Pastor’s Corner

My brothers and sisters,

Wisdom from the Lord comes through Pope Francis inspiring the minds and hearts of many. I’d like to quote him and through the quotation offer an invitation.

“Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey.”

Have you drifted away from your Catholic faith? Do you know someone who is disillusioned by what they hear about the Church? Are you disillusioned by what you hear about your Church? Do you desire a life filled with an active faith through worship, faith formation and service?

The Catholic Community of Pleasanton offers a 6-week program for Catholics who for many different reasons are not actively practicing their faith in and through the Church. Some left hurt; others grew tired or indifferent with the Church; maybe YOU just need to fill a dark space with the light of Jesus. Maybe you feel in the dark of night and want that lamp to guide your steps. Returning Catholics is for you. This is a safe place to ask questions, learn about changes in the Church, and begin to experience a small community of faith.

What is the purpose of the Returning Catholics? This is the Catholic Community of Pleasanton’s invitation to take another look at the Catholic Church, and to explore changes that may have

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occurred since you were a practicing Catholic. There is never any pressure to return; rather, we invite you to pray and begin to discern where God is in your life and whether or not you might wish to become part of the Church once again.

Who comes to Returning Catholic sessions? Anyone who has been away from the Church. Some have been away for just a few years; others have stayed away for decades. Some people want updating on what they’ve missed. Others are not at all sure whether or not they want to come back; this is just a place to listen and see what may have changed in the Church, or in their own hearts. Participants range in age from twenties to eighties, and include men and women. What they have in common is a desire to take another look at their Church.

What if I have individual questions that I am uncomfortable bringing up in a large group? You are encouraged to have at least one individual meeting with Fr. Paul, the pastor of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton. This is a good opportunity to speak one on one in a safe environment with him.

Let this be an invitation to you or another to join me and the team starting Thursday, October 5 at 7:30 PM in the St. Augustine Rectory Conference Room.

Be guided by the lamp of faith to guide you on the journey. Let’s learn more about the lamp!!!

Fr. Paul

MASSES AT ST. AUGUSTINE
Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM
Weekday Masses: 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday
Holy Days: 8:30 AM and 7:30 PM
Eucharistic Adoration: First Fridays, following 8:30 AM Mass
Benediction: 11:30 AM
Rosary: Monday through Saturdays at 8:00 AM
Reconciliation: Saturday: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Weddings: 6 months preparation time required by the Diocese. Call for an interview.
Baptism: Call for an interview.

MASSES AT ST. ELIZABETH SETON
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM
Weekdays Masses: 12:10 PM Monday - Friday
Holy Days: 12:10 PM and 6:00 PM
Eucharistic Adoration: 12:45-6:30 PM Monday and Wednesday
Rosary & Angelus: Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM

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<td>8:00 AM Judith Merk, Charles A. Berger, Tom Northam</td>
<td>10:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 10:00 AM Baptism Rite of Welcome, 11:15 AM RCIA</td>
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<td>MON</td>
<td>8:30 AM Mike Elliot</td>
<td>8:00 AM Rosary, 7:00 PM St. Vincent dePaul Meeting</td>
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<td>TUE</td>
<td>8:30 AM Jim Dunn</td>
<td>8:00 AM Rosary, 10:00 AM Toddler Playgroup, 12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting, 7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 PM All My Children (AMP)</td>
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<td>8:30 AM Cher Farrell</td>
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<td>8:30 AM Esteban &amp; Gloria Enriquez</td>
<td>8:00 AM Rosary, 9:30 AM Bible Study, 11:00 AM Al-Anon Meeting, 6:00 PM AA Word of Wisdom, 6:00 PM Hispanic Prayer Group, 7:00 PM Indian Community Rosary Prayer</td>
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<td>SAT</td>
<td>8:30 AM Dennis James Anzano, Paul Lazootin</td>
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<td>SUN</td>
<td>8:00 AM Marilia Vargas, Maria del Carmen utierrez</td>
<td>8:00 AM Parish Picnic, 10:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of The Word, 10:00 AM RCIA, 2:00 PM Baptism Ceremony</td>
<td>Hall Room 17, Rectory Church</td>
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- SUN Sept. 17: 9:00 AM For the People, 11:00 AM Ron Silva, 4:00 PM Dionisio & Amor Natividad, 6:30 PM Michael Kane
- MON Sept. 18: 12:10 PM Ernest & Rose Bernard
- TUE Sept. 19: 12:10 PM Ivy Cargill
- WED Sept. 20: 12:10 PM Bill & Syl Tinnes
- THU Sept. 21: 12:10 PM George Caria
- FRI Sept. 22: 12:10 PM Ana G. Pereira
- SAT Sept. 23: 8:00 AM Parish Blood Drive
- SUN Sept. 24: 9:00 AM Florencio B. Autor, 11:00 AM Anne Zelpha Turner, 4:00 PM The Umali Family (L), 6:30 PM Lisa Norton (L)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- SUN Sept. 17: 9:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 10:15 AM RCIA—Inquiry, 11:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- MON Sept. 18: 11:30 AM Rosary & Angelus, 12:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration, 7:15 PM RCIA
- TUE Sept. 19: 11:30 AM Rosary & Angelus, 7:15 PM RCIA—Neophyte Gathering
- WED Sept. 20: 11:30 AM Rosary & Angelus, 12:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration, 5:00 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 PM Legion of Mary, 7:00 PM Teen Choir Rehearsal
- THU Sept. 21: 11:30 AM Rosary & Angelus, 7:30 PM Fall Grief Workshop
- FRI Sept. 22: 11:30 AM Rosary & Angelus
- SAT Sept. 23: 8:00 AM Parish Blood Drive
- SUN Sept. 24: 9:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 10:15 AM RCIA—Inquiry, 10:15 AM M.O.M.S. Bible Study, 11:00 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word

