

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMS will take place this weekend after all Masses in the church foyer. This includes CCD classes (grades Pre-K through six), junior high (grades 7-8), high school (grades 9-12), confirmation (grade 11) and our church youth choirs.

JOYFUL NOISE SINGERS AND ST. CECILIA CHOIR: Registration will be held after all the Masses this weekend for the Joyful Noise Singers (grades Pre-K through six) and the St. Cecilia Choir (grades four through six). Choir membership is open to all members of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish, regardless of which school they attend. – Linda W. Perot, Director of Music Ministry



CCD TEACHER IN-SERVICE will be held this Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 P.M. in the Youth Room of the DPC. This meeting is for current teachers, anyone new who is interested in teaching CCD and any teens who would like to volunteer.

FEED YOUR SPIRIT: The next scheduled event in our parish's monthly *Adult Faith Formation* is Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Bishop David Talley will be our speaker. The series is sponsored by the Spirituality and Education Commission. Childcare is provided for newborns through age 12 in the church nursery. To register for childcare, please email olpschildcare@gmail.com with the name of the event and number of children.

SPIRITUAL FATHERHOOD: St. Frances Cabrini will host the next meeting in the series on Spiritual Fatherhood on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 8:00 A.M. to noon. This is a ministry for men to "learn how to be the men that Christ calls them to be, and not what society tries to tell them," in the role of husbands and fathers as the spiritual leaders of their families. The day includes Mass, breakfast, adoration, and inspirational talks. There is no charge. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8:00 A.M. to noon, when OLPS will host the next session.



"Consistent, continual, updated, friendly, and clear communication of parish events is vitally important to a parish to foster hospitality. When people are informed, they experience a sense of belonging." If you have never registered or are not receiving "Flock Notes" from our parish office on your computer or cell phone, CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TODAY!



WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, August 28
 10:00 A.M. Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)
 6:00 P.M. Men's ACTS Reunion (DPC)

Tuesday, August 29
 5:30 P.M. Classroom Orientation for Grades K-3 (School)
 6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)
 6:30 P.M. RCIA

Wednesday, August 30
 5:30 P.M. Classroom Orientation for Grades 4-6 (School)
 6:00 P.M. CCD Teacher In-service (Youth Room)
 6:00 P.M. Divorce Ministry (MR)

Thursday, August 31
 10:00 A.M. Rosary (Church)
 6:00 P.M. ACTS Women's (DPC)

Friday, September 1
 9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
 3:00 P.M. Children's Holy Hour (Church)
 6:30 P.M. Substance Abuse Ministry (MR)

Sunday, September 3
 8:00 A.M. Lectio Divina Bible Study (L)
 10:30 A.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
 2:30 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 5:30 P.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
 6:45 P.M. Lection Divina Bible Study (L)
 7:00 P.M. NO High School Youth (DPC)

**Madonna Room (MR) Lourdes (L) Fatima (F) Notre Dame (ND)
 Divine Providence Center (DPC) Olinger Hall (OH)
 St. Timothy Center**

LEARN TO PRAY WITH SCRIPTURE: Father John will offer a four-week series on learning to pray with the bible, known as *Lectio Divina* ("Divine Reading"). One step (lesson) will be offered at two different times on Sundays in September and October, beginning Sunday, Sept. 10. It is beneficial to attend each lesson, which will meet in the Lourdes Room on Sundays from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. and repeated from 7:00 to 7:30 P.M. No registration is required, and all are welcome. You will need a Catholic bible and a way to take notes. Call the church office for more information.

CENLA MAGNIFICAT: Cenla Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will be hosting a breakfast at Merci Beaucoup Restaurant in Natchitoches on Saturday, Sept. 16. Cindy Scardina will be the speaker. Reservations are \$18. Send your check or money order to Donna Reason, 4162 Bordelon St., Hessmer, LA 71341. **No tickets are sold at the door.** For further information, contact Mary Wilson at (318) 359-7735 or Diane Ardoin at (318) 419-1547. Registration deadline is Sunday, Sept. 10.

OLPS SCHOOL BULLDOG BYTES

BULLDOG KIDS TRI: OLPS School had its third annual Bulldog Kids Triathlon at LSUA this weekend. While it was a fundraiser for our school, it really was all about fun and fitness for kids! All the proceeds benefit the OLPS Technology Fund. We want to thank the many sponsors and volunteers who are helped put this awesome event on and made it all possible.

OLPS CLASSROOM ORIENTATION: Join your child's teacher at OLPS classroom orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 29 (grades K through three) from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. and Wednesday, Aug. 30 (grades fourth through six) from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. in your child's classroom. This is your opportunity to ask the teacher questions and find out about all the things your child will be learning this year. This is for adults only, please.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for **Sept. 30** and join us for the annual **OLPS FALL FESTIVAL: Fall Festival 2017 – "Gone Fishing for GOD'S Love!"** Contact Helena Brocato at (318) 792-6515 to join the planning team or for sponsorship opportunities.

