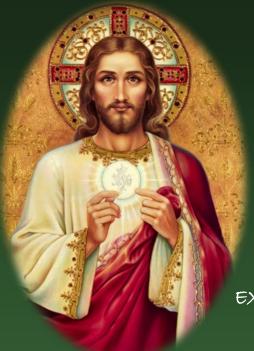
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ORDINARY FAMILIES



EXTRAORDINARY FAITH

# ST. BENILDE

# ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### **CLERGY**

Rev. Robert T. Cooper, *Pastor*Rev. H.L. Brignac, *Sacramental Asst.*Deacon Biaggio DiGiovanni
Deacon Stephen Gordon
Deacon Clifford Wright

#### **BAPTISMS**

First and Third Sundays of the month at 12 Noon. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### **MATRIMONY**

Please contact a priest/deacon 8 months prior to your wedding.

#### **FUNERALS**

Arrangements may be made at the Parish Office.

#### **MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil ... 4 p.m. Sunday ... 9:00, 11:00 a.m. & 6 p.m. Monday—Friday ... 7:00 a.m. Monday and Thursday ... 5:30 p.m. First Saturday ... 8:45 a.m.

#### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

See Inside the Bulletin for Schedule

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

Saturday ... 3:00—3:45 p.m.
Sunday ... 5:00—5:45 p.m.
Monday ... 6:00—6:45 p.m.
and by appointment at the Parish Office

#### DIVINE MERCY ADORATION CHAPEL

Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00 p.m. Sunday till 4:00 p.m. Saturday

#### **DEVOTIONS**

Holy Hour in Church Monday, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Following 7 a.m. Mass on Tuesday

#### **NEWCOMERS**

Call the Parish Office to receive a New Parishioner Registration Packet.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Benilde Conference (504) 233-3246

#### ST. BENILDE SCHOOL

Mr. Matt Downey, Principal 1801 Division Street • Metairie, LA (504) 833-9894

### Ministers of the Liturgy

October 15 & 16, 2016

#### Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Dorothy Van Hoven, Gerry Golemi,
James Pinner, Catherine Finnan, George Spaulding,
Joseph Segari, Hubert LaBorde, John Sipos (L),
Dolores Sabathe, Flora Maria Be, Patrick C. McKinney,
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Rose Marie Greco Federico
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

P. Delaup, E. Van Hoven Cantor: Trish Foti

#### Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Ray Dunn

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: C. Frederick, L. Director, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

#### Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Edwin Melan, Jr., Mary Quaid,
Rosary Schilleci, Hilton F. Daigle, Jr.,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Joseph Torres,
Barbara Assad, Rev. Joseph Cazenavette (L),
Kelvin Ducote, Melvin Ducote, Brenda Frey (L),
Mary Ducote, Peter Paul Finney, Sr., John G. Scala
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
D. Childers, R. Meece, K. & M. Sorensen
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

#### Sunday - 6 P.M.

**Intention: Parishioners** 

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

M. Drawe, D. Powers

Cantor: Lauren Gisclair Pianist: Beth Kettenring

#### Weekday Masses 7:00 a.m. Don Rowan, Sr.

Monday 7:00 a.m. Don Rowan, Sr.
5:30 p.m. Dolores Sabathe
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Gerald Hahn
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Mike Buras
8:15 a.m. Claire Senko
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Blake Simeon (L)

5:30 p.m. Audrey Olister

Friday 7:00 a.m. Gerald Hahn

The Church Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of Katherine V. Bodine





The Blessed Mother
Votive Lamps burn
For Protection During the
Hurricane Season

The St. Joseph Votive Lamps
burn in
Thanksgiving for a Prayer
Answered



Adoration Chapel
Sanctuary Lamp burns
in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux



Adoration Chapel Candles burn in memory of Dianne Z. Harrison

#### **Altar Ladies**

Week of October 16

J. Dunn, C. Batt, L. Segari



Large - E. Lemoine Small - J. Didier





The Altar Flowers are in memory of Deceased Parishioners

# Stewardship of Treasure

#### Weekend of October 8 & 9

4,004.00
2,668.00
408.00
478.00
150.00
7,708.00

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."

- Fr. Cooper

## All Souls Day Remembrance

On **All Souls Day** we honor all of our deceased loved ones in a special way. Here at St. Benilde Church we will be remembering your deceased loved ones both on this day with the celebration of Holy Mass (*Wednesday, November 2*) and at all of the Masses throughout the month of November.

In that spirit, we invite you to inscribe the names of those you wish for us to remember and pray for on All Souls Day and during the Masses throughout the month of November on the special All Souls Remembrance Envelopes found in the vestibule of the Church. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket or bring them to the Parish Office before November 1. The suggested donation is \$5 per name recorded on your envelope. Mass remembrance envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November and names will be printed in the Parish Bulletin.

