



Adult initiation group at the Rite of Election with Bishop Barber.

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church *Iglesia Católica de San Buenaventura*

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March 6, 2016 Fourth Sunday of Lent | 6 de marzo de 2016 Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

MASSES IN ENGLISH/EN INGLÉS

Saturday Vigil/Sábado: 5:00 PM
Sunday/Domingo 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,
11:00 AM, 5:00 PM

MASSES IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL

Domingo: 12:45 PM

DAILY MASS/MISA DIARIA (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday/Lunes,
Martes, Jueves y Viernes: 9:00 AM
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday/Martes, Miércoles y
Jueves: 6:30 AM

COMMUNION SERVICE/SERVICIOS DE

COMUNIÓN (CHAPEL/CAPILLA)

Monday & Friday/Lunes y Viernes: 6:30 AM
Wednesday/Miércoles: 9:00 AM

BAPTISM/BAUTIZOS

In English: Call the office to begin the process.
This requires two months preparation. *En Español:*
Los Sábados
10:00 AM. *Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con*
un Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere dos meses de
preparación.

MARRIAGE/MATRIMONIO

Call the office to arrange with a Priest or
Deacon. This requires six months preparation.
Llame a la oficina para hacer arreglos con un
Sacerdote ó Diácono. Este requiere seis meses de
preparación.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

In English: Saturdays 3:30 PM (in the church) or by
appointment. *En Español: Llame a la oficina para*
hacer arreglos con un Sacerdote. Por cita.



As disciples at St. Bonaventure, we are committed to know Christ better and make Him better known. To this end we are committed to...

Keep connected to our parish community
Nurture the development of our faith and knowledge of Christ
Offer to share the Holy Spirit's gifts of time, talent and treasure
Worship through prayer, Mass and the Sacraments

PARISH LIFE THOUGHTS
 FROM CHRISTA FAIRFIELD

■ **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO REGISTER**

“I am registered” is a common statement we hear from parishioners who have been here for years. I must admit that I was one of those parishioners. When I came to work at the parish, I wasn’t registered. I had grown up at this parish. I was married at this parish. But I had never picked up a registration form and filled it out. And so I was not listed in our Parish Family Register.

“So what?” you might say. “I don’t need to be registered to come to Mass.” You are absolutely right. Your heart and spirit, your commitment to God, your love of the parish, those are what make you members of our parish community—not an official entry on our registration database.

But there are good reasons to register and we hope that you will take a few minutes to register and officially list yourself in our address book. When you want to reach out to a friend to check on them, ask why you haven’t seen them in a while, share a concern that you’ve heard they were sick, you pick up your old school address book or access your contact app on your smart phone and call, email or text. But if you don’t have your friend’s number you can’t do that. Well, our priests and staff often want to reach out for one of those reasons, but find we don’t have the contact information.

Maybe we want to send you an invitation or let you know what’s happening at the parish. We can’t do that either without your mailing address or email address. There are lots of reasons to register. And maybe one of the most important is to claim that this is your community. You want to be included in our address book. The Church Staff wants to be able to contact you when we need to reach out to you.

We are trying to make registration as easy as possible. On the weekend of March 5 and 6, the Parish Council will be at all of the Masses distributing registration forms and sharing even more benefits of being

registered. We have also uploaded the registration form to our newly designed web site.

How To Register:

Just go to www.stbonaventure.net, click on “About” at the top menu bar and click on “Parish Registration.” You will find a form that you can fill out on your computer. Fill it out, save it, and then email it to vteran@stbonaventure.net.

Or pick up a form in the church foyer or office, fill it out and return it to the office.

Don’t know if you’re registered? It can’t hurt to register twice. But if you want to know for sure, please check with the registration tables after Masses next weekend, March 5th and 6th. We can confirm if you’re registered, answer your questions and help you register if you’re not. If you can’t wait to find out, email vteran@stbonaventure.net and ask.

■ **ELECTRONIC GIVING
 AT ST. BONAVENTURE**



St. Bonaventure has changed the service provider for our Electronic Giving

Program. The decision for this change was made after review and discussion by the Parish Finance Council. With ‘*Faith Direct*’ will come many options in giving that parishioners have asked for, including 2nd Collection giving. The service is also less expense for the parish, with lower fees and improved services. Faith Direct has worked with hundreds of Catholic parishes throughout the United States for over ten years, and with many in Northern California. Faith Direct provides the critical third-party security needed to keep your information secure.

