

## Ministers of the Liturgy April 16 & 17, 2016

### Saturday - 4 P.M.

*Intention:* Walter Haydel, Virginia Cullens,  
Joseph Segari, Patrick C. McKinney,  
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Hubert LaBorde,  
George Spaulding, Rose Marie Greco Federico,  
Karen Hebert (L), Flora Maria Be,  
Mary Rosa Esler

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

R. Augoin, C. Casente

*Cantor:* Trish Foti

### Sunday - 9 A.M.

*Intention:* Betty Theriot Boudreau

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

R. Meche, B. O'Hara, C. & R. Ayers

*Song Leaders:* Traditional Choir

### Sunday - 11 A.M.

*Intention:* Frank Pelicano, Myron Yochim,  
Kelvin Ducote, Melvin Ducote, Jason Young,  
Gerald Mocklin, Dianne Z. Harrison,  
Donald Bordelon, Mary Rosa Esler,  
Joseph Donald Bernard, Rita P. Mullen,  
Dolores S. Masson (L)

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

K. & M. Sorensen, D. Childers, R. Meece

*Song Leaders:* Contemporary Choir

### Sunday - 6 P.M.

*Intention:* Parishioners

*Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:*

M. Drawe, D. Powers

*Cantor:* Lauren Gisclair

*Pianist:* Beth Kettenring

## Weekday Masses (4/18-22)

<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	In Honor of St. Joseph
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Joseph Segari
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Ed Curry, Sr.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Special Intention (L)
	<b>8:20 a.m.</b>	Elaine Voisin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Cameron Curry
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Miriam B. Powers
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Paul LaRocca, Sr.



## "Bible Down the Bayou"

Registration forms for St. Benilde's Vacation Bible School are now available in the Parish Office. *Bible Down the Bayou* will be held July 5-8, from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. **The deadline to register is May 27.** More information and the registration form can also be found on the parish website [www.stbenilde.org](http://www.stbenilde.org) or call Anita at 504-874-1210.

## Liturgical Ministry Workshops

We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. Anyone who is interested must first get Fr. Cooper's permission and then attend a workshop. Two are scheduled at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3368 Esplanade Ave., New Orleans, on May 7 and June 11. The workshop will be from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. It will be presented by Msgr. Kenneth Hedrick. Please contact the Parish Office for more information and to be registered.

## Beginning Experience Weekend

The Beginning Experience Weekend on April 22-24, 2016, is a wonderful healing for those suffering a loss of a spouse either through death or separation/divorce. Under the sponsorship of the Archdiocese of New Orleans Family Life Apostolate, this international program has helped thousands navigate the road through grief. Call Toni 985-789-8666 or Rose 504-455-8920 for more information.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

### April 23/24

4 p.m.	A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
9 a.m.	C. Rispoli, B. Soletto, J. Tusa, P. Cifreo
11 a.m.	C. & T. Pitre, J. Ackermann, J. Wright
6 p.m.	J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary  
Light in memory of  
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



## Altar Ladies

*Week of April 17*

M. Surcouf, L. Hart, Y. Morise

*Linens*

*Large* - J. Wright    *Small* - F. Cortello

## Last Week's Collection

Envelopes .....	\$4,055.00
Loose .....	2,489.00
Clarion .....	97.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund.....	216.00
Repairs and Maintenance.....	380.00
<b>Totaling .....</b>	<b>\$7,237.00</b>

## Fr. Cooper's Corner

### *Take a Moment of Silence*

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I would like to share with you a reflection written by Timothy Cardinal Dolan, the Archbishop of New York:

It was July 1992, and I was on a three-week study tour-pilgrimage in the Holy Land. In the middle of a long hike on a scorching day, we came across two shepherds, smoking and chatting in a patch of shade. Their two flocks were all mixed together, hundreds of sheep, lazily rambling the hillsides. The two shepherds were happy to see us, and we began to visit. We asked, through our guide, how the sheep, all jumbled together, would know their rightful shepherd when the time came to move on. The two herdsmen chuckled and rose to take the dare: Each one went to an opposite side of the path, shouted out an indecipherable yell, and began to walk away. Immediately, the sheep ran behind their proper shepherd. And the few stragglers were spotted right away by their vigilant leader and summoned to follow. It was clear: The sheep knew their shepherd; the shepherd knew his sheep.

