Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Facility C'est la Vie Apartments Newsletter ~ November 2019 A Ministry of the Marianites of Holy Cross

Celebration of Thanksgiving

Many people trace the origins of the modern Thanksgiving Day to the harvest celebration that the pilgrims held in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1621. However, their first true thanksgiving was in 1623, when they gave thanks for rain that ended a severe drought. In the following years, these early thanksgivings took the form of a special church service, rather than a feast of food.

In the second half of the 1600s, thanksgivings after the harvest became more common and started to become annual events. However, it was celebrated on different days in different communities and in some villages there were more than one thanksgiving remembrance each year.

George Washington, our first president of the United States, proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving Day in 1789. Later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. It was not until 1941 that Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday.

This year of 2019 while enjoying good food and fellowship, let us follow the tradition of our ancestors and take time to pause and render thanksgiving for our many blessings.

Lord God, Creator and source of goodness and love, look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude at this special time. We thank You for all the graces and blessings You have so graciously bestowed upon us, both spiritual and temporal. We thank You for – our faith and religious heritage; food and shelter; health and work; our country, those who serve in our military and all protection agencies; our family, friends, and neighbors both near and far. Lord, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings and enable us to generously assist those who are in need in our communities and around the world. We ask our prayer in the name of Jesus, Your Son, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Wishing everyone an abundance of Thanksgiving Blessings!

□Celebrating birthdays in November□

Sr. A. Arno 11/01 C. Boudreaux 11/07 Sr. M. Broussard 11/12 L. Credeur 11/18 D. Hatch 11/08 E. Hiller 11/10 L. Manuel 11/22 E. J. Morein 11/29 Sr. F. Mouton 11/08 P. Rawdon 11/26 J. Soileau 11/23

Remembering and Giving Thanks

During the month of November, the Catholic Church and other Christian denominations remember very specially in prayer and ritual the souls of the faithful departed. Following this tradition, we will celebrate a special mass at <u>5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 12th</u> in loving gratitude for our residents who have died since November 1, 2018.

We hope you will join us for this celebration of life!			
Remembering Our Deceased Residents:		November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2019	
Edna Joubert	11/05/2018	Sr. Hannah Marie O'Brien, MSC	5/10/2019
Larry Hargroder	11/25/2018	Beverly Nash	5/16/2019
Sr. Monica Stelly, MSC	12/15/2018	Sr. Mercedes Sportono, MSC	5/28/2019
Audry Fontenot	12/22/2018	Daniel Peck	6/03/2019
Sunny Williams	1/01/2019	Fr. Paul Osterle	6/14/2019
Lois Robert	1/13/2019	Briggite McDonald	6/15/2019
Lourey Soileau	1/13/2019	Carol Ortego	6/19/2019
Mary Helen Guice	1/25/2019	David Larry Mitchell	6/22/2019
Bridget Matte	2/05/2019	Ira Tate	6/28/2019
Ida Blouin	2/08/2019	Geraldine Leger	7/08/2019
Joseph Stelly	2/09/2019	Elsie Deville	7/15/2019
Aline Hidalgo	2/10/2019	Verna Guillory	7/20/2019
Murphy Lanclos	2/16/2019	Willard "Bubba" Andrepont	8/12/2019
Edison Storey	3/17/2019	June Sebastien	8/17/2019
James LeDoux	3/09/2019	Ortley Charles Jr.	8/22/2019
Sr. Joan Barry, MSC	4/02/2019	Bertha Marks	8/25/2019
Thelma Macip	4/14/2019	Sr. Elsie Mae Vidrine, MSC	9/20/2019
Ray LeBouef	4/14/2019	Sr. Julianna Thibodeaux	9/23/2019
Eli Higdon	4/17/2019	Louberta Cannon	9/25/2019
Sr. Keri Burke, MSC	4/21/2019	Glenda Walters	10/01/2019
Rev. Joel Green	4/26/2019	Alice A. Greene	10/23/2019
Marie Ezene Lemen	5/08/2019	Bernice Guidry	10/24/2019
Darrell Doucet	5/09/2019		

Adapted from an ancient Irish prayer, those who have gone before us remember us in their prayers:

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields.

May the stars come out to greet you as you lie your head down to rest. May the moonlight smile upon you; and your dreams be ever blessed.

For every season has its reason, a time for meeting, a time to say good bye; A time for holding on, a time for letting go. Always, in all things, God is near, gently guiding your way.

> May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may you be kept safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.



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