

PARISH NEWS

ADULT EDUCATION

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Series on the Sacraments

The topic will be Eucharist/The Mass

Pot Luck: 5:30 p. m.; Presentation at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLETJanuary 22, 2017, (4th Sunday)

10:30 a.m. Mass conclusion

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until the sung Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m.

EPISCOPAL VISITATION

Bishop David Talley will be celebrating our 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 22. A potluck luncheon will follow in the hall. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please indicate how many will be attending and whether or not you plan on bringing a dish. Please come to meet and welcome our new Bishop.

DAY OF PRAYERMonday, January 23rd

6:00 p.m.

Mass will be celebrated on the 44th anniversary of our country legalizing the murder of unborn children. We pray for an end to the sin of abortion a greater protection for the some of the most vulnerable of our citizens.

DOG AND CAT TRAININGSaturday, January 28th

9:00 a.m.

Professional feline/canine coach Martha Neil Anthony will be here to provide education in the training and disciplining of your cat and/or dog. Please crate or leash your pets. Although there is no cost to attend this class, a donation basket will be available to show your appreciation.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

We are in need of hosts for breakfast on Sunday, April 16th (Easter Sunday). Please call or email Kathy Rachall at the parish office if you are interested in hosting one of them.

FROM THE PASTOR

May 13, 2017 will be the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima. In recognition of this great gift, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be on display in the sanctuary. I invite you to utilize this image for prayer, meditation, and inspiration. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on May 13th.

We welcome Fr. John Wiltse, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish in Alexandria as celebrant of our 10:30 a.m. Mass. As their spiritual director this weekend, I will be concelebrating the 10:30 a.m. Mass at OLPS as a closing Mass for a Cenla ACTs retreat.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

Designed to honor the lifelong commitment of husband and wife, Mary, Mother of Jesus would like to invite our married couples to participate in our celebration of this year's World Marriage Day, February 12. Couples of all ages are invited to drop off their wedding picture at the parish office for display in our church. Pictures should be framed and include the name of each couple and date written on the front of the picture. Pictures can be dropped off between now and Jan 31st. Please call Kathy with any questions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**FIRST CLASS OF SPRING 2017****Grade 6 thru Grade 11**Sunday, February 5th

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Pre-K thru Grade 5Wednesday, February 8th

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.; Class: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY GRADES 2-12

Drop-In night is every Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.! Come hang out with us! We will have music, snacks, pool, Ms Pac Man, ping pong, air hockey, video games and lots of fun! All youth are invited

*Mary, Mother of Jesus Catholic Church***PARISH OFFICES**

Monday - Thursday 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Friday 8:00AM to Noon

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Website: mmjchurch.org**ALL ARE WELCOME**

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., you are invited, welcomed, loved and respected here.

PARISH STAFF**Rev. Paul M. LaPalme KHS, Pastor**

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30 minutes before every weekend Mass for 15 minutes.

Baptism

Celebrated during any weekend Mass or on Sunday afternoons. Contact the church office.

Holy Matrimony

Contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought weekly to all shut-ins.

Mass of Christian Burial

All arrangements should be made directly with the funeral home who will then contact the church.

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2016

WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2017

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

4:00PM - Deceased members of our parish

Lector: A. Stevens
Server: B. Gadel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

4:00PM - Roy Deville

Lector: G. Patty
Server: B. Gadel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00AM - Deceased members of the Murriel Jones family

Lector: T. Ogaard
Server: J. Loken

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:00AM - Ed & Valorie Clayton

Lector: D. Bess
Server: E. Loken

10:30AM - C. E. Reich, Norma Cayer

Lector: C. Coreil
Server: B. Coreil

10:30AM - Laura Anne Talley, Norma Cayer

Lector: J. Foote
Server: L. Landry

5:30PM - For our parish family

Lector: J. Louviere
Server: V. Montalvo

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Lector: E. Lohman
Server: M. Mallach

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00AM - Deceased members of the Lance and Lena Tassin family

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00AM - No Intention

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00AM - No Intention

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00AM - Carl Bess, Jr.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

