Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

Easter is about newness, hope and life. The light of Christ illuminates you and me! We look into the reality of life and bring the freshness that is Him. To celebrate Easter, we need to remember that dying leads to rising and oftentimes this involves change. This Easter Season, we have been about that.

Along with Liz Rogers’ departure as Director of Faith Formation, we are going to be saying goodbye to Pat Morgan as Director of Sacrament Formation and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children and teens. Pat and her husband Tom are moving to North Carolina to be with family. It’s a very hard hit. I am looking at the loss. It hurts us; it hurts me as your pastor. They will be missed. But I know that lived experience creates opportunity – opportunity for Pat and Liz and all of us at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

We have a great team in Faith Formation. Liz and Pat have built an incredible ministry that we will continue to foster and grow. We all are very appreciative of Nicole Browne and Nancy Schlachte, heads of High School and Middle School Youth Ministry. They will be rudders as faith formation goes into unfamiliar waters.

As we forge our way forward, we need to keep in mind that dying brings rising. We have a wonderful opportunity to grow. As we hire new personnel, I have been meeting with a cross section of the parish and we want to move Pleasanton forward! The new position will be named “Director of Life Long Learning”. That’s

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not rhetoric. In fact, I was hesitant to use this language. The committee pressed me and they were right and I was not. Historically, we have not had a solid formation track for adults. We have had our January series and parish mission. Fr. Chris has provided awesome reflections for those in ministry during Advent and Lent. Now, it’s time for something more consistent and solid for our future. The new director will ensure this happens.

To afford this, we intend to combine Elementary Faith Formation with Sacrament Formation and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children and Teens (RCIC/T). That means First Communion and all the sacraments for our kids will be the responsibility of the Elementary Coordinator. I also want to make clear that sacrament preparation is not replacing early faith formation for our kids, quite the opposite. As we position ourselves for lifelong learning, it’s imperative that we understand that preparation for sacraments is about readiness. We cannot just go through the motions. Does that put more responsibility on moms and dads? Sure does! Remember, moms and dads: you are the first teachers of the faith. What we provide supplements you.

I know many parents who are daunted at the prospect of sharing their faith with their children. In a very telling conversation, a dad said to me “Paul, I don’t know how”. How honest and how true! My brothers and sisters, we need to develop our own adult faith so that we can share our faith with our kids. Does this require work and effort? Definitely. Easy? Nope! They need to know what we maybe did not get. We cannot stop our own formation with a teenage understanding of God. And that’s what many of us have done!!! We need to build our own faith as adults before we can pass it on to our children.

Let’s let go of what was. Let’s die to ignorance and rise to our faith in Jesus, Easter life!!!

Blessings,

Fr. Paul
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| **SUN** | **8:00 AM** Mary Gregory  
**10:00 AM** Charles Wortham  
**12:00 PM** Consuelo Galvan Flores | **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**4:30 PM** Children’s Spanish Choir Practice  
**7:30 PM** High School Youth Group  
**Room 8**  
**Rms 4, 5, 16 & 17** |
| **MON** | **8:30 AM** Robin Yu | **8:30 AM** Octavio Rios (L)  
**12:00 PM** Al-Anon Meeting  
**7:00 PM** Adult Choir Rehearsal  
**Room 8**  
**Church** |
| **TUE** | **8:30 AM** Diana Bonnano | **6:00 PM** Always Praying AMP  
**7:30 PM** Bible Study  
**Room 4 & 5**  
**Rooms 16 & 17** |
| **THU** | **8:30 AM** Miguel Borzelli (L)  
**9:30 AM** Bible Study  
**11:00 AM** Al-Anon Meeting  
**6:00 PM** AA Meeting  
**7:00 PM** Hispanic Prayer Group  
**Room 4 & 5**  
**Rooms 16 & 17**  
**Room 8**  
**Rooms 4, 5 & 7** |
| **SAT** | **8:30 AM** Dianna Bonnano  
**5:00 PM** Tony Costello | **8:45 AM** Al-Anon Meeting  
**9:00 AM** Spanish First Eucharist Candidate & Sponsor Retreat  
**2:15 PM** Young Voices in Harmony Festival  
**4:00 PM** Reconciliation  
**Rectory Hall**  
**Church**  
**Church** |
| **SUN** | **8:00 AM** Veronica Cook  
**10:00 PM** Margaret Smith  
**12:00 PM** For The People | **9:00 AM** Donut Sunday  
**1:00 PM** Faith Formation Registration  
**6:30 PM** Baptism Preparation Class 1  
**Rooms 4 & 5**  
**Hall**  
**Rooms 4 & 5** |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

