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Office of Archbishop Thomas Wenski

Requiescat in pace:

† **Father Stanislaw Rakiej**, 71, pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Polish Catholic Mission, died Feb. 27 in Pompano Beach after a long struggle with pancreatic cancer. He had been a priest for 46 years, and a member of the Society of Christ for 52 years.

† **James Delaney**, 84, brother of retired priest Monsignor John Delaney, died Feb. 16 in Ireland. Due to the pandemic, Monsignor Delaney did not travel to Ireland for the funeral, but he did celebrate a private Mass for him.

Archbishop Thomas Wenski has made the following appointment:

Retirement:

- **Father Raul Soutuyo**, effective Jan. 31, 2021—CORRECTION from Feb. issue

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Please consider the following bulletin/pulpit announcement:

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy and, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

English-speaking priest needed:

The Diocese of Bluefields, Nicaragua is in need of a priest to serve their English-speaking communities. If interested, please contact Archbishop Thomas Wenski at twenski@theadom.org

Office of Worship

Guidelines for Triduum Liturgies

The following are the liturgical notes issued by the archdiocesan Office of Worship for the celebration of Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Easter Triduum is celebrated from Holy Thursday evening until evening prayer on Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday: distribution of palms

Distribution of the palms may occur as normal on Palm Sunday at all Masses. We recommend the following:

The blessing of the palms will take place in the usual manner at the beginning of Mass. Palms may be laid out on tables near the entrance/exit doors of the church or in the gathering space. Stations with hand sanitizer should be placed before the tables with palms. The faithful must sanitize their hands before taking palms. After obtaining the palms, parishioners should then exit the church.

It is recommended that an announcement be made reminding the faithful to remove their palms from the pews if they took them as they entered the church.

Chrism Mass

Currently the Chrism Mass is anticipated to occur on the annual date, the Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30 this year. More details will be forthcoming.

Holy Thursday: Mandatum

Washing of the feet is permitted. Those to have their feet washed must be seated six feet apart from one another. For churches that do not have sufficient space to distance 12 people in the sanctuary, the ritual allows for a representative number of people fewer than 12. As a reminder, the washing of feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper is always optional.

Good Friday: Veneration of the Cross

Veneration of the Cross is permitted on Good Friday. Use the same considerations as those used for the Communion procession, e.g. six-foot social distancing between individuals, etc. Kissing the cross is NOT allowed. Those who venerate should do so only with a bow or genuflection.

Office of Worship continued

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday is celebrated April 3 this year. The entire Easter Vigil celebration is to begin after nightfall (8 p.m.) and end before the dawn of Easter Sunday. This rule is to be strictly observed in order to manifest the full meaning of the rites. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of the day that is customary to anticipated Sunday Masses.

The sacraments of initiation may be celebrated at the Easter Vigil assuming all usual COVID restrictions are observed.

Confessions

It is recommended that during the Lenten season parishes should provide penitential celebrations that allow for the faithful to celebrate the mystery of forgiveness. These celebrations should take place before the Easter Triduum, and should not immediately precede the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Where there is genuine pastoral need, the sacrament of penance may be celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

Liturgical notes

Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The Easter Triduum is celebrated from Holy Thursday evening until evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Alleluia is not said or sung from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil, nor is the "Te Deum" sung at or on Sundays of Lent.

During Lent, the altar should not be decorated with flowers, and musical instruments should be used to support the community singing while respecting the need for silence and reflections during other moments in the liturgy. On the fourth Sunday of Lent ("Laetare") and on solemnities and feasts, musical instruments may be played and the altar decorated with flowers.

If marriages take place in Lent, couples are to be reminded that wedding plans should respect the special nature of this liturgical season in their simplicity.

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Chancellor for Administration

Dear Bishop / Monsignors / Fathers,

This serves as a reminder that the 2021 March Mass Attendance Census starts on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday, March 6-7. It includes the four weekends of March and Easter weekend. A staff member of the parish received in September and October 2020 the spreadsheet to be used for this project including the online count by the name of “Mass Census Special.”

Please remember to count the number of penitents during these weekends.

The deadline to return the count electronically is MONDAY, April 12, 2021. Thank you in advance for your timely reporting—by electronic upload—of the data. If your staff responsible for uploading data is not familiar with the process, please have them contact Ashley Cruz or Mayra Rossell in the Chancellor’s Office at 305-762-1220 or acruz@theadom.org, mrossell@theadom.org

Office of Safe Environment

New Online Training Option in the Virtus Registration Process

In these extraordinary times, the Safe Environment Office has reviewed the current process of Virtus training and how it should proceed in an effort to still provide quality education of awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse and do so in a safe and logistically viable procedure.

In response we have worked with Virtus National to provide temporary online training as an option. It is available in English, Spanish and also Korean and Vietnamese subtitles.

This means the participant must have access to the internet. For those few who do not, and do not have another option, then their site—meaning parish or school—is to provide them with a computer on site for them to complete this training.

All those completing the online training option will have an active Virtus account and will be required to read their monthly bulletins just as is required with the live training. The Local Coordinator at each site will have access to all accounts affiliated with their location just as before. Compliance responsibilities will not change.

