

OLPS SCHOOL BULLDOG BYTES

The OLPS School family wishes you and your family a wonderful, safe and blessed Christmas season. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. We look forward to a new year full of exciting discoveries.

Happy New Year and God Bless!

FEED YOUR SPIRIT: The next scheduled event in our parish's monthly *Adult Faith Formation* is Thursday, Jan. 11 at 6:30 P.M. in the Divine Providence Center. Father John Wiltse will 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.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY (SAM) will hold its regular meeting this Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in the Madonna Room. A meal is served and childcare is available upon request ONLY. Call Dee Gilbert at 445-3693 or 229-7890 for childcare reservations by NOON on Jan. 5.

NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK: The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has designated Jan. 7-13 as National Migration Week. The following is a prayer from the USCCB:

*Merciful and loving Father,
We beseech you, open our hearts
so that we may provide hospitality and refuge
to migrants who are lonely, afraid,
and far from their homes.
Give us the courage to welcome every stranger
As Christ in our midst,
To invite them into our communities
As a demonstration of Christ's love for us.
We pray that when we encounter the other,
We see in her the face of your Son,
When we meet a stranger,
That we take his hand in welcome.
Help us to live in solidarity with one another,
to seek justice for those who are persecuted
and comfort for those who are suffering.*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK is Jan. 28 through Feb. 3, 2018. Sponsored by the National Catholic Educators Association, Catholic Schools week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. We will kick off our celebration of OLPS School at the 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, Jan. 28. The week will include an open house, a pep rally for the students, and a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Day that will be live-streamed on Facebook! Stay tuned for more details. The week focuses on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to Church, our communities and the nation.

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 445-9748, ext. 216.

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 Lesnefsky 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. **OUR COOKS WILL TAKE A BREAK FOR THE HOLIDAYS. WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS WILL RESUME ON JAN. 10, 2018.**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: GREETER MINISTRY: The greeter ministry at Our Lady of Prompt Succor church is going through a revitalization. We are currently seeking greeters for all Masses, and a lead greeter for the 4pm, 10:30am and the 5:30pm Masses. Greeters serve once a month, arrive at church 20 minutes early, put on a name tag, and stand at the entrances of the church to welcome guests, visitors and parishioners. If you are an outgoing person with a friendly smile, and have a desire to be welcoming and create the first impression of a positive liturgical experience, we NEED you. Terms are one year, 20 minutes per month. Please call Renee Aldridge at 445-9748, ext. 216.

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Mailing Address: 401 21st Street, Alexandria, La. 71301

Church Office/Rectory Telephone: 445-3693

Youth Center Telephone: 445-9748, ext. 229

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 Lesnfsky, 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., DECEMBER 31:

7:00 A.M. Joseph Marien Jr.

9:00 A.M. David Ezernack; Jim and Bob Foster; In Honor of Elizabeth; Allen (anniv.) and Virgie Aymond; Al Beach and living and deceased members of the Verzwylvet and Beach families; Mark Daiy; Ronnie Buford; Gerald Flynn; Tom Stafford; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard families

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

MON., JANUARY 1:

10:30 A.M. Lee Suk Ha

5:30 P.M. Melinda LaJaunie

TUES., JANUARY 2:

6:30 A.M. Peggy St. John

5:30 P.M. Ronnie Buford

WED., JANUARY 3:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger

5:30 P.M. Frank and Frances Constantino

THURS., JANUARY 4:

6:30 A.M. Heather Go

5:30 P.M. David Jeansonne

FRI., JANUARY 5:

6:30 A.M. John Ong

5:30 P.M. P.W. and Neona Sansing

SAT., JANUARY 6:

8:00 A.M. Vernon Ray (anniv.)

4:00 P.M. Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Tracy Wiltse; Intention of Jennifer Manuel; Horace Thibeaux; Intention of Kathleen Duffy; John Cangelosi Jr; Helen and Charles Collins Sr.; C. L. Michiels and Chase Michiels; Adam Jeansonne; Agnes D'Angelo; Pat Aertker; Allen Goodwin; Hazel Roberts

SUN., JANUARY 7:

7:00 A.M. David Schexnyder

9:00 A.M. Jim and Bob Foster; Jean Tompkins; Al Beach and Living and deceased members of the Beach and Verzwylvet families; Ronnie Buford; David Ezernack; Tom Stafford; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard families; Dave and Irene Dufour; Michael Gordon; Living and deceased members of the Gauthier Family; Shirley Paul

10:30 A.M. Neona Sansing (anniv.)

5:30 P.M. Our Parish Family

READINGS FOR JANUARY 7: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

IN MEMORY: EDWARD CECIL WILEY

Please pray for Mr. Wiley (father of Mr. Steve Vaughan) and for 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; Austin Dick; Vincent Drago; Colleen Dunn; 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; Cleveland Lemoine; Joseph Loden; Mike Lofton; David W. Michiels; Richard Norem; Cindy Pinkerton; Lottie Pinkerton; Mary Alice Poe; Norma Rhame; Felicia Schneider; Hazel Slocum; Lurline Stone; Gustavia Thibeaux; Father August Thompson; 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.	\$64,592.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$14,952.00
Amount still needed for Dec.	\$29,206.00
Christmas Collection	\$11,820.00
Church Vocations Collection	\$3,409.00

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.