

The Pastor's Corner

This week our children are returning to school at Opelousas Catholic, in homes where are children are home-schooled, and in the several public schools in our city. For most parents, it is a relief to return to a more steady rhythm of life and a more structured day. Very few of the students I spoke to after mass last weekend were looking forward to having to get up early and get to school this week! Here at St. Landry, we welcome back in a special way the students at Opelousas Catholic since we share the campus and church grounds during the school year. The presence of the students definitely gives life and activity to our parish grounds and we welcome the sights and sounds of our young people learning, playing and praying together in such a wonderful environment. We thank God for the safe return of all our young people from summer vacation, and we pray that they will all have a safe and fruitful school year!

Fr. James Brady

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

Children, don't forget to get your bulletins from Fr. Brady after Mass.

Pope Benedict's Intentions for August

GENERAL: That the World Youth Day taking place in Madrid may encourage all the young people of the world to root and find their lives in Christ
MISSION: That Christians of the West, docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, may re-encounter the freshness and enthusiasm of their faith.

Marriage Enrichment

"Our Time Together: A Revitalizing Couples Night, is the theme for our couples date night for those married 10 years or less. This 3-evening series will provide you just that: a time together; a time to rest and time to revitalize. There will be candlelight, tablecloths, dinner and a guest speaker who knows how to help couples snatch closeness when it seems near impossible.

Couples date night will be held on September 2, 2011; October 7, 2011 and November 4, 2011.

For more information or to register contact the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 337-261-5653 or visit the website at www.diola.org.

Marriage Anniversary Mass

A diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 11 at St. Mary Church in Lafayette. The Mass is intended to honor those who are celebrating 25 or 40 years of marriage and a reception will follow.

Registration will close on Friday, August 26. For more information, please phone 337-261-5653.

ENGAGED COUPLES

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend** in preparation for your marriage. November 4-6, 2011 is the last two sessions for 2011. For 2012 dates and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayetteccc.org OR call Jimmy & Tammy Bergeron at 337-706-8880.

Great Speaking Event at St. Pius

Dr. Monica Breaux will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, August 24 at St. Pius Church in Lafayette. She will give 2 talks, the first beginning at 6:00pm and the second beginning at 7pm.

The title of the first talk is "The Basic of Catholic Ethics"---How does it apply to us today? The second talk is entitled "Importance of Becoming Cyber (computer) Savvy" – How to protect your teens, students, children and grandchildren.

These talks are adult talks but babysitting will be provided in the life center.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

August 21, 2011

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Reading I Isaiah 22:19-23

God places the key of David's house.
On the shoulders of Eliakim

Psalms 138 "Lord, your love is eternal;

Do not forsake the work of your hands."

Reading II Romans 11:33-36

To God be glory forever.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Peter is promised the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.

Today, Jesus poses a question to his disciples. That same question is posed to us: "Who do you say that I am?" Each week we are fed at the table of the word of God. Each week we grow closer to the Lord Jesus, made present in that word. Let us be especially attentive today and acknowledge, with Saint Peter, that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God."

LIFE AWARENESS WEEKEND

Thinking about life as a priest or brother? Come to a Life Awareness Weekend to discern if you are being called to a religious vocation. It is open to single Catholics from ages 17-45. It will be held at St. Charles Center in Moss Bluff, LA, on Sept. 16-18. The fee is \$25.00, but there are scholarship funds available for those who cannot pay. Call 337-261-5690 for more information.

Woman-to-Woman Catholic Conference

As the host of EWTN's *Women of Grace*, Johnnette Benkovic is a leading authority on contemporary issues from Catholic perspective. Through a series of three talks, Benkovic will bring women to an understanding of the unique and important role they play in their family, faith, and society. With compassion and guidance, Mrs. Benkovic helps women recognize that they are the moral leaders of society.

The conference will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at the Cajundome Convention Center from 8:00am –4:00pm. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and include lunch. Deadline to purchase tickets is October 8. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** Women of **ALL FAITHS** are welcome to attend.

For more information or to register, please visit www.catholicwomen-sconference.org or call Michelle Roberts at 337-356-6971.

Volunteers

The office staff is compiling a list of volunteers to answer the phones and take messages on Friday morning. Generally it will be for the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, from 8:15am to 12:00noon.

If you are interested, please call 942-6552 to submit your name. Thanks.

