Pastor’s Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the greatest misconceptions of my life was assuming that once I had my degree in-hand that was it – no more classes! That was a very short-lived assumption as I quickly learned that in this fast-changing world of ours, learning can never stop. In fact, my employers required that I regularly participate in continuing education courses in order to keep current on the latest findings and to maintain a competitive edge in my field. This is the reality for most of us. Education is a lifelong process!

But we can’t look at continuing education as something that only affects our secular lives. We need to apply it also to our spiritual lives.

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For many of us and for various reasons, our “formal” Catholic education ended when we were in our teens and won’t grow or mature unless we take it upon ourselves to do something about it.

We at the Catholic Community of Pleasanton are blessed with many opportunities throughout the year to grow and mature in our spirituality, whether it be through Bible Study, Parish Missions, discussion groups or our annual January Adult Education Series. We are not lacking for opportunities!

This year’s January Adult Education series is entitled: Breaking the Barrier, Building the Bridge: Being a Christian in the Tri-Valley. Our facilitators are Deacon Matt Dulka and Carolyn Trumple of the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers – both are dynamic speakers and motivators!

In the season of resolutions, let’s begin this year being resolved to grow and mature our Christian spirituality – Join us.

Our four-week Adult Education series begins January 11th at 7:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Seton Church.

Please see the back of the bulletin or the website for more details.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Dn. Gary
## MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY**
- January 7
  - 8:00 AM: Bill McCamman
  - 10:00 AM: Jack Hansen
  - 12:00 PM: George Garibaldi

**MONDAY**
- January 8
  - 8:00 AM: John O’Neill

**TUESDAY**
- January 9
  - 8:30 AM: Inbae Antonio Kim

**WEDNESDAY**
- January 10
  - 8:30 AM: Jack Deckert

**THURSDAY**
- January 11
  - 8:30 AM: Paul Hill

**FRIDAY**
- January 12
  - 8:30 AM: Prescy & Leocadia Yasana

**SATURDAY**
- January 13
  - 8:00 AM: Abrose Carvalho
  - 5:00 PM: John O’Neill

**SUNDAY**
- January 14
  - 8:00 AM: For the People
  - 10:00 AM: Charles A. Berger
  - 12:00 PM: Olga & Jorge Jui

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SUNDAY**
- January 7
  - 8:00 AM: Knights of Columbus Donut Social
  - 10:00 AM: Children’s Liturgy of the Word

**MONDAY**
- January 8
  - 8:00 AM: Rosary
  - 7:00 PM: St. Vincent de Paul

**TUESDAY**
- January 9
  - 8:00 AM: Rosary
  - 10:00 AM: Toddler Playgroup
  - 12:00 PM: Al-Anon Meeting
  - 7:00 PM: Adult Choir Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY**
- January 10
  - 8:00 AM: Rosary

**THURSDAY**
- January 11
  - 8:00 AM: Rosary
  - 7:00 PM: Cantor Rehearsal

**FRIDAY**
- January 12
  - 8:00 AM: Rosary
  - 8:45 AM: Al-Anon Meeting
  - 11:00 AM: AA - Word of Wisdom
  - 6:00 PM: Hispanic Prayer Group

**SATURDAY**
- January 13
  - 8:00 AM: Rosary
  - 10:00 AM: 1st Eucharistic Year-2 Parent Mtg.
  - 11:00 AM: Individual Reconciliation
  - 6:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Business Mtg.

**SUNDAY**
- January 14
  - 9:00 AM: Children’s Liturgy of the Word

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY**
- January 7
  - 9:00 AM: For the People
  - 11:00 AM: Corazon Lopez
  - 4:00 PM: Rosvida Uskert (L)
  - 6:30 PM: Violet Campbell

**MONDAY**
- January 8
  - 12:10 PM: Phil Tiongson

**TUESDAY**
- January 9
  - 12:10 PM: Aragon Family (L)

**WEDNESDAY**
- January 10
  - 12:10 PM: Jack Deckert

**THURSDAY**
- January 11
  - 12:10 PM: Bill & Gerri Stuchkus

**FRIDAY**
- January 12
  - 12:10 PM: John Kriletich

**SATURDAY**
- January 13
  - 9:00 AM: Pam Campion (L)
  - 11:00 AM: Jorge & Celia Ponce (L)
  - 4:00 PM: Elizabeth Hernandez
  - 6:30 PM: Ivy Cargill & Violet Hinds

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SUNDAY**
- January 7
  - 9:00 AM: Children’s Liturgy of the Word
  - 10:00 AM: RCIA—Inquiry
  - 11:00 AM: Children’s Liturgy of the Word
  - 4:00 PM: Knights of Columbus Cookie Sunday

