

NolaCatholic e-Bulletin

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ARCHDIOCESE OF
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March 28, 2018

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SECTION I A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Official Appointment

Fr. Peter Finney, who has been appointed Pastor of St. Rita Parish, New Orleans, has also been appointed to the faculty of Notre Dame Seminary. In that capacity he will continue to coordinate the pastoral collaboration between Notre Dame Seminary and St. Rita Parish.

Announcements

- The Chrism Mass was truly a celebration of faith for our local Church. Thanks to Fr. Philip Landry and his staff, as well as Msgr. Ken Hedrick, Betty-Ann Hickey, and those who served as masters of ceremonies, for the Chrism Mass. It was a special occasion as our priests renewed their promises and the oils for use in the sacraments were blessed. Over 220 priests and over 875 students from our schools attended.
- There will be a washing of feet on Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018, at the Orleans Parish Justice Center (Jail) at 1:30 PM and the Youth Study Juvenile Detention Center in Gentilly at 3:30 PM.
- We will pray the Stations of the Cross at the Plaquemines Parish Jail on Good Friday, March 30, 2018, at 6:30 PM.
- In observance of the Sacred Triduum and the celebration of Easter, Archdiocesan Offices will close at noon on Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 2, 2018. Archdiocesan Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.
- The Daughters of St. Paul will celebrate their congregation's 50th year in the Archdiocese of New Orleans at St. Clement of Rome on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 6:30 PM.
- We will celebrate the annual Catholic Scouting Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at the Cathedral where we will recognize scouts who have earned Catholic patches and medals over the past year.
- The Altar Server Award Mass and supper will be held Monday, April 9, 2018, at 5:30 PM at St. Rita in New Orleans.
- I will be in Rome April 11-14, 2018, for the Papal Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting.

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.

- The Ministerial Council will meet on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at 9:00 AM at Notre Dame Seminary.
- The Tricentennial Interfaith Prayer Service will be hosted by St. Louis Cathedral on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Community and faith leaders will celebrate the rich history and diversity of New Orleans by bringing together peoples of different religious traditions. The service will celebrate the Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Baha’l, and Native American faith traditions. Please click [here](#) for a flyer.
- The Archdiocese of New Orleans Convocation of Priests is scheduled for September 18-20, 2018.

Deaths

Fr. Wilbur Atwood, SSJ, a Josephite priest, died Monday, March 19, 2018. He was to celebrate his sixtieth year in the priesthood on June 15th, 2018. His funeral was March 26, 2018, at Corpus Christi Church with interment at St. Louis III cemetery in the Josephite Crypt. Please keep Fr. Atwood, his family and all who mourn his death in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendars

March 7, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 14, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
March 21, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
May 19, 2018	Transitional Diaconate Ordination
June 2, 2018	Priesthood Ordination
June 23, 2018	Permanent Diaconate Ordination
Sept. 12, 2018	Confession available in all parishes, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Sept. 18-20, 2018	Priest Convocation for the Archdiocese of New Orleans
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

- ✓ Each year on Good Shepherd Sunday (April 21-22, 2018), the Archdiocese of New Orleans designates a special second collection to help support the medical and retirement expenses of our diocesan priests. Archbishop Aymond has asked that his attached letter regarding this collection be shared with all parishioners in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on the weekend of April 7-8, 2018. Parishes in need of envelopes for this collection are asked to please contact Alison Guerra in the Department of Clergy Office at aguerra@arch-no.org, or by phone at 504-861-6269. For the archbishop's letter, please click [here](#) for English or [here](#) for Spanish.

- ✓ Morning of Reflection for Lay Liturgical Ministers

The Office of Worship invites Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Hospitality Ministers, and Music ministers and choir members to attend a Morning of Reflection for Lay Liturgical Ministers. This day will feature Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, a keynote address by Bishop Fernand Cheri, breakout sessions, and time for private prayer. Pastors are asked to please encourage their liturgical ministers to attend.

The Morning of Reflection will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 9 am – noon at St. Rita Church, 7100 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan. Participants may register by contacting the Office of Worship by phone: 504-861-6300, email: worship@arch-no.org or online: <https://nolacatholic.org/morning-of-reflection-for-lay-liturgical-ministers>. A flyer is available [here](#).

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

Respect Life April Focus-Fertility/Infertility

Spiritual work of mercy-This month we pray for those struggling with Infertility. You may download the prayer [here](#).

Corporal works of mercy-Talk to your pastor about including the following in your bulletin during the month of April:

- 1) "1 in 8 couples in the US struggle with Infertility, often in silence. If this is you, know that you are not alone! We are exploring the possibility of forming an infertility support group in the archdiocese. If you are interested, please email the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org."
- 2) Talk to your pastor about including a pamphlet on Infertility where materials are available for parishioners. The Respect Life Office has the USCCB Respect Life Program's pamphlet available to you (limited quantities-email respectlife@arch-no.org to receive it) or it can be purchased in bulk or printed directly from the USCCB website. To print click [here](#) and to order click [here](#).

Archdiocesan Mass for Vocations

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 11:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond will preside. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and people of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to attend. Seminarians, women and men in formation for consecrated life, and diaconate candidates will join together in thanking God for their vocation. Everyone present will be invited to pray for those who serve the Archdiocese of New Orleans as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. For more information, contact the Vocation Office 504-861-6298.

Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center Opportunities

Come Join Us for a Day of Prayer!

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join our Day of Prayer entitled "Living Joy in the Arms of Jesus" April 17, 2018, presented by Agnes Bitature and Yvette Fouchi. In this retreat, Agnes and Yvette encourage us to live in the joy every day in good times as well as in challenging times as we rest in Jesus' arms. For more information see the attached [flyer](#).

Please join Rev. Jim Sichko on Retreat!

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center invites you to join our retreat entitled "be Kind, Be Merciful, Be You, Be Christ!" April 27-29, 2018, presented by Rev. Jim Sichko. In this retreat, our dynamic speaker shares his life experiences to share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. For more information see the attached [flyer](#).

SECTION IV NEWS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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

Respect Life Gatherings

On Monday, April 9, 2018, the Archdiocesan Human Trafficking Committee is hosting a Human Trafficking Training for all who work in ministries that serve any vulnerable populations. FBI Special Agent Lenny Carollo will present “Basic Human Trafficking, Red Flags, & Reporting” at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria at St. Edward the Confessor, 4921 W Metairie Ave, Metairie. The training is free and registration is not required. For more information please contact the Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org.

On Thursday, April 12, 2018, the April Respect Life Gathering (Fertility & Life Issues) will be held at Our Lady of the Lake, 312 Lafitte St in Mandeville at 6:00 PM with Tracy Bannon, FertilityCare Practitioner presenting. Come join us, pray together, learn more about the issue, and network! Light refreshments will be served.

Theology of the Body for Teens Training will be held April 25, 26, and 27, 2018, at St. Dominic Catholic Church. This 1.5 day (middle school) or 2.5 day (high school) training is perfect for parents, teachers, youth leaders, priests, deacons, anyone who works with pre-teens and teens. For registration details click [here](#).

St. Raymond and St. Leo The Great Catholic Church Tent Revival

St. Raymond and St. Leo The Great extends an invitation to our New Orleans community to attend our 7th Annual Old-Fashioned Tent Revival (It’s A Love Thing). Under the leadership of our Pastor, Father Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ, we will host a 4-day outdoor celebration April 8-11, 2018, at Lemann Playground, 537 North Claiborne Ave. at 6:00 PM. For more information please contact Yvonne Smith @985-290-2688/smithyvonne210@gmail.com or click [here](#) to download a complete press release and flyer.

Jubilee of the Word Marathon

The Diocese of Lafayette is celebrating its centennial this year. As part of the celebration, a public reading of the Holy Bible, cover-to-cover and non-stop, in the Town Square of St. Martinville, the site of the oldest canonical parish, St. Martin de Tours (1765). The Jubilee of the Word - 100 Hours for 100 Years will take place during Easter Week, beginning at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, and conclude on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018, at 4:30 PM. An invitation has been extended to the those in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to attend during the reading of the Holy Bible in the Town Square. You may download a flyer and more detailed information [here](#).

Give Love Xavier Day

The 6th annual Give Love Xavier Day will take place on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, from 12:00 AM-11:59 PM. Your support of this one day, on-line fundraising event, will be dedicated to the annual campaign and will help with the continuing education of students. This year’s goal is 3,500 donors. Please click [here](#) for more information and to make a pledge.

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Catholic Religious Books Available

Barbara Gaienne, widow of the late Deacon Buzzy Gaiennie, is offering a large collection of Catholic religious books to any parish that may want them for a parish or school library. If interested, please contact her at 504-239-7832. The books would need to be picked up at a location in Uptown New Orleans.

Employment Opportunities

The Archdiocese of New Orleans **Office of Worship** is seeking a full time **Administrative Assistant** to provide clerical and administrative support and assist with all liturgical celebrations, events and programs. Must be available to work some nights and weekends.

Essential Functions, Qualifications and Skills include:

3-5 years' experience providing administrative/clerical support, parish experience preferred
Knowledge and understanding of Catholic teachings, practices and organizational structures.
Strong communication and organizational skills.

Provide general and clerical administrative support, including maintaining calendar of events, assisting in scheduling of events, and processing of liturgy plans.

Create and maintain correspondence, PowerPoint presentations, spreadsheets, data base projects, promotional material, website, and worship aids.

Collaborate with the administrative assistants to the Archbishop, auxiliary bishop, and archbishop emeritus in the preparation of episcopal liturgies as well as with other archdiocesan offices.

Please see the full job description here: <http://www.nolacatholic.org/employment>

To apply: Please send in your resume, cover letter, and 3 references via email to worship@arch-no.org using the subject line "Administrative Assistant—*Your Name*," no later than April 13th, 2018.

Beginning Experience Retreat: April 6-8, 2018

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce, or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. This program is intended for those suffering the loss of a love relationship through death, divorce or separation who are ready to come to terms with that loss and begin to move forward with their lives. The structure of this weekend program helps grieving persons focus on their experience and emerge from the darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity, through God, for turning the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth.

Please contact: Toni at (985) 789-8666 or Rose at (504) 455-8920. Contact Rosaryville at 225-294-5039, email at scallais@opeace.org or go to www.catholicretreatcenter.org

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