THE FLOWERS ON EACH SIDE OF THE TABERNACLE are given this week in loving memory of **JIMMIE THOMPSON, NICK PARDUE, STAFFORD PARDUE, AND NEAN THOMPSON** by Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson and Family.

THE FLOWERS BY OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR are given **FOR ALL THE INTENTIONS OF THE WOMENS CENLA ACTS RETREAT TEAM IN FORMATION PREPARING FOR THE OCTOBER RETREAT.**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: This week we highlight the Substance Abuse Ministry, also known as SAM. SAM is a support group for anyone with an any addiction problem AND for family members who need assistance in coping with relationship problems caused by the addiction. Meetings are confidential and open to everyone regardless of church parish affiliation or religious preference. Teens and adults are urged to attend and child care is provided **upon request**. SAM meets on the first and third Fridays of each month from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Madonna Room. A meal is served. The facilitator is Mike Lofton, LCSW, who has a Masters in Clinical Social Work and who specializes in issues related to addiction, co-dependency and mental health. Prayer and fellowship are integral parts of the sessions. For questions, please contact Mike Lofton at 308-1880 or Dee Gilbert at 229-7890. For childcare reservations, you **must** contact Dee by noon on the day of the meeting at 229-7890 or 445-9748 ext. 212. The next meeting will be held on Friday, Sept. 1.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Next week your gift will support financial aid for students, including those from the Diocese of Alexandria. Please be generous. – Bishop Talley

OLPS YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH: Our Junior High group (grades 7-8 from all schools) meets on Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Youth Center, starting September 6. For more information, contact Rebekah Brocato at 447-7861 or 445-9748, ext. 228.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH GROUP: High school youth meets on Sunday after the 5:30 P.M. Mass in the Divine Providence Youth Center, starting September 10. For more information, call Ben Lesnefsky at 445-9748, ext. 228 or email youth@olpschurch.org.

'CHILDREN OF HOPE': The next First Friday holy hour will be Friday, September 1 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in church. The program includes Eucharistic Adoration, prayers, music, rosary and meditations for children especially in grades two through six.

OUR SEMINARIANS: Deacon Luke LaFleur, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH; David Keran, Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans

OUR PERMANENT DEACON CANDIDATE: Bill Aldridge

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women serving at home and abroad, among them **Paul Arbour, Jesse Barth, Chad Bordelon, Bobby Bounds, Beau Bradford, Chaplain Father John Brocato, John Paul Brumley; Shawn D. Bryant, Gregory Carbo II, Ray Constantino, Scott Deville, Billy Dove III, Dirk Erickson, David Fields, Chaplain Father John Gabriel, Dylan Garland, Carl Greene, Zach Jeansonne; Michael Kelley, Dustin Martin, Victor Odom; Jared Slay, Francis Jerome Vanderlick, Michael Ware, Nicholas Waters, and William Whisenant.** If you know someone serving whose name is not on our list, please contact the church office.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP: A Divorce Support Group has begun on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the Madonna Room for 12 weeks. There is no such thing as "Catholic Divorce," but unfortunately Catholics do civilly divorce and this group is for support and healing through Christ and one another. Parishioners Beth Goleman Ponthier, who has a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy, and Dana Boudreaux will facilitate. The group will follow a combination of Catholic curriculum from Ascension Press and Beginning Experience, and will include discussion of different weekly topics, prayer, and insight from our parish priests. Light refreshments will be served and childcare is available. Registration is open to separated, divorced, and re-married adults of all faiths; space is limited. To register contact Renee Aldridge at renee.aldrige@olpschurch.org or at 445-9748 ext. 216.

NEW PERMANENT DEACON CLASS: A new Permanent Deacon Formation class will begin in the fall of 2018. If you are interested and think you may be called to this ministry, contact Deacon Richard Mitchell, Assistant Director, at dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org or 445-6424, ext. 206.

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Fr. John Wiltse, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Joy Retnazihomoni, In Residence

Fr. Chris Nayak, In Residence

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Colleen "Dee" Gilbert, Bookkeeper/Margaret Shiver, Receptionist

Jo Tassin, Principal of OLPS School

Linda Perot, Director of Music Ministry

Josh Blakesley, Associate Director of Music Ministry

Grae McCullough, Music Minister

Ben Lesnefsky, Director of Youth Ministry

Rebekah Brocato, Coordinator of Junior High Ministry

Michelle Lemoine, Director of Religious Education

Renee Aldridge, Coordinator of Program Development

Sarah Duncan Mealer, Church Nursery Coordinator

Brandon Callahan, Maintenance Supervisor

Michael Upton, Finance Council Chair + John Lyons, Pastoral Council Chair

Maria Olagues, School Council Chair

SACRAMENTS/LITURGY/DEVOTIONS

Mass: Saturday 4 PM

Sunday 7, 9 & 10:30 AM; 5:30 PM

(Nursery Available for 9, 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM for Newborns through 3 yrs.)

