

The Pastor's Corner

Next weekend, we will have our annual Ministry Fair. As we discussed last week in my annual report to you on the state of our parish, there are many ways to serve our parish and our larger community through different programs and ministries within our church. The fair is an opportunity for all of us to learn about the various ministries of our church parish and hopefully be able to serve the church and our community through these ministries. The Ministry Fair will take place in the back of the church after each of our Sunday Masses. If you are able, please take time to stop by and visit.

On another note, a couple of housekeeping items. First, over the next few months, Fr. Jerry Mesley will be helping out both here at St. Landry and at St. Peter's in Grand Prairie. Many of you already know Fr. Mesley, as he has come to Opelousas for many years to help out during the winter months. We very much appreciate his help and welcome him back to Opelousas for his yearly visit. Second, I will be out of town this week making my mandatory yearly retreat. All priests are required to make a retreat yearly as a part of their priestly discipline. I will be leaving Monday after the midday Mass and will return Friday afternoon. Please know that you will be in my prayers, and I hope I will be in yours.
God Bless!

Fr. James Brady

Pope Benedict's Intentions for September

General: That politicians may always act with honesty, integrity, and love for the truth.

Mission: That Christian communities may have a growing willingness to send missionaries, priest, and lay people, along with concrete resources, to the poorest Churches.

REMINDER FOR CHILDREN

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

CEMETERY TOURS 2012

"Louisiana 200 Years" is the theme of the St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery Tours held in Opelousas, La. The dates of the tours are October 13, 14, 20 & 21 with Saturday tours at 6, 7 & 8pm and the Sunday tours at 2 & 3pm.

Travel back in time to a place where the voices from our past will give you a reflection of times gone by. The 90 minute tour of St. Landry Catholic Church Cemetery gives one a perspective of how our past has shaped our present and reflects into the future generations of community.

The St. Landry Catholic Church Parish and Opelousas Little Theatre are pleased to bring this reenactment for your enjoyment of the Louisiana Bi-Centennial celebration.

Tours are \$10per person; will be limited to groups of 20 (walking shoes); conducted hourly; are not handicapped accessible and young children under 10 years of age not suitable (safety).

For more information call Yvonne Normand at 308-3474.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC DOCTORS

Catholic doctors and their families are invited to attend a White Mass celebrating the role of Catholic physicians in healthcare on Wednesday, Oct. 17th at 6:30pm in the chapel at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center and a reception after Mass at Lourdes Hospital. Traditionally the White Mass is associated with the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist who is identified as the patron saint of doctors. Bishop Michael Jarrell will celebrate the Mass. We will honor two great Catholic doctors who have recently died, Dr. Zerbin Bienvenu and Dr. Bill Smith.

Please RSVP to 337-261-5433.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Thursday, 4 October 2012**

Human Life is Sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end.

Prayer Vigil led by Deacon Jerome Collins will be held in Baton Rouge proclaiming the Sanctity of Human Life.

We will meet at 9:00am at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and travel to the Delta Clinic. Anyone interested in more information should contact Carmella Richard @ 942-4129 or Sylvia Collins @ 948-4595.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

September 30, 2012

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Reading I Numbers 11:25-29
Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!

Psalms 19 "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."

Reading II James 5: 1-6
Your wealth has rotted away

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.

As we continue this series of Sunday Gospels in which Jesus teaches about discipleship, the disciples misunderstand what Jesus expects of them. In the Old Testament reading, Moses, far from objecting, rejoices that God's Spirit has been bestowed outside his inner circle. Jesus too teaches us to rejoice whenever and wherever we find goodness, healing, compassion. Rather than judging others, we should examine the quality of our own commitment. Saint James reminds us, in the strongest terms, that a crucial aspect of that commitment is social justice.

**RCIA-
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Are you considering becoming Catholic?
Are you a Catholic interested in being confirmed?
Are you a confirmed Catholic who is ready to explore your faith?
Each year men and women embark on an exploration of the Catholic Faith. Some are deciding if they are called into the Catholic Church; others have been Catholic all their lives and are now interested in discovering what this really means.

Parishioners are encouraged to invite non-Catholic friends, who may have expressed an interest in joining the Catholic Church, to register for the RCIA program.

Tuesday at 6:30pm, the adult religion class will be discussing **the Holy Spirit; Grace and what it is, and how do we receive it.**
For more information, call Deacon John W. Miller at 337-942-2911.

Save the Date

Coming in October (19-21), Women of the Eucharist Retreat at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinville.

Do you hunger for the Eucharist? Do you want to make your Masses more meaningful? Do you want to grow in your appreciation of this great sacrament?