Register for online class at www.virtus.org. For questions regarding the new online training option please contact Jan Rayburn at jrayburn@theadom.org

Office of Youth and Young Adults

Miami Catholic Young Professional (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. For the time being, our gatherings are held online: <https://www.facebook.com/CYPmiami/>

Broward Catholic Young Professional (CYP) Series meetings are the fourth Monday of the month and currently held online. For upcoming event information visit <https://www.facebook.com/CYPbroward>

Office of Marriage and Family Life

Natural Family Planning (NFP): Learn Natural Family Planning (NFP) and help build communication skills and enhance intimacy in your marriage. NFP is 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

Please join us for an introductory session of Natural Family Planning “Creighton Model” to prepare for your new marriage or for marriage enrichment and learn a medically safe, morally acceptable and highly effective method of both postponing and achieving pregnancy.

- **English Session: March 23 at 7:30 pm (Online) Register at:** <https://conta.cc/3bPOWBY>
- **Spanish Session: March 25 at 7:30 p.m. (Online) Register at** <https://conta.cc/3oOPLib>
- **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>

Office of Marriage and Family Life continued

Retrouvaille Weekend for Couples

Retrouvaille is for couples who need or want to rekindle and strengthen their marriage or get it back on track. It is also for couples who may be cold and distant, and believe that there is no hope for their marriage. The program helps couples that are struggling in their marriage, even those who are considering marriage separation or who are already separated or divorced. We welcome couples of ALL ages, regardless of how long they have been married, or have been in trouble. Retrouvaille has helped heal tens of thousands of marriages worldwide.

The next events will be:

- Friday, April 16, 2021 in English
- Friday, October 8, 2021 in Spanish

For more information, contact the Registration Team at 305-915-4607, email miami@retrouvaille.org or visit HelpOurMarriage.com

Transformed in Love is a marriage preparation program which uses a house-building metaphor to illustrate the concepts of establishing and nurturing marriage and family life. It includes many topics that contribute to building a marriage for a lifetime. Participants may choose from the following sessions; couples must attend both days of their selected session to receive their certificate. Remember to **inform your Priest** in advance that you are attending the “Transformed in Love Group Marriage Preparation Program.

Please be aware that due to the current situation with COVID-19, the Archdiocese of Miami is making a unique exception, allowing our office to provide the group program online as a Live Interactive Webinar. This is not a Self-Paced Class, it is a LIVE Class with real-time lectures:

- **Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Spanish. **Live Interactive Webinar**. Register at <https://conta.cc/36sZjZ6>
- **Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 18, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. **Live Interactive Webinar**. Register at: <https://conta.cc/34NZm1i>
- **Saturday, August 28 and Sunday, August 29, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in English. **Live Interactive Webinar**. Register at: <https://conta.cc/35WmUQT>
- **Saturday, Sept. 25 & Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Spanish. **Live Interactive Webinar**. Register at: <https://conta.cc/2XIF44R>

Respect Life Ministry

No tax-payer abortion

USCCB is planning a largescale effort to oppose the repeal of the Hyde Amendment that prevents tax-payer funding of abortion. The first, most urgent way you can help is by facilitating this simple announcement to be published far and wide beginning the **weekend of April 11**— in parish bulletins, newsletters, radio spots, diocesan newspapers, pastors' or bishops' columns:

Keep your tax dollars from going to abortion! www.notaxpayerabortion.com

This website listed is in the process of being created and will be built out and ready to help visitors take action at that time.

Volunteers are essential to the Archdiocese of Miami Respect Life Ministry, especially the operations of our five Pregnancy Help Centers. We train our volunteers to serve in different capacities, according to their interests, talents & abilities. Contact us at 954-981-2922 to learn more, or submit your volunteer application today! The volunteer application can be found at: respectlifemiami.org/volunteer.

Office of Vocations

Vocation Mass and reflection

The Serra Club of Broward County cordially invites all parishioners in Broward County to attend a special Mass and reflection to support our priests and seminarians on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 731 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano, Beach, FL.

Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. - Mass celebrated by Fr. Matthew Gomez, Vocations Director of the Archdiocese of Miami
- 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. - Malcolm Meikle, Serra Club
- 12:00 p.m. - Box Lunch to Go

Due to social distancing and for box lunch, **reservations are required**. Call or text Georgette Meikle, 954-946-2551


Office of Communications

'Angels Unawares' sculpture honoring migrants arrives in Miami

A traveling bronze, life-sized sculpture entitled 'Angels Unawares' was installed at Bayfront Park, 301 Biscayne Blvd., Miami and is open for public viewing until April 8. Pope Francis unveiled the original sculpture, created by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, in St. Peter's Square on Sept. 29, 2019, the 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The sculpture weighs four tons and is 20-foot long and features indigenous people, people from war-torn countries, and the Holy Family, among many others. Above the refugees crowded on the raft are the wings of an angel, which references the Hebrews 13:2: "Be welcoming to strangers, many have entertained angels unawares." For more information on the sculpture, visit https://www.miamiarch.org/CatholicDiocese.php?op=Article_angels-unawares-sculpture-on-display-in-archdiocese-of-miami

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Online Events Calendar postings

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many events are taking place online only. Events taking place in person are subject to CDC guidelines, including restrictions on capacity and requirements for social distancing and mask-wearing. When you submit an event, please make clear in the description whether it is taking place online or in person.

Beware of scammers

The Archdiocese of Miami has heard reports of scammers impersonating Archbishop Thomas Wenski on Instagram. If you, your friends, or family receive a direct message from accounts impersonating Archbishop Wenski, please do not respond. Report the account immediately to the social media platform, and let us know someone impersonating Archbishop Wenski has tried to contact you.