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MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners:

Fr. Richard Rohr is a noted speaker and author. He is a Franciscan priest and a very insightful man. He recently wrote, "Conversion is a reconstituted sense of self." When I read that statement, I was struck by it because the operative words are reconstituted and self. When something is reconstituted, it is jump started, but it is the same battery. There is not a completely new battery installed - it's the old battery, just re-energized. When we are broken or lost, our sense of self might be completely shrouded. Often, we have such shame and embarrassment, we hang our head in disgust and self-loathing. When we get on the road of conversion and recovery, we may tend to think the old self is a gone-pecan; but, it isn't. The broken self is still within the converted self like the dead battery is to the jump started battery. Here, I think those in Alcoholics Anonymous have much to teach us. What the person says of him/herself living a life of sobriety is "Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, I am an alcoholic." The reality of sobriety does not eradicate the self that once drank. Recovery is ongoing, and that's what conversion is. How easy it would be for all of us never to have the past temptations and destructive choices visit us again. But, that is not prudent thinking. When one thinks one is completely over a difficulty, that's when one sets him/herself up for pride and eventually a falling off the wagon. Conversion is a reconstituted sense of self, reminding us, on the one hand, that we are made in the image and likeness of a good God who has only mercy and compassion for us; while on the other hand, our brokenness is never far from us. Here, let me quote Oscar Wilde, using one of my favorite of his sayings, "All of us are in the gutter, but some of us are gazing at the stars!" To be a star gazer means we lift our heads to God and recognize that He and He only can restore us and make us whole, even though we remain deeply affected by our brokenness.

P.S. My door is always open if anyone would like to talk, especially in these times of anger and hurt resulting from the clergy abuse revelations.

With reliance upon Our Lady Queen of Angels, I remain In the Lord Jesus,

Rev. Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen

OC FUNDRAISER

The Opelousas Catholic Seniors will be selling raffle tickets at all Masses on November 10th and 11th to help defray the cost for its annual trip in January to Washington, D.C. for the National Pro-Life March. All revenue from tickets sold will go toward the students' trip. Please help them out.

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell; Monday: Rev. Joel Faulk; Tuesday: Rev. Kendal Faulk; Wednesday: Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez; Thursday: Rev. Thomas Finley; Friday: Rev. Sam Fontana; Saturday: Rev. Brian Garry, SJ.

HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

THANK YOU

The High School Youth Group would like to thank all those who supported their recent All Soul's Day fundraiser. The money raised from this project will go towards a day-trip planned for the spring of next year.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

Red Bird Ministries is a local Catholic grief support ministry located in Breaux Bridge that focuses on helping bereaved families who have experienced any form of child loss: miscarriage, stillbirth, after birth loss; infant, child, adolescent, and adult, no matter how soon or how long ago the loss has occurred. You can find information about the ministry at www.redbird.love or call 337-962-3994.

SENIOR ANGELS MEETING

On Wednesday, November 7, the Senior Angels will have a meeting in the Parish Hall at 10:00am.

Please welcome Mary and Randy Richard to the Parish.

EVENTS

PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND FRANCE

Father Jaison Mangalath, S.V.D., former Pastor of Holy Ghost Parish here in Opelousas, will be leading a Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain, and France from June 17th through June 29th, 2019. This is a pilgrimage of a lifetime and you don't want to miss out! Please contact Magnificat Travel at 337-291-1933 | info@holyltravels.org for more information.

ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE STARTS IN NOVEMBER

Our annual Blanket Drive is being held here at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church through the month of November to collect clean, new or used blankets, sleeping bags, other bedding items or small heaters to be given to the barn workers at Evangeline Downs racetrack in Opelousas. This drive is being held as an outreach of Our Lady Queen of Angels Church in conjunction with the Evangeline Christian Outreach Ministry to help minister to the needy backstretch workers. The vast majority are Catholics from throughout the country and make up a large segment of the workforce of the racetrack industry. Will you please help?? Please consider making a donation by putting the items in one of the boxes at each of the doors of Church during the month of November. Your donation will help make this winter a little warmer for those in need!! For further information, please contact Keith Hebert at 351-2872 or Don Fisher at 942-3041. Thank you for your generosity in helping others, and may God bless you.

