SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Official Appointments

In order to provide pastoral governance for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond has made the following appointments:

Reverend Peter Akpoghiran, J.C.D. as Pastor of St. Mark Parish, Ama, while remaining Chancellor and Judicial Vicar, effective December 8, 2020.


Announcements

• The Annual Police, Fire and EMS Inspection and Memorial will take place on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at the Cathedral at 10:30 AM.

• The Presbyteral Council will meet Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

• The Archdiocesan Administrative offices will be closed from Noon on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, through Friday, January 1, 2021, for the Christmas holidays. The offices will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2021.

• The Epiphany gathering for priests will take place on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. It will begin with vespers at 5:30 PM at Notre Dame Seminary Chapel followed by a reception in Schulte Hall at Notre Dame Seminary in order to allow for social distancing. You must RSVP to Alison Guerra at 861-6269 or aguerra@arch-no.org by December 14, 2020. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

• Please include in the Prayers of the Faithful:
  • For the protection of our police officers who often risk their lives in the line of duty, and for those who have lost their lives protecting others that God will give them eternal life, and for their families that they have consolation and peace.
  • For all people who have been affected by recent Hurricanes, that they will persevere in the rebuilding of their homes and lives.
Mission Statement for the Departments and Offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Impelled by God’s call and inspired by the vision 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, parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese, enabling them to encounter Jesus and witness his love with joy.

DEATH

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Paul Schott, S.J. Father Schott died on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020 in Grand Coteau, LA. He was 97 years old, a Jesuit for 70 years and a priest for 60 years. Fr. Schott served as president of Jesuit High School, Associate Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church and Holy Name of Jesus Church in New Orleans. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on December 2, 2020 in Grand Coteau followed by burial in the St. Charles College Cemetery. Because of the coronavirus, only the Jesuit Community will attend. Please keep Fr. Schott, his family and all who mourn him in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Mark Your Calendars

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SECTION II

ACTION REQUESTED

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

On December 12th and 13th, 2020 we once again appeal to you for your assistance in helping our aging religious. The attached letter from Archbishop Aymond is to be made available the weekend of December 5th and December 6th, 2020 in a manner which you deem most effective.

SOUTHSHORE MORNING OF REFLECTION

A special Advent Morning of Reflection “The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph” sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen Church on Napoleon Avenue in New Orleans. Mass followed by reflections by Msgr. Christopher Nalty and Dr. Sheryl Smith will be offered. In-person seating for the event is limited and reservations are required. The event will be live-streamed on the Catholic Community Foundation’s YouTube channel. Please see attached flyer for more details.
Catholic Community Foundation Hosts Virtual ParishSOFT and Tax Statements Training

Training announcement! At 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, CCF ParishSOFT & Data Coordinator Ryan Adams will be joined by Colette Theriot and Nick Saybe of the ANO Accounting Office to offer Archdiocese of New Orleans parishes a class on end-of-year procedures for ParishSOFT Family Suite. This virtual training will focus on preparing tax statements for parishioners. Click here to register. You may also reach Ryan with training inquiries at radams@ccfnola.org or 504.527.5796.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host an annual wedding anniversary celebration for those couples who have been married for 25 years. The 2021 Silver Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St Joseph Church in New Orleans. This event is only for couples married in the year 1996 in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Please Note: This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one’s respective parish. (To register, please contact the parish rectory before January 15, 2021)

Instructions For Parishes
{Parishes are asked to register couples using an online form, which may be found at www.nolacatholic.org/wedding-anniversary by Wednesday, January 20, 2021, to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated.}

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’ DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Mass Honoring St. Lucy of Syracuse

The 93rd annual Mass honoring St. Lucy of Syracuse, the patron saint of eye diseases, will be at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1139 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd., New Orleans, on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 4 p.m. The St. Lucy relic will be offered for veneration. ***All City of New Orleans pandemic requirements shall apply, including reduced capacity, social distancing, and face masking. For those unable to attend, it is anticipated that the Mass will be available online, with a link at oldstpatricks.org.
ARISE! MINISTRY IN A TIME OF INNOVATION
2020 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS
Monday, December 7 – Friday, December 11, 2020

The USCCB National Advisory Team on Young Adult Ministry invite all young adult ministry leaders and those who may be involved in ministry with young adults to participate in the 2020 National Leadership Forum on Ministry with Young Adults, happening virtually December 7-11, 2020. Take part in live keynote presentations and creative conversations with other ministry leaders from around the country as well as build up your ministry toolbox with video workshops from ministry leaders. Cost of the Forum is $30 (increased to $40 on December 1). Registration and more information can be found at www.natyamforum.com. For more information locally, please contact James Behan, Associate Director for jbehan@arch-no.org.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL CHOIR PRESENTS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS VIRTUAL CONCERT

Home for Christmas Virtual Concert: Every December, the Daughters of Saint Paul Choir goes on tour to bring the Christmas message to thousands of people around the country. This year, most people will be home for Christmas so we decided to try something new! In just one month, our sisters will sing a virtual concert that will be streamed on our Youtube page. For more information or to sign up, visit www.pauline.org/virtualconcert

Mark your calendars for this FREE event on Thurs., Dec. 3rd at 7pm CT. We hope to see you there!

Made for More, with Christopher West and Mike Mangione

Made for More, with acclaimed speaker Christopher West and musician Mike Mangione, is an evening of beauty and reflection that weaves music, video, images and the spoken word into a message of hope that there really is a banquet of love that corresponds to the deepest hunger of our hearts.

The event will take place at St. Dominic Church, 775 Harrison Ave, New Orleans, LA 70124 in Lakeview at 7pm on December 10, 2020. See link to flyer for more information.

NFP Class in Spanish


SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Employment Opportunities

Job opportunities are currently listed on our HR page: https://nolacatholic.org/employment

Please refer to our Job-Link often and share with qualified referrals!

For any submissions or inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact communications@arch-no.org.