Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

In the midst of what seems so wrong in both the United States and throughout the world, there is great need to consider the violence and all its excesses. So much seems on the brink due to tensions between those charged to uphold law and the persons who receive their protection; between people of different races and creeds, orientation and gender biases. At times, it looks and feels very grim. I share your feelings of frustration, pain and sadness over everything that has happened. Yet, as your pastor and a man, I desire to live with the conviction of hope and the warm light of life that lures and bathes us. From this faith-based desire, I want to consider the following. How to build the good society is the ultimate question!!!

For me, it starts with pondering from my very limited gaze what might be at stake and what we have seen. First, it becomes glaringly apparent that mental illness and the treatment of those with such chronic conditions deserves our attention. These are human persons, your brother and sister, who need and deserve to be safe with affordable access to care. The basis of mental illness are many and varied. There are those born with a disposition toward chemical imbalance and bipolarity; there have been those who have experienced trauma of a variety of sorts – to include those who have been at war and seen its ravages and horrors. All of these unchecked might contribute to horrific situations as we have seen.

Second, as this plays out, we need to ensure that there are checks and balances put in place for the safety of the other. The excess in demonstrations or stoking mob mentality

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exacerbates the situation to a point of violence where rational and conversation is snuffed out. This is not to suggest that there aren’t situations that demand justice but how do we go about it? Peaceful assembly articulated in Catholic social teaching and in our own country’s historical struggle must be the way to realize this. Here is where I start to locate hope and light.

Third, oftentimes our desire to exercise rights as well as basic freedoms clashes with the need to exercise these calmly, politely and even serenely. As I look at the tragedies in Florida, Louisiana, Minnesota, Michigan and Texas over the last month, I wonder what the constructive conversation is and what can we do. There is no question that we need action from our elected representatives and there seems to be an unfortunate void of constructive conversation in Congress. Finger pointing is not a solution.

Finally, as your pastor I believe that conversation must begin with us. The conversation might well begin on the micro level in order to address these searing macro phenomena of today – I am seeking a value-based grass roots level. Maybe it is best to turn toward what is right and good. Maybe it’s time to engage in greater service of all varieties that aim at building up the common good. Maybe we need to strengthen marriages and families. Maybe time spent together is necessary in a world of excessive and accelerating social media. Maybe we need to love our neighbor as ourselves. Maybe what we need to remember is that we equally have a share in the divine life. God has an indwelling in you and me and that needs to be safeguarded and treasured.

We pray for all who have been the victims of violence and injustice. The pursuit of justice must be tempered with mercy and loving kindness – with charity and thoughtfulness. We pray, we remember and we hope.

Yours,

Fr. Paul
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Scripture Readings

July 24
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14

Grief Support Ministry

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 and let us accompany you on your healing journey. We meet at St. Elizabeth Seton Church the second and fourth Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM, July 28 and August 11, 25. No pre-registration is necessary. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation.

For more information, please call Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.

Adult Confirmation

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

RCIA: Come and See

Do you feel that you want to experience full initiation into the Catholic Faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that adults complete to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Now is the time!

Please contact Matt Gray, (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Military Peer Support Group

Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Wednesday of each month at St Augustine Rectory Conference Room from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

Contact Dom Pietro for additional information at (925) 462-4665 or e-mail pietr11@comcast.net. All ages welcome.

Kelly Moore Paint Discount

Parishioners, families, employees and members of the Catholic Diocese of Oakland who purchase paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company can receive a KM Club Discount and have a portion of the purchase gifted back to the Diocese. This year Kelly Moore donated back $1,000. Please ask to use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Account 605-DI4711.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Upcoming weekends Aug. 5-7 & Nov. 18-20. Contact Ray & Roberta at (916) 806-4601 or Joe & Sue at (925) 680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH

Pete Austin & Jamie Garrido
Kevin & Tina Broomhead
Jose & Danielle Diaz
Ryan & Lisa Halsey
Adam & Allison Johnson
Tim & Patricia Kamienski
Menandro & Maria Madlansacay
Walter & Shirley Moresi
David & Beverly Murphy
Edizon Punongbayan & Nicole Bifano
Shaju Sebastian & Smitha Sasidharan
John Yen & Han Nguyen
School Supply Drive

The High School Youth Ministry is having a backpack and school supply drive for kids in Tri-Valley Haven’s Shelter and children in the Pleasanton School District. Collection bins will be in the vestibules beginning next weekend.

- Backpacks
- Binders
- Binder paper (wide-rule and college-rule)
- Calculators
- Colored Pencils & Crayons
- Compasses
- Dividers
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Markers
- Notebooks (marbled or wired)
- Pencils & Pens (red, blue, and black ink)
- Protractors & Rulers
- Scissors

Payless Shoes gift cards in $10 denominations to help families whose children need shoes for school would be very much appreciated.

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 the “Giving” or “Capital Campaign” tab.
3. On the “Enroll and Update Account” Box, select donation type and choose One Time, Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly or Annual frequency.

If your credit card changes, please remember to update your account information, using the same steps above. Thank you!

Stewardship of Treasure

June 2016

- June Budget (Mo.)*: $134,348
- Sunday Plate Actual: $122,295
- % via On-line Giving: 27.22%

- Year to Date Budget: $839,675
- Year to Date Actual: $790,497

- June JPII Receipts: $619
- June A&B Receipts: $132,320

Thank you for your Stewardship!

* Plate budget based on $33,587 per week

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

- Eleanor Collins
- Edward Collins
- Michael Meneses
- Dolores Revilla
- Joe Holt
- John Condon
- Patty Wiesner
- Chelsea Pham
- Jim Barbaccia
- Enzo Buscema
- Jessica Stange
- Shirley Hale
- Grayson Blew
- Priscilla Torrez
- Mary Tange
- Michael Bartholomew
- Jake Javier
- Dolores Holcomb
- David Louis
- Armando Barbaris
- Jim Benterou
- Charlene Bradley
- Bill Abbott
- Kari Lane
- Georgia Chalmers
- Albert Happel
- Michael Meneses
- Dolores Revilla

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

- Norma Quitariano
- Barry Weiss
- Jose Texeira
- Richard McMullen
- Alex Khayat
- Jerica Alaine Harris
- June Gothard

- Sam Swyers
- Francisco Perez-Rea
- David Lewis
- Nancy Henson
- Patricia Jean Brown
- Bob Promes

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