7:00AM - **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00AM - Deceased members of the Delores Lowe family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00AM - Reverends Peter Norek, Tom Jesak and Tony Cumella

MASS INTENTIONS

You will notice that for a significant number of scheduled Masses there are no Mass intentions listed. It has been a millennia-long practice in the Catholic Church to offer prayers and petitions through the Divine Liturgy. Therefore, I encourage you to continue this noble practice. Masses may be requested for the living or the dead, in thanksgiving, for birthdays, anniversaries, prayers answered, or any other acceptable and appropriate need or reason. Although Masses are always "free", a monetary donation is customary. Please call or email Kathy Rachall at the parish office.

SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK

In loving memory of
C. E. Reich

by Ray & Barbara Reich

If you would like to have a loved one or special intention remembered by providing for the sanctuary candle, please contact the parish office. The cost is \$5.00 per candle.

STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY GIFTS - 01/08/2017

Total # of envelopes	50
Avg. identifiable gift	\$ 82.40
Weekly Collection	\$ 4,347.00
EFT Collection	\$ 245.00
Weekly Goal	\$ 4,529.00
Overage	\$ 63.00
Goal for January (5 wks)	\$ 22,645.00
Received for January	\$ 8,977.00
Still needed for January	\$ 13,668.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 20.00
(FY 2016/2017)	\$ 3,990.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

As the prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first reading, the Lord continues to remind us that we are his servants. Imagine the Lord speaking these words to you personally: "You are my servant. Through you I show my glory. I formed you as my servant from your mother's womb. I will make you a light so that you may shine the light of my salvation everywhere you go, and reveal my glory to everyone you encounter. I will give you the strength to do this. I will give you confidence. Heed my words, for I have spoken to you." What would your response be to the Lord? Would it be different from the response you give the Lord now?

If you are a victim or survivor of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy or representatives of the Catholic Church and you want to make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and/or to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families, call Dr. Lee Kneipp, Victim Assistance Coordinator (318) 623-3804 or the Diocesan **HOTLINE** (318) 445-1427. Diocesan "Protecting our Children - Understanding, Reporting, and Preventing Child Abuse" brochures are available in the narthex bookcase. Both the Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct are available in the safe environment section of the Diocesan website: www.diocesealex.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

OUR SICK

Landen Bradford, Charlie Butler, Patricia Davies, John Gallent, Robyn Gallent, Russell Gauthier, Debbie Dunn Hickman, Jane Juneau, Bruce Laborde, Evelyn Lamkin, Randall Lamkin, Donzal Langston, Paul Lauve, Mathew Leotta, Helen R. Mathews, John McClure, Charles Medica, Leigh Anne Mulvey, Donald Normand, Cynthia Parker, Donna Pearson, Kelly Pias, Raymond & Joan Rachall, Ben Rougeou, Jenny Butler Spurlock, Ruth Valley, Jacob Williamson

OUR RECOVERING

Cameron Brown, Amy Ladner Davis, Gerri Deptula, Walter, Jr. & Jackie Deptula, John Goetz, Terry Kohler, Jana Massy, Rachel Mayfield, Ottis Monroe, Dusty Nassif, Harold Roshto, Sarah Waits

OUR HOMEBOUND

Joan Alpha, Butch and Marty Doiron, Richard and Linda Kelly, Buddy Normand, Fleta Waits

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Florence Broussard, Rose Ponthieux, Ray Reich, Emma Wells, Mary Virginia Young

OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Timothy Deptula, Travis Edwards, Cade Jameson, Daniel Keely, Michael Smilie

If you know of anyone who should be included or removed, contact Kathy at the office. You may also use a pew envelope for this purpose.

DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

For this coming week:

- January 14 - Father Joseph Xavier
- January 15 - Father Kurian Zachariah
- January 16 - Father Antony Aelavanthara
- January 17 - Father Walter Ajaero
- January 18 - Father Terry Allen
- January 19 - Father Steve Brandow
- January 20 - Father David Braquet