To those of you who have been participating in this type of giving for several years, thank you. You will be receiving a letter in the mail which will direct you to www.faithdirect.net where you can securely enroll on-line with our new provider. **Our parish code is CA725.** If you do not make this change, your electronic giving will end in the near future. Because your information is secure, the parish staff cannot transfer your giving

to Faith Direct. With the current service, we can only *terminate* the giving. Please take a few minutes and sign up with the new system.

If you are new to Electronic Giving, this is a great time to sign up. Electronic Giving gives you a convenient and consistent way to support our parish community, even when you are away from Mass. This is a solution to a situation many families face on their way to Mass, when they wonder “where did I put my envelopes?” It’s green—no paper. No writing checks or using envelopes. There is no charge to parishioners for enrolling.

To sign up, visit faithdirect.net and enroll securely online. **Remember, our parish code is CA725.** You can elect to have your specified bank or credit card account debited on either the 4th or 15th of the month for both Sunday giving and any second collections you support. You can change it at any time. You’re in control.

■ **YOUR RESPONSE TO THE CALL TO
 WELCOME REFUGEE FAMILIES**

Our parish has had a ‘Family to Family Ministry’ for many years. You may remember our first leader, Mike Farnham, getting up and introducing the new ministry to us. It is a team of parishioners who work in partnership with Catholic Charities to walk with a local family from instability to stability. There are eighteen other parishes in our diocese who offer this ministry.

We are friends, coaches, cheerleaders, and family to our families. We face the barriers to success with them. We don’t remove them; we help them find resources and solutions to overcome the challenges they are facing. That can mean we introduce them to professionals like lawyers, connect them with services like mechanics or job development specialists, invite them for a barbeque, and assist them in getting to an appointment. The list is endless but our energies are not. We spend about a year to a year-and-a-half with each family we support. For some families it’s shorter, for some a bit longer.

This ministry is expanding. If you have been listening to Pope Francis or Bishop

Barber, you may have heard the call to parishes to sponsor a refugee family. The Family to Family Ministry is an ideal model to answer this call. Our Parish is ready to answer the call. We will continue to adopt and support a local family, but we will also be sponsoring and supporting a refugee family.

Our support for the refugee families will be a little different. Refugees by their very situation arrive in a different position from local families. Refugees arrive at the airport with a suitcase per person and need to build a life here. We have the opportunity to welcome them when their flight arrives and to help them furnish and build this new life.

With the increased opportunity to minister, we need to increase our Ministry Team. We have a strong core group, but need more volunteers.

We invite you to come learn more about what volunteering for this ministry means. We have two information meetings where you can learn more.

**Monday, March 14, 10:00 to 11:00 am
OR 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

We will meet in Classroom A2. We would love to know you are coming. To reply, email Irene Alonzo-Perez at ialonzo-perez@msn.com.

WINTER NIGHTS WISH LIST

St. Bonaventure has 4-5 groups represented and providing meals for the Winter Nights families being hosted at the Concord Methodist Church from February 29 to March 13. Here is a wish list of what we are collecting for the families: large size shampoo, conditioner, body wash and baby wash, umbrellas, Coleman 6-person Sundome tent (10 X 10) (new or gently used), gas cards, BART tickets, bus tickets, gift cards, AA batteries, packing or duct tape, industrial dispenser for packing tape, umbrella strollers (single & double), pillows, twin size plastic mattress non-zipper mattress covers, fitted single (twin) sheets, Target/Walmart cards, movie gift certificates, sanitary wipes, wardrobe boxes (24

x 21 x 48), clothes (clean and in good condition), recent magazines, books for adults, tissues, and sanitary products.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

On March 12/13 our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The collection helps provide food to the hungry and support to displaced refugees, to victims of human trafficking, and to those who suffer from unjust laws, bringing Christ's love and respect to all people across the globe.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be presenting a traditional St. Patrick's Dinner of corn beef and cabbage on March 12, 2016 in the Large Hall. There will be special entertainment along with the flavorful dinner. The Knights will be selling tickets after all the Masses on February 13 through March 6. Please join us for a festive, fun evening.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

You are invited to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as you continue to seek and prepare this Lent.