#### **Important Reminder for School Families**

To maintain the status of a registered, active and supporting school family of St. Benilde Parish, a contribution level has been set at \$520 per calendar year. This obligation must be met by December 31, 2016 to avoid paying the higher non-participating tuition rate for the 2017-18 school year.

# Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Oct. 22/23

4 PM A. & P. Delaup

9 AM J. & G. Rojas, C. Rispoli, B. Soleto

11 AM P. & R. Serio, N. Bostick, L. Frey

6 PM J. Zeringue, T. Kettenring



### Out Of Reverence For The Lord Jesus

who so generously shares with us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist, worshipers are earnestly invited to remain with the congregation until Mass is concluded.

#### **Upcoming Retreats**

The New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie, is offering the following retreats in October. Rev. Anthony Rigoli, OMI will facilitate a men's retreat, "Finding Peace in the Midst of Chaos" on October 21 through 23; and "Are you Kidding? On Becoming Like a Little Child Again" will be presented by Rev. Philip Chircop, SJ, on October 28-30. For more information, please call 504-887-1420 or visit retreats.arch-no.org.

#### **REAL SOUL FOOD**

Do you find yourself pondering these questions - How do I feel about my life, myself right now, really? Where does my life seem to be going?

God created us to be in relationship with God and our hearts are restless until they rest -completely in God. What does prayer have to do with this? Join Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Assistant Director, Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ for a talk and discussion on prayer as interpersonal relationship with God, the part desire plays in our efforts at personal prayer and our images of God and self. Wednesday, October 26, 7-9 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Ave., Metairie. Register on the web http://asc.arch-no.org, email archspirctr@arch-no.org or telephone (504) 861-3254. Cost is \$25. Adjustments can be made.



# FR. COOPER'S CORNER

Putting our Plan of Life into Action

Today we conclude our 32-part series on the Plan of Life, the series of spiritual practices that help us to unite our day and whole life to the Lord and to cooperate with Him as He seeks to transform us more and more into his holy likeness. Since June of last year, we have covered a lot. We have considered the Heroic Moment, the Morning Offering, Docility to the Holy Spirit, Uniting our Work to God, Living on Sacred Scripture, Spiritual Reading, the General Examination, the Particular Exam, Daily Mental Prayer, Daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Spiritual Communions, Frequent Confession, Penance and Reparation, Almsgiving, Fasting, the Importance of Holy Week, the Angelus and Regina Caeli, the Rosary, the Memorare, Saturday devotions to our Lady, Sacred Study, Order, Acts of Faith, Hope and Love, Presence of God, Remembering our Divine Filiation, Thanksgiving, Aspirations, and Christian Cheerfulness and Joy. I have tried to explain how each of these practices assists us to keep a continual, fruitful dialogue of life with God.



I began the series as a means by which we could live well the Year of Consecrated Life, which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015. One of the aspects of the consecrated life of religious sisters, priests and brothers, of consecrated hermits, virgins and widows, of members of Secular Institutes, Societies of Apostolic Life and the many new manifestations of the Holy Spirit that have arisen in recent decades in the Church, is that they all follow some form of rule of life. In novitiates, seminaries, and other similar boot camps of meticulous initial instruction, they all are trained in the discipline that makes true disciples, "students" who zealously seek to learn from and follow the Master. They all receive a comprehensive formation in Christian virtue and are coached in how to identify and eradicate with God's grace their human and spiritual defects. They are all tutored in how to be faithful in "little things" so that they might remain true in great things.

Once upon a time this formation in the Christian life, this spiritual training to help people come to the fullness of Christian life and the perfection of love, was to some degree provided in Catholic schools by men and women religious who adapted their own formation to the situation of their students. It was fortified by faith-filled parents and grandparents who thought that their primary task in life was to pass on the faith to newer generations, not as a series of catechetical questions and answers but as much treasured way of life.

But now, for many reasons, that spiritual training in the building blocks of holiness is no longer being imparted as frequently and fully as it once was. Sunday homilies are nowhere near good enough and long enough to counteract the secular conditioning received osmotically via television, music and other cultural institutions. Christian catechetical instruction each year cannot compete with the anti-evangelical propaganda children are getting in many schools and



from many of their friends. So many families are struggling with different levels of brokenness and dysfunction that parents are often at wits end just trying to keep things together and get everyone to eat as a family, making living even the elementary aspects of a familial Plan of Life like joint prayer can seem miraculous. Many parents today also recognize that they have not received an adequate spiritual formation themselves, making it doubly difficult to know what and how to pass on to their children to form them along the



path of sanctity. This is one of the reasons, I believe, why the Holy Spirit has raised up so many new institutions and movements in recent times to offer concrete spiritual training to lay people, children and families, to respond to this huge spiritual need.

