

# NolaCatholic e-Bulletin



ARCHDIOCESE OF  
**NEW ORLEANS**

**December 20, 2017**

## SECTION I

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

#### Announcements

- May God's blessings be with you as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thanks for your life of discipleship.
- Please pray for the administrative staff of the archdiocese as they participate in an Advent Morning of Reflection on December 21, 2017, followed by Mass and a luncheon. Offices will be closed while staff attend this gathering.
- The Archdiocesan Administrative offices will be closed from Friday, December 22, 2017, through Monday, January 1, 2018, for the Christmas holidays. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.
- The Epiphany gathering for priests will take place on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. It will begin with an evening of prayer at 5:30 PM at Notre Dame Seminary Chapel followed by a reception at my residence. Please RSVP to Alison Guerra at 861-6269 or [aguerra@arch-no.org](mailto:aguerra@arch-no.org).
- The blessing of the St. John Paul II statue will be celebrated on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at the Cathedral after the 11:00 AM Mass. This is the opening Mass of the Tricentennial of New Orleans.
- The annual celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor will be Monday, January 8, 2018, at the National Votive Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, 2701 State Street, New Orleans at 4:00 PM.
- New Orleans Right to Life's 19th annual Proudly Pro-Life Award Dinner will be held Thursday, January 11, 2018, at Chateau Country Club in Kenner. Cocktails are at 6:00 PM; the dinner begins at 7:00 PM. Contact Peg Kenny to purchase tickets: 504-442-9079; [peggyfkenny@yahoo.com](mailto:peggyfkenny@yahoo.com).
- A Mass and blessing of a new building at Our Lady of Lourdes in Violet will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at 4:00 PM.
- The Institute of Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) at Notre Dame Seminary will Commission several graduates on Sunday, January 14, 2018, at 11:00 AM Mass at St. Louis Cathedral.

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, [www.arch-no.org](http://www.arch-no.org), or [www.nolacatholic.org](http://www.nolacatholic.org)

4th Sunday of Advent link

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

Charitable Gift Annuities

Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat

Respect Life Focus for January

Seelos Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick

Annual Celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor

*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.*

## Death

Fr. Frank Candalisa's mother died Wednesday, December 13, 2017. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep her, Fr. Frank, his family, and all who mourn her death in your prayers

### Mark Your Calendars

March 7, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 14, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 21, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 19, 2018	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 2, 2018	Priesthood Ordination
June 23, 2018	Permanent Diaconate Ordination
Sept. 12, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
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

- ✓ Below are the video links for the 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas, Feast of the Holy Family and Mary, Mother of God. We ask that parishes make these reflections available to their Parishioners, but to please be mindful of the timing at which they are released. As with the past videos, all will be made available online at [NOLACatholic.org](http://NOLACatholic.org) and through archdiocesan social media channels.

Advent 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3z-kh3Jswew>

Christmas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9m8JCeHs42w>

Holy Family: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahkc7spwkRM>

Mary, Mother of God: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RgWE\\_1mgkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RgWE_1mgkk)

## 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

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January

Evangelization: **Religious Minorities in Asia**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

### Charitable Gift Annuities

The Office of Catholic Schools together with the Catholic Foundation is offering Charitable Gift Annuities with attractive interest rates, income which is partially tax free plus a tax deduction for donations. For questions please contact Peter R. Quirk at 504-596-3063 or [pquirk@arch-no.org](mailto:pquirk@arch-no.org). You may download the flyer [here](#).

### Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat

The CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office is pleased to inform you that registration is now open for our third annual **Archdiocesan Junior High Retreat** at **Camp Abbey** on **February 23-25, 2018**. We are thrilled to be able to offer this retreat again to anyone in grades 5-7. Young people may register individually. They do not need to have chaperones from their parish in order to register. The CYO Office will provide staff, adult chaperones, and high school peer ministers for the retreat. You can register online by clicking [here](#). You will still need to print, fill out, and mail the appropriate liability [forms](#).

The total cost for the retreat is \$100. Payment is due to the CYO Office, along with the registration by February 9, 2018. It is recommended that you do not wait until the deadline to submit your registration. There may be limited scholarships available. Please call the office to inquire. Knowing that space could fill quickly, young people and their parents should please make decisions as soon as possible as the deadline will approach quickly. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brigitte Burke at 504-836-0551, ext. 3226 or Cecilia Matherne at ext. 3221. You may download the flyer [here](#).

## SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

### **Respect Life January Focus-Unborn**

**Our spiritual work of mercy will be participating in the USCCB's 9 Days for Life novena** beginning January 18, 2018. Mark your calendars and pray with us! Click [here](#) to access more information.

**Our corporal work of mercy**—Did you know that ACCESS Pregnancy distributes 12,000-15,000 diapers EACH MONTH? Let's show mothers our love and support by filling their diaper bank during the month of January. Any size diaper is welcome, but they have a particular need for size 6 and pull ups. For more information or to make a drop off, contact Michelle at [mblack@ccano.org](mailto:mblack@ccano.org).

### **Seelos Birthday Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick**

Blessed Seelos Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be at St. Mary's Assumption Church, 923 Josephine St., New Orleans on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 1:00 PM. There will be one-on-one intercessory prayer in the shrine starting at 11:45 AM and confessions before Mass. Archbishop Tobin, C.Ss.R will be the celebrant and Homilist. For more information, you may download the flyer [here](#) or call 504-525-2495.

### **Annual Celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor**

The Ursuline Sisters and community of the Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor cordially invite you to the 203rd annual celebration of thanksgiving for Our Lady's intercession for the people of New Orleans and state of Louisiana on January 8, 2018. See download the flyer [here](#) for details about the Mass of Thanksgiving and the triduum in preparation for the solemnity.