Communal Reconciliation Service, English: Thursday, March 10 @ 7:30 PM

Communal Reconciliation Service, Spanish: Tuesday, March 8 @ 7:30 PM

Last Opportunity for Individual Confession: Saturday, March 19 @ 3:30 PM



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend of February 27 & 28 Collection

Goal: \$25,440

Actual: \$ 23,598

Deficit: (\$1,842)

Food for the Family: 892

EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) included in above figures

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LITURGY & PRAYER

■ JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
March 6, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Lent



On *Laetare* Sunday, we rejoice as Luke’s Jesus proclaims that God is boundlessly merciful. The parable’s prodigal son returns home, not authentically repentant but desperate, having squandered

on prostitutes (or so his older brother claims) the inheritance wrongly demanded while his father still lived. This selfish son is only spared ritual “shaming” when the father “shames” himself, running to embrace him, interrupting his prepared “act of contrition.” By doing so he challenges confessors, and all of us, to be signs, says Pope Francis, “of the primacy of mercy always, everywhere, and in every situation, no matter what.” Avoid the harshness of the elder son, Francis warns, “who stands outside, incapable of rejoicing,” his judgment “severe, unjust, and meaningless in light of the father’s boundless mercy” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17). If John’s Gospel is proclaimed, the “religiously observant” people there likewise serve to warn against harshly judging others, for the physical blindness of the man they expel from the synagogue is healed, while their own blindness of heart remains.

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■ LENT 2016: A QUESTION OF MERCY

In keeping with our yearlong theme, Opening the Doors to Mercy, which focuses on the Jubilee Year of Mercy, our “subtheme” for Lent is “A Question of Mercy.” Each week we will ponder different aspects of mercy in our lives, such as how we receive God’s mercy, how we show mercy to others, etc., through our weekend homilies, bulletin articles, and social media.

Week 4: What are some ways people have been merciful and forgiving toward you? How can you practice forgiving others?

■ STATIONS OF THE CROSS AGAINST VIOLENCE, MARCH 11 @ 7:30 PM

In the Passion, Jesus laid bare the way that God’s children have used the death of the innocent to distance themselves from their own dependence on violence. By removing the scales from our eyes, Jesus has broken forever the power of violence in our lives. We will never again be able to convince ourselves that we can save ourselves by violence without some lingering concern for those who die. Without our blindness to the cost to the victim, violence doesn’t offer the salvation it once did. Instead, we have no choice but to rely on the one thing that does save us, God’s mercy.

The Knights of Columbus will host a simple soup dinner in the Large Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:30pm and precede the Stations of the Cross. A Holy Spirit offering will be accepted.

■ FULL PALM BRANCHES NEEDED

Our Art & Environment group needs good quality full palm branches for use in our Palm Sunday procession and environment. If you are willing to donate a branch or more, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office to make arrangements.

JR HIGH AND YOUTH MINISTRY
(9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE)

■ WHAT DID YOU DO LAST WEEKEND?
Come and Experience Venture Crew
444’s Open House

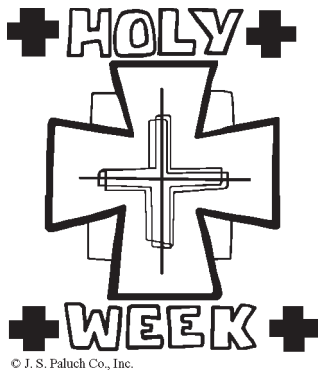
Tuesday, March 15 — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.,
St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 5562
Clayton Rd, Concord – Room B5

“Venturing” is a coed program for youths age 13 who have completed the 8th grade, or ages 14 to 21. For more information, contact crew444@astound.net

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

You can honor a loved one, either living or deceased, with a gift to our Easter Flower Fund. Envelopes can be found at the exits of the church, or you may fill out the information below, cut it out, then send it or bring it to the office. What a wonderful way to remember someone special!

Name
Address
Phone
Amount: Designation (<i>please list</i>):
Gift:
In Honor of
In Memory of:



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

March 20, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: (*English*) 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm; (*Spanish*) 12:45pm

March 24, Holy Thursday

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30pm
(*Bilingual*)

March 25, Good Friday

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Stations of the Cross: 11:00am (Garden)

Ecumenical Good Friday Service:
12:15pm (Church)

Solemn Liturgy in English: 3:00pm
(Church)

Solemn Liturgy in Spanish: 6:30pm
(Church)

Solemn Liturgy in English: 7:30pm
(Parish Hall)

March 26, Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Easter Vigil: 7:30pm (*Bilingual*)

March 27, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses in English:

(Church) 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

(Parish Hall) 9:15am, 11:15am

Mass in Spanish: (Church) 12:45pm

**THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS ON
EASTER SUNDAY**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 65:17-21; PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-13B; JN 4:43-54

TUESDAY: EZ 47:1-9, 12; PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; JN 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY: IS 49:8-15; PS 145:8-9, 13CD-14, 17-18; JN 5:17-30

