Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

As we continue our Lenten journey I am reminded of some wonderful memories from my childhood. I am a product of a generation of children brought up in the 1960s and 1970s. Even though this was a period of great change for both the church and our country, what I remember most during this time are my parents and the seriousness they both shared with us regarding sacrifice of material things.

Some things from my childhood remained the same, especially during Lent. I get nostalgic thinking about the meals Mom and Dad cooked during Lent. For example: one Friday Mom would make homemade pizza. Another Friday, she would cook Mrs. Paul’s Fish Stix and Tater Tots (do they still make these?). And yet another Friday, it would be grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup, a Catholic school favorite. And finally, pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream; Dad loved this the most. He also used to make his “famous Captain’s platter” which consisted of numerous species of shell fish and a variety of vegetables all of which were dipped in a beer batter and deep fried.

As part of our Lenten sacrifice we are encouraged to abstain from all meat as it is

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considered expensive and the money we save abstaining from these products can go to the poor (have you seen the prices of sea food lately?). But why do we abstain from these foods? The idea of fasting is recorded throughout the Gospels where Christ Himself is led by the Holy Spirit to the desert to fast, and in doing so is tempted by the Evil One. However, this idea of fasting is not just about denying oneself the luxury of eating meat, it is really about our conversion.

Conversion from sin is what we hope to achieve during these forty days. It is a period in our spiritual life that guides us to leave sin behind and begin anew. And sometimes we will stumble and return to the sin which we are diligently trying to leave behind. But since we are human we will fall again and again. Do we give up or, as I tell the penitent in the confessional, pick ourselves up and dust ourselves off and start anew? I am a great believer that God is merciful and forgiving. He knows the sorrows and tribulations each one of us endures in our lives. He knows by looking into our hearts and minds the anguish we all go through and He knows the moment we are sorry for our sins and offenses.

As we begin our second week of Lent let us consider looking deeper into our needs for real conversion. If we are going to “give something up”, then let’s really give something up that will be long-lasting and not just end when Easter begins.

Fr. Leonard

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**MASSES AT ST. AUGUSTINE**

- **Sunday Vigil**: 5:00 PM (Saturday)
- **Sunday**: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
- **Weekday Masses**: 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
- **Holy Days**: 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM
- **Eucharistic Adoration**: First Fridays, following 8:30 AM Mass
- **Benediction**: Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
- **(Confessions)**

**WEDDINGS** 6 months preparation time required by the Diocese. Call for an interview.

**BAPTISMS** You must be registered in the Parish prior to Baptism. Call for an interview.

**MASSES AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON**

- **Sunday**: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM
- **Weekdays Masses**: 12:10 PM Monday - Friday
- **Holy Days**: 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM
- **Eucharistic Adoration**: 12:45 PM Monday and Wednesday

**PARISH TEAM**

- Rev. Paul D. Minnihan: Pastor
- Rev. Leonard Marrujo: Associate Pastor
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### Second Sunday of Lent

#### Mass Intentions

**SUN Feb 21**
- 8:00 AM
  - Joe & Rose Vargas
  - For The People
  - Camille Chabot (L)
- 10:00 AM
  - Charles Belinga Eno
  - For The People
- 12:00 AM
  - Fabian Abellana
- 12:15 PM
  - Alejandro Bautista (D)
  - Cantor Practice
  - Bi-Monthly Grief Support Meeting

**MON Feb 22**
- 12:10 PM
  - Rev. Alexander Snyder (L)

**TUE Feb 23**
- 12:10 PM
  - Elizabeth Ezekwem (L) & Family

**WED Feb 24**
- 12:10 PM
  - Fabian Abellana

**THU Feb 25**
- 12:10 PM
  - Alejandro Bautista (D)

**FRI Feb 26**
- 12:10 PM
  - Felix de Castro III

**SAT Feb 27**
- 9:00 AM
  - Frances Sehott
  - Manuel & Elmira Luis
  - Dionisio & Amor Natividad
  - Rosalinda Ilagan

**SUN Feb 28**
- 9:00 AM
  - Joe & Rose Vargas
  - Charles Belinga Eno
  - For The People
  - Camille Chabot (L)
- 11:00 AM
  - Fabian Abellana
- 12:00 AM
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#### Calendar of Events

**SUN Feb 21**
- 9:00 AM
  - Crab Feed Ticket Sales After All Masses
- 10:00 AM
  - RCIA Inquiry
  - Baptism Rite of Welcome
  - Baptism Preparation Class 2
- 11:00 AM
  - Crab Feed Tickets Sold After All Masses
  - RCIA Inquiry
  - Baptism Ceremony
- 12:15 PM
  - Crab Feed Ticket Sales After All Masses
  - Vestibule

**MON Feb 22**
- 12:10 PM
  - Eucharistic Adoration
  - Parish Mission
  - Chapel

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- 12:10 PM
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  - Parish Mission
  - Chapel

**WED Feb 24**
- 12:10 PM
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  - Children’s Choir Rehearsal
  - Legion of Mary
  - Parish Mission
  - Chapel

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Scripture Readings
February 28
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Stations of the Cross
St. Augustine Church
Fridays at 7:30 PM
Each Friday during Lent:
February 26
March 4, 11 & 18, 2016
Led by different ministries of CCOP.

