Faith Formation Update...

Blessings People of God,

As we enter into our third month of the Faith Formation Season we wish to take the opportunity to give the parish an update of CCOP’s programs. As you know CCOP strives to offer ongoing faith formation opportunities for you and your family, no matter who you are and where you are on life’s journey.

Currently our youth programs are at capacity, offering basic faith formation classes along with sacramental prep classes. Our AMP and High School youth groups continue to grow and flourish under the leadership of Nancy Schlachte and Nicole Browne. We also have a strong CIC (Christian Initiation for Children). Together, we are partners in educating the children in CCOP and ourselves, in the Catholic faith. Thank you for the trust and confidence you place in us.

We are proud to say that we are also evaluating and refining the Adult Faith Formation programs. As some of you may know, we recently started the new Bible Study classes under the tutelage of Father Kwame. We also are in the planning stages of the January Series for 2017. Adult RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) under the direction of Matt Gray, is another example of our continued commitment to serve those who seek Christ. Along with these programs, other programs are in the design stage and 2017 promises to be an exciting year for CCOP Faith Formation.

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Being in Faith Formation for over 25 years and having served in both the small neighborhood church to the large mega-church, I am both excited and honored to be part of this interesting time here at CCOP. In my short time here, I have had the pleasure of meeting many families and parishioners who share that excitement for things to come. From our baptism to early education, from the sacramental preparation years to middle school, high school, and beyond, we will attempt to offer many dynamic ways for all of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

Of course we all must deal with challenges. To have a family is also to be busy. Between sports, school, and different activities, so much of your time is already filled. We choose these activities for our families because we believe that they will allow for growth, for maturity, and for further opportunities in life. At CCOP we believe that knowing God, to hear the good news of Jesus Christ and His teachings, and to learn the teachings of His Church create new opportunities in this life and in the one to come. Time management isn’t the only challenge for us, the dedicated staff, catechists and volunteers are the backbone of any Faith Formation Program. We were dealt an unexpected blow with the departure of Jennifer Tilton, our Elementary and Sacramental Prep Coordinator. Jennifer’s husband, a member of the US Military, was issued orders and needed to relocate his family to the Mid-West. We wish Jennifer the best and will keep her in our prayers.

We will continue forward with purpose under Father Paul’s guidance and your support. We pray that through our parish you will encounter God and all that He has in store for you.

In His Name

Henry Correa
Director of Life Long Learning
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<td><strong>MON Nov 14</strong></td>
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<td><strong>SAT Nov 19</strong></td>
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Scripture Readings

November 20
2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20

Mass of Remembrance

Honor those you love who have died in a Mass of Remembrance on November 14 at 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. All are invited. If you wish, bring a small picture of your loved one.

Requests for Mass Intentions

A wonderful way to honor and remember your loved ones is to offer a Mass intention. The 2017 Mass Intention Calendars (January - June) will open for reservations on November 14 at:

St. Augustine Rectory Conference Room
Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Monday – Friday 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton Office
Monday – Friday 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Monday – Thursday 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Save the Date!

ALL Altar Servers Training schedule:

Saturday, November 19:
St. Augustine 9:00 AM - Noon
St. Elizabeth Seton 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Liturgy Coordinators or Dn. Gary at gwortham@catholicsofpleasanton.org

MedShare Volunteers Needed

Please join us on Saturday, November 19, 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. We’re looking for 20 volunteers. For information or to volunteer, please contact Mark at menevi@sbcglobal.net or at (925) 846-1014. This activity is organized by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

Little Blue Books
The first Sunday of Advent is November 20. Advent Season Little Blue Books will be available in the vestibule of both churches before and following all Masses the weekend of November 19 and 20. The books are $1.00 each.

