



MASSES FOR THE WEEK
September 29—October 5
EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR
THE INTENTIONS OF EVERYONE
PRESENT AND FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

4:00 p.m. Martha Battistella; Brett Bradley; Marlene Morris; Leoni "Loni" O'Dwyer; Frederick Schafer; Lance Shilling

5:30 p.m. Tom Alexander; Theresa M. Barry; E. Carlton Guillot, Jr.; Jay Matranga; Raymond Pertuit; Barbara Rush

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 a.m. Members of St. Patrick's Church (Propopulo)

9:30 a.m. Bryan Blum; Roberta Wynne Bruley; Castrogiovanni-Prados Families; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; John M. Coogan; Charles Gegg; E. Carlton Guillot, Jr.; Ron Harrist; Ester Mae Hotstream; Markey-Burke-Knowles Family; Ludger M. Miller; Shaun Nesmith; Mr. & Mrs. Carol J. Ragas; John H. Schroder, Jr.; Anthony Taub; John Wall

11:00 a.m. Vincent Bresowar; Matthew Ermish; Brian Howard; Kevin Liner; Beverly Orillion; Rafael Owor; Barbara Rush; Kyle Sanders; Jimmy Ann Smestad; Volunteers of Rosary Bowl; Brian Webre; Hazel Ducote Wells

5:30 p.m. Brett Bradley; Anton Cangelosi; Corky Guillot; Stephen Andrew Losee

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Richie Boudreaux; Brett Bradley; Jake Lafond; Leoni "Loni" O'Dwyer; Anthony "Tony" Torres

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

11:30 a.m. Leoni "Loni" O'Dwyer; father Timothy Pieris; Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Tom Alexander; Brett Bradley; Jake Lafond; Stephen Andrew Losee; Anthony "Tony" Torres

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Tom Alexander; Brett Bradley; Jake Lafond; Stephen Andrew Losee; Anthony "Tony" Torres

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

11:30 p.m. Marielee Labiche Bass; Louis Giacano & Family; Barbara Rush

12:00 p.m. Brett Bradley; Mike Hammer; Jake Lafond; Anthony "Tony" Torres

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12:00 p.m. Brett Bradley; Jake Lafond; Leoni "Loni" O'Dwyer; Anthony "Tony" Torres

TRIDENTINE LATIN MASS—Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Solemn High Mass—First Sunday of the month.

Benediction—Third Sunday after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

ADORATION—EVERY SUNDAY, 3:00PM–5:00P.M.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

SUNDAY OFFERING—September 23, 2007

First Collection \$ 13,370

Second Collection* \$ 1,744

* Maintenance and Restoration

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF MARK A. TOUPS.

TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP PHILIP M. HANNAN

Sunday, September 30, 2007.

11:00a.m. Archbishop Philip M. Hannan homilist at Mass.

1:30p.m.—3:30p.m. Reception at the National World War II Museum.

The National World War II Museum will pay tribute to Archbishop Philip M. Hannan for his exceptional military service during World War II and his many years of pastoral leadership and service to New Orleans. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass and reception, which falls one day after the 42nd anniversary of the beloved leader's investiture as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. There is no charge to attend the reception and the entrance to the Museum is on Andrew Higgins Drive between Camp and Magazine Streets. Parking is available directly across the street.

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007

7:00 p.m. Confessions

7:30 p.m. Latin Tridentine Mass

8:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

9:30 p.m. Benediction

FIRST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007

CRUSADE FOR THE CONVERSION OF GREATER NEW ORLEANS—MORNING OF PRAYER

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Novena and Holy Mass All are invited.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL ROSARY CONGRESS

October 6—12, 2007

St. Dominic Church; 775 Harrison Ave. in Lakeview

Brochures are available in the vestibule.

Please plan to spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during the 17th Annual Rosary Congress. Together as a people of God, united in faith, we will lift our prayers for life, reparation and peace in our city, nation and world.

For more information: 504-861-4189 or 508-7100.

CLADDAGH'S ART FOR ART'S SAKE—OCTOBER 6, 2007

This annual rite of fall has become one of the hottest events of the year for art lovers in and around New Orleans.

Saturday, October 6, 2007

5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. Start the evening with wine and appetizers in the rectory. Please bring an appetizer or snack to share, beverages will be provided. Rectory will close at 7:30p.m.

Afterwards stroll the Arts District to view contemporary works by local, national and international artists while enjoying live outdoor music, food and drink. Everyone is welcome.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Registration for St. Patrick's RCIA program is still open for those who would like to attend the Monday classes held at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. For more information call: 525-4413.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Tom Alexander; Patricia Berrigan; Brett Bradley; Lillian Capozzi; Sarah Cashio; John Copes; Ralph DeBlanc; Raymond DeBlanc; Dunlap Family; Ann Clair Duplechin; Patricia Durel; Alfred Dyer; Mildred Flynn; Richard Hellenus; Joseph Hoppe; Reverend Stan Klores; Brenda Lawson; Alton Lewis; Glenda Liuzza; Colin McInnis; Suzanne Nogue; Lucille Ogden; Abbey Pererz; Hugh Ramsey; Tom Roach; Diane Sikes; Mary Silva; Charlene Taranto; Amber Tarnowski; Turkington Family.

