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My dear parishioners:

Faithful Steward Awards: Last Sunday the Diocese of Beaumont hosted the 2016-2018 Faithful Steward Awards event. It was a nice gathering of faith-filled Catholics from most parishes of the diocese. Last year's event was cancelled due to the devastation due to Hurricane Harvey. This year's event had special significance because it honored a number of Catholics from our diocese who heroically gave of their time and energy last year to help repair homes and rebuilt lives damaged by the floodwaters. It made us all present proud to be Catholic.

I was also very proud to be pastor of Our Lady of the Pines Church as we, too, were recognized at the award ceremony. Many of you recommended individual parishioners from our parish to receive the *Monsignor Richard De Stefano Faithful Steward Award* due to their continual and varied contributions to the life and ministry of the parish, and of the community. It was with great joy that six of our parishioners received award recognition. They are: Madeline Arnett, Don Moore, Cecil Shriver, Lynn Stacy, Patsy Sturlese and Joe Ventrello. These six as very deserving of this diocesan recognition as they serve the parish and community in many ways. I am deeply indebted to each of them for the service they provide to the parish, and I know our parish and I as pastor benefit greatly from their dedicated service. Congratulations to each of them!

In addition to individuals from our parish being honored, we as a parish community were honored by being one of six parishes in the Diocese named *Bishop Curtis J. Guillory Stewardship Award Nominees*. Nomination for this award recognizes parishes that make significant advances in furthering the mission of Christ to the parishioners by starting new programs, increasing attendance at Mass and participation in formational and service activities, etc. The award was given to St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral Basilica. It was well deserved as the Cathedral parish was a focal point of pastoral outreach for months after Hurricane Harvey struck our area.

In Bishop Guillory's letter to me on OLOP Church being a stewardship award nominee, he wrote the following: "Please be sure to convey my deep appreciation to your entire parish not only for their work this year but for their continued unwavering commitment (to stewardship). And please offer my special thanks to Billie Matthews for co-chairing again this year's Awards Celebration. I echo the words of St. Paul to the Philippians, 'I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.'" As Bishop Guillory echoes the words of St. Paul, I echo the words of Bishop Guillory and thank each one of you for being so dedicated to your Catholic faith and your parish.

Parish Garage Sale: Our OLOP 8th Annual Garage Sale will be Friday/Saturday, August 3-4. This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and the proceeds from the Garage Sale are very much needed to meet the financial obligations of the parish. Please begin now to sort the items you wish to donate to the

**July 21 - July 29, 2018
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

Saturday, July 21 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21
Mass intention for Sue Overstreet

Sunday, July 22 9:00am—Mass
 Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

Monday, July 23 4:30pm—Mass
 Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 24 No Mass
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 25 4:30pm—Mass
 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Thursday, July 26 8:30am—Mass
 Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 27 9:30am—Communion Service
 Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday, July 28 4:30pm—Mass
 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
 Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Mt 13:24-30
Mass intention for Marcella Rupert

Sunday, July 29 9:00am—Mass
 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/
 Jn 6:1-15
Mass intention for the People of the Parish

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

garage sale and plan to bring them to the Family Center Monday, July 30 through Thursday, August 2, 8:00-12:00 noon. Then please plan on coming to the Garage Sale on Friday/Saturday, August 3 and 4, to find some new treasures to bring home while financially supporting the parish. Your participation in the Garage Sale is essential for it to be a success. Thanks so much.

Helping Hands: Again this year our parish is very happy to participate in the Tyler County Child Welfare Board *Helping Hands* project to support school age children of the county. This drive collects new underwear, socks, t-shirts and camis, as well as gift cards, so that our area children will have appropriate clothes to wear to school. Please consider starting to buy these new articles of clothing. Soon a box will be in the vestibule of the church for collection. Additional information will be in bulletins the next couple weeks. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. Frank H. Rossi
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Sun. July 22 <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. July 23 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. July 24 6:30pm—ACTS <i>Team meeting</i>	Wed. July 25 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. July 26 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy <i>Chaplet</i>	Fri. July 27 9:30am— Communion Service	Sat. July 28 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass
Sun. July 29 <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 9:00am—Mass <i>Adult Faith Formation following Mass</i>	Mon. July 30 4:30pm—Mass	Tues. July 31 8:00-12:00 6:30pm—ACTS <i>Team meeting</i>	Wed. Aug 1 Garage Sale drop-off 4:00pm—Rosary 4:30pm—Mass 5:00pm—Choir	Thurs. Aug 2 8:30am—Mass 9:00am—Divine Mercy <i>Chaplet</i>	Fri. Aug 3 9:30am— Communion Service	Sat. Aug 4 8:00am—Garage Sale 3:45-4:15pm—Confessions 4:30pm—Vigil Mass 6:30pm—Spanish Mass

**Annual OLOP Garage Sale
 August 3 & 4, 2018
 Starting at 8:00 am**

Get your unused things ready.
 Clean out your closets and cabinets.
 Go through your storage buildings.



Items that sell:
*furniture, clothes,
 dishes, what-nots,
 household items,
 etc.*



Items that are NOT needed: *coats,
 commodes, computers, old TV's.*

Drop-off for items will be July 30-Aug. 2

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Nelda Leathem, Maureen Peltier, Rosemary Urban, Ed Sanderson, Bobbie Broussard, Trish Cossette, Henson Crenshaw, Edgar Whatley, Mariah Converse; Annie Jacobs, Evelyn Schima, Forest Maxwell, Sr., Laura Moore, Leticia Rodriguez, Michelle Duncan

Repose of the soul: Joyce Davis

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. You may list names in the Prayer book in the vestibule of the Church and your intention will be offered at daily Mass.

Weekly Stewardship

July 14 & 15 Weekly Offering \$ 2,959.00
 Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00
 Excess/Deficit \$ -193.00

Thank you for your generosity.

A seminar, sponsored by the Diocese of Beaumont Catholic Charismatic Renewal, will be held 8:00 am - 12:00 noon on Saturday August 11, 2018 at St. Anne's Catholic Church Hall on Calder in Beaumont.

Msgr. William Manger will be presenter on Pope Francis' Exhortation, "Rejoice and be Glad! The call to holiness."

There will be breakout sessions, refreshments, fellowship and individual sharing. All are invited. There is no charge, but registration is required by July 27, 2018. Please call 409-724-7379.

ANNOUNCING! ACTS Day of Recollection

Saturday, August 25, 2018

SAVE THE DATE

If you've attended an ACTS retreat and have been looking for an opportunity to reunite with your ACTS brothers and sisters here at our church, save the date and plan to attend this ACTS Day of Recollection.

Pick up a registration form at the back of the church.

Upcoming Events

July 24: ACTS Planning Team Meeting
 July 30-Aug 2: Donation drop off for Parish Garage Sale
 August 3-4: Annual Parish Garage Sale
 August 4: Local Youth World Day, Beaumont, TX
 August 11: Seminar, "Rejoice and be Glad! The call to Holiness", St. Anne's, Beaumont, TX
 August 19: Family Day/Pot Luck
 August 22: CCE classes begin
 August 24: Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Orange, TX
 August 25: ACTS Day of Recollection