CENTENNIAL NEWS

- Bishop O'Donnell - Eight Years on November 8th - On November 8, 1994, Bishop Edward O'Donnell was appointed the fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. O'Donnell had been serving for over 10 years as an Auxiliary Bishop in his native Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri. His appointment filled the vacant seat that was a result of Bishop Flynn's move to the Archdiocese of Minneapolis - St. Paul in February 1994. Bishop O'Donnell was installed on December 16, 1994 and served until his resignation was accepted on the anniversary of his appointment: November 8, 2002. On that date, his successor, Bishop Michael Jarrell, was announced as the sixth Bishop of Lafayette. Centennial Mass - All are invited - the closing Mass for the Centennial Year of our Diocese will be December 12th at the Cajundome Convention Center at 6pm. Our Diocese and the wonderful people of our diocese and how God has poured forth His Love and guidance upon us in these last 100 Years will be the focus - A Century of Love. Along with the Mass, there will be a Historical Display before and after the Mass as well as a presentation of the many people and cultures of our Diocese. The doors will open at 4:30 because there will be much to be a part of and see. All Catholics throughout our whole Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars. Tolton - From Slave to Priest - performed live by Jim Coleman, December 6th at 7pm and December 7th at 7pm at St. Pius X Elementary School Auditorium in Lafayette (205 E. Bayou Pkwy). Admission is \$25 (ages 10 & up). For ticket information contact Stephanie Bernard - 337-261-5694 or visit: www.diola.org. Centennial Yard Signs - from now until Dec 12th, let us all put out our Centennial Yard Signs in solidarity of faith, knowing that God continues to make us His Church with His grace. If you need a yard sign, they can be purchased at the following 4 locations - Acadian Religious, Crossroads Bookstore, Cathedral Gift Shop and the Diocese Chancery Office (14708 Carmel Drive). Centennial Items for Sale - a limited amount of items were created for this Centennial Year and are true collectors' items which will only be available during the remainder of this year - Centennial History of the Diocese of Lafayette (book), Centennial Paperweight (color design), Centennial Christmas Ornament and the new Silver Commemorative Coin and a designer box. If you would like to have a Centennial remembrance, you can purchase them at Acadian Religious, Crossroads Bookstore, Cathedral Gift Shop and the Diocese Chancery Office (1408 Carmel Dr). These items can also be viewed on the Diocesan Centennial Webpage.

OUR STEWARDSHIP TO GOD

Offertory Collection . . . . . \$14,970.24
Total Monthly Collection for Opelousas Catholic . . . . . \$1,016.00
Total Monthly Collection for World Mission Sunday . . . . . \$1,162.00
BSA . . . . . \$50.00

Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship! "Everything we have and give comes from God." (Corinthians 29:11-17)

READERS

Sat., Nov. 10 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. Claire Hollier
Sun., Nov. 11 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. James Doherty
10:30 a.m. Lessley Fontenot
5:15 p.m. Kathy Hebert

ALTAR SOCIETY

Nov. 10 - Nov. 16 . . . . . JoAnn Barron and Team
Linens (Nov. 10) . . . . . Anna Pitre

ACTIVITIES

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 3 & 4 . . . . . Second Collection for OC
Daylight Savings Time Ends (Turn Clocks Back)
Sun., Nov. 4 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts served after Mass
Mon., Nov. 5 . . . . . 4:00-5:00 p.m. CCD Classes 1st-6th
6:00-7:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7th-11th
Tues., Nov. 6 . . . . . 5:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting
Wed., Nov. 7 . . . . . 10:00 a.m. Senior Angels Meeting, Parish Hall
2:00 p.m. "Come Lord Jesus"
Call 942-7059 for more information
4:45 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary before Mass
Sat. & Sun., Nov. 10 & 11 . . . . . OC Raffle Tickets Sold at All Masses

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Parents of this Parish who wish to have their children baptized will meet for instructions at Our Lady Queen of Angels in the Parish Conference Room on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm. Anyone wishing to attend the class MUST contact the Office to make an appointment with Deacon Bill Pollingue at 942-5628.



ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Adoration Chapel remains in need of several adorers. Below please find a listing of all hours that have only one committed adorer. Please call Claire Robichaux at 337-351-4674 if you are able to sign up for an A.M. hour or Marie LeBlanc at 337-948-8940 if you are able to sign up for a P.M. hour. The Adoration Chapel committee thanks you in advance.

Sunday: A.M. - 7:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. - 12:00, 1:00, 3:00
Monday: A.M. - 6:00, 8:00, 11:00 P.M. - 1:00
Tuesday: A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 5:00
Wednesday: A.M. - 6:00, 9:00 P.M. - 1:00
Thursday: A.M. - 9:00 P.M. - 3:00
Friday: A.M. - 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. - 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00
Saturday: A.M. - 7:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 P.M. - 1:00, 4:00, 5:00

