



CLERGY NEWS

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ILLNESSES

Msgr. Ralph Salazar, pastor of St. Christopher Church in Houston, was admitted to the Methodist Hospital coronary care unit for a blockage in the heart.

Msgr. Paul Procella, retired, was admitted to Houston Northwest Hospital for heart and kidney problems. He is in intensive care and on a ventilator.

Rev Stephen Mandry, retired, was admitted to Methodist Hospital for a possible stroke.

Please keep all our frail, elderly and infirm priests in your prayers.

2010 DATES FOR PRIESTS TO RESERVE

The **Priests' Christmas Party for 2010** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14. Place this date on your calendar and plan on attending. Please do not schedule any penance services for that night.

RETIRED PRIESTS

Please remember the retired priests who reside at the Pope John XXIII Priest Retirement Residence, Maloney Hall and the retirement houses of the religious order priests. These men would benefit greatly from the prayers and periodic visits of their brother priests.

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MINISTRY TO PRIESTS

Please mark your calendar for the 2011 retreats for priests.

- **January 3-7, 2011** at Holy Name Retreat Center - **Most Rev. Bernard A. Hebda**, Bishop of Gaylord, MI
- **January 17-21, 2011** at Christian Renewal Center - **Rev. Donald S. Nesti, CSSp**, Director, Center for Faith and Culture, UST
- **February, 7-11, 2011** at Holy Name Retreat Center - **Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila**, Bishop of Fargo, ND

Registration forms to be available in the Fall 2010

STIPENDS FOR FUNERALS

Reminder: Funeral Directors need to be made aware that they should not include in their expenses stipends for priests who are celebrating the funeral. Priests are not allowed to charge or ask for a donation for a funeral. It is up to the family of the deceased whether or not they would like to give a stipend or donation.

CONFIRMATION 2011

Forms for requesting Confirmation in 2011 were mailed to all the pastors on August 5th. The deadline for returning request forms is September 3, 2010. Please contact Cardinal DiNardo's Office, 713-652-8201, if your parish did not receive a Confirmation request form.

NECROLOGY

Please pray for the following priests whose anniversaries of death are during the month of October.

October 1, 1853 Mr. Jean Pierre Bajard
October 1, 1853 Rev. Jean-Marie Baudrand, OMI
October 1, 1981 Bishop Wendelin J. Nold, STD
October 5, 1866 Rev. Jean Bigat
October 5, 1962 Rev. Max E. Budnik
October 5, 1970 Rev. John J. Brady, MS
October 9, 1993 Bishop Bernard J. Ganter, DD
October 10, 1972 Msgr. Joseph C. Kunc
October 10, 1993 Rev. Cornelius Ryan, OMI
October 12, 1847 Rev. Bartholomew Rollando, CM
October 12, 1993 Msgr. John C. Perusina
October 14, 1928 Rev. A. DeSimone
October 14, 1996 Rev. Ernest Perhach
October 15, 1884 Rev. Claude Martinierre
October 15, 2001 Rev. George S. Silvester, CSB
October 15, 2009 Rev. Jose Maria Fernandez
October 16, 1967 Rev. Leslie J. Vasek, CSB
October 16, 1983 Rev. Eugene Lynch, MS
October 16, 2002 Rev. A.J. Chandonnet, CSSR
October 16, 2007 Rev. Alcuin E. Greenburg
October 17, 1953 Rev. Michael Leahy
October 19, 1903 Rev. Odilo Schorer
October 19, 1966 Rev. George Black
October 19, 1969 Rev. John F. Collins, CSB
October 19, 1969 Rev. Dennis Kennedy
October 20, 2003 Msgr. Frank A. Lagana
October 20, 2004 Rev. Joseph T. O'Malley
October 21, 1929 Rev. Emile L.J. Fluery
October 21, 2004 Msgr. Sylvester J. Fuchs
October 23, 1990 Rev. Rodrigue Hemond
October 24, 1867, Rev. Alex Renoux
October 24, 1896 Rev. Joseph N. Jacquet
October 25, 2005 Msgr. George V. Rhein
October 25, 2009 Rev. John Chinh Chan Tran
October 26, 1970 Rev. Wilfrid J. Murphy, CSB
October 27, 1853 Rev. Edward Hug
October 27, 1953 Rev. J.P. Dillon, CSB
October 30, 1888 Rev. Francis Derue
October 30, 1946 Rev. Alfred G. Grattan
October 30, 1977 Rev. Anselm Townsend, OP
October 30, 1988 Rev. Joseph R. Plummer
October 30, 1990 Rev. Ludon Angelle

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Propagation of Faith Collection is scheduled for the weekend of October 23-24, 2010. Please promote this collection in your parish.

