

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR Patroness of our Parish and of the state of Louisiana Feast Day: January 8

O Mary, Mother of God, who amid the tribulations of the world watches over us and over the Church of Your Son, be to us and to the Church truly, Our Lady of Prompt Succor; make haste to help us in all our necessities, that in this fleeting life You may be our succor, and obtain for us (here ask the particular favor you desire). Help us to gain life everlasting through the merits of Jesus, Your Son, Our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

We will celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on Monday, Jan. 8 at our regular weekday Masses, 6:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. OLPS School will celebrate at an all-school Mass on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 8:00 A.M. – Father Dan



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.

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 Blake Deshotel will be the speaker and the topic will be "Moral relativism and its impact on our Faith.". 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.



ARE WE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY?

"Creating a culture of hospitality in today's parishes requires catechesis, deliberate planning and careful implementation." – from *Welcoming the Stranger*, Franciscan Media



WEEKLY PARISH EVENT CALENDAR

Monday, January 8

10:00 A.M. Outreach Prayer Group (St. Timothy Center)
11:30 A.M. Catholic Daughters (MR)

Tuesday, January 9

3:00 P.M. St. Cecilia Choir (Music Room)
6:00 P.M. Adult Choir (Music Room)
6:00 P.M. Men's ACTS (MR)
6:30 P.M. RCIA (Youth Room)

Wednesday, January 10

5:00 P.M. Parish Supper (DPC)
5:45 P.M. Joyful Noise Choir (Music Room)
6:15 P.M. Junior High Youth (DPC-Fr. Menard Room)
6:25 P.M. CCD (School)

Thursday, January 11

6:30 P.M. Adult Faith Formation (DPC)

Friday, January 12

7:00 A.M. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (L)
10:00 A.M. Mass at Brookdale Assisted Living

Sunday, January 14

10:30 A.M. RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming (Church)
10:30 A.M. Children's Liturgy (L)
11:30 A.M. Altar Society Jazz Brunch Fundraiser (DPC)
2:30 P.M. Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
5:30 P.M. Children's Liturgy (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**

ALTAR SOCIETY JAZZ BRUNCH: The Altar Society will host a "Krewe of OLPS" Jazz Brunch this Sunday 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.** Tickets are available online at www.eventbrite.com. Proceeds help the Altar Society keep the church beautiful and purchase the bread and wine needed to celebrate Mass.

PHOTOS NEEDED: Candid, selfies, group poses, and action photos need for Hospitality Sundays! If you lead a ministry or just take photos of your children, please send them to cynthianaus@yahoo.com or text them to 318-613-2242.

OLPS SCHOOL BULLDOG BYTES

CLASSES will resume on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. We look forward to a new year full of exciting discoveries.

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CONFERENCE: OLPS School will be closed Friday, January 12 for the Diocesan Catholic Schools Conference. **Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 16 after Martin Luther King Day.**

BABY BLANKETS NEEDED FOR HAITI: Cindy Hawthorne is going to Haiti on February 4 to do medical missionary work. She is collecting new and used light baby blankets to bring to an orphanage. If you wish to donate, please contact her at 318-623-1343 or drop them at the church office.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE MINISTRY (SAM) will hold its r
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.*

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.

SAVE THE DATE: For the first time, the Diocesan Office of Steubenville South will offer a junior high conference. It will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24-25, 2018 and titled "Beyond the Limits" featuring Chris Padgett as host. More details will be provided later, but for now – save the date!

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: JOY MINISTRY: Save the Date!! Joy Ministry (everyone 65 and older is invited) will meet on Wednesday, January 17 at 2:00 P.M. in the Madonna Room. King cakes, coffee and fruit will be served. Janet Cargle will perform music and there will be a reflection. If you have any questions please call 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 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. **Jan. 10, Menu: Pork Loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, 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. Mark your calendar and plan to join OLPS for this pro-life event! For more information call (866) 463-5433 or log on to LALifeMarch.com.

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Fr. John Wiltse, Parochial Vicar

Fr. Joy Retnazihomoni, In Residence

Fr. Chris Nayak, In Residence

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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.

READINGS FOR JANUARY 14: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42

IN MEMORY: FLORENCE BROUSSARD; QUINCY BRYANT; EUGENE WILCOX

Please pray for Mrs. Broussard, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Wilcox (father of Magarite Wilcox), 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; Marie Finley; Connie Fiorenza; Frances Floyd; Kyle Fowler; Mattie Lou Furby; Bishop Ronald Herzog; Tom Hirschak; Monsignor Ronald Hoppe; Jack Hubley; Sister Pat Kimball; Roland Knobloch; Angel LaJaunie; Andrew Ryan Lemoine; Cleveland Lemoine; Joseph Loden; Mike Lofton; David W. Michiels; Shelley 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.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

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

MON., JANUARY 8:

10:30 A.M. Natalie Firmin

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

TUES., JANUARY 9:

6:30 A.M. Co Siok Hua

5:30 P.M. Alma and Gus Voltz, David and Wallace Voltz, Gus Voltz Jr., Kathleen (anniv.) and John Hooe

WED., JANUARY 10:

6:30 A.M. Chuck, Joan and Lem (anniv.) Hardy

5:30 P.M. Marjorie Kalb

THURS., JANUARY 11:

6:30 A.M. Intention of Mary Bush on her birthday

8:00 A.M. Pilar Lorio

5:30 P.M. Adam Jeansonne

FRI., JANUARY 12:

6:30 A.M. Lawson Keppinger

5:30 P.M. Dr. C. Charles Laurent Jr.

SAT., JANUARY 13:

8:00 A.M. Sophie Chestovich

4:00 P.M. Ensign Keith N. Bonnette; Tracy Wiltse; Bobbie Hines; Jerry and Gerry Flynn; Willie Pugh; Pat Aertker; Intention of Jennifer Manuel; Richard Pias; Dr. C. Charles Laurent Jr.; Betty Lolan; Michael Hussey; Nellie Laborde; Ruby Dantin; Georgee (anniv.) and Margie (anniv.) Marshall; Sandra Duplissey Drummond

SUN., JANUARY 14:

7:00 A.M. Joseph Marien Jr.

9:00 A.M. David Ezernack; Living and deceased members of the Gueringer and Gagnard Families; Jim and Bob Foster; Joe and Verna Carbo; Theda Hodges Cahill; Mark Daiy; Deceased members of the Barker and Schonfeld Families; Willie Pugh; Gen Boyle; Willie Pugh; Pansy Hildegard

10:30 A.M. Our Parish Family

5:30 P.M. Anne Eversull

GIFTS REPORT - CHURCH SUPPORT

Income needed for Dec. (five Sundays)	\$108,750.00
Gifts on previous weekends in Dec.	\$79,544.00
Gifts given last weekend	\$38,691.00
Amount OVER for Dec.	\$9,485.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection	\$1,330.00

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.