September Regional Workshop

Introducing the New English Translation of the Mass coming in Advent 2011

Presented by Msgr. Keith J. DeRouen
Director of the Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

All workshops on Saturday mornings
9:30am – 11:30am

(One evening workshop on September 29th)

Sept. 10 Our Lady Queen of Angels, Opelousas, La.

Sept 17 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Iberia, La.

Sept. 24 Assumption of Blessed Virgin, Mire, La.

Sept. 29 Our Lady of Fatima, Lafayette, La, 6:30pm

Oct. 1 Our Lady of Fatima, Lafayette, La. 9:30am

Please register in advance through your local church parish.

More info call Darlene Savoy at 337-261-5505.

Individually Directed Retreats

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau is pleased to offer individually directed retreats on August 22-31; September 6-15; September 19-28; October 3-12; October 17-26; October 27-November 2.

For a registration form call 337-662-5251 from 8am–noon and 1pm until 5pm

MASS INTENTIONS AND CELEBRANT



Saturday, Aug 20 8:00 am Father Brady
Otis Lomenick III

4:00 pm Father Brady
James E. Martin; Cora Baillio (DA); Walfred LeBlanc Sr. and Wally; M/M Jerry Lavergne (WA); Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Lois Harmon; Marcel LeBlanc; Hal Guillory; Paul Ronald Hidalgo

Sunday, Aug 21 8:00 am Father Brady
Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St.Amand; Maryina T. Courvelle; Brian J. Dendy (Deployment); Ruby F. Pitre; Arthur Fontenot and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc; Joey Prather

10:00 am Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Daniel and Louise Lagrange; Frank Miller; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Claude & Anna Soileau and Betty Valin; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull; Irl White

5:00 p.m. Msgr. Melancon
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Harold Savoy

Monday, Aug 22 12:05 pm Father Brady
Inez P. Edwards

Tuesday, Aug 23 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Ollie & Buddy Bordelon

Wednesday, Aug 24 12:05 pm Father Brady
Dotsy Edwards

Thursday, Aug 25 12:05 pm Msgr. Melancon
Lee, Vivian, & Kristie (BD) Artigue

Friday, Aug 26 12:05 pm Father Brady
Perrault & Edwards Family

Saturday, Aug 27 8:00 am Father Brady
Paul Hidalgo

4:00 pm Msgr. Melancon
James E. Martin; Joseph & Ruby Lalonde; Velma and Gail Boss; Jeanette Lalonde; Ray Thibodeaux; Marcel LeBlanc; Cleo and Thelma Aucoin; Hal Guillory; Paul Ronald Hidalgo

Sunday, Aug 28 8:00 am Msgr. Melancon
Carol Pitre and M/M E. J. Leonard; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Eddie DeKerlegand and Olivier & DeKerlegand families; Brian J. Dendy (Deployment); Maryina T. Courvelle; Ruby Pitre; Arthur Fontenot and Eva F. Johnson; Marcel LeBlanc; Joey Prather

10:00 am Father Brady
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Frank Miller; M/M Lee Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Brock Manuel; Marie Grace Soileau; Elliott Schimpf; M/M Ezra Martin and Denise Hull

5:00 p.m. Fr. Brady
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Perrault-Edwards Family

****Celebrants subject to change**

Confessions, Saturdays 2:30-3:30 p.m.
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Your Stewardship To God

Regular Collection	\$6,025.75
Maintenance/Repair.....	\$165.00
Feast of the Assumption.....	\$296.00
Needy	\$63.00
TOTAL	\$6,549.75

Every Gift Comes From Above.

Thank you for your generosity!

SpecialCollection Today
Second Offertory Collection
Week of August 28
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 22	5:30pm	Choir Practice for 5:00pm Mass
	6:15pm	Rosary at Fr. LaFleur Monument
Friday, August 26	8:40am	Elementary School Mass
Saturday, August 27	8:00am	Mass In Valentin Hall

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

St. Landry Catholic Church is offering free adult religious education classes with scripture and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Classes will begin at 6:30pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. The classes are to be held in Valentin Hall, located behind the church.

Anyone interested in learning about the Church or are interested in becoming a Catholic is welcome.

For more information call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911.