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN

Please recall that each parish and mission is required to accept the missionary assigned every year by the Mission Office through the Missionary Cooperative Plan. The missionary is to talk at the Masses and take up a collection. The parish is to send the money to the Mission Office at the chancery for forwarding to the missionary society/diocese.

Please try to avoid World Mission Sunday, which is the second-to-last weekend in October, when assigning the missionary.

No parish is required to accept other missionaries to make appeals at the parish during the year. In fact, great caution should be used before agreeing to allow other missionaries to make an appeal, as they can have a negative effect on the success of the Missionary Cooperative Plan if parishioners feel they are asked too often to contribute to missionary endeavors. If another missionary is allowed to make an appeal, the collection is NOT to be given directly to the missionary. The money should be sent to the Mission Office in the chancery for forwarding to the missionary society/diocese.

Please be aware that some organizations not linked directly to the Church might aggressively approach you requesting to make a presentation or mission appeal during the weekend, while offering a priest to help you with the celebration of Mass. Some of these organizations have a checkered past and/or will inundate your parishioners with additional and excessive appeals for donations. Exercise caution as to whom you invite to your parish to make and appeal or presentation. Any special concerns should be brought to the attention of Hilda Ochoa, director of the Mission Office.

BORROWING VESTMENTS

Any parish wishing to borrow vestments needs to contact the Office of Worship and the Co-Cathedral Staff a month prior to needing the vestments. This will give ample time to prepare to loan them out, making sure vestments are clean and available for use.

ANNOUNCEMENT – OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Since the announcement of John Sieger's retirement as General Counsel, the Archdiocese has been involved in a search for his successor. I am very pleased to inform you that the Honorable Frank Rynd has accepted the position of General Counsel. Judge Rynd has been on the bench in the District Courts of Harris County, Texas since 1998 and has served as an Administrative Judge in the Family Law Division. Prior to his public service, he was the General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for the Houston Sports Association (which included Astrodome USA and the Houston Astros Baseball Club) for 17 years.

Judge Rynd holds Bachelor of Arts and Law Degrees from the University of Texas. He is also a graduate of Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and a parishioner of St. Anne's Parish in Houston.

Effective September 15, 2010, Judge Rynd will assume the position of General Counsel. We are very grateful to John Sieger for his years of service to the Archdiocese and his continued willingness to be of assistance in sharing his legal expertise in the period following his official retirement.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, Msgr. Sheltz can be reached at the following numbers:
713-524-2876 (home) or
713-501-2166 (cell).

Please note that Msgr. Sheltz's home number has changed.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Please note: The new phone number for Father George Olsovsky is 281-324-9192.

CHANCERY CLOSED

The Chancery Offices will be closed Monday, September 7, 2009, for Labor Day.

FREE

St. Michael Church, Houston, has some rectory furniture it would like to give to clergy of other rectories. They include a complete dining room set (table and six chairs, hutch and serving table), a small kitchen table with four chairs, two large couches, and some bedroom furniture. If interested, please contact Bob McCarthy at 713-261-4370.



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

Chancery Office

September 1, 2010

To all priests:

My brother priest:

In September 2008 the Archdiocese sustained major damage from Hurricane Ike. All properties in Galveston were flooded, some were destroyed and many properties on the mainland sustained serious wind damage. The cost exceeds \$26,000,000 and while recoveries from insurance, FEMA and other resources have been considerable, the financial impact from uninsured losses was large.