| **SUN** | **9:00 AM** Manuel C. Pereira  
**11:00 AM** Terry Williams  
**4:00 PM** Nelson Galvez  
**6:30 PM** For The People | **9:00 AM** Inquiry  
**1:00 PM** Baptism Ceremony  
**Room A**  
**Church** |
| **MON** | **12:10 PM** Dominic & Riza Pulanco | **12:45 PM** Eucharistic Adoration  
**7:15 PM** RCIA  
**7:15 PM** Adult Confirmation  
**7:30 PM** Liturgy Committee Meeting  
**Chapel**  
**Room A**  
**Room A**  
**Cry Room** |
| **TUE** | **12:10 PM** Rubin Montiero | **12:10 PM** Joseph & Evangeline Leitch  
**12:45 PM** Eucharistic Adoration  
**5:00 PM** Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
**5:30 PM** Legion of Mary  
**7:00 PM** Teen Choir Rehearsal  
**7:00 PM** Returning Catholics  
**Chapel**  
**Church**  
**Church**  
**Room B**  
**Church**  
**Room A** |
| **WED** | **12:10 PM** Marilyn Heinzel | **12:10 PM** Marilyn Heinzel  
**7:30 PM** Grief Ministry Spring Workshop  
**7:30 PM** Cantor Practice  
**Chapel**  
**Church** |
| **THU** | **12:10 PM** Lydia Pobre | **7:00 PM** High School Social  
**Room A**  
**JPII Center** |
| **FRI** | **9:00 AM** Albert P. Markinko  
**11:00 AM** Eugene Patrick Jones  
**4:00 PM** Karin Debor  
**6:30 PM** Ivy Cargill & Violet Hinds | **10:00 AM** Donut Social  
**10:15 AM** RCIA Inquiry  
**Vestibule**  
**Room A** |
Scripture Readings

May 1
Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

Private Reconciliation

Private reconciliation on Saturday, April 30, will begin at 4:00 PM. The following week we will resume our regular schedule.

MedShare

Please join us at MedShare on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 AM until Noon. A group of CCOP volunteers will sort medical supplies at MedShare in San Leandro. MedShare provides free medical supplies to hospitals and free clinics around the world where there is great need. 15 volunteers are needed. For information or to volunteer, contact Mark at menevi@sbcglobal.net or at (925) 846-1014. Thank you.

This volunteer activity is organized by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

Celebrating SCCs

At all Masses on the last Sunday of January we invited everyone to deepen their Lenten experience by joining a Small Christian Community (SCC). We are delighted to share that over 80 people responded to form eight new SCCs and we added new members to existing groups. These are fellow parishioners meeting in their homes to explore their faith, support one another and pray. It is a way to make being a Catholic a real part of our life. It is not too late to try this for yourself.

For more information go to the Parish Website at https://www.catholicsofpleasanton.org/small-christian-communities.html.

1st Wednesdays at Main Street

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton has a booth at downtown Pleasanton's First Wednesdays Summer Street Fair from May to September. Please visit our booth between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM. One of our choirs performs and our teens provide face painting for the kids. Mark your calendars to visit our booth (near Dean's Cafe on Main Street) for every First Wednesday Street Fair beginning May 4.

Employment Connections

Our focus is on where you as an individual are in your job search today. We address those issues you need direction on today and offer job search guidance, resource information, networking, inspiration and support in a safe environment. We welcome anyone in need of help with job search to join us. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday each month at 7:00 PM at St Elizabeth Seton Church in Room B. Join our Linkedin Group: Employment Connection CCOP or contact Mike at (925) 462-9765.

Women In God's Spirit (WINGS)

Monday, May 2, 2016, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Pope John Paul II Activity Center

You are invited to join us for the end of our Spring presentation of New Evangelization: Invitation to Seek Christ in All. Kimberly Whitaker will speak about “Ministry to Returning Catholics”. WINGS end of the year dinner will be held on May 16. Thank you for

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Returning Catholics
Here at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton, we have a Special Program to help non-practicing Catholics return to the Church entitled “Returning Catholics”. This ministry meets on **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Room A. Please pass this article on or pick up a flyer in the vestibule of either St. Augustine or St. Elizabeth Seton. For more information, please contact Kimberly Whitaker at (925) 846-0892 or email at mailto:kimberly-whitaker@sbcglobal.net.

Primavera Dinner Dance
Italian Catholic Federation—Branch 285
Saturday, May 7, at 7:00 PM
St. Michael Hall, 372 Maple Street, Livermore
Bar opens 6:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM, $35 per person
Reservations required by May 2
Please contact Bobbie at (925) 361-7088.

Faith Formation News
Registration Information
Sunday, May 1  1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Monday, May 2  Noon - 7:00 PM
Join us at St. Augustine Hall, 3999 Bernal Avenue, to register your child for all Faith Formation programs.

At the time of registration you will need to:
1. be a registered parishioner of CCOP
2. provide a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate if we don’t have one on file
3. complete the Faith Formation registration form and visit the coordinator whose program you are interested in, and
4. give your registration paperwork along with a check for the fees to our Office Manager.

Registration forms as well as a comprehensive program description can be found on the CCOP website at: www.catholicsofpleasanton.org. Click on the Learning link at the top of the home page, then choose your child’s grade in school to learn about programming options.

Summer Fun at Camp!
Northern CA has two exciting options for Catholic camps. Both offer a variety of Summer Camp Programs for 1st grade through high school, and both offer online registration. Camp Pendola (July 17-23) is adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest near Camptonville, CA at www.pendola.org. Or take a look at CYO Camp (July 11-17) in Occidental, CA at www.cyocamp.org. If you have questions, please contact Nancy Schlachte at nschlachte@catholicsofpleasanton.org or call (925) 474-2775.
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