchair, bicycle or by car. Those in cars can follow the procession or proceed to the appropriate location listed above. For further information feel free to contact any of the committee members: Charles James/228-6036; Amy Lowery/948-3922; Bonnie Henry/662-3816; Allice Milton/212-9078 and Deacon Tony Beebe/692-2630.

18TH ANNUAL ROSARY CONGRESS

St. John Berchman's Catholic Church in Cankton, LA, Hwy 93, will begin their Eighteenth Annual Rosary Congress after the 8am Mass on Monday, October 3rd, 2016. The Rosary and silent meditations will begin at 9am and continue every hour for 24 hours a day until 7:30am on Friday, October 7th, 2016. The closing Mass will be on Friday, October 7th at 8am. After the Mass each participant will receive a brown scapular and rose for their participation in the Rosary Congress. This will be followed by a breakfast and reception. For additional information, you can contact David or Debra Menard at 337-407-1741 or St. John Berchmans Church at 337-668-4413 and Barbara Richard at 337-668-4221. Someone will call back ASAP. Mark your calendar!

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection. \$11,402.20
Catholic University Collection. 100.00
Bishop's Services Appeal. 89.00
Opelousas Catholic 14.00

Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship!
"God loves a cheerful giver." (Corinthians 9:5-15)

READERS

Oct. 1 4:00 p.m. J. L. Phillips
Oct. 2 8:30 a.m. Bruce & Bernadette Gaudin
10:30 a.m. Russell Jesclard
5:15 p.m. Vickie Reed

ALTAR SOCIETY

Oct. 1 - 7. Elsie Smith & Committee
Linens (Oct. 1). Gail Phillips

ACTIVITIES

Mon., Sept. 26 6:00 p.m. Special Mass for Parents and all CCD Students
Wed., Sept. 28 2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
Sat. & Sun., Oct. 1 & 2 "SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE TO OPELOUSAS CAHOLIC FOR PARISHIONERS WHO QUALIFY"
Sun., Oct. 2 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Donuts after Mass

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

The instructions for parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will be held at Our Lady Queen of Angels on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. FIRST, PLEASE CALL THIS OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AT 942-5628.

PERPETUAL EUCHARIST ADORATION

The Adorers of the Perpetual Adoration wish to thank Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament for the following favor:
1. For many blessings.



If you can commit to an hour with Jesus, please call!
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Claire Robichaux (942-7059)
12 Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Marie LeBlanc (948-8940)
6:00 pm. to 8:00 p.m. - Jerome Collins (H-948-4595 or Cell-781-7185)

NEED AT LEAST ONE ADORER FOR THE FOLLOWING HOURS:
Tuesday, 2:00pm; Friday, 8:00am, 12:00pm, 3:00pm & 4:00pm;
Saturday 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00pm; Sunday, 3:00pm

THE PERFECT GIFT

When you want to give someone a special gift, consider giving an hour of prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Body, blood, soul and divinity. Beautiful prayer intention cards are available in the Church Office. Cost \$1.00.

UPCOMING DIRECTED RETREATS
JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau, Louisiana, announces these upcoming individually directed retreats: Silent, Individually-Directed Retreats of 3, 5, or 8-days begin on the following dates: Mon. Oct.3 or Thur. Oct.6; Mon., Oct. 17 or Thur., Oct.20; Mon., Oct.31 or Thur., Nov. 3; Mon., Nov. 14---3 & 5 days only; Mon., Dec.5 or Thur., Dec.8. There are special weekend group programs. For an application form to register, visit our website jesuitspiritualitycenter.org or call 337/662-5251, Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 5:00 pm.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Chevrolet and ROY MOTORS OPELOUSAS, LA logo and contact information.

MASSES

Sat., Sept. 24 4:00 p.m. Lisa Macip, Albert Speyrer & Amos Ledoux, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Percy Thibodeaux, Obbie Bordelon, Charles F. & Mercedes Going, Bill Hatch & Fr. Joseph DeLuca, Mary Beth Tate, Ralph Ortego, Howard Alexander, Shirley Macip(Anniversary of Death), Lloyd, Marie & Janet Andrus, Amanda Briggs, John & Sydney Cuccia, Ella Sittig & Family, Paul & Patricia "Pat" Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Gary Castille & Special Family Intentions, Austin J. Fontenot(B), Alfred Benoit & Trisha Benoit Evelyn Comeaux

Sun., Sept. 25 8:30 a.m. Ronald O. Fusilier, John A. Green, Ben & Pat Crosby, Moise & Amy Courville, Genevieve Cortez, Harold & Todd Fontenot, Rose P. Ryder, Octave "Tat" Pitre, Denise L. Hanks, M/M James Hunt & Family & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux & Family, M/M Rivers Lavergne & Family, M/M Luke Thibodeaux & Family, Mary Beth Tate, Verbis Lafleur, Jacqueline James, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin & Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger & Jesse, Jr., Ernest Duplechin, Darius & Elsie Bourque, Irma Quirk, Robert Gassmann, Dr. George Bourgeois, Alvarez Hertzock, Irvin Deranger, Jules Olivier, Abram & Irene O. Lafleur, Alphonse & Angela Wyble, William "Bill Simien & Mary Deville, T.D., Dolores (Anniversary of Death), Dewey & Charmaine Auzenne, Veltou Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy & Veltou Jr. Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean & Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Alison King, Mack Adams, III, Eddie Rene, Sr.

10:30 a.m. Morgan Adams, Sarah Jarrell, Donald & Sylvia Chachere, Sr., Donald & Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex & Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff & Greg Durio, Ralph & Joy Bernard, Jackie Mills, Lucille "Lucy" Veltin, J.D. Emon, Gerrit Paul Ryder, The Ryder & Quebedeaux Families, Nora & James "Bougay" Stelly, J.D. Emon, James "Jim" Wallace, Paul & Patricia "Pat" Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Gary Castille & Special Family Intentions, Girlie & Willis Fontenot

5:15 p.m. Benjamin & Frances Richard, Claudette Richard, Benny Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee J. & Bernice D. Guidry

Mon., Sept. 26 5:15 p.m. Alvin Taylor, Michael Janise, Paul & Patricia "Pat" Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Gary Castille & Special Family Intentions

Tues., Sept. 27 7:00 a.m. PARISHIONERS OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS

Wed., Sept. 28 5:15 p.m. Billy Tully, Irvin Deranger, Paul & Patricia "Pat" Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Gary Castille & Special Family Intentions

Thurs., Sept. 29 7:00 a.m. Julia Marcantel, Michael Janise(Anniversary of Death)

Fri., Sept. 30 5:15 p.m. Paul & Patricia "Pat" Castille, M/M Anthony Chachere, Sr., Tony, Jr., Alex Chachere, M/M Charles Castille, Sr., Harold Castille & Myrtle Smith, Gary Castille & Special Family Intentions

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NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____

Or come by the office to get acquainted.