Rice Bowls
The Rice Bowls are available in the vestibules following all Masses this weekend, February 20-21. The Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Service (CRS) Project. The CRS protects, defends and advances human life around the world by directly meeting basic needs and advocating solutions to injustice. The bowls will be collected following each Mass on April 2-3. This event is organized by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

Grief Workshop
February 25 at 7:30 PM—St. Elizabeth Seton Fr. Padraig Greene, Facilitator
The death of a loved one is unlike any other loss. Whether the death was sudden or tragic, or one with warning and preparation, the reality of death leaves most of us in a state of shock, confusion and sadness. Join us bi-monthly and let us accompany you on your healing journey. No pre-registration is necessary, but if it is your first night attending, please arrive a little early to check in. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation.

Please call Nancy at (925) 846-9543 for more information. Next meeting is Thursday, March 10.

Easter Food Baskets
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The Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed and Silent Auction
Saturday Evening, February 27, 2016 St. Augustine Hall
Ticket on sale now!
$45 per person
Silent Auction Preview at 5:00 PM
Dinner will begin at 7:00 PM
For more information, please contact Tim Tuttle at (925) 487-5645 or crabfeedatccop@gmail.com
Get On the Bus
Get On the Bus is a program of the Center for Restorative Justice Works which brings children and their caregivers from throughout the State of California to visit their mothers and fathers in prison. This year CCOP will sponsor a bus trip and provide the children with a travel bag including snacks, games, and other comfort items. They will also receive a photo with his or her parent, stationery items to keep in touch with them and meals for the day. On the trip home they also will receive a teddy bear with a letter from their parent.

Items will be collected in St. Augustine Hall until March 7. Please click on the Get On the Bus link on our homepage at www.catholicsofpleasanton.org for more information and to sign up to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Hanson at (925) 474-2771.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Summer Fun at Camp!
Northern CA has 2 exciting options for Catholic camps. Both offer a variety of summer camp programs for 1st grade through high school, and both offer online registration. Check out Camp Pendola adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest near Camptonville, CA at www.pendola.org. Or take a look at CYO Camp in Occidental, CA at www.cyocamp.org. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Schlachte at (925) 474-2775 or nschlachte@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

CYO Track and Field
The CYO Track and Field Team will have sign-ups for boys and girls, grades 1-8 on this Sunday, February 21 at 1:30 PM in the St. Augustine Hall. No prior experience is necessary to join the team and any one who lives in Pleasanton, Sunol and Dublin may join.

The season is scheduled to begin March 13 with practices beginning Saturday, March 5.

Information is available on our team’s web site at www.ccopcyo.org or contact Mark Worrell at (925) 426-5375.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Camille Chabot
Norma Torrico
Darlene Upmeier
Nicolette R. Villareal
Rebecca Villareal
Melissa Rogers Peters
Marda Rowe Henry
Ashley Miller
Randy Groebler
Lili McWilliams
Ronald Shinn
Patrick O’Connor
Joan O’Connor
Michael Callaway
Barbara Callaway

Nestor Rojas
Angel Montalvo
Julia Gonzalez
Brandon Francisco
Cheryl Morgan
Melanie Henshaw
Cynthia Gibson
Lorraine Hanna
K. C. Hansen
Noelyn Dimayuga
Torri Fritz
Cheryl Morgan
Jeannie Magoon
Keagan Lyons
Drive Mercy
Meditations on the Holy Year of Mercy

Monday, February 22nd – Learning – The Spirituality of Mercy
Tuesday, February 23rd – Liturgy – The Rehearsal of Mercy
Wednesday, February 24th – Living – The Reveal of Mercy

Sessions are held each day
9:30 am  St. Augustine Church
7:30 pm  St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Mission Leader Dr. Johan van Parys

Johan is a native of Belgium and holds graduate degrees from the Catholic University in Louvain, Belgium and a Ph.D. in theology from The University of Notre Dame in Indiana. He has been Director of Liturgy and the Sacred Arts at The Basilica of Saint Mary in Minneapolis since 1995. His book Symbols that Surround Us (Liguori) was published in 2012 and What’s the Smoke for. And other Burning Liturgical Questions (Liturgical Press) was published in 2014. He serves on the international board of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums and on the Vatican Art and Technology Council.