Our current insurance program provides windstorm coverage (subject to a 3% per building named storm deductible.) However, flood insurance coverage is limited. Going forward, the high cost of flood insurance, more restricted insurance coverage to coastal areas and questions concerning the future of the NFIP program itself make it essential for us to prepare for the next storm.

In 2009 we established the Archdiocesan disaster fund to cover future uninsured property losses. The goal was to create a \$ 10,000,000 fund to be used for the payment of uninsured losses from natural disasters. We are pleased to report that, as of June 30, 2010, the fund balance, which is on deposit in a restricted Catholic Endowment Fund account is \$ 2,500,000. Thank you for supporting this program despite the weak economy and the many challenges that we face.

With the start of the 2010 Hurricane Season we have reintroduced the Archdiocesan Disaster Plan, with the current focus on hurricane preparation and response. Each parish should now have a Disaster Coordinator. We have held four training sessions and have run a successful initial test of our disaster communications network. We also continue our ongoing flood mitigation initiative, which includes the elevation of mechanical equipment, improved drainage, the use of portable flood barriers, and other measures. Please contact Deacon Charlie Duck at 713.652.4484 or David Hessel at 713.652.8256 if you need information on the Disaster Plan or wish to explore flood mitigation options.

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. George A. Sheltz
Chancellor
Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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**Catholic Communication
As of August 25, 2010**

#	Parish	2010	#	Parish	2010
7001	St John-Alvin	1,774.00	7370	St Albert	1,238.88
7007	St Stanislaus-Anderson	183.67	7377	St Alphonsus	435.52
7013	Holy Trinity -Angleton	1,764.93	7384	St Ambrose	-
7025	St Martin-Barrett Station	217.00	7391	St Andrew Kim	498.00
7031	O L Guadalupe-Baytown	653.00	7398	St Anne	2,987.50
7033	St John-Baytown	1,168.00	7405	St Anne de Beaupre	249.00
7037	St Joseph-Baytown	505.00	7412	St Augustine	1,058.98
7043	St Wenceslaus-Beasley	335.30	7419	St Benedict	1,081.00
7049	Sts Peter/Paul-Bellville	727.85	7426	St Bernadette	1,100.00
7055	St Joseph-Brazoria	374.75	7433	St Catherine	847.06
7067	St Andrew-Channelview	468.00	7440	St Cecilia	5,448.52
7073	St Jerome-Clute	385.30	7447	St Charles	3,750.99
7079	Sacred Heart-Conroe	3,792.88	7454	St Christopher	1,220.50
7085	Sacred Heart-Crosby	850.08	7461	St Clare	632.00
7091	Sts Cyril/Methodius-Damon	156.00	7468	St Cyril	2,936.00
7097	St Anthony-Danbury	274.00	7475	St Dominic	1,222.26
7103	St Hyacinth-Deer Park	1,515.00	7482	St Elizabeth	6,189.00
7109	Shrine/True Cross-Dickinson	2,113.14	7489	St Frances Cabrini	1,929.90
7125	St Mary Star/Sea-Freeport	481.00	7496	St Francis de Sales	2,513.98
7131	Mary, Queen-Friendswood	4,126.81	7503	St Francis Assisi	336.00
7137	St Mary-Frydek/Sealy	132.00	7510	St Francis Xavier	1,091.10
7143	O L Fatima-Galena Park	1,455.94	7517	St Gregory	449.00
7149	Holy Family	4,041.16	7524	St Jerome	3,683.50
7183	St. Katharine Drexel-Hempstead	612.00	7531	St John Neumann	2,817.91
7193	St Jude-Highlands	456.00	7537	St John Vianney	4,908.75
7199	O L Lourdes-Hitchcock	2,900.97	7543	St Joseph	1,054.00
7201	All Saints	314.00	7549	St Justin	2,526.35
7207	Annunciation	1,392.81	7555	St Leo	2,017.00
7213	Ascension Chinese	752.75	7561	St Luke	479.00
7219	Assumption	2,427.00	7567	St Mark	1,568.59
7225	Blessed Sacrament	1,150.60	7573	St Mary	-
7230	Christ/Incarnate Word	-	7579	St Matthew	1,350.69
7231	Christ the King	1,284.00	7585	St Maximilian	561.00
7237	Christ the Redeemer	3,467.71	7591	St Michael	4,021.26
7243	Corpus Christi	2,141.09	7597	St Monica	610.45
7249	Holy Ghost	2,496.42	7603	St Nicholas	318.00
7255	Holy Name	-	7609	St Patrick	662.50
7261	Holy Rosary	4,765.31	7615	St Paul	935.75
7267	Imm. Conception	1,100.50	7621	St Peter Claver	204.62
7273	Imm. Heart of Mary	1,200.00	7627	St Peter Apostle	67.00
7285	Notre Dame	1,548.07	7634	St Philip Neri	647.25
7291	O L Czestochowa	245.00	7641	St Philip Jesus	2,045.83
7297	O L Guadalupe	-	7648	St Raphael	830.20
7303	O L Lavang	957.00	7655	St Rose of Lima	1,604.56
7306	O L Lourdes	971.00	7662	St Stephen	552.20
7309	O L Mt Carmel	1,608.00	7669	St Theresa	2,611.03
7315	O L Sorrows	380.00	7676	St Thomas More	5,293.00
7321	O L St John	1,295.15	7683	St Vincent de Paul	5,701.57
7327	O L Walsingham	270.00	7690	Vietnamese Martyrs	1,658.00
7333	O L Star of the Sea	136.00	7696	St Philip-Huffman	1,673.50
7339	O M of Mercy	943.00	7701	St Mary-Humble	5,544.00
7345	Prince of Peace	3,079.00	7707	St Thomas-Huntsville	796.64
7351	Queen of Peace	1,621.00	7713	Imm. Conception-Industry	300.03
7357	Resurrection	730.00	7723	Epiphany of the Lord-Katy	8,488.50
7363	Sacred Heart Co-Cath	3,459.21	7727	St Bartholomew-Katy	2,602.91