THURSDAY: EX 32:7-14; PS 106:19-23; JN 5:31-47

FRIDAY: WIS 2:1A, 12-22; PS 34:17-21, 23; JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY: JER 11:18-20; PS 7:2-3, 9BC-12; JN 7:40-53

SUNDAY: IS 43:16-21; PS 126:1-6; PHIL 3:8-14; JN 8:1-11;

ALTERNATE READINGS (YEAR A):
EZ 37:12-14; PS 130:1-8; ROM 8:8-11; JN 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45]

INVITATION TO VOLUNTEERS

EASTER DECORATING HELP NEEDED

Our Art & Environment group needs extra helpers to prepare and decorate the church for Easter. Both women and men are welcome as some strong people are needed to help lift heavy and/or bulky items. Decorating for Easter will take place the morning of Saturday, March 26. If you are able to help, please contact Anthony Arteaga at aarteaga@stbonaventure.net or by calling the parish office.

LOAVES AND FISHES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Loaves and Fishes needs volunteers to help serve once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Pittsburg Kitchen. This is a wonderful way to live one of the corporal works of mercy. If you are interested, please call Mary Ann Kelly at 925-686-3815 or MaryAnn Pallotta ☎ 925-672-5146.

FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS

PARENT ENRICHMENT

Give yourself an evening away to nurture your relationship. Free childcare provided! Once a month, on a Tuesday evening, we are offering an enrichment series for parents, in collaboration with Worldwide Marriage Encounter, entitled "*Love Never Ends.*" Our next gathering is March 8 at 6:00pm in A2. **You must pre-register for childcare.** The link can be found on the homepage of our parish website www.stbonaventure.net. Call Eileen (☎ 672-5800 x2217) if you have questions.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Are you planning to marry in the Church in the next year? St. Bonaventure offers three preparation weekends throughout the year. Couples are invited to attend the next weekend on **June 25 and 26, 2016**. It is never too early to attend a weekend. It is usually recommended that couples attend at least 3 months before the wedding. This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss and discern your future life together. The cost is \$125/couple. Contact Matthew & Stacey Remington (☎ 672-4006) for more information or to register for the weekend.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The Gospel today is the story of the prodigal son, which is really all of our stories, because we have all fallen short of the mark at times. God always waits for us with open, loving arms. Sign up today to attend our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on August 5-7. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out, is highly recommended. For more information, contact Mike & Jeanne ☎ 925.672.2016 or Joe & Sue ☎ 925.680.7767 now or go to www.oaklandwwme.org. Weekend presentations are in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.



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PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

■ SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 10 at 11:30 AM in the Large Hall, \$12 per person.

Come celebrate the great St. Patrick with a traditional Irish lunch provided by Ralph's Catering. We will enjoy corned beef and cabbage with red boiled potatoes and carrots. As always, drinks and dessert are included. Please make reservations by Monday, March 7 by calling George or Mary Jane Brown at 363-4708 or by registering after Mass on March 5 or 6. Adults of all ages are welcome!

■ HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Thank you to the parishioners and volunteers who have donated to this fine ministry. Our next Hospitality Weekend is on March 5 – 6. After the 5pm Saturday Mass, we'll have wine, soda, cheese, cookies and crackers. After the 7:30am, 9am, and 11am Masses, there will be coffee, juice, donuts, and bagels. All are welcome!

NEED A NEIGHBOR?

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Ministry is here to assist parishioners with temporary, minor needs. Those we serve must be adults (over 18 years old) and physically mobile. There are established community organizations in place to meet long-term and other needs.

We Offer:

- Assistance with transportation to the parish, the grocery store or doctor. *We can assist in finding regular rides to a specific Mass or parish offering
- Assistance with an errand or a light task
- Visiting the sick or homebound

For assistance leave a message ☎ 672-5800 x2238. We will pick up calls Monday-Friday. Every effort will be made to respond within 24 hours of the call. Please note that the ministry is not designed for immediate or emergency needs. It can take a few days to locate a volunteer to meet the need.

■ HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2016 —
 ADDING EVENING CRAFTING

Each Wednesday, Room A1 is open from 10am-2pm for any and all crafters. Bring a bag lunch, a friend or two, and a craft you're working on (or a desire to help someone else!). Come for the full 4 hours or just stop in when you can.