I have tried through this series likewise to fill in a gap that I know from my pastoral work exists widely. I have received a lot of feedback through email. Many seniors were delighted to share their experiences of having practiced aspects of the Plan of Life since Catholic school and were grateful that the Church was still talking about them. Many catechists, parents and high school students wrote to say that some aspects like the Heroic Moment, the Particular Exam or Frequent Confession were absolutely novel and they felt emboldened to try to live them.

That brings me to the last point I want to say in this series, which is perhaps the most important lesson I have learned about the Plan of Life from seeking to live one now for more than 15 years. When I was first exposed to the idea of a Plan of Life and its component parts in college, I took to it with the enthusiasm I had for anything new that would help me grow. But once I had "learned" it intellectually, I wanted to move on to something I did not know. When my spiritual director regularly returned to something as basic as praying the Rosary or making aspirations, I quickly became bored. What I did not realize in my spiritual immaturity was that *knowing* something is only an introduction; *living it* and living it ever more fruitfully as a part of a continuous encounter with God is the real challenge.

Just as a baseball player will never become a major league all star just simply by knowing what to do but rather through practicing and mastering almost effortlessly the basics of fielding and hitting, so a spiritual athlete will never be set on the road toward the eternal Hall of Fame until he or she similarly trains and with God's help masters almost as second nature the fundamental aspects of the Christian life. That is what the Plan of Life is about – entering into Christian Spring Training, covering the spiritual basics, in wise emulation of what is imitable in those who live their baptismal consecration so inspiringly well in various forms of consecrated life. Let's give Jesus the last word in this series. During the Last Supper, He said, "If you understand this, blessed are you if you do it" (Jn 13:17). May the Lord give us His help so that, having understood the importance and the parts of a Plan of Life, we may put them into action and experience the blessing He promises in this life and forever.



Lecture on Science and Theology

#### **POWER AND WISDOM**

Dr. Basil S. Davis

Date: Tuesday, October 18

Time: 7—8 p.m.

Place: Pharmacy Building, Room 107

Xavier University of Louisiana 1 Drexel Dr., New Orleans, LA

#### **ALL ARE WELCOME**

# 40 Days for Life Campaign September 28 - November 6, 2016

As most of you may already be aware, with the closing of the Metairie abortion facility, this year's 40 Days for Life Campaign's vigil will be held outside the Planned Parenthood facility located at 4636 S. Claiborne Avenue in New Orleans, from Sep. 28 through Nov. 6. While our parish will not be adopting an entire day this year to pray outside the facility, we invite each of you and your families and friends to join another parish or group during these 40 days to spend at least an hour in prayer on any day(s) of the campaign. You can sign up at "40daysforlifenola.com" or contact the campaign office at 504-835-6520. Prayer cards will be available in the vestibule of the church; please join us in praying and/or performing some type of fasting each day to end the brutal deaths of God's precious creations.

# St. Benilde 2016 Foodie Fest Sign-up Sheet October 28th, 29th and 30th

The Foodie Fest is a major fundraiser for both St. Benilde Parish and School. The money raised goes directly into improvements to our facilities. The school has used the funds recently to update and add technology to the PK-2 and PK-3 classrooms. The church has been able to renovate the Cry Room, repair the HVAC in the Church and Teen Center, and pay for a portion of the Church floor over the past couple years with Foodie Fest funds.

An event of this importance and size cannot happen without the precious gift of your time, talents, and treasure. To ensure the Foodie Fest is a success we ask for your help by working a shift. If you cannot commit to working a shift we will gladly accept a donation in lieu of working.

We are requesting for any volunteers over the age of 16 to sign up for one time slot at the Fest. Please choose a time slot below that best fits your schedule. All efforts will be made to schedule work in the time slots for which you volunteer. However, if adjustments to booth/schedule are made we will contact you.

Volunteer(s)			
Email address:			
Home Phone:			
Cell Phone:			
I am <b>available</b> to work during the below time slots(s).			
	rday, October 29 12-3 PM 3-6 PM 6-9 PM 9-11 PM	Sunday, October 30  12-3 PM 3-6 PM 6-8 PM	
I am <b>unable</b> to work during the fest but please accept my <b>\$100 donation</b> to support the St. Benilde Foodie Fest.			
I would like to volunteer to be a <b>booth captain</b> .			
f a family member is performing on stage during your volunteer time slot, we will make accommodations so you can enjoy the show.			
** Please return form to the Parish Office **			

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NANCY CAROLLO 504-834-4980 MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAYS - 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. FRIDAYS - 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: