Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

Every four or five years, the priests of the Diocese of Oakland (Alameda and Contra Costa Counties) go away to share time together. We celebrate our faith in the living Jesus Christ, building our fraternal bonds as priests and discussing matters that are of importance to how we live priestly life and ministry. This week Frs. Michael, Kwame and I will be doing just that with the others. We will spend five days October 3rd – October 7th in Asilomar (Monterey Bay) discussing strategies for parish planning.

Some of you might remember that a couple of years ago, four of us from the Parish went to Denver for an Amazing Parish conference. There we shared best practices and discussed different strategies to develop parish life at the beginning of the 21st Century. We gathered with a variety of parishes from across the country. In part, the “take away” from that conference helped crystalized a parish plan. It has been crafted by the parish pastoral council, provided financial resources by the parish finance council and implemented by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton staff. Ours is only two years old. While we continue to work out the lumps and bumps, it is reviewed and adjusted annually. In the world in which we live, to create a three to five year plan is not advisable. This is even more the case as we look at the state of faith and religion in the United States. We need to be constantly attentive to swings and shifts, all the while grounded in the firm foundation of Jesus.

In a world that is accelerating at warp speed, the

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shape of parish life becomes a healthy tug o’ war. Put in terms of evangelization, the expressions and methods to exercise and spread our faith must meet the times in which we live. As a result, new initiatives and opportunities for the church to lead and respond to the present day are essential. In these areas, we must be ever adaptable and responsible to lead.

That’s one part of the tug. The pull against that tug is to ENSURE that the Message of Salvation, the whole Judeo Christian faith, expressed in the proclamation of the Word and in the celebration of Sacrament is intact! My brothers and sisters, this is revealed and this is inspired. Baptism configured us once and for all to Christ. Confirmation and Eucharist grounds us always and everywhere in Him. This truth transcends any moment in history and every age!!! As His ambassadors, we must be aware that both in season and out of season, this is our truth. We need to be true to who we are, which means true to Christ...

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank Roxanne Rasmussen and her team for planning and leading the celebration of the parish picnic! The afternoon, by all accounts, was enjoyed by those who braved the heat! Please see my note of thanks inside the bulletin. As I mentioned last week, I was in El Cerrito for St. Jerome Parish’s 75th anniversary with Bishop Cummins and a host of others. Notable... the 25 degree difference between weather on the bay and weather in the Tri-Valley! But, it’s always good to be at home at The Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

Have a good week...

Fr. Paul
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Scripture Readings
October 9
2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

Returning Catholics
The 6-week session of Returning Catholics is on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Room A. Newcomers are welcome to begin attending at any point in the session.

Please pass this article on or pick up a flyer in the vestibule at either St. Augustine or St. Elizabeth Seton. For more information, visit http://bit.ly/ReturningCatholics.

Women In God's Spirit
Monday, October 3, 2016, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Saint Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Women of all ages are invited to join us for our Fall speaker presentations of New Evangelization: Invitation to seek Christ in all. Our speaker, Aggie Burke, will talk about “Women at the Well: (New Ways for Women’s Voices to be Heard).

Please bring a friend to share this faith-filled evening. Looking forward to seeing you all!

K of C Membership Drive
This weekend the Knights of Columbus are having their membership drive. The Knights are a very active group of practical Catholic gentlemen. If you have questions or are simply curious, please stop by the information table in the vestibules following all Masses.

Young Adult Ministry
CCOP has a Young Adult Ministry!! College students and young professionals are welcome! Find us on Facebook under CCOP Young Adult Ministry, where all our events are posted in a timely manner. Please contact Susie at staugustine868@gmail.com to join the Ministry email for our monthly updates and events.