We are also starting an *evening* craft session. Does daytime crafting conflict with your schedule? Join us on Tuesday evenings from 6-9 PM in Room A1 for a few hours of fun and fellowship. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

■ NEW PARISHIONERS

Madelaine Burgess
 Mark & Jane Di Lisio
 Samantha Gutierrez
 Galen & Sarah Hadley
 Margaret Hesse
 Carol Lautermilch
 Dorris Lee
 Jennovie Lee
 Levi & Erlinda Lumanlan
 Anlyn Orfiano
 Frances Pyne
 John & Jacqui Schaefer
 Greg & Lisa Swenson
 Chris & Regina Talbott
 John & Josephine Villalpando
 Scott & Lindsey Willis

■ PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

☎ 1-800-910-0191, The Gabriel Project

SANCTUARY LIGHT IS LIT FOR
 EROTIDA C. MENDOZA
 March 5 – 11, 2016



Pray For
 CALEB SALAZAR
 CHILDREN WITH CANCER

OUTSIDE PARISH

■ CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Magnificat Ministry for Catholic Women invites you to our March Prayer Breakfast on Saturday March 12, from 9:30 AM –12:30 PM, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord

Please join us in welcoming our speaker, Denise Bossert! Denise is a well-known author and syndicated columnist. She is the daughter of a Protestant minister and will share with us her story of conversion to the Catholic faith! **Join us for prayer, praise, and inspiration!**

Reservations are \$28/ \$35 after March 5. Please go to www.magnificatsoti.org for info or reservations, or call ☎ (925)788-7762.

■ BIRTHRIGHT OF CONCORD
 ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

You are cordially invited to attend Birthright's annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon honoring donors and volunteers who support pregnant women in crisis. It is on Thursday, March 17 at 12 Noon, at Zio Fraedo's Fine Dining Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill. Birthright's accomplishments for the previous year will be highlighted. \$40 per person for your choice of Corned Beef & Cabbage, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Vegetarian Pasta Primavera. Call Birthright, (925) 798-7227 for reservations by March 3, or reserve online at www.birthright.org/concord

■ MEN OF WORTH

The Celtic music group "Men of Worth" will return to our venue on Saturday, March 19 at 7:30PM at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church, 1578 Kirker Pass Rd. Scotsman Donnie Macdonald and Irishman James Keigher are always entertaining in the best traditions of their home countries. Tickets are available at the door for \$15. Phone 925-672-4848 or www.cvpresby.org.

■ **DIABLO CHORAL ARTISTS PRESENTS**

“Bach and His Predecessors”, a concert featuring Bach’s *Jesu, Meine Freude*, Telemann’s *Singet dem Herrn*, Schutz’ *Cantate Domino*, and Buxtehude’s *Magnificat*, with string ensemble. Music Director is Mark Tuning.

Friday, March 11, 8:00pm, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek,

Sunday, March 13, 3:00pm, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, 66 St. Stephen’s Drive, Orinda. Tickets <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/16457>:

Prices: Adults \$25, seniors (60+) \$18, students \$5. (\$3 discount - adult & senior - before 3/8/16) www.dcachorus.org

■ **TRANSFORMED PEOPLE, TRANSFORMED CHURCH, TRANSFORMED WORLD**

Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Christ the King Parish, 199 Brandon Rd., Pleasant Hill, Meg Bowerman 510-684-7139 megbowerman@gmail.com, CtIph.org

Hear nationally known speaker Jack Jezreel as he discusses the Gospel call to compassion and how churches can become more effective tools of personal and social transformation in his presentation titled “Transformed People, Transformed Church, Transformed World: The Gospel Call to an Abundant Life and an Abundant Love.” Free will donation accepted. No one will be turned away. Please register for this event by contacting Meg Bowerman (see above). **Download the flyer** for additional information.

Jack Jezreel is the founder of JustFaith Ministries, holds a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame, and has received numerous awards for his innovative work and teaching style. Recognizing that the call to compassion links spirituality/faith with action/vocation, Jack will invite attendees to consider some opportunities to explore the Gospel call to love widely and will introduce some programs that can change the life of the church and the world.

■ **ST. AGNES PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

St. Agnes is currently accepting applications for the 2016-2017 School Year. Children must be 3 years old and potty-trained. Please call 689-3900 to schedule a tour of our wonderful classroom.

■ **NEW MINISTRY IS ENERGIZING AND INVOLVING CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS IN THEIR FAITH**

Diana Nagy, President of Catholics@Work, invites you to an exciting upcoming event on March 8, at the Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville.

Jennifer Baugh, an energetic young Catholic who turned from a career in high finance to create an adult ministry for young Catholic professionals, speaks at the Catholics@Work breakfast on Tuesday, March 8. Baugh’s visit to Catholics@Work comes at the beginning of YCP’s effort to develop a Catholic young professional group in the Bay Area.