If the answer to any of these questions is "YES!", then it might be the right time for you to consider making a retreat, one that focuses on the splendor and power of this great sacrament.

Members of the Community of Jesus Crucified are conducting a Eucharistic retreat for women that will challenge you, while in silence, to engage the mysteries occurring at each celebration of the Eucharist. During the retreat you will have quiet time to pray, opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, adoration of the Eucharist and free time to stroll through the beautiful Retreat Center grounds.

Because the Community wants to place no obstacles in the way of those who truly want to make a retreat, the retreats are conducted free of charge. Call 337-453-2385 to register.

BLESSING OF CEMETERIES

Saturday, Oct. 27 5:30pm Myrtle Grove Cemetery
Sunday, Oct. 28 2:00pm Bellevue Memorial
Saturday, Nov. 3 5:30pm St. Landry Cemetery

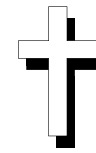
SAFE ENVIRONMENT

CONTINUED ED
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7TH • 6:30PM IN VALENTIN HALL

ALTAR SOCIETY

Group III Becky Reed Week of October 06, 2012
Group IV Sarah Wagley Week of October 13, 2012

**MASS
INTENTIONS**



Saturday, Sept. 29 8:00 am
4:00 pm
Althea Davis (DA); Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; Hal Guillory; Clara P. Elder; Rosalie and Frank Pepitone
Sunday, Sept. 30 8:00 am
Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; John & Dona Clary and Brian Dendy (Deployed)
10:00 am
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Sal Diesi Sr.; Joyce Ortego; LaFond-Kaufman family; Bessie Durio; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emmitt Fontenot; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne; Jimmy Roy
5:00 p.m.
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Helen B. Richard; Theresa Mallet; Harold Savoy
Monday, Oct. 1 12:05 pm
Clara P. Elder; Jimmy Roy
Tuesday, Oct. 2 12:05 pm
Clara P. Elder; Sarah Jarrell
Wednesday, Oct. 3 12:05 pm
Youle Fontenot (BD); Clara P. Elder; Bob Batton (DA)
Thursday, Oct. 4 12:05 pm
Sarah Jarrell; Clara P. Elder
Friday, Oct. 5 12:05 pm
Clara P. Elder; Suzanne G. Williams (BD); Alyssa Guillory; Jimmy Roy
Saturday, Oct. 6 8:00 am
Sarah Jarrell
4:00 pm
Sal Diesi Sr.; Bobbie & Julie Mouton, Steve & Ronnie Ardoin and the Rider Family; Ronnie J. Vidrine; M/M Robert Going Sr.; Jeanette Lalonde; James E. Martin; Lois Harmon; Clara P. Elder; Yvonne Fontenot Pellerin and Emmitt Fontenot; Rosalie & Frank Pepitone; Cecile G. Ryder
Sunday, Oct. 7 8:00 am
M/M John FaKouri, John Jr, and Jacob; Youle & Therese Fontenot; Martin J. St. Amand; Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Clara P. Elder
10:00 am
Wilfred, Annette, Richard and Marian Smith; Sal Diesi Sr. (DA); Joyce Ortego; Nita & J. Y. Bordelon Sr.; M/M Alton Soileau and Sonny; M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull; M/M Lee Martin; Jonathan (Jon) Martin; Margaret V. Martin; Clara P. Elder; Sarah Jarrell; Linda C. Ozenne; Mercedes Going
5:00 p.m.
St. Landry Church Parishioners; Helen B. Richard; Theresa Mallet

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

**Second Offertory Collection Today
Fr. LaFleur Scholarship Fund**
**Second Offertory Collection
Week of October 7, 2012
St. Landry Church Maintenance Fund**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Your Stewardship To God
Regular Collection\$6,390.38
Maintenance & Repair\$300.00
Poor\$230.00
Opelousas Catholic Foundation.....\$5.00
Cemetery Fund.....\$1.00
TOTAL\$6,931.38

Hurricane Isaac\$1,966.86

Thank you for your generosity!

*Every Gift
Comes From
Above.*



REMINDERS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, Sept. 29 8:00am Mass Valentin Hall
4:00pm Catholic Schools of Opelousas Alumni Assoc. Mass at St. Landry Church
Monday, Oct. 1 5:15pm Rosary at Grotto
6:00pm Rosary at Monument
Tuesday, Oct. 2 6:30pm RCIA
Wednesday, Oct. 3 5:30pm Come Lord Jesus
5:30pm Cemetery Tour Rehearsal
Thursday, Oct. 4 6:00pm CDA Meeting
Friday, Oct. 5 8:40am **FIRST FRIDAY**
Saturday, Oct. 6 7:45am All School Mass
8:00am **FIRST SATURDAY**
5:00pm Benediction
Mass
Ministry Fair Begins