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7729	St Edith Stein-Katy	1,305.00
7733	St Martha-Kingwood	2,465.25
7739	Queen of Peace-La Marque	1,098.21
7745	St Mary-La Porte	1,505.00
7751	St Michael-Lake Jackson	1,237.00
7757	St Mary-League City	4,286.28
7769	St Matthias-Magnolia	849.17
7775	Sacred Heart/Jesus-Manvel	1,742.23
7781	Holy Family-Mc Nair	311.00
7787	Holy Family-Missouri City	315.00
7789	St. Angela Merici	995.00
7793	Christ Our Light-Navasota	302.36
7805	St Michael-Needville	418.00
7811	St John-New Caney	736.00
7817	St Joseph-New Waverly	1,012.95
7823	St. Juan Diego-Pasadena	1,079.00
7829	St Pius V-Pasadena	1,904.00
7831	Sacred Heart-Pattison	186.90
7835	St Helen-Pearland	3,870.50
7841	St Mary-Plantersville	1,366.00
7847	St Stephen-Point Blank	169.00
7865	Sacred Heart-Richmond	4,770.00
7869	St John-Richmond	603.01
7873	Holy Rosary-Rosenberg	2,137.15
7879	O L Guadalupe-Rosenberg	919.13
7885	Imm Conception-Sealy	864.70
7891	O L Grace-South Houston	440.00
7901	Chr/Good Shepherd-Spring	4,518.00
7906	St Edward-Spring	4,656.47
7911	St Ignatius-Spring	4,639.00
7916	St James-Spring	1,318.61
7925	St Joseph-Stoneham	184.00
7931	St Laurence-Sugarland	8,075.37
7937	St Theresa-Sugarland	4,477.08
7946	St Thomas-Sugarland	1,722.23
7951	O L Perpetual Help-Sweeny	403.80
7957	St Mary-Texas City	1,157.00
7963	St Anne-Tomball	1,653.00
7969	Guardian Angel-Wallis	746.35
7975	St John the Apostle-W Columbia	244.62
7979	St Anthony-The Woodlands	5,052.63
7981	Sts Simon/Jude-The Woodlands	2,041.00
0000	Other	
	TOTAL	254,326.18