

WE ARE A EUCHARIST CENTERED PEOPLE WHO, AS THE BODY OF CHRIST, LIVE OUR FAITH IN WORD AND DEED BY SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND SERVE THOSE IN NEED.

November 12th, 2017

This is the first parish I've been in where the pastor wrote a weekly update for his parishioners. I think it's a great idea, since there isn't always an opportunity to share what's going on here in the parish or at our schools during or after Mass.

Since I became your pastor shortly before the start of a new school year, I have focused much of my attention on our two schools. During that time, we have hired a new principal, Mr. Patrick Daly, for the high school. Mr. Daly comes with vast experience and knowledge of Catholic high schools. He is working on tightening academic standards, strengthening Catholic identity, and actively recruiting new students.

We have also hired a new Athletic Director, Assistant Athletic Director, Head Football Coach, Director of Admissions and head maintenance man, plus a new teacher at the elementary school. Within days of the fires that severely damaged Cardinal Newman High School, our mighty Mustangs hosted a Mass with Bishop Vasa followed by a pasta feed fundraiser for over 700 guests. It was an enormous undertaking. We raised over \$25,000, but far more importantly, we inspired a lot of community cooperation and good-will, and reminded ourselves of the great residual strength there is in both of our parish schools.

I am also working closely with Ms. Katie Salmassian and Ms. DeAnn Sarlatte, the co-principals at the elementary school. I have visited all classes, and I'm happy to say that brought me back many years to my own days at the school. Somehow, it seemed that nearly every class I visited was studying math or arithmetic—long division, fractions, multiplication tables, etc. The second graders shouted out addition problems for me to work out in my head. I think I may have gotten them all correct.

We are dealing with deferred maintenance issues at the high school, and have already patched the convent roof in anticipation of a wet rainy season. Additionally, we will be re-roofing the convent in the near future. Almost miraculously, there appears to be little to no dry rot or termite damage in the 87-year-old attic, which is built of first quality redwood. Every day I thank Fr. Kiely, our pastor from 1915-1968, for the fine buildings he left for multiple generations.

Every time I enter our church building, I am struck by its beauty, which I believe reflects our community of believers. I am just becoming familiar with the many ministries and good works that originate here through the workings of the Holy Spirit, and the hands and hearts of so many of you.

Thanksgiving, Nov. 23: I want to announce changes in our Thanksgiving Day Mass schedule, by which I intend to encourage participation by all parishioners and school families. The "Early Bird" Mass at 8:00 a.m., for those who are cooking a bird at home or traveling out of town for the day; a "Family and School" Mass at 9:00 a.m. in English, for those who want a simple celebration with their families and have food items blessed to take home to their Thanksgiving tables; and a Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Spanish, for our parishioners who prefer a similar celebration, but in Spanish for the whole family.

On a personal note, I have joint custody of a Border Collie, Toby, who is living with another couple in Napa until he grows up a bit. During the recent fires, the couple was evacuated by the sheriff out of the fire zone at the last minute, but was not allowed to take Toby with them. After an anxious day and a half, I was delighted and relieved to know that Toby the Wonder Dog somehow escaped the flames and was found at a neighbor's house. Lucky dog! Lucky me!


With blessings,
Fr. Bill Donahue

<u>Mass intentions during November 13th - November 19th</u>			<u>Liturgical Ministers on the weekend of November 18th – November 19th</u>		
Mon.	8:00	Joe and Josephine Carrao Family Jr. and Mildred Moore, Sam Carrao	Sat. 5:00 pm - Lector	Donna Piezzi	
Tues.	8:00	Josephine Mariscal, Gloria Camozzi (L)	Eucharistic (Cup)	Pat Donegan, Raeanne Facendini, Bernadette Crinch	
Wed.	8:00	Daisey Lombardi	Altar Minister	Michael Nistler, Anna Santos, Katie Facendini	
Thurs.	8:00	-	Sun. 7:30 am - Lector	(CB)Amber Almond(1)Amanda Almond(2)Ofelia Rains	
Fri.	8:00	Henry Morth	Eucharistic (Cup)	Emily Baumsteiger	
Sat.	8:00	-	Altar Minister	Sharon Dado, Marie Fletcher, Michael Filice	
	5:00	Jim Doolittle, Ralph Giacomini, Ana Teller Pat Vachini, Irma Maria Lacayo Jesus y Marilu Enriquez	Sun. 9:00 am - Lector	Mary McCaffrey, Gloria Marcucci, Carolyn Maloney	
	7:30	Por los Matrimonios, Maria Vargas Alfonso Sandoval Jose Guadalupe Rubalcava	Eucharistic (Cup)	(CB)(1)Sullivan Henry (2)Madelyn Rynning	
Sun.	7:30	Herman "Skip" Morth	Altar Minister	Heidi Sturla	
	9:00	-	Sun. 10:30am-Lector	Kathy DeBernardi, Isabel Craft, Judi McReynolds	
	10:30	-	Eucharistic (Cup)	Judy Spencer, Elise Telucci, Angelo Telucci	
	12:00	Porfirio Soriano, Grover Ayquipa Lojas	Altar Minister	(CB)Miran English(1)Eva English(2)Emma Ramos	
				Susan Sikora	
				Carole Giacomini, Kathkleen Mankowski, Maureen Nelson	
				Ann Markovich, Jim Carr	
				(CB)Catalina Vaca(1)Emilio Carver(2)Madison Grady	

