SECTION I
A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Announcements

- The Administrative Offices of the archdiocese will be closed on February 15-16, 2021, in observance of the spirit of Mardi Gras. The offices will re-open on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

- Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021. Please remember the importance of fasting and abstinence on this day and a strong spirit of prayer, fasting, and charity throughout Lent.

- The guidelines for Catholics on fasting and abstinence are as follows: Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. Please review the guidelines for Lent, the Easter Triduum, and Easter, from the Office of Worship. This document contains important information regarding COVID protocols. The document was emailed to all priests and deacons and can be found here.

- As we approach Lent, let us be mindful not to schedule “fish fry” etc. on Good Friday.

- The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life will be on Saturday, February 20, 2021, with Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Rita Church in New Orleans.

- The Rite of Election and the call to Continuing Conversion will be celebrated at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie, on Sunday, February 21, 2021, at 2:30 PM. The Rite of Election will also be celebrated at Most Holy Trinity, 501 Holy Trinity Drive, Covington, on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Under normal circumstances, attendance at the Rite of Election is mandatory for all adults who will be baptized and confirmed through RCIA and may only be celebrated by the diocesan bishop. Pastors are not delegated to preside at a parish Rite of Election.

- The Ministerial Council will meet on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at Notre Dame Seminary at 10:00 AM.

- The Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples married in 1996 will be on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church in New Orleans.

- Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m. –6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays during Lent: March 10, 2021, March 17, 2021 and March 24, 2021.
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

Rev. Joseph Charles Tranchina died on February 4, 2021, at the age of 79. His funeral was held on February 9, 2021 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in New Orleans. 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.

Lenten Events Submissions

As we look ahead to the Lenten season the Office of Communications in partnership with the Clarion Herald is once again collecting Lenten Event information. This year you will note a specific question about whether your event will be offered in-person, virtually, or both. Find the form online here. Please complete this form to the best of our ability.

Additionally, once again this year we hope to publish a schedule of available Stations of the Cross. Please submit your parish’s schedule of Stations of the Cross online here.

For parishes, schools, and ministries that are planning to offer Friday Fish Fry Meals, please submit that information online here.

Please note that for any of the above events, appropriate COVID-19 restrictions including wearing of masks and social distancing are required.
Scheduling of Confirmation for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

Last week, the Office of Worship mailed a form for the scheduling of Confirmation for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 to each parish.

Pastors are asked to choose and indicate on the form THREE dates which are available in your parish for this celebration, in order of preference and return to the form to the Office of Worship no later than February 25, 2021.

Forms received in the Office of Worship after February 25, 2020 will not be considered for scheduling during the 2021 - 2022 confirmation cycle.

Please keep in mind that, for parishes with fewer than ten candidates for Confirmation, it would be helpful to combine with another parish. Should you initially expect a larger group and that number fall below ten, pastors should contact the Office of Worship so that the date can be moved to your regularly scheduled Saturday anticipated Mass or we can assist you in combining with another parish.

Please be sure to complete this form, even if you are not planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 cycle. The form may be downloaded here.

World Day of the Sick on February 11, 2021

In his message for the XXIX World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis discusses the theme, “You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers” (Mt 23:8). Click on his message here. We are called to care for the needs of our brothers and sisters, especially during times of sickness. The many ways we can care for the sick are by following the example of the Good Samaritan: accompanying the sick through their illness, listening, feeling empathy, physically assisting, and supporting health care workers in their care of the sick.

Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph Banners & Resources

In the next week all parishes will receive a Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph Banner for use throughout the year. The banners are 6 ft x 3 ft and have grommets for easy display. The banners will be suitable for outdoor use. Additionally, a Lenten digital toolkit specifically focused on this special year of observance is in development and will be released on the parish resource page. For these logos and images for the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, please visit https://nolacatholic.org/yoeresources.