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MASSES

Sat., Nov. 3 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Allen Ardoin, Jacqueline James, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Levoys "Lee" Smith, Viola L. Mello, Sharp Family, Howard Pitre Family, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Joseph and Thelma Richard, Alexis and Elodie Richard, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Gail Richardson and Ina Washington, Ronald J. Cuny, Golden and Juanita Cuny, Harry and Irene Badeaux Richard, Jeanette Tully, Druicie Harper, Harold and Elvina Venable, Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph Deluca, Ronald O. Fusilier, Gerald D'Arensbourg (Anniversary of Death)
Sun., Nov. 4 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. Velma Thibodeaux (Anniversary of Death), Sarah Jarrell, Norma Cortez, Girlie and Willis Fontenot, Rodney Bellard, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Wayne Guillory, Dennis and Pearl Fontenot, Burnley, Edward and Aline Bordelon, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, Leopold A. Castille, Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle and Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, Marie Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Joyce and Huey Bourque, T.D., Dolores, Dewey, Charmaine (Anniversary of Death) Auzenne, Velton Sr., Marcianne, Judy, Roy, Velton Jr, Lemelle, Augustine, Cary, Geraldine, Bertrand, Jean (Anniversary of Death) and Hilton Auzenne, Dolores Mayfield, Lee Singleton, Sr., Alison King, Joshua Peck, Jesse and Annie Leger, Jesse, Jr., Ronald O. Fusilier
10:30 a.m. Harold Venable, James Soileau, Jamie Gibson, Morgan Adams, Jackie Mills, Donald and Sylvia Chachere, Donald and Sylvia Chachere Family, Alex and Deanna Chachere, Jim, "Tat", Jeff and Greg Durio, Ben and Pat Crosby, Moise and Amy Courvelle, Gerrit Paul Ryder and the Ryder and Quebedeaux Families, Paul T. and Ruby T. Pitre, Calvin Matthew Kennedy
5:15 p.m. Benjamin and Frances Richard, Benny Richard, Claudette Richard, Ervin Kirkpatrick, Tracie K. Carriere, Kirk Kirkpatrick, Lee and Bernice Guidry, Ellis Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Theobert Lavergne, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lavergne, Deacon John and Erline Thibodeaux, Logan Navarre, Craig and Lindsey Thibodeaux, Gregory Wade Fontenot
Mon., Nov. 5 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Marcus Paul Fontenot
Tues., Nov. 6 . . . . . 7:00 a.m. Dwayne Caramonta, Florentine Reed (Anniversary of Death), Thelma, Lacey and Randall Spell, Louise H. Leger, Bennett Michel (Birthday), Peggy and Leslie Newman
Wed., Nov. 7 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Neil Bertinot, Tony and Gladys Bertinot, Martha and Alphonse Clary, Dona and Johnny Clary, Mabel and Dalton Gary
Thurs., Nov. 8 . . . . . 7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish, D'Arensbourg Family
Fri., Nov. 9 . . . . . 5:15 p.m. Dr. Seymour "Pim" Smith, Annie Stelly (Birthday), Dennis and Daniel Reed
Sat., Nov. 10 . . . . . 4:00 p.m. Shirley Moscovis (Birthday), Dalton and Evelyn Comeaux, Jacqueline James, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Palazzo, Levoys "Lee" Smith, Viola L. Mello, Sharp Family, Gladys Daigle (Anniversary of Death), Harold Stout, Albert Speyrer, Amos Ledoux, Ernest and Janel Duplechin, Charles and Mercedes Going Family, William and Dorothy Hatch Family, Father Joseph Deluca, Ronald J. Cuny, Golden and Juanita Cuny, Harry and Irene Badeaux Richard, Richard and Rena Millspaugh, Lloyd, Marie and Janet Andrus, Rick and Amanda Briggs, John and Sydney Cuccia, Kenneth Purcell and Family, Peyton, Jeffrey Cornette, J.C. Diesi, Bernice Diesi (Anniversary of Death), Cyril Diesi (Anniversary of Death), Philip Boudreaux, Isaure Boudreaux, Arthur Hollier, Celima Hollier, Cynthia H. Stelly, Harold and Elvina Venable
Sun., Nov. 11 . . . . . 8:30 a.m. Rodney Bellard, Dudley, Glenn and Lisa Macip, Dr. John Ferrazzano, Jane Bellard Family, Calvin and Henrietta Bellard, Janette Bellard, John E. Bradley, Sr., Leopold A. Castille, Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle and Lloyd Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffery Spring, Marie Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Mr. and Mrs. Leopold Thibodeaux and Mr. and Mrs. James Hunt Families, Mr. and Mrs. Rivers Lavergne and Mr. and Mrs. Luke Thibodeaux Families, Joyce and Huey Bourque, Druicie Harper, Sarah Jarrell, Norma Cortez
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THE PERFECT GIFT

When you want to give someone a special gift, consider giving an hour of prayer in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Body, blood, soul and divinity. Beautiful prayer intention cards are available in the Church Office. Cost \$1.00.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Cade LeBlanc & Matthew Pitre-Eunice
Michael Vidrine-Melville
Sean Fontenot & Luke Johnson-Ville Platte
Extra prayer cards can be found in the back of the Church

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Nov. 4-10, 2018 - Gerry Soileau
Nov. 11-17, 2018 - James & Charlotte Soileau
Nov. 18-24, 2018 - Rita Soileau
Nov. 25-Dec. 1, 2018 - Bea Stelly
Thank you for your commitment!