Weekdays: 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day of Obligation: Vigil - 5:30 PM

Holy Day: 6:30 AM; 12:05 P.M. & 5:30 PM

Children's Liturgy of the Word (For ages 4 - 8 yrs.)

Sundays at 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 3:00 - 3:50 PM; Sundays 5:15 - 5:25 PM and Weekdays before Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptismal Preparation Class by appointment.

Register in advance by calling the Church Office (445-3693).

Baptisms are ministered by appointment.

Sacrament of Holy Eucharist: For the sick and homebound.

Contact Renee Aldridge at the church office, 445-3693.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact our Parish Priests at 445-3693.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM every Friday in the Church.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAMS

CCD - Wednesdays during the School year,

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Junior High - Wednesdays during the School year,

6:30 - 7:30 P.M.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUN., AUGUST 27:

7:00 A.M. Our Parish Family

9:00 A.M. Sadie T. Lomonte and deceased members of the Lomonte Family; David Ezernack; Intention of Bettie Piazza; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Al Beach and deceased members of the Verzwylvel and Beach Families; Bob Foster; Tom Stafford

10:30 A.M. Joe King and Fran McGinty

5:30 P.M. Jenny Smith

MON., AUGUST 28:

6:30 A.M. Ollie Wood Carey

5:30 P.M. Gus Voltz Jr. (anniv.)

TUES., AUGUST 29:

6:30 A.M. Heather Go

5:30 P.M. Melinda LaJaunie

WED., AUGUST 30:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger

5:30 P.M. Herbert J. Bonnette St. (anniv.)

THURS., AUGUST 31:

6:30 A.M. Charles A. Bush

8:00 A.M. Sister Ann Linda Bell

5:30 P.M. Michael John Monsour III (anniv.)

FRI., SEPTEMBER 1:

6:30 A.M. Intention of Father Albi

8:00 A.M. Bryan Wimberly

5:30 P.M. Maddie Mitchell

SAT., SEPTEMBER 2:

8:00 A.M. Dena Flynn

4:00 P.M. John Cangelosi Jr.; Josephine Chestovich; Tom Stafford; Maretta Benoit; Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Intention of Christian Jeansonne; Tracy Wiltse; Adam Jeansonne; Horace Thibeaux; Beverly Bohrer; Agnes D'Angelo; Sophie Chestovich; Norma Lazarone Thomas

SUN., SEPTEMBER 3:

7:00 A.M. Joseph Marien Jr.

9:00 A.M. Bill Sansing; Bob Foster; David Ezernack; Dave and Irene Dufour; Stephanie Jean Lomonte and deceased members of the Lomonte Family; Tom Stafford; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Living and deceased members of the Gauthier Family; Bryan Wimberly (anniv.); Michael Gordon

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 3: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

IN MEMORY: MARK DAIY; DR. JOSEPH VILLARD JR.

Please pray for Mr. Daiy (brother of Ms. Lori Marto, Mrs. Cathy McKay and Mrs. Kelly Sansing); Dr. Villard; and those of our parish who have recently died and for the consolation of their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Steven Babin; John 'Lad' Baker; Kristen Bonner; Jeanne Bonnette; Leona Brogdon; Ann Marie Bruner; Judy Cangelosi; Debbie Carbo; John David Jr.; Theresa Debona; Marie Finley; Connie Fiorenza; Frances Floyd; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Bill Giddens; Ernest Gremillion; Tom Hirschak; Jack Hubley; Kenneth Lachney; Angel LaJaunie; Andrew Ryan Lemoine; Joseph Loden; Mary Beaubouef Lyle; Ryan McCutcheon; Jones Omorusi; Bea Phillips; Cindy Pinkerton; Joseph Seiss; Michael Simpson; Hazel Slocum; Dorothy Stroud; Gustavia Thibeaux; Baby Elliott Trahan; Anna Troia; Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick; Jacob Williamson; Lenora Yeager; Victoria Young; and all the homebound of our parish community.

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for Aug. (four Sundays)	\$87,000.00
Gifts on previous weekends in Aug.	\$42,953.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$18,665.00
Amount still needed for Aug.	\$25,382.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AVOID THE NUISANCE of keeping up with your church envelopes while you're on vacation this summer. Automatic bank draft and payment by credit card are available for your contributions to church support. This helps you and it also helps us by allowing us to plan on consistent income each week. Please contact Mary Floyd at the church office by calling 445-9748, ext. 201.