

Ministers of the Liturgy October 3 & 4, 2015

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Vincent Danna, Eve Vavrick (L),
Joseph Segari, Marie O'Malley, Michael Borrello,
Paul Borrello (L), George Spaulding,
Special Intention (L), Patrick C. McKinney,
Rita G. Vaccaro, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Rose Marie Greco Federico, Joyce Sirgo
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Rodosta, L. Segari
Cantor: Trish Genco

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Paul Fleming III
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
J. Tusa, B. O'Hara, M. Evola, P. Fleming
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Margaret & Larry Pregeant,
Hubert LaBorde, Lucien & Mary Musco,
Anthony Angello, Joseph Donald Bernard,
Jackie Foote, Gerald Mocklin, Jason Young,
Hilton Daigle, Jr., Donald Bordelon,
Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Poor Souls,
Frank E. Golemi, Dianne Z. Harrison
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
K. & M. Sorensen, S. Gordon, L. Peters
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. Calongne, T. Keller
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (10/5-9)

Monday 7:00 a.m. Mary Youngblood
5:30 p.m. Maria Mercedes Cabrera
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Marion Quigley
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Charles Sciortino
8:20 a.m. Mary Faye Pope
Thursday 7:00 a.m. R. D. Schexnayder
5:30 p.m. Tom & Carol Metcalf (L)
Friday 7:00 a.m. Pamela Martin



All Souls Day Mass Remembrance

On All Souls Day we honor all of our deceased loved ones in a special way. Here at St. Benilde Church we will be remembering your deceased loved ones both on this day with the celebration of Holy Mass (Monday, November 2) and at all of the Masses throughout the month of November.

In that spirit, we invite you to inscribe the names of those you wish for us to remember and pray for on All Souls Day and during the Masses throughout the month of November on the special All Souls Remembrance Envelopes found in the vestibule of the Church. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office before November 1. The suggested donation is \$5 per name recorded on your envelop. Mass remembrance envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November and names will be printed in the Parish Bulletin.

Attention Seniors

St. Francis Xavier Senior Program is hosting a Senior Fair and Market Saturday, Oct. 10 at 444 Metairie Rd. The Fair includes vendors who represent issues of importance for our seniors. The Market will include homemade and hand-crafted items. The free event is from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.. For more information, contact Kathleen at 834-0340 or kcalder@delasallenola.com.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Oct. 10/11

4 p.m. R. Aucoin, C. Casente
9 a.m. C. Frederick, L. Whitman, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot
11 a.m. K. Robertson, R. Meece, J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik
6 p.m. L. Daigle, B. David



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Chapel Candles
in memory of
Anna and Philip Zanco, Sr.



Altar
Care

Altar Ladies

Week of October 4
B. O'Hara, J. Didier

Linens

Large - E. Lemoine Small - J. Didier

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes \$3,002.00
Loose 2,765.35
Repairs and Maintenance 257.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund 241.00
Totaling \$6,265.35

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Respect Life Sunday 2015

As Catholics, one of the terms that we often hear used in parish and church circles is “Respect Life.” Since October 1972, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated *Respect Life Sunday* as a way to call Catholics across the nation to remember the sanctity of life in a world where the dignity of life is not always respected. Respect for human life is a fundamental tenet of our Christian faith laid down for us in the very beginning of the Scriptures in the book of Genesis. This basic respect for human life is further shown to us through the example of Jesus, who often fought for the rights of the downtrodden and forgotten of society. He often challenged those who were in a position of authority to help the weak and powerless, and chastised them when they did not.

When we hear the term “Respect Life” we often think immediately of the abortion controversy of pro-life vs. pro-choice. It was only three months after the first *Respect Life Sunday* in October 1972 that the Supreme Court overturned all state laws prohibiting abortions in its historic *Roe vs. Wade* decision. Occurring over forty years ago, this remains one of the most controversial Supreme Court decisions in history.

Undoubtedly, the Catholic bishops had this Supreme Court controversy in mind when they initiated the practice of *Respect Life Sunday*, as a way of trying to raise the consciousness of, not only Catholics, but Christians everywhere of the importance of promoting life as God’s gift and the dangers of passing legislation that would diminish what God has created.

St. Pope John Paul II often used the term “culture of death” when referring to a tendency in our modern society to glorify violence and death. This tendency manifests itself in many ways, both blatant and subtle, in our everyday lives. To see it, all we have to do is look at our movies, music, entertainment and newspapers. It is easy for us to get desensitized to the sufferings of others when we are bombarded with a steady stream of news of peoples’ sufferings from around the world. It is also difficult to think of others’ sufferings when we have our own difficulties with which to deal. By looking to the Gospels and the example of Jesus, we are not promised that our problems will all go away, but we are promised the gift of hope in times of darkness.

Beginning in 1972, the bishops have focused on many critical concerns of the day — abortion, euthanasia, marriage and family life, capital punishment, poverty, immigration issues, chastity, natural family planning, post-abortion healing and reconciliation, the culture of life, biotechnology, children, teens, persons with disabilities, the elderly, those who are dying, and more. They attempt to call us to a higher awareness of many issues that affect the dignity of human life. They attempt to remind all of us that our call as Christians to support the dignity of life is not something that we can

ignore.

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses had the job of bringing the message of God’s love to the people and to form them into a community that was faithful to the covenant they had made with God. Moses offers the people a choice. He tells the people that God has offered them blessing and life if they respect and follow His commandments. He also reminds them that if they do not embrace life then the alternative is death and despair. God has offered us the choice of choosing life or death, the blessing or the curse. He encourages us to choose life.

During the month of October there will be a candle burning near the altar during the Sunday Masses. This candle is to remind us of our responsibility as Catholics to pray for a deeper “Respect for Life” in all its forms. It will remind us of the “Light of Christ,” which illumines our lives and gives us hope. Let us pray this month for those who struggle each day to find dignity and purpose in their lives. Let us pray for those who are in positions of authority, that they may promote the dignity of all people. (*Full text on frcooper.info*)

Wanted: Youth Willing to Make a Difference

This year’s World Youth Day New Orleans, sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015, at the Morial Convention Center. Thousands of teens from parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate being the young Church, deepen their faith, pray together, and share time with Archbishop Aymond. Will you be in that number? To register, contact John Stiegman at 504-382-4081 before the close of registration on Oct. 14.

Holy Spirit Retreat for Men and Women

Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, noted Franciscan preacher and author, will conduct a Holy Spirit Retreat, open to both men and women, October 9-11, 2015, at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, Louisiana. This retreat is sponsored by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) and will be based on the theme of “The Holy Spirit and Mary.” Fr. Apostoli is a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, along with the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel. He is the author of several books and is host of the EWTN program, “Sunday Night Prime.” He has focused especially upon the Holy Spirit and Our Lady, especially the Fatima Apparitions. Fr. Apostoli is the vice-postulator of the canonization cause of Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Al and Patti Mansfield and the CCRNO Team will also be ministering throughout the weekend. Retreat registration is \$170 per person, which covers two nights and four meals. Commuters are welcome as long as space permits. For registration and information, contact CCRNO: www.ccrno.org; phone, 504-828-1368; info@ccrno.org.