

NolaCatholic e-Bulletin



ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEW ORLEANS

March 29, 2017

SECTION I

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Official Appointment

In Order to provide pastoral care for the people of God in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Archbishop Aymond has made the following appointment:

Rev. Daniel Green as Director of Black Catholic Ministries, while remaining Parochial Vicar of Blessed Trinity Parish, effective April 1, 2017.

Announcements

- Confessions will be available in all parishes on Wednesday, March 29, and April 5, 2017, from 5:00 PM-6:30 PM.
- Thanks to St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College for planning and hosting Abbey Youth Fest this past Saturday. Although the inclement weather was disruptive and challenging during the day, the seminarians and staff worked hard to provide a faith-building experience for those young people, youth ministers, and parents who stayed through the evening conclusion.
- Thank you to Dr. Michael Whitehouse and committee members David Dawson, Timmy McCaffery, Brian Butler, Debbie Shinskie, Sr. Mary Ellen Wheelahan, Brigitte Burke and Craig Taffaro who planned and presented workshops on Monday night and Tuesday morning this week to help clergy, catechetical leaders, and Catholic school administrators address the concerning issue of pornography in our culture and communities. Thank you to the over 600 people who responded to this invitation and attended the two sessions. There will be more information available and other presentations over the next several years.
- The Southern Regional Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be held March 31-April 2, 2017, at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel, Metairie, LA. Please visit www.ccrno.org or call 504-828-2279 for more information or to register.
- The Presbyteral Council will meet at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, at Notre Dame Seminary.
- I will attend the LCCB Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 10:00 AM in Baton Rouge.
- The Lenten Morning of Reflection for archdiocesan staff will be held Thursday, April 6, 2017, at 9:00 AM at Notre Dame Seminary; therefore our offices will be closed on April 6, 2017.
- The Chrism Mass will be Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. Clergy are invited and encouraged to attend; vesting will begin at 9:00 AM in St. Anthony's Garden directly behind the Cathedral. The Mass is open to the public and a special invitation for student delegations has been sent to all Catholic schools.

This bulletin is also available on the Archdiocesan website, www.arch-no.org, or www.nolacatholic.org

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Pope Francis 2017 Lecture Series

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Presentation on the Reformation

Vocare-Benefit for Dumb Ox Ministries

The April Respect Life focus- Fertility, Infertility, & Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Impelled by Christ's call and inspired by the Holy Spirit through the work 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 of the parishes, schools and organizations of the archdiocese in enabling them to encounter Jesus and to witness with joy.

Death

Brother Michael Langlois, OSB, died Monday morning, March 20, 2017 at 86 years of age. Brother Michael served as sacristan at St. Joseph Abbey for 54 years. His body was received during vespers in the Abbey Church on March 22, 2017 with a Mass of Christian burial on March 23, 2017.

Mark Your Calendars

- March 29, 2017 Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
- April 5, 2017 Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
- May 20, 2017 Transitional Diaconate Ordination
- June 3, 2017 Priesthood Ordination
- August 10, 2017 Institution for the Ministry of Acolyte for the 2018 Diaconate Formation Group
- Sept. 13, 2017 Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
- Sept. 19-21, 2017 Louisiana Priest Convention in New Orleans
- Nov. 6, 2017 Day of Formation for all Catholic School Administration, Faculty, and Staff**
- May 19, 2018 Transitional Diaconate Ordination
- June 2, 2018 Priesthood Ordination
- June 23, 2018 Permanent Diaconate Ordination
- May 18, 2019 Transitional Diaconate Ordination
- June 1, 2019 Priesthood Ordination

SECTION II ACTION REQUESTED

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

- ✓ Resource for Lenten Inspiration-The Archdiocese of New Orleans has produced a Lenten video reflection series titled "Return to God" in which #NOLACatholic clergy, religious and laity reflect on the Gospel readings and offer inspiration for this 40-day spiritual journey. Each week, find and share a new video reflecting on Sunday's Gospel reading here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQhXL-Iz65a8XEtdhGz-1ScgMYIc5bN0> or by liking the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans on Facebook. Plus, Archbishop Aymond will lead us into the Easter season with his own reflection for Easter Sunday kicking off an entire series of video reflections for this beautiful season of hope. For more information or to find more videos go to <http://NOLACatholic.org>.
- ✓ The Chrism Mass will be on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 10:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. Oils blessed at this celebration will be available at the Cathedral rectory (after lunch). All priests of the Archdiocese of New Orleans are cordially invited to the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. This special liturgy, in which the commitment to priesthood is renewed, will begin at 10:00 AM in St. Louis Cathedral. Priests are requested to bring their own alb and cincture. Chasubles and stoles will be provided for all concelebrants. Vesting will take place in St. Anthony's Garden directly behind the Cathedral. As has been the custom, a luncheon for the priests will follow at Muriel's on Jackson Square, 801 Chartres Street. You must RSVP no later than Friday, April 7, 2017. Please download the flyer to RSVP by clicking [here](#).
- ✓ It has come to the attention of the Archdiocesan Finance Office that several fraudulent requests for wire transfers have been received at Archdiocesan parishes/schools/agencies. These requests come in the form of an email to the finance staff at the individual location under the email address of an authorized individual. The emails state that a wire transfer is needed immediately and gives the wire transfer instructions. However, these emails are not from the pastor/principal/executive director and are instead the result of their email being compromised. In order to prevent a theft resulting from the above situation, we are recommending that all parishes, schools and agencies adopt a policy to require verbal verification from the appropriate individual making the request for all wire transfer requests before they are processed. If you have any questions on the above, please feel free to call either Kathy Hebert, COO at 861-6206 or Angela Wilcox, Senior Internal Auditor at 861-6231.