Everyone is invited to attend. Please visit: <http://www.catholicsatwork.org/>, to register

Date: Tuesday March 8, 2016

Location: Crow Canyon Country Club in Danville

Time: Program begins 7:00 AM and ends sharply at 8:15 AM. Optional Mass is celebrated at 6:30 AM

Breakfast: A full buffet breakfast is provided

Cost: \$20.00 for members, \$30.00 for non-members.



Mass Intentions For The Week 
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SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- 5:00 Patrick Smith & Brothers
Brinton Brown
Vicente Ang
Evelyn Ang

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- 7:30 St. Bonaventure Community
- 9:00 Joan Zacharopoulos
Raymond & Margaret Mangini
Bea Murphy
Frances Ostertag
- 11:00 Monica Lopez
Gene Conroy
Antonin Scalia
Roy Señera
- 5:00 St. Bonaventure Youth Group
Caleb Salazar

MONDAY, MARCH 7

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 Guillermo “Memo” Preza
Kevin Cline
Roscoe Untal

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

- 6:30 Gavin Harris
- 9:00 Brynn Gugliemo
Caleb Salazar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- 6:30 Bob Rezak
- 9:00 Communion Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:30 All priests and seminarians
- 9:00 Cheryl de Guzman
Angelo Fracasso
Dr. Eleuterio Acosta

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:30 Communion Service
- 9:00 All souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

- 5:00 Richard Ang
Jose Bilan
Ramon Bilan
Maria Bilan

■ AHORA ES SU OPORTUNIDAD PARA REGISTRARSE

“Estoy registrado” es una frase que comúnmente escuchamos de los feligreses que han estado aquí durante años. Debo admitir que yo era uno de esas personas. Cuando llegué a trabajar en la parroquia, yo no estaba registrada. Había crecido en esta parroquia. Me casé en esta parroquia. Pero nunca había llenado un formulario de inscripción. Y, por lo tanto no aparecía en los registros de la parroquia.

“¿Y qué?” se podría decir. “No necesitamos estar registrados para venir a Misa.” Tienen toda la razón. Su corazón, su espíritu, su compromiso con Dios y su amor a la parroquia, es lo que los hacen miembros de nuestra comunidad parroquial, no una entrada oficial en nuestra base de datos de registro.

Pero hay buenas razones para registrarse y esperamos que tome unos minutos para hacerlo y así oficialmente estar en la lista de nuestro directorio. Cuando usted desea buscar a un amigo para saber de él, preguntarle algo por qué usted no lo ha visto por un tiempo, compartir su preocupación pues escuchó que estaba enfermo, o desea recoger la libreta de direcciones de la vieja escuela, o quiere llamarlo, enviarle un correo electrónico o un texto. Si no tiene su información no puede hacerlo. Bien, nuestros sacerdotes y personal a menudo quieren comunicarse con usted por alguna razón pero no lo pueden hacer porque no tienen su información para contactarlo.

Tal vez queremos enviarle una invitación o hacerle saber lo que está pasando en la parroquia. No podemos hacerlo sin su dirección postal, dirección o correo electrónico o número telefónico. Hay muchas razones para registrarse. Y tal vez uno de las más importantes es que esta es su comunidad y desea ser incluido en nuestro directorio.

Estamos tratando de hacer la inscripción lo más fácil posible. El 5 y 6 de marzo, el Consejo Parroquial estará en todas las Misas distribuyendo formularios de inscripción y compartiendo con usted más beneficios de estar registrado. También hemos subido la ficha de inscripción a nuestro sitio Web recién diseñado.

COMO ME REGISTRO:

Entre a www.stbonaventure.net vaya a “Acerca de” en la barra de menú superior y hacer clic en “Registro de la Parroquia.” Allí encontrará un formulario que puede contestar en el ordenador. Contéstelo, sávelo y envíelo por correo electrónico a vteran@stbonaventure.net. También puede recoger un formulario en la oficina o en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia, llenarlo y devolverlo a la oficina. ¿No sabe si está registrado? Si quiere saber con certeza, por favor, después de la Misas del 5 y 6 de marzo acérquese a las personas encargadas, además le podemos confirmar si está registrado, responder a sus preguntas y ayudarlo a registrarse si no lo está. Si usted no puede esperar para averiguar, envíe un correo electrónico a vteran@stbonaventure.net para averiguarlo.

