Notes from Fr. Michael

I still remember the feeling I had on my first Sunday at CCOP. It was July 6, 2014 when Fr. Paul introduced me to the community and I had a lot of mixed feelings...so excited but also nervous, especially at the end of mass when Father Paul asked me to introduce myself to the parishioners. I received a great welcome from all of you which filled this newly ordained priest with encouragement.

My first year was a great challenge for me. In the seminary, usually I did what they told me to do but in the parish, I had to do things on my own. In addition, I needed time to learn more about the people at CCOP and its culture. I was so lucky that Fr. Paul patiently gave me more time to gradually learn my priestly ministry. He gave me some great guidance and showed me how to start working in ministry in the parish. I really appreciate him and will always consider him a great teacher.

Another challenge was my English pronunciation. I still remember some parishioners approached me and commented that my homilies were hard to understand due to my English pronunciation. It was really challenging for me at that point. I had to force myself to work harder for my English pronunciation to become more understandable. I would like to say a special thank you to three people...Judy, Carolyn and Jim. They are great people who faithfully came to the office and tutored me. I consider it a gift that CCOP has given to me.

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I also would like to thank Nicole Brown who helped me work with youth and children. When I just came out of the Seminary, I was not experienced in working with children and youth but Fr. Paul and Nicole encouraged and guided me. After a couple of weeks, I found that I was able to work with the youth and children and enjoyed it. Now I feel more confident in doing ministry for them.

In my second year, Fr. Leonard gave me a pile of information and paperwork for the ministry to the sick. I was struggling with how to run the ministry for a while but it was Dave Frankenberger, Pam Campion, Marilyn Lemm and Nancy Bankhead who stepped up to help me reorganize the ministry to our beloved brothers and sisters who are in the hospital, group homes, nursing homes, and homebound. I would like to say many thanks to all the volunteers who have been bringing Holy Communion to the sick. You are truly hands of God to touch His people.

There are more people I also want to thank for allowing me to work with them in serving people at CCOP, especially to all parish staff, including Olga, Marilu, Lorraine, Michael and to our wonderful deacons and faith formation staff.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to my brother priests, Fr. Paul, Fr. Kwame, Fr. Lee and Fr. Leonard. You have been greatly supportive brothers to me as I am your youngest brother priest in the Rectory. Thank you for such a great experience living and working together with you. I have learned a lot from you and I take your lessons and experiences with me as I go forward in serving God’s people.

There is a time to meet, a time to say goodbye; a time to laugh and a time to be sad. My dear brothers and sisters, thank you for everything! Thank you for your great support and prayers. I will miss you all and will keep all of you in my prayers.

Fr. Michael
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Scripture Readings
September 3
Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

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

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!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Lydia C. Fuentes
Jeffrey Timms
Michelina Tringali
Jack Greene
Agnes Fuentes
Ginger Creeley
Virginia Dacosta
Gonzaga Dacosta
Baby Caleb Reyes
Ruthe Castro

Nancy Silva
Patti Ross
Judy Jensen
Virginia Budesa
Helen Martin
Mary Paradiso
Louis (Rusty) Hewitson
Jean Boutte
Genevieve Giordano
Dean Discher
Building a Bridge
How often do you get the chance to listen to and ask questions of one of today’s most prolific Catholic authors?

Thursday, September 28 at 5:00 PM in the St. Joan of Arc Multi-Purpose Room, everyone is invited to hear, and converse with Fr. James Martin S.J., Jesuit priest, world renowned author and editor at large at America Media, the national Catholic review, and a consultor to the Vatican’s Secretariat for Communication, as he talks about his most recent book, Building A Bridge, live via teleconference from New York City.

As an expansion of his acceptance speech for the News Ways Ministry’s Bridge Building Award, Fr. Martin S.J. shares how both the Church and the LGBTQ community need to treat each other with “respect, compassion and sensitivity.” The event is sponsored by the PRISM Ministry and the Gospel Justice Group. Please send any questions for Fr. Martin S.J. or for the event to sja.lgbtq@gmail.com. A free-will offering will be taken for the benefit of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

Need MedShare Volunteers
Please join us at MedShare on Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 AM until Noon. A group of CCOP volunteers will be sorting 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. Thank you.

This volunteer activity is organized by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee.

Save the Date!
CCOP Parish Picnic
Date: September 24, 2017
Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Fun for the entire family!
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.