

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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‘THE INFANCY NARRATIVES,’ AN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Fr. John and Fr. Dan are hosting an Advent Bible Study in the Divine Providence Center. The study continues for the next two Sundays, through Dec. 17 from 8:00 to 8:45 A.M. and will repeat from 7:00 to 7:45 P.M. Bring your Bible and a way to take notes. Childcare is available for the evening Mass and Bible study from 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. Email olpschildcare@gmail.com with event name, date and ages of your children. All are welcome.



‘PREPARE THE WAY’: A night of reflection, Eucharistic Adoration, and praise and worship with The Josh Blakesley Band this Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6:30 P.M. in the church. Childcare provided; email event name, date and ages of children to olpschildcare@gmail.com. For more information, contact catholicsoulsonfire@gmail.com.

‘JOY’ MINISTRY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: The JOY (formerly Senior Citizens) ministry will have its annual potluck Christmas luncheon this Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 A.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Meats will be provided, and your favorite side dishes, salads and desserts are welcomed. A short Advent reflection will take place prior to lunch. Please join us and bring a friend.

OUR CCD STUDENTS will present their Christmas program this Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 6:30 P.M. in the church. A light reception will follow in the DPC. Everyone is welcome!

‘THE KINGDOM COMES,’ A CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Celebrate the coming of the Christ Child with The Josh Blakesley Band, Faith Leglue, and James and Kristyn Opdenhoff on Friday, Dec. 22 at 6:00 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Tickets are \$12 each. Four or more tickets are \$10 each. Purchase tickets at www.eventbrite.com or at the church office.



ARE WE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY?

“People will be more encouraged to actively participate in the liturgy when they have been welcomed.” – from *Company’s Coming: A Spiritual Process for Creating More Welcoming Parishes*



WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, December 11

- 10:00 A.M. Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)
- 5:00 P.M. OLPS School Play Tryouts (OH)
- 6:00 P.M. Catholic Daughters Christmas Party (DPC)

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:30 A.M. Priests bring Communion to Nursing Homes
- 3:00 P.M. Girls on the Run (OH)
- 3:00 P.M. St. Cecilia Choir (Music Room)
- 6:00 P.M. ACTS Core (MR)
- 6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)
- 6:30 P.M. Advent Adoration, Praise and Worship (Church)
- 6:30 P.M. RCIA (Youth Room)

Wednesday, December 13

- 11:30 A.M. JOY Ministry Christmas Luncheon (MR)
- 5:00 P.M. Parish Supper (DPC)
- 5:45 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir (Music Room)
- 6:00 P.M. Catholic Medical Association (MR)
- 6:15 P.M. Junior High Youth (DPC-Fr. Menard Room)
- 6:25 P.M. CCD Christmas Program (Church)

Thursday, December 14

- 3:00 P.M. Girls on the Run (OH)

Friday, December 15

- 9:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
- 6:30 P.M. NO Substance Abuse Ministry (MR)

Saturday, December 16

- 10:00 A.M. Mass at Matthews Memorial Nursing Home
- 1:00 P.M. Christmas Cheer Gift Distribution (Olinger Hall)

Sunday, December 17

- 8:00 A.M. Advent Bible Study (DPC)
- 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. Advent Bible Study (DPC)
- 7:00 P.M. High School Youth Christmas Party (DPC)

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

ALTAR SOCIETY JAZZ BRUNCH: The Altar Society will host a “Krewe of OLPS” Jazz Brunch on Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018 at 11:30 A.M. in the Divine Providence Center. The Krewe will be celebrating our priests, RCIA candidates and church family. There will be a 10-piece jazz band, great food and fellowship. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$10 for children and will be on sale after all Masses next weekend. Proceeds help the Altar Society keep the church beautiful and purchase the bread and wine needed to celebrate Mass.

OLPS SCHOOL
BULLDOG BYTES

COMMUNITY COFFEE UPC label collection is this week, Dec. 11-15! Each year, OLPS students and supporters raise about \$2,000 through the Community Coffee program. Labels may be turned in at the school or church office, or with your favorite OLPS student. Remember, it's not just coffee labels; Community Coffee also distributes sugar, creamer and tea.

OLPS SCHOOL AND LAGNIAPPE THEATRE will be presenting Disney's *My Son Pinocchio, JR* at the Coughlin-Saunders Performing Arts Center on the weekend of Feb. 23, 24 and 25. Auditions will be this Monday, Dec. 11. Please keep these students in your prayers as some of them will be conquering their fears of performing on stage!

MOE'S FAMILY NIGHT: Please join us at Moe's, 1800 MacArthur Dr. next to the front parking lot of Office Depot, this Thursday, Dec. 14. Moe's will donate a percentage of all sales from 4:00 P.M. until Close. What a great way to donate to the school while treating your family to dinner during this busy Advent season.

OLPS INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN! The season runs from Jan. 13 through Feb. 3. Students in grades one through six are eligible to play (exception: sixth grade OLPS basketball team members). Registration is \$20 per child. If interested, please print and return a registration form found at www.promptsuccor.org from the BLUE button by this Friday, Dec. 15. For more information, contact Robert Tassin at 542-5880.

THE FLOWERS BY OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR are given in loving memory of **PHILLIP JACOBS AND JOSHUA SMITH** by Kelly Shannon.

