“To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live, and make Him better known.”

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF PLEASANTON

JANUARY 22, 2017

Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

This weekend (January 21st–22nd), our youth who are preparing for Confirmation are away on retreat at Mt. Hermon. There are 116 teens, along with a host of adult leaders – almost 150 in total. Let’s keep them in our prayers. Our youth are continuing their discernment (prayerful and thoughtful reflection) and preparation to embrace and live out the fullness of their initiation as Catholic Christians. The Sacrament of Confirmation will complete this part of their faith journey and initiate the next stages of ongoing discernment of their vocations. They are the young Church and we have a great deal to learn from them as all of us are “learning” to be followers of Christ. Just what is the Lord calling them to do with their lives? How will they respond to the Lord’s promptings?

Just this past week, Pope Francis reminded the Church that his focus and our focus need to be on youth. We are in an early period of preparation for a gathering in Rome in October 2018. At that gathering, the leaders of the Church will discuss the youth of the world. This will be eye opening, because while we can speak of a globalization of “youth culture,” what it means to be a teenager in Pleasanton might be somewhat different that being a teenager in Ghana or Haiti or even Argentina. These nuances will be part of the conversation. The theme of this conversation with the youth is "Young (Continued on page 2)"
People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment."

Pope Francis has released a preparatory document that can be found on the parish website. Attached to the document are questions to stimulate conversation. Some questions are general and some questions are specific to the part of the world in which we live. For us, that’s the Americas. Nicole Browne, our high school youth minister, intends to engage our youth in exploring the preparatory document and encouraging them to respond to the questions. We will then forward the content of their conversation to ensure that our responses will be part of the living reflections on youth. These responses will be part of a conversation of the global church. How awesome that the youth of Pleasanton’s considerations will be heard!

This is an awesome opportunity to remind ourselves that we are part of a Universal Church that extends beyond our lived experience. When the Pope released the document and the questions, he directly addressed the youth and young adults of the global church. He wants them “to be the center of attention” for the entire process "because you are in my heart." We have the opportunity to learn from the faith experiences of our young church.

And we pray for the 116 youth on retreat this weekend. Protect them, love them and guide them, loving and merciful God.

In Him,

Fr. Paul
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**Scripture Readings**

January 29  
Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12a

**January Grief Meetings**

The bi-monthly meeting on Thursday, January 4 has been changed to Tuesday January 24. This is due to a conflict with the January Lecture Series, *What is Praise*.

Our meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel at 7:30 PM.

For more information, please call Eleanor Flatley at (925)-846-8708. No pre-registration is required and the sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation.

**What is Praise?**

Join us for our January Lecture Series, *What is Praise?*, Praise Through Living on Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 PM, St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

**RCIA - Come and See**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that adults complete to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

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**Invite 2.0**

We recently announced CCOP’s new ministry called **Invite 2.0**. We asked if perhaps you know someone who is asking themselves questions such as:

*Do you feel like there is something missing? Is there something bigger out there?*

The intention of Invite 2.0 is to help people explore these and other questions – to find a deeper sense of their spiritual side. Invite 2.0 is not designed to make people Catholic. If, after the 8-week program, folks would like to pursue the Catholic faith, we have RCIA or Returning Catholics. If they would like to check out other denominations or faith traditions, that’s great too.

We continue the **8-week program** on **Wednesday, January 25 at 7:30 PM** at the St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel. Please take some flyers from the vestibule and give one to those in your life who may be interested, or visit our new website **Invite2.org** for more information. **RSVP to inviteyou2.0@gmail.com**

**Bible Study**

The next series of classes will begin **February 2 and 3** at St. Augustine Parish Hall. Thursdays series start at 7:30 PM and Fridays at 9:30 AM.

**Adult Confirmation**

Adults interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425, for more information.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Alfredo Hamam  
Tom Halloran  
Mike Elliot  
Maria del Carmen Gutierrez  
Roger Thornton  
Valdemar Rocha  
Bridget Coyle  
Carol Bush  
Claire Johnston  
Glenn Enriquez  
Lulu Vergara  
Pat Whitlow  
Ed Inderbitzen  
Norma Valencia  
Kimberly McFate  
Mary Judy Curdy  
Edward G. McDonald  
Patricia Santos

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Edward Collins  
Eleanor Collins  
Princess Bade  
David Garibaldi  
Adeeb Rashid  
Rosaline Fitzpatrick  
Terry Ching  
Zenaida Shinn  
Ronald Shinn  
Peggy Hansen  
Mary Radcliff  
Kristen Reed  
Lisa Dacanay  
JoAnn Burton  
Ty Turner  
Patricia Mendoza  
Ed Targaczewski  
Lisa Messinger
Collection for Livermore Homeless Refuge and St. Anthony's Dining Room
Youth Group Leadership will be collecting new, warm hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for homeless men and women here in the Tri-Valley and in San Francisco.

Collection bins will be in the vestibules of both churches this weekend, **January 21/22**. You may also drop off your donations to the Faith Formation office at St. Augustine Hall. **The last day to drop off any donations is Friday, January 27.**

For questions, contact Nicole Browne at nbrowne@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Women In God’s Spirit
**Monday, January 23 at 7:00 PM**
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel

Please join us as we host Fr. Leo Edgerly, the pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Piedmont. We are so fortunate to have Fr. Leo speak to us on: *The Holy Spirit: The Magnificent Gift of God.* It will be a spirit filled evening indeed! **If you have any questions, please contact Kim Martin at (925) 989-6829 or kimellenmartin@gmail.com.**

Giving Made Easy (GME)
Make your Arise & Build, Sunday and Special offerings via Credit Card or Checking Account.

1. Go to the CCOP website.
2. Click on Giving/Giving Made Easy.
3. Click on “Enroll and Update Account” and set up your account.

If your credit card changes, please remember to update your account information using the same login. Thank you!
This year, the holiday collection and distribution of toys to the children of the inmates was another big success thanks to your generosity. Combined with the other parishes of the Tri-Valley, we exceeded our usual contribution and as many as 360 children from Santa Rita Jail in Dublin and the Glenn Dyer Jail in Oakland benefited from this program, almost double from previous years.

Thank you again for your contribution to this program. Happy New Year to you and your families.