

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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GRANDPARENTS' DAY: Our 8:00 A.M. School Masses this week will honor our students' grandparents in grades 1 through 3 on Thursday (Sept. 7) and grades 4 through 6 on Friday (Sept. 8). Grandparents (and great-grandparents) will be our special guests at Mass and in their grandchildren's classrooms for a brief visit after Mass. We are grateful for the love and example of faith our grandparents give to the young people of our parish.



CCD BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY: CCD Open House and first class is this Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:25 P.M. in the school. Enter by the cafeteria door on 21st Street. If you have not registered your child for CCD classes (grades Pre-K through six) you may register that night. There is a \$30 fee to cover program materials. For more information, contact Michelle Lemoine at (318) 305-3898.

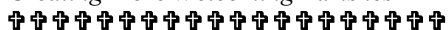
FEED YOUR SPIRIT: The next scheduled event in our parish's monthly *Adult Faith Formation* is Thursday, Sept. 14 at 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Father Chad Partain will speak on "The History of the Alexandria Diocese." (It was mistakenly printed last week that Bishop Talley would be the 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.

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 of the Diocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at dcnrsmithell@diocesealex.org or 445-6424, ext. 206.



ARE WE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY?

"We are all prodigal children longing to be welcomed home. In a hospitable parish, parishioners and guests feel they belong and are appreciated." – from *Company's Coming: A Spiritual Process for Creating More Welcoming Parishes*



WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, September 4

10:00 A.M. NO Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)

Tuesday, September 5

3:00 P.M. St. Cecilia Choir (Music Room)

5:30 P.M. School Classroom Orientation (K-3)

6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)

6:30 P.M. RCIA (Youth Room)

Wednesday, September 6

2:30 P.M. Bible Study at Rapides Detention Center 3

5:00 P.M. Parish Supper (DPC)

5:30 P.M. School Classroom Orientation (4-6)

5:45 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir (Music Room)

6:00 P.M. Divorce Support Ministry (MR)

6:15 P.M. Junior High Youth (DPC-Fr. Menard Room)

6:25 P.M. CCD (School)

Thursday, September 7

8:00 A.M. Grandparents Day School Mass (Grades 1-3)

10:00 A.M. Rosary (Church)

4:30 P.M. Girl Scouts (MR-L-F)

6:00 P.M. ACTS Women (DPC)

Friday, September 8

8:00 A.M. Grandparents Day School Mass (Grades 4-6)

9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)

10:00 A.M. Mass at Brookdale Assisted Living

Saturday, September 9

10:00 A.M. Altar Server Training (Church)

Sunday, September 10

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)

7:00 P.M. Lection Divina Bible Study (L)

7:00 P.M. 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 (445-3693) for more information.

OLPS SCHOOL BULLDOG BYTES

THE BULLDOG KIDS TRI swim, bike and run took place last Saturday, Aug. 26 at LSUA to benefit the OLPS School technology fund. This Cenla Community event was designed for all skill levels, "Rookies to Racers," ages three to 14. Around 200 participants enjoyed a morning of fun and fitness! Thank you to all in the community who participated to help make our third Bulldog Kids Triathlon a success.

GRANDPARENTS AND GREAT-GRANDPARENTS are invited to Mass in your honor at OLPS Church: Grades 1 through 3 on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 8:00 A.M. and Grades 4 through 6 on Friday, Sept. 8 at 8:00 A.M. After Mass, you are invited to come by for a quick visit and a small snack in your grandchild's classroom.

FALL FESTIVAL 2017: Mark your calendar for **Sept. 30** and join us for the annual **OLPS FALL FESTIVAL, "Gone Fishing for GOD'S Love!"**

- **Silent Auction** items are being requested and received. Katie Vanderlick, Auction Chair, is doing an amazing job getting some fabulous items donated. Please contact Katie (792-1939) if you'd like to donate.
- **Class Sponsorships** are available at \$350 each. Sponsorship helps underwrite the cost of the fair games and activities. Please contact Patricia Upton (449-9073 ext. 209) if you are interested in sponsoring a class.
- Fall Festival **Class Baskets** are grouped by themes for each grade level. Each family is asked to donate an item. If you are too busy to shop, the Class Basket committee will be happy to shop for you (monetary donations accepted). **Class Basket Chair:** Shannon DuPlechain (613-2731).
- If you would like to join the **Fall Festival planning team** or become a **sponsor**, please contact Helena Brocato at 792-6515.