**Location**

- Chapel Room A
- Chapel Room B
- Chapel Room C
- Church Rectory
- JP II Parking Lot

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Scripture Readings
September 24
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

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

Angelus
St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
Monday through Friday at Noon

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) 308-8514 or Gwenfoster34@comcast.net and/or Cleo Foster (925) 918-2986 or itzcleo@comcast.net.

Padre Pio Prayer Group
"Prayer Groups are beds of Faith" says Padre Pio! The Newly-established Padre Pio Prayer Group at CCOP invites parishioners and friends to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Pio, our Patron Saint. Join us at Mass on Saturday, September 23 at 8:30 AM at Saint Augustine Church. There will be devotional prayers with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass.

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. Enter your zip code / sponsor code “CCOP” or call 1(800) 733-2767.

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

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 are available in the vestibules, offices or can be downloaded from the parish website.

K of C Membership Drive
The Knights of Columbus will conduct their membership drive on October 15. There will be information tables and Knights in the vestibules after each Mass. Perhaps you have questions about our Knights or are simply curious? Please stop by if you like to join this very active group of practical Catholic gentlemen. For information, contact Darren Medeiros at darrenmedeiros@gmail.com.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
Marty McGinty
Ellis Schott
Linda Adams
Paul Miller
Steven Holt
Joe Holt
Precious Domingo
Paul Anderson
Lydia C. Fuentes
Jeffrey Timms
Michelina Tringali
Jack Greene
Agnes Fuentes
Ginger Creeley
Baby Caleb Reyes
Nancy Silva

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED
Ruthe Castro
Susan Fulton
John Willms
Jet Vitasa
Francisco Perez
Maria DeSouza
Anna D’Ambrosio
Maria F. Goncalves
Susan Weir
Chris Misuraca
Alois Kaslin
Rodrigo Tinio
Nemesio Go
Alois Kaslin
Jim Dunn
Reme F. Pick
Stewardship of Treasure  
August 2017

August Sunday Plate Budget: $118,199  
August Sunday Plate Actual: $129,556  
% via On-line Giving: 29%  

YTD Sunday Plate Budget: $1,095,945  
YTD Sunday Plate Actual: $1,067,007  
% of Budget 97%  

August Arise & Build Receipts $79,166  
Total A&B Campaign Receipts $2,251,170  
Total Receipts % of $3.6M Pledge 63%

Thank you for your Stewardship!

Click on the Giving tab of the CCOP Website to review the 2016 / 2017 Parish Financial Report

Grief Workshop  
St. Elizabeth Seton Church  
2nd and 4th Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM

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. Please join us and let us accompany you on your healing journey.

These sessions are open to all, regardless of religious affiliation. No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please contact Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.

Military Peer Support Group  
St. Augustine Church—Rectory  
3rd Wednesday of the Month  
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Veterans share life challenges and opportunities with other veterans the 3rd Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Dom Pietro at (925) 462-4665 or email at pietr11@comcast.net. All Ages welcome.

40 Days for Life Campaign

The Knights of Columbus councils and others are beginning a 40 Days for Life Campaign outside a Planned Parenthood clinic in Walnut Creek located at 1357 Oakland Boulevard. This is a peaceful prayer vigil starting Wednesday, September 27 thru Saturday, November 4 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. It requires peaceful conduct with no judgements and no offensive signs. IT IS NOT A DEMONSTRATION TO CHANGE LAWS. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will change hearts and perhaps offer a woman a last chance to help in a crisis pregnancy. How much time you volunteer is up to you, but one hour per week is suggested. Please sign up for vigil hours at 40daysforlife.com/walnutcreek. For more information and/or questions, contact Lou Santero at (925) 846-5124 or ipsantero@yahoo.com.

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!

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.