Ah, but the show was not over. Charged up by the attention of their audience, the shepherds said, "Watch this." They then exchanged their outer apparel. Once again, they each went to opposite sides of the path, gave their familiar call, and began to walk away. Without a pause, the sheep followed their proper shepherd, even though he had completely changed his outward appearance! The sheep knew their shepherd so well—his voice, his command, his walk—that they could not be deceived by a disguise. JESUS SAID: "... The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out . . . he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

We recognize that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to tend to His flock in a variety of very effective and tender ways. For us as Catholics, we also acknowledge that a unique way He shepherds His people is through His priests. In fact, we call our parish priests pastors, which is simply the Latin word for shepherd. For the past 30 years we have been praying ceaselessly for "an increase in vocations to the priesthood." Yet, at times it seems the Lord is ignoring our plea, as the data would indicate far too few are responding.

The problem, of course, is hardly that Jesus is not calling; the problem is that we have wax in our ears. The problem is that we are not listening to His voice! Jesus, the Good Shepherd, like those I met on the hillside of Galilee, gives us the most effective strategy in promoting vocations: We must come to know our shepherd so intimately, His voice so unmistakably, that we sense His call in our gut and follow Him.

And I would propose that we best hear the voice of the Good Shepherd in silence. The Bible tells us that the language God prefers is silence, and the atmosphere God best works in is silence. "Be still and know that I am God," God whispers.

"In quiet and confidence shall be thy strength," God encourages Isaiah.

Each of the seven years I was rector of the North American College in Rome, I had the pleasure of reading 50 or so autobiographies of the men entering. I soon discovered a common thread: Almost all of the men discerned the call to the priesthood in silence. It was often during quiet prayer before the Eucharist; sometimes during a retreat or another period of stillness; maybe during a time of quiet reflection after a pivotal experience or encounter. For some of them, it came in silence on a life-changing episode such as a pilgrimage, service project, or World Youth Day. Never did it come as a shout, as a yell, in a panic, or in a crowd. No, it came gently, softly, quietly, the voice of the Shepherd only to be discerned in silence. And it came from a person to a person. These young candidates knew their shepherd so well they recognized His soft voice. They had come to know Him through wonderful parents and families, vibrant parishes and communities, careful catechesis and uplifting liturgy, service to His neglected, and immersion in His Word, the support of friends and the joy of fellowship, and His Real Presence in the Eucharist and merciful forgiveness in penance. They had come to know this shepherd so well that when, in silence, He whispered, "Come, follow me as a priest," they recognized Him and heard Him.

Does it seem too simple? To promote vocations we best promote silence. To hear His voice we must be quiet. To let Him talk, we stop talking. Our first vocation, then, is not to priesthood, marriage, religious life, lay ecclesial ministry, diaconate, the single state. No. Our primary vocation is to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd, so well, that when He whispers to us in silence, we will hear His voice and follow His call. Then, we'll have all the vocations we need.

### **Safe Environment Training**

All volunteers who have ongoing contact with minors, even one unsupervised contact with minors, and all who participate in an overnight event, **must** attend Safe Environment Training prior to volunteering for the first and **every three years thereafter**. Safe Environment training will be held at St. Benilde on **May 2, at 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria**.

### **Summer Cabbage Ball**

Registration is open for the St. Benilde Men's Club Summer Cabbage Ball Program. It is open to boys and girls currently in grades pre-K4 to 12th. Games will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights, from May 24 to June 30. The registration fee includes insurance, free icees after each game, and a team shirt. The cost between April 16 and April 29 - \$30/per child; and after April 29 - \$30/per child. Forms may be found in the the School and Parish Offices and on the parish website. Sponsorships are also available. **Forms must be submitted no later than May 9**. For more information, please email Phil Borne at [pjborne@christovich.com](mailto:pjborne@christovich.com) or call 504-228-7573.