

NolaCatholic e-Bulletin



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NEWS

We have a new name and a new format. We no longer publish the "Oracle".

- **New Name** - NolaCatholic e-Bulletin
- **New Format** - The e-Bulletin has the following categories:
 - Section I)** Message from the Archbishop (as in the past) and calendar
 - Section II)** Action Requested - a section that requires action from every pastor or parish secretary
 - Section III)** Parish Publicity - invitations to events in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. It is written so that it can be easily copied for your parish bulletin.
 - Section IV)** General news around the Archdiocese of New Orleans.

We hope this new format is helpful to you. In the past, the Oracle had become too long, too wordy and awkward to read-so we will try this new approach! Thanks...suggestions are welcomed.

SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- If a Catholic residing in the Archdiocese of New Orleans wishes to participate in St. Patrick's Day festivities and desires to eat meat, they may be dispensed and choose another day of the week for abstinence or may choose to perform an act of penance that is a greater sacrifice.
- Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 12, 2017.
- Our office has received several letters of concern regarding crawfish boils, fish fries, etc. on Good Friday. Let us do what we can to remind people of the meaning of Good Friday and to observe fasting and abstinence.
- Thank you to the 250 people that gathered at Xavier University of Louisiana this past Saturday to look at the Synod priorities during the annual Sankofa Day of Reflection sponsored by the Office of Black Catholic Ministries. Thanks to Dr. Ansel Augustine and all those who worked with him.
- At the Rite of Election (Sunday and Monday), we prayed for and sent forth 324 people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans who will enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Our family is growing in numbers and in witness. Please join me in praying daily for the Elect and the Candidates as they embrace these final weeks of preparation. Many thanks to the parish RCIA coordinators and all those who assist them in their ministry. Thanks to the St. Joseph Church staff, staff of Most Holy Trinity, and our archdiocesan staff.
- Thanks to Fr. James Wehner and the Notre Dame Seminary Community for hosting the NDS Chancellor's dinner. Over 315 attended on Tuesday night. We honored Mr. Ronald Cambre with the Chancellor's award, Mr. and Mrs. John and Deborah Blancher received the Good Shepherd award, and Rev. Billy O'Riordan received the St. John Vianney Award.
- The 150th Anniversary Mass for St. Mary's Academy will be Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 1:00 PM in the gymnasium, 6905 Chef Menteur Hwy., New Orleans.

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, www.arch-no.org, or www.nolacatholic.org

The Clarion Herald to publish a Listing of Divine Mercy Masses

Financial Information Requirement

3 Part Series of Bulletin Inserts About the Homily

Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Archdiocesan Retreat Center Upcoming Retreats

Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Way of the Cross for Married Couples

Dorothy Day Presentation at Loyola's Ignatius Chapel

Impelled by Christ's call and inspired by the Holy Spirit through the work of the Ninth General Synod, the ministries of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, in union with the Archbishop and with one another, serve the people of the parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese in enabling them to encounter Jesus and to witness with joy.

- The re-dedication of St. Joachim Church will be celebrated with Mass on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 3:00 PM, 5505 Baratavia Blvd., Marrero, LA. Priests are invited to concelebrate and Deacons are invited to vest.
- Priests: Don't forget our Lenten Morning of Prayer on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at St. Maria Goretti Church, 7399 Crowder Blvd, New Orleans from 10:00 AM-1:30 PM. Please try to spend time in prayer with your brother priests.
- The Feast of St. Patrick will be celebrated on Friday, March 17, 2017. The Hibernians invite all to join them for Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 724 Camp Street, New Orleans, at 12:00 PM.
- The Morning of Spirituality for Men will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua, 4640 Canal Street, New Orleans.
- The 30th Anniversary Mass celebrating the current church of Holy Guardian Angels will be celebrated Saturday, March 18, 2017, at 6:00 PM.
- I will attend the USCCB Administrative Committee meeting March 19-22, 2017, in Washington D.C.
- Confessions will be available in all parishes on three consecutive Wednesdays, March 22, March 29, and April 5, 2017, from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM.
- The Council of Deans will meet Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 10:00 AM at the Chancery in the Conference Room.
- Abbey Youth Fest will be Saturday, March 25, 2017, on the field of St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College.

Deaths

We are sorry to inform you that Reverend Monsignor John A. Tomasovich, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, died on March 2, 2017. He was 92 years of age. Funeral Mass was Tuesday, March 7, 2017, and burial was at Metairie Cemetery.

We are sorry to inform you of the death of Mrs. Preciosa Morgia, the mother of Fr. Rob Morgia. She died March 2, 2017, in the Philippines, the Island of Bohol. She was 93 years old.

Sr. Suzanne Kullowitch, SCC, a Sister of Christian Charity, died February 14, 2017, in Wilmette, Illinois. Her wake took place February 17, 2017, with a funeral Mass the following day in Wilmette.

Sr. Mary George Pusateri, MSC, a Marianite Sister died on Sunday, February 26, 2017, in Opelousas, Louisiana. The wake, funeral Mass, and burial took place in Opelousas on March 3, 2017.

