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OFFICE OF ARCHBISHOP THOMAS WENSKI

Requiescat in pace:

† Lloyd Syfert, 95, who died Jan. 26 in Miami. He was the husband of Elaine Syfert, who served as director of Hispanic Family Ministry and Family Life Ministry in the archdiocese from 1977 to 2004. The funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 2 at St. Louis Church in Pinecrest.

† John David Zegeer, 70, father of Father Eric Zegeer, an archdiocesan priest currently serving in the Archdiocese of Denver. Mr. Zegeer died Jan. 31. The funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 2 at St. Andrew Church, Coral Springs.

† Asis Gabriel Lopez, infant son of Michelle Ducker Lopez, archdiocesan coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and her husband Asis Lopez. Asis Gabriel was born Dec. 12, 2018 and died Jan. 25, 2019. Funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 2 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Doral. An excerpt from his obituary: "From the very beginnings of his life in the womb, Asis was defying odds and captivating hearts. Although he lived a short time here on earth, he made an eternal impact on the lives of thousands. ... God breathed life into him for a specific purpose, and Asis fulfilled the mission which was entrusted to him." Read the entire obituary at: <http://www.everloved.com/life-of/asis-lopez>.

Announcements:

- The Capuchin Friars (New Jersey province) have established a foundation, the St. Pio Friary, at St. Jerome Parish in Ft. Lauderdale. Father Nicholas Mormando, OFM.Cap is a former provincial and will be the Guardian of the Friary and hospital chaplain. Brother Lombardo D'Auria, OFM.Cap will serve as Director of Faith Formation at St. Jerome Catholic School.
- Brother Raphael Mieszala of the St. John of God Brothers (formerly Brothers of the Good Shepherd) has been transferred by his community to a ministry in New Jersey. Brother Raphael served for more than two decades at Camillus House.
- Catholic Charities is accepting financial donations, by check or online, that will provide resources to Caritas Cuba to assist victims of the Jan. 27 tornado in Havana, Cuba. Donations can be made online at www.ccadm.org or by mail at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, 1505 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors, FL 33305. Please note on the envelope/check: Cuba Relief

CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND COO

Dear Bishop / Monsignor / Father:

This is a reminder that it is again time for counting and reporting the weekly Mass census for the weekends in March. The 2019 March Mass Attendance Census includes the 5 weekends of March, beginning with the weekend of Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3, and ending March 30-31. Please remember **to count the number of penitents** during these five weekends. The deadline to return the count electronically is **Monday, April 15, 2019**. Thank you for your cooperation in this project.

If your staff person responsible for uploading data is not familiar with the process, the staff may contact Mayra Rossell in the Chancellors' Office at 305.762.1220 or mrossell@theadom.org. Please note: Jean Paul Guis will email bookkeepers the new five-weekend spreadsheet to be used for this project through the year 2030.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND PARISH LIFE

The **Archdiocesan Evangelization Summit 2019** will take place on Saturday, March 16th, at Msgr. Edward Pace High School. In today's culture, full as it is with contradictions and distractions, sharing the truth of Christ may seem a daunting, if not impossible task. It is this very moment when people are most searching for meaning and when Catholics are called to be fishers of women and men. The event will feature:

- Archbishop Thomas Wenski, who will celebrate Mass and offer his thoughts for evangelization in today's culture.
- Jared Zimmerer, the Director of Bishop Barron's Word on Fire Institute, "The 8 Principles for Evangelizing the Culture."
- Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT. "The Decisive Encounter: Transformation from the Heart"
- Workshops by Alpha for Catholics, Sisters of Life, Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Parish Evangelizing Cells, St. Paul Street Evangelization, Word on Fire Institute

To register, visit: <https://conta.cc/2F3EQx9>

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

National Marriage Week USA: Feb. 7-14, in commemoration of National Marriage Week, a daily virtual marriage retreat for couples will be made available on ForYourMarriage.org and on the For Your Marriage Facebook and Twitter pages. The retreat theme is "Marriage: School of Life and Love."

OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2019

All couples married in the Catholic Church celebrating their first, 25th, 50th and plus wedding anniversary are invited to come to a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Saturday, February 16, 2019 to receive a blessing from Archbishop Thomas Wenski.

Couples interested in having their picture taken with Archbishop Wenski should arrive by 4 p.m., with Mass starting at 5:30 p.m. Participants will sit in a special designated area in the front pews.

Register at <https://conta.cc/2NlluTv> or contact your Parish Office.

Natural Family Planning (NFP):

Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) and help build communication skills and enhance intimacy in your marriage. NFP is now normative for all couples seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in the Archdiocese of Miami. You can find more information at www.miamiarch.org/familylife

Creighton Method of NFP, taught locally and to couples on an individual basis by Sarah McKeown in English (218-368-8505, smfertilitycare@gmail.com) or Guadalupe Carral, in Spanish or English (713-203-2375, lupitacrms@gmail.com).