**MONDAY**
- January 8
  - 11:30AM: Rosary and Angelus
  - 12:45PM: Eucharistic Adoration
  - 7:00PM: WINGS
  - 7:15PM: RCIA

**TUESDAY**
- January 9
  - 11:30AM: Rosary and Angelus
  - 12:45PM: Grief Support

**WEDNESDAY**
- January 10
  - 11:30AM: Rosary and Angelus
  - 12:45PM: Eucharistic Adoration
  - 5:00PM: Children's Choir Rehearsal
  - 5:30PM: Teen Choir Rehearsal
  - 7:00PM: Legion of Mary

**THURSDAY**
- January 11
  - 11:30AM: Rosary and Angelus
  - 7:30PM: Adult Education Series

**FRIDAY**
- January 12
  - 11:30AM: Rosary and Angelus

**SATURDAY**
- January 13
  - 9:00 AM: Children’s Liturgy of the Word
  - 10:15 AM: M.O.M.S. Bible Study
  - 11:00 AM: Children’s Liturgy of the Word

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Scripture Readings
January 14
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

Holiday Office Hours
In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the offices will be closed on Monday, January 15. 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 Chapel on that day.

RCIA: Come and See
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process that adults complete to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please contact Matt Gray, (925) 202-5425 or mgray@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

Adult Confirmation
Adults interested in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact Matt Gray at (925) 202-5425, for more information.

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

For more information, please contact Eleanor Flatley at (925) 846-8708.

1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration
Brothers and sisters in Christ, join us on the first Friday of the month at St. Augustine Church from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Drop in for an hour or whatever time you have available. Eucharistic Adoration is a personal way of developing a deeper relationship with the Lord. Have a quiet time for prayers and meditations. Benediction follows Eucharistic Adoration at 11:30 AM.

Faith Formation Office Hours
The Faith Formation Office is closed from December 20 through January 8.

Ministry To The Sick
This ministry serves Catholics in the hospital, group homes and homebound. Ministers to the Homebound generally visit the same person weekly and give communion. This ministry serves individuals who are rehabbing and need temporary visits as well as individuals who are truly homebound. Ministers to the Group Homes work as a team with four or more other ministers and visit the group home about twice a month. Ministers to the Hospital visit Valley Care Hospital once a month and visit Catholic patients. Training is provided for all of these ministries. The monthly time commitment is generally 3-4 hours per month.

For more information, please see the link on the homepage of the website or contact Fr. Filiberto Barrera at (925) 846-4489 or at fbarrera@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

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**DISCO BINGO**

**Disco Bingo**
CCOP invites you to a night of playing Bingo with a musical twist! Join us on **January 20, 2018** immediately after the 5:00 PM Mass in the St. Augustine Church hall. The cost is $5.00 per person and includes admission and Bingo games for the night! Dinner options available. Pre-orders will be available January 5, or after all the Masses the weekend of January 14. This is a family event! All are welcome! For more information you can call or email Lien-Thi de la Pena at (925) 474-2775 or ldelapena@catholicsofpleasanton.org.

**Crab Feed & Silent Auction**
The knights of Columbus will be hosting the 49th Annual Crab Feed on **Saturday, February 10 at St. Augustine Parish Hall**. The cost will be $50 per person. Doors will open at 5:00 PM for the Silent Auction Preview and dinner will start at 7:00 PM. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Tim Tuttle at (925) 487-5645 after 6:00 PM.

**Bible Study**
We resume our sessions on **Thursday February 8 at 7:30 PM and Friday February 9 at 9:30 AM, all at Saint Augustine Hall**. This year, 2018, we will study The Prophets aka The Prophetic Books/Writings or simply Prophecy In The Bible. 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 can be purchase at a subsidized price of $7 at both offices (a limited amount is available).
Breaking the Barrier, Building the Bridge
Being Missionary Disciples In The Tri-Valley

January 11th:  Right Relationships
January 18th:  Encountering God at the Borders
January 25th:  Real Joy
February 1st:  Bridge Building at Home, in our Parish and Around the World

Sessions are held every Thursday
7:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Presented By

Deacon Matt Dulka
Deacon Matt Dulka is a permanent deacon for the Oakland Diocese and for over 20 years has been in full time ministry with the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers promoting mission as the Associate Director for U.S. Church Engagement. Matt holds a law degree from Golden Gate University and a Master of Theology from University of San Francisco. Matt is married with three adult children.

Carolyn Trumble
Carolyn Trumble is a Mission Education Promoter with Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers and served for over 25 years in parishes as a Pastoral Associate, DRE, and Coordinator of Youth Ministry. She was a Maryknoll Lay Missioner in Brazil for 3½ years. Carolyn holds an interdisciplinary degree from Marylhurst University in Theology and Communications.