FOR SANTA ROSA WILDFIRE FUND - St. Vincent's Branch 127 of the Italian Catholic Federation will be holding their Annual Polenta and Stew Dinner on Saturday, November 18th at 6:15 pm at St. James Catholic Church hall, 125 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma. Polenta and Stew Dinner also includes antipasto, salad and dessert. Cost is \$25. For reservations, please call Louise Vicino at (707) 769-7389. All proceeds to be given to the ICF Santa Rosa Wildfire Fund for distribution through Catholic Charities.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13TH – NOVEMBER 19TH



Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
 Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

Religious Education/ Spiritual Formation Classes – It is time to register or re-register! **We offer an intergenerational process for all parish members.** All families are warmly welcomed and invited to join our Family Centered Religious Education process. The goals are to encourage and equip you to live and teach your children the Catholic Faith at home. We will share all the knowledge and tools you need to bring your children up in the Faith. As we begin our 12th year of our study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we will focus on Our Creed for the 2017 – 2018 school year.



THANKSGIVING DAY, Thursday, November 23rd. Mass schedule is: 8:00 am, 9:00 am (English) and 11:00 am in Spanish.

ST. VINCENT'S PARISH/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE – 2017
 Sacrament of Reconciliation/Parish Reconciliation Service
 Tuesday, Dec. 5, 7:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 24

Regular 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am. (English)
 12:00 pm (Spanish)

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Children's Mass
 6:00 pm - English Mass
 7:30 pm. - Spanish Mass
 12:00 am - Midnight Mass


Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25

8:00 am, 10:00 am (English)
 12:00 pm (Spanish)

YOU ARE A VALUED AND GENEROUS SUPPORTER of St. Vincent's. Who will take your place? A memorial gift in your will could continue your legacy to your faith in perpetuity. To learn more about our St. Vincent Legacy Society, please contact Joanne Ferris at 707-762-4278 ext. 21.

ADVENT RETREAT on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 - 5 pm. Coffee/tea/registration 9:30 am. **GET A GRIP!** Resisting Pre-Christmas Confusion and Rush with Sr. Patricia Bruno OP and Father Jude Siciliano OP. How many of us resolve, "This Christmas is going to be different. I am not going to get caught up in the mad rush..." and then we do. It is so hard to resist the frenzy and chaos of the pre-Christmas season - which seems to start earlier each year. Here is a chance to make a change in our usual patterns. Join us in an Advent Day of "Sanity and Reflection." Under the guidance of Father Jude and Sister Patricia, we will focus on scripture passages of the Advent season. There will be input, silence, listening and ritual. We will end by joining the parish community for Saturday Mass at 5pm, which begins the season of Advent. Bring a bag lunch. Donations appreciated. To register email Ruah Bull at rbca-paxdei@gmail.com.

CHANTICLEER CONCERT on Friday, December 15th, 2017 at 6 pm and 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased by going to their website, www.chanticleer.org or call at (415) 252-8589.



PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Last Sunday's offering:
 Sunday Basket: \$9,595
 On-Line Giving: 4,302
 Total: \$13,897


Thank you for your generous donations.



This weekend there will be a second collection for the Communications and Catholic University of America.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS


ST. VINCENT'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - On Saturday, December 2nd and Sunday December 3rd, the 8th grade class will be having a bake sale to raise money for their many activities. Please purchase some goodies and support our students in their special graduation year at SVES.



ST. VINCENT'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Stockings for Soldiers drive will be held on November 11th and 12th. Items that are needed for the stockings: knit caps, gently used dvd's, cd's, hot cocoa packets and socks.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (K - 8th grade) Now offering parent tours and student shadowing by appointment. Please call 762-6426. Applications due in February for 2018-19!


ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES are available at all entrances of the church. You may write the names of your loved ones on them. During the month of November, the Remembrance Book will also be available. We remember our loved ones and honor their memory with great respect as we pray for them.




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Christmas Card Sale begins this weekend November 5th and November 6th. Come and see the cards after Mass. Help support the Santa Rosa Diocesan seminarians.



WINE, WOMEN AND WORD, a Petaluma Catholic community gathering, will take place on Thursday, November 16th at St. James Parish, 125 Sonoma Maintain Parkway. Our theme is "Hope and Healing." We invite all women of faith for a social night of fun and fellowship. Come with your friends, sisters, mothers and godmothers. Wine and other beverages along with sweet and savory snacks will be served. For more information, please contact Joan Catalini at (707) 763-2946, Molly Flanagan at (707) 981-8430 or Joanne Ferris at (707) 481-6431.



THE CATHOLIC HANDBOOK FOR VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND AND THE LECTOR WORKBOOKS FOR 2018 are available at the rectory office, please stop by and pick up your copy. Office hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.



THE DOMINICAN CHORALE - Fall concert on Sunday, November 19th, 2017 at 5:00 pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Tickets for adults are \$20 and senior \$15.00. The Chorale is conducted by Francisco Ortiz, Adjunct Professor of Music in the Department of Music and Performing Arts and a Dominican alumnus, with a repertoire that includes works by the classical masters, as well as more contemporary composers. For more information, please call at (415) 482-3579 E: music@dominican.edu