FLOCKNOTE: If you wish to receive weekly emails or text messages on Thursday about, "What is happening this week at OLPS" or wish to change your contact information or ministry and service groups, please contact Renee Aldridge at 318-445-9748, ext. 216.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS HOSTED BY THE HOSPITALITY COMMISSION: Our first Sunday socials have become "Hospitality Sundays" designed to be a gathering and welcoming place after Masses. Cindy Naus is putting together separate hospitality teams for the 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Masses, to host small socials monthly and larger lively socials in February, May, August and November with a wider assortment of food offerings, videos of church events and door prizes. You will see greeters in aprons at Mass on the months we have the larger events. Various church ministries and commissions will host both sets of events. Cindy is seeking feedback from parishioners as she is tweaking the menus. If you have a gift for hospitality give Cindy a call at 613-2242 and join the team!

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. 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. For more information, call Ben Lesnfsky at 445-9748, ext. 228 or email youth@olpschurch.org.

'CHILDREN OF HOPE': The next First Friday holy hour will be Friday, Feb. 2 from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in church. (The children will not meet in January when they are out of school for Christmas vacation.) 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 **Michael Adamson, Paul Arbour, Jesse Barth, Chad Bordelon, Luke Borrel; Bobby Bounds, Beau Bradford, John Paul Brumley; Shawn D. Bryant, Gregory Carbo II, Ray Constantino, Scott Deville, Billy Dove III, Dirk Erickson, David Fields, Chaplain Father John Gabriel, 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. **Dec. 13 Menu: Beef tips and gravy, rice, salad, and dessert.**

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH: The annual Louisiana Life March Central will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Participants walk from the Louisiana College campus down Main Street in Pineville and across the Jackson Street Bridge to the Red River Amphitheatre in downtown Alexandria. For more information call (866) 463-5433 or log on to LALifeMarch.com.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL DONATIONS: Envelopes are available on the tables at the church doors. Memorials must be received in the church office no later than Monday, Dec. 18 to be published in the Christmas bulletin. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or sent to the church office.

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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.

MASSSES OF THE WEEK

SUN., DECEMBER 10:

7:00 A.M. David Schexnyder

9:00 A.M. Bob and Jim Foster; David Ezernack; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Intention of Bernadette Mansour; Al Beach and living and deceased members of the Verzwylvelt and Beach Families; Gen Boyle; Deceased members of the Moras Family

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

MON., DECEMBER 11:

6:30 A.M. Intention of Drs. Anthony and Anita Amigo

5:30 P.M. Steve and Becky White

TUES., DECEMBER 12:

6:30 A.M. Intention of Bea Jones

5:30 P.M. Frank and Frances Constantino

WED., DECEMBER 13:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger

5:30 P.M. Ensign Keith N. Bonnette (anniv.)

THURS., DECEMBER 14:

6:30 A.M. Jean Tompkins

8:00 A.M. Deborah Ann Dupuis

5:30 P.M. P. W. Sansing (anniv.)

FRI., DECEMBER 15:

6:30 A.M. Peggy St. John

8:00 A.M. Alexander H. May and Hildegard May

5:30 P.M. Ruth Bergeron

SAT., DECEMBER 16:

8:00 A.M. Sophie Chestovich

4:00 P.M. Tim Duplissey (anniv.); C. L. Michiels (anniv.); Josephine Chestovich; Tracy Wiltse; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pilcher; Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Casey Morris; Deceased members of the Judy Gardner Family; Louise Goodwin; Helen and Charles Collins; Marilyn Macmurdo; Helena Ledet

SUN., DECEMBER 17:

7:00 A.M. David Schexnyder

9:00 A.M. David Ezernack; Living and deceased members of the Clarence Flynn Family; Tom Stafford; Jim and Bob Foster; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Hiram Bradford II; Mark Daiy; Michael Cazes; Pauline Mafouz; Intention of Debbie and Steve Head

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M. Joe King and Fran McGinty

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 17: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11; Psalm Luke 1; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

IN MEMORY: GRACE McKEE BIELKIEWICZ

Please pray for Mrs. Bielkiewicz and those of our parish who have recently died and for the consolation of their families.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Father Terry Allen; Debra Baker; John 'Lad' Baker; Jeanne Bonnette; Leona Brogdon; Lois Carbo; Theresa DeBona; Vincent Drago; Marie Finley; Connie Fiorenza; Frances Floyd; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Bishop Ronald Herzog; Tom Hirschak; Monsignor Ronald Hoppe; Jack Hubley; Sister Pat Kimball; Angel LaJaunie; Andrew Ryan Lemoine; Joseph Loden; Mike Lofton; David W. Michiels; Richard Norem; Cindy Pinkerton; Lottie Pinkerton; Mary Alice Poe; Hazel Slocum; Lurline Stone; Gustavia Thibeaux; Father August Thompson; Father Baby Elliott Trahan; Anna Troia; Sister Virginia Lee Vanderlick; Sarah K. Vincent; Jacob Williamson; Lenora Yeager; Victoria Young; and all the homebound of our parish community.

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for Dec. (five Sundays)	\$108,750.00
Gifts on previous weekends in Dec.	\$.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$23,788.00
Amount still needed for Dec.	\$84,962.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AUTOMATIC BANK DRAFT and payment by credit card are available for our contributions to church support. If interested please contact Mary Floyd at the church office by calling 445-9748, ext. 201.