Pastor’s Corner

My friends,

As we are looking at future shifts at Sunday 8:00 AM Mass, I want to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the request for constructive feedback on my letter “Why Do We Do What We Do? - Making a Joyful Noise.” If you want to see the letter regarding the proposed shifts at that Mass, please go to the website. I received quite a number of e-mails, a couple of letters mailed through the post office, responses through Facebook, several phone calls and a great number of face-to-face conversations. I’m glad that you took my invitation seriously and that you took these opportunities to speak with me. On that point, my door is always open. Taken together, I was heartened by the quality of the responses. The comments reflect the sentiment of the liturgy committee, staff leadership and pastoral council. I will forward to Deacon Gary and the Liturgy Committee some heartfelt and thought-filled reflections on improving the quality of our worship experience at The Catholic Community of Pleasanton. Again, I’m very grateful from the constructive nature of your considerations. The overall groundswell is quite favorable to adjusting 8:00 AM Mass.

Over the last couple of weeks, Deacon Gary who is Director of Liturgy and Ira, Coordinator of Music Ministry, worked with me on the practical logistics of implementing the shift. In order to be ready, we decided that the

(Continued on page 2)
8:00 AM Mass with sung Mass Parts will begin on September 10th. Like any shifts, there will be some tweaking that will take place. One of the greatest concerns that I heard was the need to revisit the experience. I agree wholeheartedly. We will be monitoring this to ensure that the experience of worship gives Glory to God in the first place and that we engage our talents well to express our faith in Him. And, we will look at the overall experience next summer. Thank you to one and all for your participation in this process.

Speaking of Mass, next weekend, Deacon Mario Rizzo, recently ordained for the Diocese of Oakland will join us at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. Mario is the next priest to be ordained for our Diocese. And, join us at St. Augustine Church on Sunday, August 27th at Noon. Fr. Michael will be celebrating his final Mass as Associate Pastor at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton. A reception will follow in St. Augustine Hall. Join us in praying for him as he moves to his new parish assignment at St. Joseph Parish in Fremont (Mission San Jose).

Finally, the Faith Formation leadership was quite excited after last weekend’s “greeting and meeting” at all the masses. They valued your questions and affirmations. We have a great year of faith formation opportunities before us. And DON’T FORGET... the NEXT registration is on Tuesday August 15th from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM at St. Augustine Hall.

Have a good week and a safe back-to-school for everyone...

Fr. Paul
## Mass Intentions

**SUN**
- August 13
  - 8:00 AM: Paul Schandel, Francine Vitale, Robert Gundermann
- August 20
  - 9:00 AM: Mary & Tony Pallotta, Gertrude Dietz, For the People, Prudencia, Dionisio & Robert Medrano

**MON**
- August 14
  - 12:10 PM: Jose Vargas

**TUE**
- August 15
  - 12:10 PM: For the People

**WED**
- August 16
  - 12:10 PM: Jacinto Hernandez (L)

**THU**
- August 17
  - 12:10 PM: Charles Sebahar Sr.

**FRI**
- August 18
  - 12:10 PM: Chemparathy Family (L)

**SAT**
- August 19
  - 12:10 PM: Rufino Aduviso

## Calendar of Events

**SUN**
- August 13
  - 10:00 AM: Baptism Rite of Welcome
  - 10:15 AM: Baptism Preparation Class 2
- August 20
  - 10:15 AM: RCIA—Inquiry

**MON**
- August 14
  - 7:00 PM: Youth Group Leader Training

**TUE**
- August 15
  - 12:00 PM: Al-Anon Meeting

**WED**
- August 16
  - 7:00 PM: Military Peer Support Group

**THU**
- August 17
  - 7:00 PM: Cantor Rehearsal

**FRI**
- August 18
  - 2:00 PM: Baptism Ceremony

**SAT**
- August 19
  - 7:00 PM: Al-Anon Reconciliation
Scripture Readings
August 13
1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, August 15 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
The Mass schedule is as follows:
St. Augustine  8:30 AM & 7:30 PM
St. Elizabeth Seton  12:10 PM & 6:00 PM

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

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. For more information, contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry
Come meet our wonderful group of women who create and donate shawls to parishioners in need. We meet the second Thursday of every month, at St Elizabeth Seton, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Contact Gwen Foster at (925) 398-8514 or Gwenfoster34@comcast.net and/or Cleo Foster (925) 918-2986 or itzcleo@comcast.net.

Bon Voyage Fr. Michael
Join us as Fr. Michael celebrates his last Sunday Mass at CCOP, 12:00 PM, August 27. St. Augustine Church. Reception will follow at the Hall.

Welcome Deacon Mario Rizzo
On Sunday, August 20th, Mario Rizzo, will join the Catholic Community of Pleasanton at St. Elizabeth Seton for the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Mario was ordained a transitional Deacon two weeks ago and prepares to be Ordained a Priest in 2018. Join us to pray with and meet the Diocese of Oakland’s newest Deacon.