Couple to Couple League (Sympto-Thermal Method of NFP): Couples may attend a three-part series (once a month for three months) of introductory classes offered by the Couple to Couple League to learn more about this medically safe, morally acceptable and highly effective method, both for postponing and achieving pregnancy. To register for any class—on-site, self-paced, or virtual visit: <http://register.ccli.org> Next series of on-site classes:

- ♦ Epiphany Church, Miami: February 2, March 2, and April 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Carlos and Lucy Moas: 305-498-2731, Immsalas@gmail.com
- ♦ St. Gregory the Great, Plantation: April 6, May 11, June 1, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Carlos and Victoria DeBayle: 786-302-2116, victoriadebayle@gmail.com

Billings Method of NFP: Billings Ovulation Method classes are taught by Anne Acosta: 305-331-4180, a.acosta.nfp@gmail.com

Transformed in Love, a marriage preparation program which uses a house-building metaphor to illustrate the concepts of establishing and nurturing marriage and family life, will take place Sat., July 13 and Sun., July 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Church of the Little Flower, 2711 Indian Mound Trail, Coral Gables. Couples must attend both days to receive their certificate. Register at <https://conta.cc/2ontJ8O>

OFFICE OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Encuentros Juveniles will have its next retreat Feb. 15-17 for high school boys ages 14-18. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/encjuveniles/>

Matt Fradd, world renowned speaker on the topics of chastity and pornography, will speak to high school and Confirmation students in Broward County at St. Mark Parish on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. and in Miami-Dade County at Blessed Trinity Parish on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Upcoming_Events_Youth.

Miami Catholic Young Professional (CYP) Series: The Miami CYP Series is the first Monday of each month and is a great way to network with other young professionals in Miami and be inspired by experts in various professions on how to excel both in your work and faith life. The next meeting will take place March 4 at 7:30pm location TBA. <https://www.facebook.com/CYPmiami/>

Broward Catholic Young Professional (CYP) Series: The Broward CYP Group meets the fourth Monday of the month, Feb. 25 at 7:30pm at Knights of Columbus Hall, 3999 N. Dixie Highway, Ft Lauderdale. <https://www.facebook.com/CYPbroward>

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Vocations Awareness Weekend—March 8-10, 2019 (please include in parish bulletin)

Vocations Awareness Weekend is a retreat for men ages 17-35 who are seeking more information about the diocesan priesthood and seminary life. It is held on the grounds of St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami and consists of numerous workshops, liturgies, and social events with the seminarians. Participants will have ample time to ask questions, gain an understanding of seminary life and prayerfully consider God's call.

The next Vocation Awareness Weekend will be held the weekend of March 8 - 10, 2019. If you would like to attend, please contact your parish priest or the Vocation Director, Father Elvis Gonzalez at vocations@theadom.org or by calling 305-762-1137.

You may also find a registration, flyer and description of the retreat on our website at www.miamiarch.org/vocations.




OFFICE OF CATECHESIS

Dr. Peter Kleponis, a licensed Catholic therapist who specializes in sexual addictions, the truth about pornography and tools and strategies for protecting families online, will speak to the parents of Confirmation students and any other adults at Blessed Trinity Parish on Feb. 28 at 7pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

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Events

60th Anniversary Celebration of St. John Vianney College Seminary

Join us in celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the only freestanding bilingual college seminary in the United States. Events will take place March 22-24 at the seminary, 2900 SW 87 Ave., Miami and will include:

- March 22: 7:30 p.m. Fides et Ratio Annual Academic Lecture with guest speaker Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle - \$20
- March 23: 5:30 p.m. Solemn Lauds; 6:00 p.m. Reception; 7:30 p.m. Banquet to raise funds for the immediate needs of the Seminary, in honor of Cardinal Tagle - \$60
- March 24: 10: a.m. Solemn Lauds; 10:30 a.m. Mass presided by Cardinal Tagle; 12:00 p.m. Brunch following Mass - \$20.

For more information and tickets, call 305-223-4561 or visit www.sjvcs.edu/60

Events (Continued)

2019 Miami Choral Festival Repertoire

This year, the Miami Choral Festival & Mass is being held on March 30 at St. Bonaventure Church in Davie. Hundreds of youth singers (grades 4-12) from around your diocese and neighboring dioceses will join together to sing one shared repertoire at the Saturday Vigil Mass. We are still accepting choirs to participate. The deadline to register is February 28. All are welcome to attend the Festival Mass. For more information visit: www.pcchoirs.org