

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center
C'est la Vie Apartments
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June is National Rose Month

"I am drawn by your beauty, and wounded by your love."

The rose has been the official National Floral Emblem of the United States since President Ronald Reagan signed the following proclamation in November of 1986: *"Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 159, has designated the rose as the National Floral Emblem of the United States and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation declaring this fact."* The rose is a woody perennial flowering plant of the genus *Rosa* and in the family Rosaceae. There are over a hundred species and thousands of cultivars. They form a group of plants that can be erect shrubs, climbing or trailing with stems and are often armed with sharp thorns. Flowers vary in size and shape and are usually large and showy in varied colors. Most species are native to Asia, with smaller numbers native to Europe, North America, and northwestern Africa. Species, cultivars and hybrids are all widely grown for their beauty and often are fragrant. They range in size from compact, miniature roses, to climbers that can reach 25 feet in height. Different species hybridize easily, and this has been used in the development of the wide range of garden roses.

Due to its beautiful and unique characteristics, the rose has developed ancient symbolic meanings throughout human history. The rose has inspired people over the ages to develop a language of roses by ascribing meanings to color, variety and number of roses being gifted. Traditionally, the red rose is considered the flower of love as it is often given to signify loving wishes on Valentine's Day. However, roses are grown in various sizes, colors, dimensions of the rose bud, and hardiness to the environment. The color of their blooms has symbolic meanings associated with them. Knowing the meaning of the color is important in order to choose the color rose to match the circumstances. When you consciously choose a certain color, you bring a whole new depth to the gesture of gifting roses. Some of the most common colors are red, white, yellow, and pink.

Red Roses: A red rose is an unmistakable expression of love. Red roses convey deep emotions - be it love, longing or desire. Red roses can also be used to convey respect, admiration or devotion and a deep red rose can be used to convey heartfelt regret and sorrow.

White Roses: White is the color of purity, chastity and innocence. White flowers are generally associated with new beginnings and make an ideal accompaniment to a first-time bride walking down the aisle. White flowers can also be used to convey sympathy and humility.

Yellow Roses: Yellow roses are an expression of exuberance. Yellow roses evoke sunny feelings of joy, warmth and welcome. They are symbols of friendship and caring. The yellow rose, like many other varieties, does not carry an undertone of romance. It indicates purely platonic emotions.

Pink Roses: There are many variations of the pink rose. Over all, pink roses are used to convey gentle emotions such as admiration, joy and gratitude. Light pink rose blooms are indicative of sweetness and innocence. Deep pink rose blooms convey deep gratitude and appreciation. Pink roses also signify elegance and grace.

Please take time to enjoy the roses in bloom in the gardens on our property.

We are pleased to announce that our gardens recently were recognized and awarded the Outstanding Garden from the Opelousas Garden Club!

Hurricane Season – *Let us all be prepared!*

As summer begins, we also begin our months of hurricane season. We want to be vigilant and to be ready. A good hurricane plan begins with a checklist to ensure that we are well prepared. The National Hurricane Center, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, offers the following suggestions for a hurricane checklist

Water: One gallon, per person, per day, for at least three days

Non-perishable food and paper goods for at least three days

Flashlights, battery powered radio, extra batteries

A first aid kit & extra medications (prescription and over the counter medications)

A multipurpose tool (like a Swiss Army Knife)

Sanitary or personal hygiene products, hand soap, antiseptic wipes, etc.

Cell phone and chargers

Extra cash

Clean set of linens, blankets

Map of the area for use in an evacuation

Baby supplies including bottles, formula, baby food, diapers, games for children, etc.

Pet supplies (leashes, collar with ID, food carrier, bowl, food)

Tools and supplies for securing the home and turning off water, etc.

Extra set of car keys and house keys

Extra set of clothing for each person, hats, and sturdy shoes

Insect repellent and sun screen

Camera for taking pictures before and after any hurricane damage

Copies of personal documents in water-proof container including: Family and emergency contact information, medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies, note paper and pens, etc.

Let us all be prepared!

☪ **Celebrating Birthdays in June** ☪

<i>I. Blouin</i>	<i>6/07</i>	<i>H. Roger</i>	<i>6/11</i>
<i>Sr. J DeLoach</i>	<i>6/03</i>	<i>A. Scott</i>	<i>6/23</i>
<i>E. Gaudet</i>	<i>6/12</i>	<i>J. Sebastien</i>	<i>6/20</i>
<i>M. Johnson</i>	<i>6/05</i>	<i>L. Thomas</i>	<i>6/15</i>
<i>M. Langlois</i>	<i>6/25</i>	<i>J. Woodson</i>	<i>6/01</i>
<i>M. Myers</i>	<i>6/20</i>		

— Recently Deceased Residents —
***Howard Pitre* 5/01/2017**
***Justine Clark* 5/03/2017**
***Malcolm Martin* 5/10/2017**
***Helen Horaist* 5/17/2017**

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Dear all,

Some have asked about our MSC meetings in June from June 11th – 18th so I want to share some information with you.

This may help to give you a better understanding of this significant event in the life of our MSC congregation.

A Chapter Meeting is an important time in the life of a religious congregation. It occurs every 5-6 years depending on the rule of the Congregation. It is a time for sisters who have been chosen as delegates from the membership to come together to set the future vision of the group and to elect leadership. Since we are an international congregation, we will have delegates from France, Africa, Haiti, and the USA at the meeting.

We will be meeting in Covington, LA at St. Benedict Abbey.

There will be about 45 total sisters in attendance.

There will be simultaneous translation in French and English during the sessions.

In addition to the translators, there will be a sister facilitating all the sessions.

The entire time of the Chapter is set in an atmosphere of prayer and reflection.

During the Chapter, we will elect our congregational leader and first assistant.

These 2 positions are for 5 years with a possibility of a second term of office after the first 5 years.

Sr. Ann Lacour has served as leader for the last 5 years and she can be re-elected at this chapter.

Sr. Stephanie Brignac has served as first assistant for the last 5 years and she also can be re-elected.

Both of these sisters have indicated their willingness to serve for a second term if re-elected.

The election process is done in the context of discernment.

We will have time for prayer during the elections.

There may be small group discussions about qualities of leaders needed in relation to present and future needs.

However, very different from a local, state, or national election processes – there is an absence of signs, commercials, debates, bumper stickers, flyers in the mail proposing one candidate over another, etc!

From the staff of PSNH, the following sisters are attending as delegates:

Sisters Margaret Rose Cano, Stephania D'Souza, Mary Kay Kinberger, Cynthia Knowles, Charlotte Le Boeuf, Kathleen Stakelum.

If you have questions, please let me know.

We depend on your prayers during this special time in the life of our Congregation.

Thanks and blessings, smk