■ DONACIONES ELECTRONICAS



San Buenaventura ha cambiado el proveedor de servicios para nuestro programa de donaciones electrónicas. Se tomó la decisión de este cambio después de la revisión y discusión con el Consejo de Finanzas de la Parroquia. Con Faith Direct vendrán muchas opciones que los feligreses pidieron incluyendo segundas colectas. El servicio es también menos costoso para la parroquia y provee mayores servicios. Faith Direct ha trabajado con cientos de Parroquias Católicas a lo largo de los Estados Unidos por más de diez años. Muchas de ellas en el Norte de California. Faith Direct proporciona la protección necesaria para mantener su información segura.

Para aquellos de ustedes que han participado en este tipo de donaciones durante varios años, gracias. Ustedes estarán recibiendo una carta por correo que lo guiará hacia www.faithdirect.net donde pueden inscribirse con seguridad en línea con nuestro nuevo proveedor. El **código de nuestra parroquia es CA725**. Si no realiza este cambio, sus donaciones electrónicas van a terminar en un futuro cercano. Ya que su información es segura y confidencial, el equipo parroquial no puede transferir sus donaciones a Faith Direct. Sólo

puede terminar las donaciones con el servicio actual. Por favor tome unos minutos y regístrese con el nuevo sistema.

Si usted es nuevo con el sistema de donaciones electrónicas, este es un buen momento para inscribirse. Las donaciones electrónicas le ofrecen una manera conveniente y consistente para apoyar nuestra comunidad parroquial, incluso cuando no puede venir a Misa. Es la solución a una situación que enfrentan muchas familias en Misa, cuando preguntan “¿dónde coloco mis sobres?” Es ola verde--no papel. No tiene que escribir cheques o usar sobres. La registración es gratuita. Para inscribirse, visite faithdirect.net e inscribese con seguridad y en línea. *El código de nuestra parroquia es CA725*. Usted puede elegir que le descuenta de su cuenta bancaria o su tarjeta de crédito especificando su donación y el día que desea que se descuenta de su cuenta ya sea el 1º o el 15 del mes para ambas donaciones (tanto para las donaciones del Domingo como para las segundas colectas). Usted puede cambiar en cualquier momento. Usted tiene el control.

■ SU RESPUESTA AL LLAMADO A DAR LA BIENVENIDA A FAMILIAS REFUGIADAS

Nuestra parroquia tiene un Ministerio llamado de Familia a Familia que viene trabajando desde hace muchos años. Quizás usted pueda recordar nuestro primer líder Mike Farnham cuando introdujo este nuevo Ministerio. Este Ministerio está conformado por un grupo de feligreses que trabajan en colaboración con Caridades Católicas para caminar con una familia local de la inestabilidad a la estabilidad. Hay otras dieciocho parroquias de nuestra diócesis que ofrecen este Ministerio.

Somos amigos, entrenadores, animadores y familia de nuestras familias. Enfrentamos con éxito los obstáculos con ellos. No los eliminamos, les ayudamos a encontrar recursos y soluciones para superar los retos que enfrentan. Eso puede significar introducir a profesionales como abogados, conectar con servicios como especialistas en desarrollo mecánico o trabajo, les invitamos a una barbacoa y les ayudamos a concretar una cita. La lista de lo que se hace es interminable pero no lo es la

energía. Pasamos cerca de un año a un año y medio con cada familia que apoyamos. Con algunas familias el tiempo es más corto y algunos un poco más largo.

Este Ministerio se está expandiendo. Si usted ha escuchado al Papa Francisco o al Obispo Barber, debe haber oído que están invitando a las parroquias a que patrocinen a una familia de refugiados. El Ministerio de Familia a Familia es un modelo ideal para responder a este llamado. Nuestra parroquia está lista para responder. Vamos a seguir adoptando y manteniendo una familia local pero también podemos patrocinar y apoyar a una familia de refugiados.

Los refugiados por su situación están en una posición diferente a las familias locales, por lo cual nuestro soporte también será diferente. Los refugiados llegan al aeropuerto con una maleta por persona y necesitan construir una vida aquí. Tenemos la oportunidad de darles la bienvenida cuando llegue su vuelo y ayudarles a construir su nueva vida aquí.

El incremento de oportunidades hace necesario aumentar también nuestro Equipo de trabajo. Tenemos un núcleo fuerte pero se necesitan más voluntarios. Los invitamos a aprender más sobre lo que el voluntariado de este Ministerio significa. Tenemos dos reuniones informativas donde pueden aprender más.

Fecha de las reuniones y horas: Lunes, 14 de marzo, 10:00 a 11:00 am, 7:00 a 8:00 pm

Nos reuniremos en el salón A-2. Nos encantaría saber que puede asistir. RSVP, correo electrónico a Irene Alonzo-Pérez a ialonzo-perez@msn.com.

