Pastor’s Corner

Brothers and sisters,

When I finished my assignment as a newly ordained priest at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton (1994-1997), I was overcome with emotion. So much had happened in three years. Some of it joyful and some of it painful, but in the end I was grateful for everything I had gained. As Fr. Michael responds to God’s call to serve and share his life with another community, we take this opportunity to send him with our blessings. I will do this with him vicariously through you as I am away from the parish for the next week returning on Saturday night, September 2nd. As he is sent from us, perhaps it is good for the priest to reflect on what we receive from one community and offer a new community as we cross thresholds. This molds a priest’s life and ministry.

When I left Pleasanton in 1997, I took time to prayerfully name the gifts received during those first three years of ministry as a priest. Given the nature of a gift, I would be hesitant to say those gifts were “what I always wanted” or “what I expected”. Instead, the real gifts came from learnings and opportunities I never fathomed, from moments of both sacrifice and delight. The greatest gift that I received upon leaving Pleasanton in 1997 was a fresh thoughtfulness in the Lord. Given the size of the parish, there were a number of occasions when I believed I made thoughtful decisions from adequate consultation and communication. Well, I realized that I did not. There is the practical side of consultation and communication. I might describe it as this: More counsel equals more information; the more perspectives, the greater the “buy-in.”

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However, my great learning was the spiritual side of the two-sided coin. Good decision making aims to be a discernment of God’s will. Taking counsel is one way of finding out what God wants. In this way, good decisions cannot simply be the result of the widest consideration of perspectives. Good decisions are the result of broad and deep listening – listening to what God wants through the various channels through which God speaks. I need to listen well and communicate clearly to both those who receive and share God’s will.

I tend to believe that many of us who have journeyed through the Catholic Community of Pleasanton as “baby priests” learn this. The parish’s sheer matrix of ministers involved in His ministry requires priests to learn effective listening and communication skills. The gift is to see this not as a chore, but as a gift to appreciate God’s will through the community of believers and the insights we share with each other.

It is my hope that this has been Fr. Michael’s experience....as it was mine. He moves over the hill and down the road to St. Joseph parish in Fremont (Mission San Jose). That community will welcome him and embrace him, love him and challenge him as we did for his first three years of ordained life and ministry as a priest. His life will be filled with more joys and pains, with sacrifice and delight. And through it all, God is speaking and directing his life as a priest.

May God’s choicest blessings be upon him. As a community, we are grateful for his ministry among us.

Thank you, Michael, and we send you with our love...

Fr. Paul
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Scripture Readings
September 3
Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27

Holiday Office Hours
In observance of Labor Day, the Offices will be closed on Monday, September 4. Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine Church at 8:30 AM. There will be NO 12:10 PM Mass and NO Eucharistic Adoration at St. Elizabeth Seton.

Rosary
St. Augustine
Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at 11:30am

Angelus
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at Noon

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

Ministry Sign-Ups
Ministry sign-ups for ALL CCOP ministries will take place during the month of September. Don't miss out on this opportunity to serve our community! Signup forms can be downloaded from the parish website.

Grief Workshop
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. Each person’s grief journey has its own path. Fr. Padraig Greene is the speaker on Thursday, September 7, 7:30 PM. Let us accompany you on your healing journey.

Join us for eight (8) Thursday nights at 7:30 PM starting September 7 through October 26 at St. Elizabeth Seton Church. These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. A one-time donation of $15 is requested. Space is limited and Pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.

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!

Picnic Raffle Donations Needed
Do you own a business or have a company that could donate goods, services, gift cards or certificates for raffle prizes for the Parish Picnic? Raffle prize baskets will be given out at the parish picnic this year and this is a great way to spread the word about your business! Does your company give donations to organizations? We could turn that into great prizes too. If your business would like to donate, contact Nicole Browne, High School Coordinator, nbrowne@catholicsofpleasanton.org, or Lien-Thi de la Pena, Middle School and Intergenerational Coordinator, at Ldelapena@catholicsofpleasanton.org to arrange pick up or drop off. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Save the Date!
CCOP Parish Picnic
Date: September 24, 2017
Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Fun for the entire family!
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 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 how to know Christ better and make him better known!

Fr. Kwame

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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](http://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.

Bridge Players Needed

St. Augustine Bridge Club is looking for players for Ladies Day and Couples. Marathon bridge is once a month from September to May 2018. For more information, please contact Glorian Crosslin at (925) 846-3926.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, September 23
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM
St Elizabeth Seton Church

Red Cross Donation Bus

Please consider giving "THE GIFT OF LIFE". Every single donation will help, and potentially save the life of up to three patients, in local community hospitals. Sign up early at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Enter your zip code / sponsor code “CCOP” or call 1(800) 733-2767.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Virginia Dacosta
Gonzaga Dacosta
Baby Caleb Reyes
Ruthe Castro
Nancy Silva
Patti Ross
Judy Jensen
Virginia Budesa
Helen Martin
Mary Paradiso
River Jordan Fanene

Louis (Rusty) Hewitson
Alex Denoix
George Korté
Jean Boutte
Genevie Giordano
Amalia Reyes
Dean Discher
Ellis Schott
David Gonzalez Mujica

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**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Mary Joan Blair
Francis C. Eacker
Gregory Roy Dion
Chris Misuraca
Reme F. Pick
Alois Kaslin
Rodrigo Tinio
Nemesio Go
Angel Ped Suratos
Frances Phegiocca

Charisse Marie Farrell
Howard Payne
Delores Chrisman
Daniel Dimakiling
Charles H. Scannell, Jr.
Brennan Bereda
Finley Bereda
Keith Rodricks
Ann Turner
Jeanne Patricia Jones
Under the direction of Music Director William Fred Scott, Chanticleer’s 40th Anniversary season begins with Heart of a Soldier. The program traverses centuries of repertoire from the early music of Byrd and Janequin to 19th century Russian soldier songs. Two choruses from Pulitzer Prize winner Jennifer Higdon’s opera Cold Mountain are included, as are new arrangements by Vince Peterson, Evan Price, and Chanticleer members Brian Hinman and Adam Ward.

WHERE: St. Augustine Church  
3999 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton

DATE: Saturday, September 23

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

Tickets are $10 - $60 and are available through City Box Office. Please visit www.cityboxoffice.com or call 415-392-4400.

www.catholicsofpleasanton.org  www.chanticleer.org