The Vigil Project Partnership Launch

As we continue the celebration of the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, the planning committee is excited to officially launch the partnership with The Vigil Project on Ash Wednesday. Find the new Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph Website online at nolacatholic.org/eucharist. To assist you in engaging your parishioners online with this interactive website platform for ongoing opportunities for faith sharing, formation, and more throughout this year, we are providing an invitation email for you to share with your parishioners. We recommend that you use send this message any time from Friday, February 12 through Friday, February 19. Each parish will be sent a monthly report of parishioners who subscribe, so pastors may know about their parish participation. Please visit https://www.nolacatholicjoye.com/parish-coordinator to find the text and images that can be used in an email message to your parishioners. If you have any further questions or need further assistance, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org.
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church in Metairie. 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 March 12, 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 Friday, March 15, 2021, to facilitate the sending of confirmation letters, preparing of scrolls and seating of the couples. Your cooperation in maintaining this deadline is appreciated.

“HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION’ CARDS FOR LENT

Once again this Lent, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will make available the “How to Go to Confession” cards that feature the “Examination of Conscience” on the back. If you would like to obtain these cards for your parish, please email Sarah McDonald at smcdonald@arch-no.org with the parish name, a contact name, and the number of cards you would like to order. There will be no cost to the parish. Additionally, there are a few “Evenings of Confession” banners still available through the Office of Communications. If you would like to obtain one for your parish, please be in touch with Sarah at the email address above.

CONFESSION CARDS AND BANNERS

For all parishes that have requested “How to Go to Confession” cards and Evenings of Confession banners, your packets will be available for pick-up at the Chancery, 7887 Walmsley Ave. beginning Friday, February 5. For those parishes on the Northshore that have requested copies, your packets will be available at the Northshore Catholic Center beginning Friday, February 5. If there is a hardship preventing a parish representative from picking up your packets, please contact Sarah McDonald via email at smcdonald@arch-no.org.

Second Collection for Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New Orleans

The second collection at all Masses February 27-28, 2021 will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. This year, the CCANO second collection will also accept online donations due to the coronavirus since some families may not be able to attend Mass in-person but still want to support the good works of the many diverse programs of Catholic Charities. Your parish’s support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.

Ways to support the Catholic Charities Second Collection:

- Give online through this link: www.ccano.org/collection
- Send a check by mail to: 1000 Howard Ave, Ste 200, New Orleans, LA 70113
- Give during weekend in-person and online Masses on February 27 and 28, 2021

Donations through this second collection enable Catholic Charities to help over 54,000 individuals and families each year. Please encourage your parishioners to join in this mission of service to the poor and vulnerable by supporting Catholic Charities with an open and generous heart. 95 cents of every dollar received goes directly to community services.

If you are in need of additional collection envelopes or materials for this weekend, please contact Emily Patnode at epatnode@ccano.org or (504) 592-5681.
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.

Subscribe to the Year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph

As we continue the celebration of the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph, we are excited to officially launch the partnership with The Vigil Project this Lent. Find Through this special year of renewal, our archdiocese is bringing a unique opportunity for you to deepen your faith and understanding in the Eucharist and devotion to St. Joseph. By God’s grace, we believe this can transform our local Church as we journey together. Please find the new Year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph website and consider subscribing at http://nolacatholic.org/eucharist to receive these regular email messages that will include short excerpts of Church teachings, prayers, spiritual reflections, and faith sharing from clergy, religious, and laity in the archdiocese and beyond.

2021 Men’s Conference: Walking with St. Joseph

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the gathering for the 2021 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men’s Conference has been canceled. Instead the planning committee for the Men’s Conference is redirecting their efforts towards providing a year long campaign to promote and support men’s ministries across the Archdiocese. The theme of the campaign is “Walking with St. Joseph”. The conference will be making regular posts on Instagram and Facebook (@nolacatholicmen) and by email. The first of a series of video presentations featuring speakers and leaders in men’s ministry will be broadcast on WLAE on February 27th at 7pm and will be streamed on NolaCatholicMen.org and other media platforms. Find out more at NolaCatholicMen.org and to subscribe to the mailing list.

Chosen for This Cross: A Desert Pilgrimage.