Thank You
Brothers and sisters,
BIG kudos to so many people who made the picnic last weekend a great success. First and foremost, Roxanne Rasmussen held the rudder and coordinated a tremendous day. Rosemary Hosterman helped with planning and led the day's events, including the ever-popular cake walk. Alina Mateo and her son, Patrick, shared their talents with the young-picnic go-ers at the Craft Corner. Chuck Deckert captured the day with photos and Tracy Seeger took photos of many families. Ira Stein and the Teen Choir entertained us with music, Vicki Haney delivered balloons, and David Grubbs set-up the sound system. We thank the many wonderful Confirmation teens who earned service hours by helping to setup, lead games and teardown. So many committed Ministry Leaders answered questions at the Ministry Tables. Families of the Hispanic, Indian, Filipino, and Italian communities generously shared their tasty dishes and the Knights of Columbus helped with set-up, teardown and served great food as well. The special guest, Squeegee the Clown, was also a hit with the kids. To one and all ... many thanks!! Check out the pictures on the website and FaceBook.
Safe Environment Training

The Diocese of Oakland announces our affiliation with VIRTUS; an internationally known and well-respected best practices platform for Safe Environment training. This training is available online and live, in Spanish and English. It is a comprehensive and multi-dimensional training that specializes in assisting churches and religious organizations in creating safe environments for children. Its mainstay course, Protecting God’s Children, assists the Church in its efforts to recognize and stop sexual abuse. Training is mandatory for all who minister, first before starting work or volunteering and then every 3 years thereafter.

To register for VIRTUS and either an online course or an onsite live training at www.virtusonline.org.

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Habitat for Humanity

It’s time for CCOP’s next Habitat for Humanity Build Day -- joining with fellow parishioners to help a needy family realize the dream of home ownership. We will work on a home in Muir Ridge in Martinez on Saturday, October 15, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. No special skills or experience are required. Participants must be at least 16 years old and have their own transportation. To sign up or for additional information, please contact David Browne at dabbrowne@gmail.com. Space is limited. The deadline for sign up is October 7, -- so act today!

Coordinated by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee of CCOP.

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Festa Italiana

Dinner, Dance, and Social
Saturday, October 8, 2016
St. Augustine’s Church Hall

The Knights of Columbus CCOP Council 6043

No-Host Cocktails
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Authentic Italian Dinner
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Menu: Antipasti, Rigatoni with Bolognese Sauce, Meatballs, Sausage, Salad, Italian Bread, Italian Cookies

Dancing
8:30 pm - 10:30 pm

This is a family event!
All are welcome!

Adults: $15.00
Children 12 and under: $10.00

For tickets, call or email:
Stephen Natalo
925-955-7661 or sanatalo@hotmail.com

Chuck Berardi
925-381-1643 or chuck.berardi@gmail.com

Ticket sales end Monday, Oct. 3

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ann Frobose
Mike Elliott
Margie Sullivan
Duane Carlson
Larry Norwood
Gonzalo DaCosta
Virginia DaCosta
Carol Bush
Genevieve Giordano

Barbara Calloway
Medardo Enriquez
Emily Ghilardi
Margaret Carlson
Andrew Holmes
Grayson Bleu
Lorraine Hanna
Victoria Brown
Georgia Phillips

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Christina Ateugbu
Mathew Ateugbu
Connie Segundo Chavez
Loretta Eve Rosenga
Gloria M. Stahlnecker
Angelo Bugarin

Joan O’Connor
Clarina Chu
Francisco Perez-Rea
Richard A. Migliore
Eric Meneses
Bertha Alicia Martin
Welcome to **BIBLE STUDY**

2016-2017 THEME SCRIPTURE BUFFET:

ALL YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT THE BIBLE

Most of us read the Bible hoping to find something significant for the way we live our lives. And we are right, the Bible is one of many ways we come to know, love, and serve God and our fellow human beings. But we cannot understand what we read in the Bible if we do not know, in the first place, what kind of book the Bible is: How, when, where, by whom, and to whom, was the Bible written?

Adult Bible Study (ABS) is a life-long learning ministry at CCOP, designed to offer continuing faith formation for those who have already completed their initiation. Join us this Season to discuss *all we can know* about our Sacred Scripture – The Bible!

*Please bring your Bible and something to take notes with.*

**Facilitator:** Rev. Kwame Assenyoh  
**Starting:** Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 PM and Friday, October 14 at 9:30 AM  
**Place:** Saint Augustine Hall