Mark Your Calendars

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| March 22, 2017 | Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM |
| March 29, 2017 | Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM |
| April 5, 2017 | Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM |
| May 20, 2017 | Transitional Diaconate Ordination |
| June 3, 2017 | Priesthood Ordination |
| August 10, 2017 | Institution for the Ministry of Acolyte for the 2018 Diaconate Formation Group |
| Sept. 13, 2017 | Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM |
| Sept. 19-21, 2017 | Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans |
| May 19, 2018 | Transitional Diaconate Ordination |
| June 2, 2018 | Priesthood Ordination |
| June 23, 2018 | Permanent Diaconate Ordination |
| May 18, 2019 | Transitional Diaconate Ordination |
| June 1, 2019 | Priesthood Ordination |

SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

Pastors and parish secretaries are asked to please ensure response and follow-up on the items below

- ✓ The Clarion Herald will publish a listing of Divine Mercy Sunday Masses/devotions planned throughout the Archdiocese in its April 1, 2017, issue. Click [here](#) for last year's listings for ease of those who were included in 2016. Please copy your previous listing, make changes and email the update to Mrs. Jonelle Foltz at jfoltz@clarionherald.org. Others who wish to be included, please send to Mrs. Foltz with the Name of church, Address, Mass time, and any other details (subject to space). Submission deadline is **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017**.

- ✓ All financial information is currently required to be retained for five years. Due to the potential claims associated with the BP oil spill which occurred on April 20, 2010, all financial information will need to be retained beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 – June 30, 2012. This includes bank statements, copies of invoices, financial backup, etc. Also, please note this requirement pertains to all parishes and entities of the archdiocese, even though your organization may not have previously qualified, it may now qualify. If you have any questions, please contact the attorney handling this matter, Susie Zeringue, 588-1288, or Gina Goetzle, 861-6252.

- ✓ As part of our archdiocesan synod goal to enhance parish liturgies with more engaging preaching and with the approval of Archbishop Aymond, the Office of Worship, in collaboration with Notre Dame Seminary, has developed a series of bulletin inserts. This three part series, written by Fr. Philip Neri Powell, O.P., Director of Homiletics at Notre Dame Seminary, is intended to help the lay faithful to better engage and understand the homily and its role in the liturgy. It is our hope that this three part series will be published simultaneously in the bulletins of parishes across the archdiocese on the first Sunday of April, May and June.
What is a Homily? Insert #1 on April 2, 2017, click [here](#) to download
How to Listen to a Homily, Insert #2 on May 7, 2017, click [here](#) to download
Getting the Most Out of the Homily, Insert #3 on June 4, 2017, click [here](#) to download
Please contact the Office of Worship at worship@arch-no.org or 504-861-6300 if you have any questions.

SECTION III PARISH PUBLICITY

Announcements below are made available for publicizing to parishioners via placement in parish bulletins, on parish websites and social media, or other appropriate means

Second Collection- Catholic Relief Services

March 26, 2017, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at <http://www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-relief-services-collection/collection/index.cfm>. Click [HERE](#) to download a bulletin insert for this collection.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center Upcoming Retreat

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for a Young Women's Retreat "Come Away with Me" on March 31 - April 2, 2017, Click [HERE](#) to download all flyers.

Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

The 50th Anniversary "Golden Jubilee" Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will be held March 31-April 2, 2017, at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called upon the Charismatic Renewal to "share the grace of the Baptism in the Spirit with the whole Church." Pre-register for greatest savings at www.ccrno.org. Single Sessions register at the door. For more information on schedule and hotel: visit www.ccrno.org or call CCRNO at 504-828-1368. Click [HERE](#) to download all flyers.

Way of the Cross for Married Couples

Passionate about Marriage? Come to The Way of the Cross for Married Couples hosted by New Orleans Catholic Engaged Encounter on April 1, 2017, at 6:00 PM in St. Philip Neri Church (6500 Kawanee Avenue, Metairie, LA 70003). This annual event is for married and engaged couples throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The reflections are written specifically for married couples, so it makes a great Lenten date night. As a way to serve our community, NOCEE offers this event free and open to the public, so invite friends and family to join you. To help us plan for the reception, reservations are requested. Email salvant@nocee.org with the number in your party. Click [HERE](#) to download all flyers.

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Following is news and information of general interest to the local Church

Dorothy Day Presentation

Dorothy Day's Granddaughter, Kate Hennessy, will speak in Loyola's Ignatius Chapel at 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 23, 2017, on "Dorothy Day: The World Will be Saved By Beauty." She is author of a forthcoming book of the same title published by Scribner. A reception and book-signing will follow. This event is sponsored by University Ministry, the Office of Mission and Ministry, the Office of the University Chaplain, and the Loyola Institute for Ministry. It will also be broadcast online as a webinar. To attend the webinar, go to gps.loyno.edu/lim/webinars. Click [HERE](#) to download all flyers.