Prayer Intentions

Ashley Allemond; Joshua Allemond; Clifford and Jane Ardoin; John Aucoin; Gervis "BB" Babin; Dennis Bahr; Anna Lee Beadle; Roberta Bernard; Jane Bertrand, Steve & Paula Bienvenu; Sky Bihm; Gerard Boudreaux; Leanna Briley; Wilbur Briley; Vanessa Brown; Holly Burleigh; Bob Chachere; Brandon Castille; Nelson "Shorty" Castille; Raylyn Chapman; Shelton Daigle; Eugene Darbonne; Lou D'Avy; Glenn Derington; Becky Diesi; Harley Doucet; Olivia Doucet; Lane W. Dugas; Vickie Duplechain; Duane Dupre; Shirley Emonet; Tristen Estes; Bernel Fontenot; Linda & Terry Fontenot; Alphonse "Billy" Frlou; Joseph Galtier; Ruby Gautreaux; Ted Guillory Jr.; Wilma Guillory; Angela Hargroder; Benny Hargroder; Larry Hargroder; Margie Hebert; Edval Jannise; Agnes Kidder; Gerald Kidder; Patsy T. Kirkpatrick; Trina Kirkpatrick; Michael Labbe; Brittany LeBlanc; George LeBlanc and family; Olivia LeBlanc; Mike Lewallen; Dale Martin; Malcolm "Slick" Martin; Georgie Meche and Family; Mitch Mequet; Laura Miller; Romaine Miller; Brandy Monde; Julie Mouton; Miya Norse; Lonnie and Cindy Ortego; Gil Ortego; Marty Ortego; Terri Ortego; Betty Pitre; Ricky Pousson; Marilyn Quirk; Butch Richard; Joseph James Robin; Myrtle Ryder; Lauren Sebastian; Anne Kay Segura; Carrie Soileau; Corrine Soileau; Emmadine Soileau; Lou Soileau; Timmy Soileau; Scotty Speyrer; Viola Stelly; Patti Stephens; Patrick Steward Jr.; Thomas Stoute; Yola Stoute; Beverly Talbot; Collins Thibodeaux; James Touchet; LenaTrahan; Lou Vidrine; Brandy Willingham; Nicky Winder; Pat Woodson; Warren Wyble; Henry Young; Mike Young; Natalie

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; Jacob DeKerlegand; Hunter Dubuc; Brian James Dendy; Dakin Doyle; Clint Duhon; Eric Hart; A.J. Korn; Garrett Ryan Lanolos; Andre Ledoux; Danny Pitre; Trevor Reilly; Zach Reilly; Joshua Thomassee; Hunter Zerangue
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.

OC Corner

The annual Flea-Fly preview will be held at half-time during the Thursday night Vikings game, and the Fleas and Flies will have their game on Sunday, Oct. 7th.

At OC, there will be a "Blessing of the Animals" on Friday morning after 8:40am mass in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

Families should mark their calendars for this fall's "Octoberfest", a one-day festival for families, replacing the usual OC Fall Fair. The fest is set for Oct. 13th on the OC Campus, beginning with the Great Pumpkin Run (5k and 1 mile walk/run). The day will entail lots of activities including face painting, fun jumps, pony rides, food booths, a cook-off and more!

A **barbecued dinner** sale only will be held on Sunday from 10:30am to 1:00pm.

Please Pray for Our Seminarians

Of the 39 current seminarians representing the Diocese of Lafayette, the following 3 men are from the North Region:

- 1) Matthew Barzare St. Anthony of Padua, Eunice
- 2) John Miller St. Landry, Opelousas
- 3) Ben Pitre St. Landry, Opelousas

Father, in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and eager but gentle servants of the gospel. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat
A Journey to Healing for Anyone Hurting After Abortion**

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent or sibling who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.

This weekend retreat provides participants the opportunity and space to enter the grieving process; identify effects the abortion has had and release deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt that frequently accompany an abortion experience. This unique retreat process is designed specifically to help retreatants experience the gentleness, mercy and compassion of Jesus as they walk the journey from pain to forgiveness.

Participants re-connect on a spiritual level with the children who have been aborted and give them honor and dignity through many special exercises as well as in a memorial service. Those who journey through their grief allow God to transform their experience into one that brings hope, liberation and peace.

When: October 5-7, Friday 6:00pm—Sunday 3:00pm. Pre-registration is required to determine meal preparations.

For more information and/or to register, call Karol or Trista at 261-5607.

SANCTUARY LIGHT
CHURCHYoule Fontenot
CHAPEL.....A spiritual & peaceful retreat for Fr. Brady

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