■ SERVICIOS DE RECONCILIACION

Empezamos nuestro camino de Cuaresma, firmándonos con ceniza la frente y escuchando las palabras “Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio.” Este es el momento en que toda la Iglesia entra en período de purificación e iluminación. Debemos considerar cómo estamos en relación con Dios y con nuestros hermanos. Necesitamos pedirle a Dios perdón por aquellos tiempos que hemos caído y dejado de ser Cristo uno para el otro. Les

invitamos a recibir el Sacramento de la Reconciliación, ¿Cuándo?

Servicio de Reconciliación
Martes, 8 de Marzo @ 7:30 PM

Ultima Oportunidad
Sábado, 19 de Marzo @ 3:30 PM

■ SEMANA SANTA 2016

20 de Marzo: DOMINGO DE RAMOS,
12:45 pm Misa

24 de Marzo: JUEVES SANTO, Bilingüe
Institución de la Eucaristía y lavado de los pies, 7:30 pm Bilingüe

25 de Marzo: VIERNES SANTO
Servicio Litúrgico y Procesión del Santo Entierro, 6:30 PM.

26 de Marzo: SABADO SANTO, Bilingüe
Misa de Resurrección, Bendición del agua y el fuego, 7:30 PM Bilingüe

27 de Marzo: DOMINGO DE RESURRECCION, 12:45 pm Misa

Todos nuestros servicios de Semana Santa son en la Iglesia.

■ FORMACIÓN DE LÍDERES, MINISTROS Y PARROQUIANOS

Se invita a los ministros, a los líderes y a la comunidad en general a la formación teológica impartida por el diácono Mariano Preza. Muchas personas de la comunidad han aprovechado esta formación antes, pero cada clase es una nueva experiencia al conocimiento, el programa está abierto a toda la comunidad y es gratis. Esta formación ayudará a conocer mejor y a ampliar nuestra visión de Dios. En este Año de la Misericordia, regalémonos la oportunidad de aprender, reconocer y vivir el amor de Dios.

Las clases son los lunes y empiezan el lunes, 25 de enero, 2016.

Cuando: Lunes
Hora: 7:00-9:00 PM
Lugar: Salón de clases B-1
¡Todos son bienvenidos!

■ AÑO JUBILAR DE LA MISERICORDIA

Hoy nos regocijamos en el Evangelio de Lucas el cual narra cuando Jesús proclama que Dios es infinitamente misericordioso. El regreso a casa del hijo, no auténticamente arrepentido pero desesperado, después de haber dilapidado en prostitutas (o al menos su hermano dice) la herencia exigida incorrectamente mientras que su padre aún vivía. Este hijo egoísta sólo se libera del ritual de “avergonzar” al padre, puesto que este lo “avergüenza” a él, cuando corre a abrazarlo, interrumpiendo su preparado “acto de contrición.” Al hacerlo, el padre desafía a confesores y a todos nosotros, para ser signos, dice el Papa Francisco, “de la primicia de ser siempre misericordiosos, en todas partes y en cada situación, no importa cuál sea.” Evitar la crudeza del hijo mayor, advierte el Papa Francisco, “que se encuentra afuera, incapaz de alegrarse,” su juicio “severo, injusto y sin sentido a la luz de la misericordia del padre sin límites” (Misericordiae Vultus, 17). Si se proclama el Evangelio de Juan, cuenta que la gente “religiosamente observante” juzga y nos advierte no juzgar duramente a otros. Por la ceguera física el hombre fue expulsado de la sinagoga, pero Jesús lo cura, mientras que los fariseos no pueden ver la propia ceguera de sus corazonas.

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■ BIRTHRIGHT CENTRO DE CUIDADO DEL EMBARAZO

Birthright provee apoyo a las mujeres y a las familias que necesitan asistencia cuando enfrentan algún reto relacionado con el embarazo. El centro provee consejería gratis a las madres, provisiones para ellas y sus bebés y también ofrece clases de educación para las madres.

Estamos solicitando varios voluntarios bilingües Español-Inglés para ayudar con esta labor tan gratificante. El centro da entrenamiento a las personas interesadas. Venga y júntese con nosotros en nuestro ambiente afectuoso y amigable. ¡Birthright y nuestras mujeres necesitan urgente su ayuda! Para más información, por favor llamar a Birthright al (925) 798-7227. Pregunte por Libby, Lucy o Joan. Bienvenidos y Gracias