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

Prayer Intention from Pope Francis for April

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

Interfaith Prayer Service for Children

The Office of Safe Environment and the Ecumenical and Interfaith Office are hosting an Interfaith Service on April 4, at 1:30 PM, on the front lawn of the residence of Archbishop Aymond. The service is in observance of the month of April as the Prevention of Child Abuse. Join children from many different faith traditions as they gather to pray! Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Pope Francis 2017 Lecture Series

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join us for the "Pope Francis 2017 Lecture Series" which will be held Wednesday nights, April 5-26, 6:30pm - 8pm. Matt Rouso and Fr. Doug Doussan will lead you through discussions on Pope Francis' concern for the poor and for the environment, as well as his call for evangelism and mercy. The cost is \$40 for the series of four lectures. Click [here](#) for more information.

Clarion Herald Pilgrimage to Ireland and London

The Clarion Herald is sponsoring a 13-day pilgrimage to Ireland and London Sept. 4-16, 2017, with spiritual director Msgr. Andrew Taormina, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Metairie. Fly nonstop, roundtrip between New Orleans to London on British Airways. For more information, contact the Clarion Herald at (504) 596-3034; www.CatholicJourneys.com/ch2017

Holy Week Broadcast and Live Stream Schedule

Holy Week Broadcast and Live Stream Schedule WLAE-TV in partnership with the Archdiocese of New Orleans will live broadcast on WLAE-TV and live stream via <http://nolacatholic.org> the Masses and liturgies of Holy Week from St. Louis Cathedral. Please note that Daily Mass will continue to be broadcast live at 12:05 pm on weekdays. Please share this information with those who are sick and homebound or in hospitals so that they may more fully participate in the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection. The complete schedule is: Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday Mass at 11:00 am; Tuesday, April 11 – Chrism Mass at 10:00 am; Thursday, April 13 – Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 7:00 pm; Friday, April 14 – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 3:00 pm; and Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday Mass at 11:00 am.

SECTION IV

NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Presentation on the Reformation

A series of events on the occasion of the 500th year since the beginning of the Reformation is planned by the Ecumenical and Interfaith Office. Fr. Wayne Paysse, Pastor, invites you to the first event, which will be Thursday March 30, at 6:30 PM, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Slidell. The gathering includes Evening Prayer and a presentation by Rev. Dr. Joy Blaylock, a Lutheran pastor currently serving an Episcopal congregation in Mobile. Rev. Blaylock also teaches theology at Spring Hill College in Mobile. Fr. Buddy Noel, Director of the Ecumenical will facilitate questions. A reception will follow. All are welcome! Click [here](#) to download the flyer.

Vocare-Benefit for Dumb Ox Ministries

Join Dumb Ox Ministries at their ninth annual Benefit Dinner, VOCARE: A new Generation of Vocations! The event is being held Thursday, April 6, 2017, 6:30 PM-9:30 PM at The Cannery on Toulouse Street. For more information click [here](#) or call our office at 504-304-1280.

The April Respect Life focus is on Fertility/Infertility/Assisted Reproductive Technologies

Our spiritual work of mercy-Prayer for those struggling with Infertility:

Mother of Christ, you were graced by God with the privilege of bearing our Divine Savior. You experienced the joys and challenges of being a parent. Your life was blessed with seeing Jesus grow from infancy and childhood, into his adult years of teaching a ministry. With St. Joseph, you created a home for your family to love and share together. Please intercede before the God of all life, that those struggling with infertility may conceive a baby and raise healthy children, with whom they can share the Lord's good gifts. May their children honor them and You by lives of virtue and caring for others. May their home be holy and their family be blessed with health, happiness and abiding love. And for those for whom conceiving a child is not possible may their love for each other be fruitful. Help them not to become bitter when they encounter others who devalue life. May those who cannot give birth to a child see other ways in which they can give life to others. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (source: <http://www.fertilityfriends.co.uk/forum/index.php?topic=261283.0>)

Our corporal works of mercy:

Dr. Susan Caldwell & the staff of Hope Woman's Clinic treat women struggling with Infertility. They are currently in need of a wonderful resource that would like to provide to their clients: [The Infertility Companion for Catholics: Spiritual and Practical Support for Couples](#). Please consider purchasing & donating this book to Hope Woman's Clinic. It is available for order at Amazon by clicking [here](#). For questions, please contact Hope Woman's Clinic at 504-496-0214. For April please ask your pastor about including a bulletin blurb or insert about Fertility & Infertility Awareness found at: https://respectlife.arch-no.org/ckeditor_assets/attachments/120/aprilrffocusbulletininsertweb.pdf

RCIA Spring Workshop

Office of Religious Education is hosting their RCIA Spring Workshop, *Been There, Done That: A Pastor and RCIA Veteran's Perspective on Issues in the RCIA* on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish Center in Mandeville. All are welcome to hear Rev. Emile G. "Buddy" Noel share his insights and experiences with the RCIA as a pastor and prior to that a lay minister. Click on this link: <http://bit.ly/ArchNORCIASW17> for more information and registration. The workshop is \$10.00 payable at the door. Don't miss out on this exciting formation opportunity!

For any inquiries on the NolaCatholic e-Bulletin, please contact Pastoral Planning and Ministries at planningandministries@archdiocese-no.org.