Military Peer Support Group

Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Wednesday of each month at St Augustine's 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
1st Friday Every Month
9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Coordinator: Ernie (925) 846-7831

Last Friday of Each Month (Spanish)
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Coordinator: Ernesto (925) 640-1595

ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHAPEL
Mondays and Wednesdays
12:45 PM – 6:30 PM
Coordinators: Linda (925) 462-0974
Sharon (925) 462-8625

WELCOME TO THE PARISH

Allan & Jevelyn Chan
Brent & Melanie Gocke
Michaeline Koepe
Rhoderick & Chona Lardizabal
Roberto Rodriguez Campos & Diana Duran Castillo
Antonio Rojas & Flora Cervantes
Adrian & Christine Santos
Aneer Sasihithlu & Rincy John
Victor A. Som & Eliana Mancini
Covenants in the Bible
In the Bible, God made seven major sacred contracts or covenants with humanity. The first covenant -- with Adam -- was renewed in five more covenants, because human beings continually broke them. The second covenant needs no renewal because it was made with Jesus Christ who did God’s will even unto death (Phil 2:9ff):

The Old (First) Covenant:
- **Adamic** with Adam; Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
- **Noahic** with Noah; Genesis 9:8-15
- **Abrahamic** with Abraham; Genesis 15:7-21
- **Sinaitic/Horebic** with Israel/Moses; Exodus 19:1-25
- **Davidic** with David; 2 Samuel 7:1-17;
- **Judaic** with the Jews from exile; Nehemiah 8; 10

The New (Second) Covenant:
- **Incarnation-God became Human** – with Jesus Christ; Jeremiah 31:31-35; John 1:14

Join us for more on Thursday 7:30 PM and Friday 9:30 AM at St Augustine’s Church Hall.

Keep Christ in Christmas
This weekend **November 12-13**, the Knights of Columbus will sell religious Christmas cards to help promote their “Keep Christ in Christmas” Program. The Knights will be at both Churches following all Masses. Purchases may be made by cash, check, or credit card. For more information, please contact Chuck Berardi, Program Director, at (925) 381-1643.

Giving Tree
Family envelopes are available this weekend, **November 12-13** and next weekend, **November 19-20** following all of the Masses. The Catholic Community of Pleasanton adopts about 500 needy families from around our Diocese. All of the information you need is included in the envelope. Each family provides a list of items that they need and the outside of the envelopes provides the ages of the family. We will be in the vestibules after all the Masses.

Christmas Nativity Display
Share your family traditions by bringing your nativities to St Elizabeth Seton. They will be displayed on **Sunday, December 11**, following each Mass. Setup is on **Saturday, December 10**, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. To participate contact Nancy Navarini at (925) 640-6334 or na.navarini@gmail.com before December 3.

Advent Reconciliation Services
**Family & Youth**
Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 PM

**Adults**
Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 PM

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

| Dawn Pope | Genevieve Giordano |
| Dee Watson | Elin Price |
| Martha Sanchez | Fe Alejandro Sarcia |
| Sandra Barsanti | Charlene Bradley |
| Pia Meringer | Victoria Brown |
| Larry Norwood | Berry Tolman |
| Esther Barrera | Carol Bush |
| Karl Vargas | Andrew Holmes |
| Maura Holmes | Grayson Bleu |

**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

| Norma Bendanillo | Hugh Berry |
| Beverly Gantt | Cy Findley |
| Irene Arquillo | Winifred Noe |
| Frank Bianco | Kathleen Mary Law |
| Margaret Clara Souza | Mary Caroline Smith |

**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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The St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting NON-EXPIRED, NON-PERISHABLE food for its Annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets for the needy in Pleasanton. Please leave your food donations in the food bins in the vestibules of both churches any time until **Saturday, November 19**.

**Canned tuna, chicken, fruit, vegetables and soup are appreciated. Cereal, snacks, packaged food mixes and dried goods such as rice, pasta and beans are also welcome.**

St Vincent de Paul will purchase turkeys and fresh fruit for our clients’ families. The Knights of Columbus will distribute the baskets to local families.

*Thank you for your generosity.*