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond, Janet Andrus, Clifford and Jane Ardoin, John Aucoin, Gervis "BB" Babin, Anna Lee Beadle, Steve Biennu, Nita Bordelon, Gerard Boudreaux, Wilbur Briley, Chris Brewster, Leanna Briley, Dr. Dan Buller, Holly Burleigh, Brandon Castille, Nelson "Shorty" Castille, Raylyn Chapman, John Clary, Caroline Grace Comeaux, Shelton Daigle, Lou D'Avy, Robert Danaher, Glenn Derington, Sal Diesi, Harley Doucet, Olivia Doucet, Sophie Doucet, Lane W. Dugas, Helen Duplichain, Vickie Duplechain, Kacey Dupre, Shirley Emonet, Tristen Estes, Linda and Terry Fontenot, George Gremillion, Craig S. Guillory, Ted Guillory Jr., Frances Hargoder, J.B. Hargroder, Margie Hebert, Agnes Kidder, Janet Castille Lanolos, Garrett Lanolos, Vanessa Landry, Norma Jean Leger, Dale Martin, Michael E. McKinney, Babs Meriwether Michael, Brandy Monde, Julie Mouton, Lonnie and Cindy Ortego, Gil Ortego, Joyce Ortego, Yvonne F. Pellerin, Helen Richard, Leroy Richard, Joseph James Robin, Jimmy Roy, Lauren Sebastian, Novella Sebastian, Patrick Steward Jr., Tommy Strange, James Touchet, Paul Vidrine, Lou Vidrine, Annette Voorhies, Brandy Willingham, Warren Wyble, Mike Young

It is Diocesan policy that to put someone on the Prayer List, you must first have his or her permission.

Pray for our Troops

Jonathan David Ardoin, Christopher Briley, Brandi Darbonne, Jacob DeKerlegand, Brian James Dendy, Dakin Doyle, Clint Duhon, , Eric Hart, A.J. Korn, Garrett Ryan Lanolos, Andre Ledoux, Benjamin Pitre, Danny Pitre, Joshua Thomasee, Julian Wiltz.

Please call the office (942-6552) to add names.

All Powerful God, we pray for your continued guidance and blessings on all who serve our country in the military.

Religious Ramblers

Two great Religious Rambler trips to close out the year. I hope you'll give strong consideration to join us! Invite others to share the Religious Ramblers experience!!

October 7th-9th—First Friday Mass in Baton Rouge; Oktober Fest in Cullman and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Ala. December 2nd-4th-Dickens on the Strand Festival in Galveston. Bonnie Wyble 942-6940.

Upcoming Retreats:

Individually directed retreats:
September 6-15; September 19-28
For an application form to register call 337-662-5251, Monday-Friday 8am-noon & 1pm-5pm.

Married Couples

September 9-11 and October 28-30
Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House.
For more information call (337) 662-5410
or visit our website www.ourladyoftheoaks.com

OC Corner

There will be an "Open House: for parents of students in grades K-5 on Wednesday from 5:15 to 6:00pm with the first PTO meeting of the year starting at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. Please attend! Remember to support the football team on Thursday night for the Kiwanis Jamboree....go Vikings!!

The OC varsity cheerleaders will host their annual "Cheer Camp" on Saturday, August 27th. Call Jill Artall, cheerleader sponsor, at 942-5404 for more information.

Married Couples Retreat & Cruise

Join Fr. Neil McNeil & Fr. Jude Halphen on October 22-27 for a 5 day cruise and retreat on Carnival "The Ecstasy" out of New Orleans. The theme will be "How to Navigate the Waters of Married Life and to make the Most of the Vocation God has given you."
Call 337-477-0835 to sign up (Globetrek Travel).

13th Annual Rosary Congress

St. John Berchman's Catholic Church will begin their 13th Annual Rosary Congress after the 8am Mass on Monday, October 3rd. The Rosary and silent meditations will begin at 9am and continue every hour for 24 hours a day until 7:30am on Friday, October 7th. The closing Mass will be on Friday, October 7th at 8am., followed by a breakfast reception.

We especially encourage youth groups, confirmation students, and religion classes to consider spending time with God during our Youth hour at 5pm every day. For those interested in the French Rosary, it is recited every evening at 6pm.

For additional information contact David or Debra Menard at 337-407-1741.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CHURCH.....Homebound Parishioners
CHAPEL...For those going through the Grieving process.

ALTAR SOCIETY
Group I..... Lois Joubert, Week of August 27, 2011
Group II..... Pap Roy, Week of September 3, 2011