If you struggle with infertility you may feel like you’re on a lonely, desert pilgrimage. But you are not alone! During this season of Lent, the Springs in the Desert Team invites you to reflect with us on the Seven Last Words of Jesus during His pilgrimage of suffering. Beginning on Feb. 18, each Thursday evening during Lent we will meet virtually to pray, listen to a reflection on Jesus’ words, and build community through small group sharing. This FREE event is a chance to enter more deeply into the Lenten spirit while gathering in prayer with others on this same path. Free registration and more information at www.springsinthedesert.org. Please see attached flyer.

ARCHDIOCESAN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

With professional instruction, Natural Family Planning has proven itself to be safe, effective, and a moral way for couples to plan their families. It is a method which respects the meaning of human sexuality as God created it and thus marital love is enhanced and strengthened. This class series the Office of Marriage and Family Life is offering in the SymptoPro™ Method of Natural Family Planning will be conducted by Kelly Donahue of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This series will be virtual by using Zoom. The dates of the class series are February 13, February 27, March 13 and April 17, 2021. The Zoom class hours are 9:00 a.m. - noon. The cost is $105.00 and includes all classes and materials. Preregistration is required. Register online https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/sympto-thermal-nfp-course.

Living the Eucharist in the World Faith Formation Series

All are welcome to participate in a faith formation series for the Year of the Eucharist discussing how the Mass sends us forth into the Word to evangelize the world. Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that, “The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word.” (Deus Caritas Est, #22) The Office of Faith Formation and the Office of Justice and Peace are sponsoring this series so that Catholics can perceive the link between the Eucharist and service. Speakers will provide brief input, leaving ample time for dialog. The dates are Feb. 4, Feb. 25, March 4, March 18, and April 22. For the full series, speakers, and to register, click on the link to the flyer.
SECTION IV
NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Abbey Art Works Classes Offered

Registration is available for several classes and workshops at Abbey Art Works, including:

- Out With The Old, In With The New: Art in the Early Renaissance and Early 20th Century, Third Saturday Lecture by Br. Christopher Schaefer, O.S.B., Saturday, February 20, 1 p.m.
- Advanced Drawing Techniques with Jaclyn Warren. Wednesdays, April 7th through June 2nd, 9 a.m. to noon.
- Painting Impressionistic Landscapes in Pastels and Oils - Four days of Plein Air and studio painting with Alan Flattmann, May 17-21.
- Drawing from the Soul with Robert Labranche. Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m. Year-round.

Advanced Still Life Oil Painting with Auseklis Ozols, Saturdays, April 10th through May 29th, 1-4 p.m.

Registration at www.saintjosephabbey.com/abbeyartworks. Abbey Art Works can also be contacted at 985-327-1021 or info@abbeyartworks.com.

EUCHARIST LECTURE SERIES AT NOTRE DAME SEMINARY

Notre Dame Seminary will be offering a year-long "Eucharist Lecture Series" during 2021 for the Archdiocese of New Orleans’ Year of the Eucharist! We will be offering a monthly event, beginning with a half-hour of Eucharistic Adoration and followed by a lecture and Q&A on the Eucharist, in Schulte Auditorium at NDS.

Our second presentation will be entitled “The Eucharist in Sacred Scripture” and will be offered by Dr. Nathan Mastnjak, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary. This event will take place on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021, with Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 5:30 PM followed by a lecture and Q&A from 6:00- 7:00 PM. This event is FREE and open to the public. You can attend either in person (socially distanced) or virtually, but space is limited, so make sure to RSVP at www.nds.edu/els. Virtual attendees will receive streaming information via email on the day of the event. Registration for this event will close on Wednesday, February 17th at 5:00 PM. Click here for more information on the series.

FACE MASK DONATION

The Hispanic Apostolate received a Face mask donation. If any parish is in need of a supply of face masks, please email or call Miss Sheyla Saballos with the desired amount of facemask at ssaballos@arch-no.org or 504-467-2550.

Employment Opportunities

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

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Folsom, on the north shore, is seeking an organist/pianist. For more details please call 985-474-9898.

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.