SECURITY PROVIDED AT ALL EVENING SERVICES

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THERE'S MORE TO PRAYER THAN "SAYING OUR PRAYERS"

A warm, loving environment can teach us a lot about a warm, loving God. I always thought I was a bad pray-er. It wasn't that I didn't want to pray. It was just that I never thought I was any good at it. My attention wandered. My brain jumped from subject to subject. I would try to meditate, but it never lasted long. ("The Annunciation. Where was Mary? What was she wearing? What am I going to wear . . .")

I suspect I wasn't alone in this... When we're kids, we learn to "say our prayers." We dutifully recite our "Our Fathers" and "Hail Marys," but we never really learn to go deeper. Then we read about the saints and their other-worldly prayer experiences, and we figure we must just be missing the "prayer gene" required to reach such heights of contemplation. I think we're wrong.

My prayer life began to turn around when a spiritual director told me he wanted me to sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament for 15 minutes a day. "I don't care what you do—just be there." Well, if you're going to sit and stare at Someone, you might just as well talk to Him. And so I did. I told Him about my day. I asked Him questions. I wrote in a prayer journal, sorting out my thoughts and feelings. I read Scripture passages. I read Magnificat. And, of course, my mind wandered. Talking to God about my day would morph into planning my day. But at least I was planning it in the presence of Christ. And somehow, knowing that He was physically present in the Eucharist, my thoughts didn't wander as far.

At first, I didn't see a big difference in my everyday life. I still struggled with the same struggles. But over time, I noticed subtle changes. I found myself craving that time with Christ. If I was depressed or confused or struggling, I was drawn to the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Issues I didn't believe I could face alone somehow felt more manageable in His presence. Sometimes, I actually felt better when I left. And even when I didn't, I knew in my head that the Lord of all creation, who loves me madly, had the situation in His hands. I found that I experienced His presence in a particularly profound way when I would make an act of trust in Him. Just saying "I have no idea what's going to happen here, Lord, but I trust you" brought me a level of peace that, well, "surpassed all human understanding."

So why am I telling you all of this? Just to "share" about my spiritual life? No. I'm telling you because the lessons I learned about prayer as an adult are lessons that all of us—adults and children—could take to heart.

First of all, I'm a big fan of the "15 minutes in His presence—no matter what" system. We don't have to think about the sun to absorb its rays. I believe that the same thing is true of the Son. Placing ourselves physically in His presence changes us—even if we're unaware of the change. Plus, once we're there, it's easier to stay focused on Him than it is at home or driving down the highway. I know 15 minutes may not seem like a lot. But that's the beauty of it. It's long enough to have a lovely conversation, but not so long that it becomes overly difficult to fit into the day. And once you get the hang of it, you'll find there are days when

45 minutes fly by before you even notice the time.

Second, I think we need to teach children to pray this way. They obviously can't get themselves to the Blessed Sacrament chapel, but a special place in the house could serve the same purpose. A picture of Jesus, surrounded by candles (lit by grownups and high enough to be out of reach of little hands, of course) would make a lovely setting to introduce little ones to God. The kids could kneel in front of the picture to "say their prayers." But that shouldn't be the end of it.

Keep a big, comfortable chair nearby. Snuggle with your child in the chair. And then, by the candlelight, talk to Jesus together. Tell him you love Him. Prompt your child to tell Jesus he's sorry for whatever infractions he's committed that day. Pray for loved ones. Ask for help and guidance.

In that warm environment, safely wrapped in the arms of a loving parent, a child will learn volumes about a loving God, and about prayer.

*Mary Beth Bonacci
Writer and lecturer*

ON THE COMMON GOOD

... Humility is the beginning of sanity. We can't love anyone else until we can see past ourselves. And man can't even be man without God. The humility to recognize who we are as creatures, who God is as our Father, what God asks from each of us, and the reality of God's love for other human persons as well as ourselves -- this is the necessary foundation that religion brings to every discussion of free will, justice and truth, and to every conversation about "the common good." Sirach and Psalms and the Gospel of Luke and the Letter of James -- these Scriptures move the human heart not because they're beautiful writings. They're beautiful writings because they spring from what we know in our hearts to be true.

Most Reverend Charles Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Denver

COME AND SEE! A VOCATION RETREAT

October 4 - 8, 2007

The Daughters of St. Paul, Metairie, will be hosting a vocation discernment retreat for single women, ages 18-30 years old who would like to learn more about religious life.

Contact Sister Margaret Michael: 504-887-7636; 617-435-1879.
Email: vocations@paulinmedia.com; www.daughtersofstpaul.org

HONOR OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY AND BLESSED FRANCIS X. SEELOS, THE TIRELESS INTERCESSOR

Sunday, October 7, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Special Mass on the 140th anniversary of his death.

St. Mary's Assumption Church

2030 Constance St. (Lower Garden District/Irish Channel).

- † Healing rosary before Mass
- † Veneration of Relic Missionary Crucifix
- † Wheelchair Accessible/Free Parking Lot

On the web: www.seelos.org

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS

In Reynolds Hall, behind the rectory; after the Sunday morning Masses.