Honoring “Good Pope John”

A new statue for our Convent Chapel was dedicated in honor of Pope Saint John XXIII

Some may not know that the chapel in the convent that we use for daily morning Mass is named for Pope John XXIII. The name was given to the chapel by Monsignor Ted Kraus, who had a special devotion to the Pope who was known as “Good Pope John.”

Pope John XXIII was famous for his passionate views on equality, and for his calling of the Second Vatican Council. He himself did not live to see the Council to completion, but his feast day is celebrated not on the date of his death (as is the norm for the Church) but rather on the day of the first session of Vatican II – October 11.

“Good Pope John” was canonized a saint in 2014 by Pope Francis. To commemorate his canonization, Father George wanted a statue carved of Pope John to place in the chapel named after him. Father Joseph, our priest from Vietnam who is in residence in the Rectory while studying in Berkeley, volunteered to contact a wood craftsman in Vietnam to undertake the endeavor.

With only a photograph of Pope John and his God-given talents, the craftsman hand carved and then painted an exquisite statue of Saint John XXIII, which Father Joseph then generously gave as a gift to the parish. The next time you enter the convent chapel, look straight ahead – you can’t miss it.

Thank you, Father Joseph!

Pray for us, Saint John XXIII!
PARISH LIFE

Update from Father George on Summer Parish Projects

We have three major projects planned and budgeted for this summer. Two have been completed. You may have noticed the scaffolding erected around both the Rectory and Convent buildings. The exterior of the Rectory was painted last month. It looks very nice. The color matches the Church. We just completed installing new gutters and replacing some of the down spouts on the Convent. The remaining project is the painting of the interior of the Church. No major change in color is contemplated, however we may do a little ‘highlighting” of the area around the window above the choir loft and the baldacchinos above the tabernacle and the statue of Mary. Your regular financial contributions make these other maintenance projects possible.

Daily 8:00am Mass Moving in July

Between Friday July 6 and Friday July 13 the Holy Cross Sisters will hold their annual retreat in the Chapel. The 8:00am Mass will be held in the Church. Keep the Sisters in your prayers during their retreat!

4th of July Mass and Parade!
9:00am Mass in the Church
10:00am Parade Begins

OUTREACH

Heard of Peter’s Pence Collection?

Next week, we will take the Peter’s Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Summer Camp Support Needed:
We are currently putting together summer programming for kids (toddler through middle school), and we need your help. Many of these kids are formerly homeless or very low-income. In the past, volunteers (teens and adults) have organized small groups to host different “camps”. These activities take place at our housing sites (Pittsburg & Concord) for a couple hours/day for 4-5 days during the week. Each week has a theme and FUN is always on the agenda. Feel free to call and discuss ideas or just offer general help to an already formed camp week. All camps are supervised by on-site CCIH staff. Email gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org for more information.

Weekly Food Collection

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School (fruit cups, crackers, granola bars, juice, water, chips, Cup-O-Noodles, macaroni and cheese, sugar, rice, beans, cereal, and cooking oil)
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry (canned meats like Vienna sausage, chicken, and tuna, cereal, canned vegetables, and canned fruit)

All items can be put in the barrel in the Narthex.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Have you heard of Mental Health First Aid Training?

Are you a parent or caregiver of a teen? Do you work with youth or teens? If so, you’re invited to the next Youth Mental Health First Aid course, coordinated by Catholic Charities of the East Bay, empowering adults to respond compassionately and directly when a youth experiences a mental health or spiritual crisis.

For more information or to see upcoming training dates, visit bit.ly/CCEB-MHFA

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 2
8am: Phil Biondi(d)
Tuesday, July 3
8am: Gene Voltattorni(d)
Wednesday, July 4
9am: Tom O’Brien(d)
Thursday, July 5
8am: Margaret Silsby
Friday, July 6
8am: Intentions of the Presider
Saturday, July 7
5pm: Yau Lin Liu(d)
Sunday, July 8
8:30: Jeff Baus(d)
10:30: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5:00: John Peyvioch(d)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office at x301 or at mirnawong@smparish.com
You’ll be away for summer vacations—but we won’t!

Support Santa Maria with Faith Direct while you’re away this summer

After graduations and promotions (and, yes, Confirmations!) things get a little quieter around here as parishioners leave for vacations—but our parish still needs your support! Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach Santa Maria when you cannot, and our ministries can continue.

Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and securely enroll using our parish code CA891—or find a paper enrollment form in the Parish Office if you’d prefer.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

If you have any questions, please contact Megan in the Parish Office by phone at 925-254-2426 x308 or by email at megan@smparish.org.
**TREASURE**

**June 24, 2018 Actual**

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**Upcoming Collections:**

07/01/18  Faith Formation
07/08/18  Holy Father-Peters Pence

*Please note—Faith Direct is our new Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT, program. The amount listed*

**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**

Bobbie & Bob after the 8:30am Mass
Lisa de Paschalis after the 10:30am Mass

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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**Week-At-A-Glance**

**Monday, July 2**
10:30 am Staff Meeting

**Tuesday, July 3**

**Wednesday, July 4**
9:00am Mass
10:00am 4th of July Parade

**Thursday, July 5**

**Friday, July 6**
Holy Cross Sisters Retreat (Chapel)
8:00 am Mass—CHURCH

**Saturday, July 7**
8:00 am Communion Service moved to Church
4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation—(Church)
5:00 pm Mass (Church)

**Reminder: July 6 to July 13 Daily Mass will be held in the Church.**

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

We are in need of four more Eucharistic Ministers at the Saturday, 5:00pm Mass.

If you attend this Mass regularly and are interested, please contact Tony Millette at tmillette@smparish.org.

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**This Week's Readings**

**First Reading:**
Psalm 30:2,4,5-6,11,12,13

**Second Reading:**
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel:
Mark 5:21-43
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