San Damiano Retreat Center
Discovering the Sacredness of Creation
August 27 from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Kathy Miranda, MA and Sue Caldera, MA
Creation itself calls us into dialogue with the sacred. The more we become attuned to this Mystery, the closer we come to knowing God, ourselves and others. As Teilhard de Chardin states, “Not only is the universe sacred, it holds within itself the magnetism of unity”. Using all our senses we will explore God’s Word living and alive among us. We will discover through prayer, reflection, sharing, movement and art openings into the Sacredness of God’s Holy Presence. Come and join us and discover what is rising within you. You can sign up online at http://www.sandamiano.org/retreatprograms/events-calendar/ or call (925) 785-9850 or (925) 837-9141 ext. 315.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Jeanne Patricia Jones
Delores Chrisman
Daniel Dimakiling
Charles H. Scannell, Jr.
Brennan Bereda
Finley Bereda
Keith Rodricks
Ann Turner
Ron Abidog
Kenneth Smith
Nancy Tidwell
Louise McMurray
Lillian Moore
Teresita Natividad
Ruben Atencion
Barry Weiss
Edward Collins
Cecilia Hernandez
Virginia Dunham
Stanley V. Price
John Francis Hansen

WELCOME TO THE PARISH
Milagros Ballaran
Michael Bischoff
Rowena Coronel
Patrick Gondkoff & Sarah Sylva
Andrew & Jennifer Lui
Nick & Megan Niedenthal
Andrew & Yi Lin Nunes
Joel & Erwina Rudio
Hector & Rosa Sandoval
Adult Bible Study Resumes

Here at CCOP, our mission is “To know Christ better, live as He calls us to live, and make Him better known.” But the greatest bible scholar Saint Jerome said, in the 4th Century, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” This is why we need to know the bible in a very intimate way. By intimate, I mean not just reading the bible, but to know just what it is, what kind of information we must expect from it, who wrote it, how it was written, etc. We need to know the bible intimately in order to understand what we read from it. For instance, you do not read the bible as you would read a historical report, or a newspaper, or novel.

CCOP Adult Bible Study seeks to make participants knowledgeable, conversant, familiar and, hence, comfortable in using the bible. We resume our sessions on Thursday, September 7 at 7:30 PM and Friday, September 8 at 9:30 AM at Saint Augustine Hall. In September, we will continue with our study of the “The Pentateuch: The Five (5) Books of Moses.” and start the Book of Leviticus. Participants and all those who would like to join us are required to purchase and read the book Introduction to the Bible: A Catholic Guide to Studying Scripture by Stephen J. Binz. This book is available for purchase at a subsidized price of $7 in the offices of both Saint Elizabeth Seton and Saint Augustine campuses. Come and learn to know Christ better and make him better known!

Fr. Kwame

2017 Schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Book</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>The Book of Leviticus</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>October</td>
<td>The Book of Numbers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>November</td>
<td>The Book of Deuteronomy</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Join The Flock

We use Flocknote to send out updates and information about CCOP. Joining is easy from your mobile phone or computer! Text “Join CCOP” to 84576 or follow the link on the homepage of our website. Join now!

CYO Basketball

Registration for CYO Youth Basketball, for boys and girls grades 3-8 from Pleasanton and Sunol is now available online at www.ccopcyo.org. Evaluations are August 27, 28 & 29. Dates vary by Grade Year and the schedule will be posted on the website. There is a registration late fee starting August 18, registration closes August 21 or earlier based on capacity. See website for further details and register ASAP.

Marriage Encounter

Married Couples, let a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend, be the ‘rock’ upon which you build a Faith filled, loving and intimate relationship. Our next weekend is at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on September 29 - October 1. For more information, contact Ray & Roberta at (916) 806-4601 or Joe & Sue at (925) 680-7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org

Shop at Amazon.com

If you shop at Amazon.com, a percentage of your spending on almost everything you purchase can go to supporting CCOP. Go to the parish website at www.catholicsofpleasanton.org and click on the Amazon logo on the home page.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Alex Denoix  
George Korté  
Amalia Reyes  
Ellis Schott  
Ruthe Castro  
Howard Payne  
David Gonzalez Mujica  
Susan Magruda  
Tina Bereda  
Jordan Bereda  
Geraldine Cowley  
Sherryn Corrington  
Barbara Wellnitz  
Josette Bibbo  
Barbara Calloway  
Gene Guaraglia  
Barbara Smith  
Mary Paradiso  
Loren Guillarte  
Leonard Stout  
Shawn Culley  
Jordan River  
Angie Trujillo  
Annette Langer
DON’T FORGET!

Faith Formation Registration

Elementary, Middle & High School
August 15th
12:00pm - 7:00pm
St. Augustine Hall

For more information, please visit our website
www.catholicsofpleasanton.org