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Pastoral Bulletin

Blessings!

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*"Complete my joy by being of the same mind,
with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."
~ Phil. 2:2*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR PARISH BULLETINS

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Emergency Assistance for Puerto Rico

An emergency relief effort for Puerto Rico is underway and your help is needed! The devastation by Hurricane Maria has left many families without a home, food, water and basic supplies.

Donations that are needed include: water, canned goods, batteries, flashlights, mosquito repellent, toiletries, tarps to cover houses, nails and boards of wood to fix windows and roofs, generators, chain saw to clear out fallen trees, diapers, formulas for babies, and toilet paper.

Donations should be dropped off at: **4916 S. Lois Avenue, Tampa**

Hours: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily (until further notice)

Contact: Brenda Irizarry, (813) 390-1208

The immediate response is being led by Retired Coronel Evelio Otero, Father Carlos Jose Rojas, a priest of our Diocese, and Catholic Charities.

Hurricane Irma Recovery Resources

Catholic Charities in the Diocese of St. Petersburg is organizing comprehensive relief efforts to address the needs of our community across the five-county region of Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. If someone you know is facing an immediate emergency, such as a financial, home or family crisis - direct them to one of our four locations based upon the county in

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which they reside. These locations are also drop off sites for donations of relief supplies including food, water, basic toiletries, and baby supplies.

Catholic Charities (General Information & Assistance, Office Hours 9 am - 4 pm)

- **Pinellas County:** 1213 16th Street N., St. Petersburg, FL 33705 (Tel: 727-893-1313)
- **Hillsborough County:** 2021 E. Busch Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612 (Tel: 813-631-4390)
- **Pasco County:** 37733 Meridian Ave., Dade City, FL 33525 (Tel: 352-521-1218)
- **Citrus and Hernando Counties:** 8370 Forest Oaks Blvd., Spring Hill, FL 34606 (Tel: 352-686-9897)

For more information, visit <http://www.dosp.org/hurricane-irma-recovery-resources/>.

Bishop Parkes Will Bless New Faith Based Housing at USF

All are invited to the blessing and dedication of the brand new Bellarmine Newman Hall at USF, which opened for students in the fall semester of 2017. The ceremony will include tours of the modern new residences, a reception and remarks from the president of the Newman Student Housing Fund, the USF Campus Minister and a student representative.

The new housing is co-owned by the Newman Student Housing Fund and the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

"We build facilities where students can live out their faith on secular college campuses all across the United States," said Matt Zerrusen, president, Newman Student Housing Fund.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
WHERE: Bellarmine Newman Hall, 12977 N 50th St, Tampa, FL 33617
CALL: (813) 442-9571

For more information click [here](#).

Special Collection for Seminarians

ATTENTION: Parish Staff

This collection, which was to be conducted on the weekend of October 7-8 is **being postponed until the spring of 2018** when our local parish families have had time to regroup and the seminarians have completed their coursework. More information will be sent to you from Father Carl Melchior, Director of Vocations, and Meegan Wright, Executive Director for Stewardship and Development, after the New Year.

Candidates for Ordination to the Diaconate

Meet the Candidates for Ordination to the Diaconate on October 7, 2017 at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle, St. Petersburg, at 11 AM. Click [here](#) for more.

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Holy Hour for Vocations

We are often asked to pray for vocations, but how? Certainly we should do so in our daily intentions as well as at Mass. Sometimes, though, holding a special Holy Hour for Vocations provides a more intensive focus for our intercession: as we join in adoration of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, we earnestly ask Him to send more laborers into the harvest. Join us in prayer on September 27, 7:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Jude, St. Petersburg.

This is a monthly event sponsored by the diocesan Office of Vocations and the Serra Club. All are invited and are welcome to attend.

CRS Mini-Grants

The Office of Life Ministry is pleased to announce the beginning of our annual grant process for funding hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in the Diocese. Ministries from parishes, schools, and other diocesan entities can apply for up to \$1,000.00 to assist with programming and advocacy efforts to eradicate hunger. Twenty-five percent of Diocesan CRS Rice Bowl collections are retained and have been made available for this grant program. Applications are available online and are due October 16, 2017: <http://www.dosp.org/life/catholic-relief-services/>.

For the Faithful Departed

Let us keep the souls and the families of the faithful departed in our prayers:

-- **Reverend John P. Lynch, M. Afr.** (click [here](#) for information)

-- **Ms. Geri Lynn Morgan**, sister of **Rev. Thomas T. Morgan**,
Pastor of St. Jerome Parish, Largo.
(click [here](#) for information)

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace!*



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