CONTINUE TO SAVE AND COLLECT: Thank you for supporting OLPS School this year! Please reregister your Kroger's preferred card with Our Lady of Prompt Succor School ID number (#70041236). This must be renewed each year.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: "Helping Hands" is the renewal of a former ministry in our church parish. A group of men and women, coordinated by John McDaniel, have volunteered their time one Saturday a month to help others with minor tasks and repairs around their homes. Those who desire the team's assistance will complete an application form to help determine urgency of need. There will be a sign-up for both volunteers and applicants next weekend, Sept. 9-10 after Masses. The first work day for Helping Hands is Saturday, Oct. 14.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP: A Divorce Support Group has begun on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the Madonna Room. Light refreshments are served and childcare is available. Registration is open through this Wednesday, Sept. 6 for separated, divorced, and re-married adults of all faiths. Contact Renee Aldridge at renee.aldridge@olpschurch.org or 445-9748 ext. 216.

OLPS YOUTH

JUNIOR HIGH: Our Junior High group (grades 7-8 from all schools) meets on Wednesday beginning Sept. 6 from 6:15 to 7:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Youth Center. 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 beginning Sept. 10 after the 5:30 P.M. Mass in the Divine Providence Youth Center. 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, October 6 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.

OLPS PARISH SUPPERS are held every Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. The Knights of Columbus Council 8029 prepares the suppers. Meals are \$5.00 per plate. Take outs are available, but you are encouraged to stay and eat in the Center and visit with other members of our church family. You may check the bulletin online at www.olpschurch.org for the updated menu. **Sept. 6 Menu: Baked chicken, rice dressing, cole slaw, bread, and dessert.**

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.

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Fr. Daniel P. O'Connor, Pastor

Fr. John Wiltse, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Joy Retnazihomoni, In Residence

Fr. Chris Nayak, In Residence

Mary Floyd, Parish Manager

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., 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

MON., SEPTEMBER 4:

6:30 A.M. Alida Ray (anniv.)

5:30 P.M. Jackie Kazar LeBlanc (anniv.)

TUES., SEPTEMBER 5:

6:30 A.M. Bessie and Charlie Tamburo

5:30 P.M. Melinda LaJaunie

WED., SEPTEMBER 6:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger

5:30 P.M. Deceased members of the Josephine and Edmund Lewis Family

THURS., SEPTEMBER 7:

6:30 A.M. Rose Vidrine and Tom Treadway

8:00 A.M. Bryan Wimberly

5:30 P.M. RosaLee Douglas

FRI., SEPTEMBER 8:

6:30 A.M. Charles L. Carbo Sr.

8:00 A.M. Sister Mary Jane Bell

5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

SAT., SEPTEMBER 9:

8:00 A.M. Dena Flynn

4:00 P.M. Louis Van Mol (anniv.); Josephine Chestovich; Alfred Cook Sr.; Maretta Benoit; Tracy Wiltse; Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Deborah Ann Dupuis; Pete Lalande, Sadie Lalande and Julie Lalande Abendroth; Intention of Madison Crooks-Saucier

SUN., SEPTEMBER 10:

7:00 A.M. Our Parish Family

9:00 A.M. David Ezernack; Helen Collins; Theda Hodges Cahill; Al Beach and deceased members of the Verzwylvet and Beach Families; Bob Foster; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Casey Morris; Joe and Verna Carbo; Ruby Dantin

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

5:30 P.M. Robert Wolf

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 10: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

IN MEMORY: BARBARA PROVOSTY

Please pray for Mrs. Provosty 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.	\$61,618.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$23,235.00
Amount UNDER for Aug.	\$2,147.00

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.