We, at St. Catherine Parish, are a growing, diverse, and welcoming Catholic Community, called to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through Worship, Discipleship and Service.

La Parroquia de Santa Catalina de Alejandría, es una comunidad en crecimiento, acogedora y diversa, llamada a vivir y proclamar la Buena Nueva de Jesucristo por medio de la Oración, el Discipulado y el Servicio.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/ CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

From the Desk of Fabienne Esparza, School Principal.....

Earth Day is right around the corner. Did you know that St. Catherine School and Parish are “green” institutions? Both the school and parish make every effort to reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible. You may be wondering what ecology has to do with our relationship with God. In fact it plays a huge role in our general attitudes and disposition to be open to nurturing a relationship with our Creator.

We have all read the story of creation in the Book of Genesis. God created this beautiful world for us to enjoy. How do we care for it? Creating trash and other toxic waste because it is easier or more cost efficient doesn’t convey a sense of gratitude or respect to our heavenly Father.

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Desde el escritorio de Fabienne Esparza, Directora de la Escuela.....

El día de la Tierra está a la vuelta de la esquina. ¿Sabías que la Escuela St. Catarina al igual que la Parroquia son instituciones “verdes?” Tanto la escuela y la parroquia hacen todos los esfuerzos para reducir, reutilizar y reciclar todo lo que sea posible. Quizás usted se pregunte lo que la ecología tiene que ver con nuestra relación con Dios. De hecho, juega un papel muy importante en nuestras actitudes generales y disposición para ser abierto a cultivar una relación con nuestro Creador. Todos hemos leído la historia de la creación en el Libro del Génesis. Dios creó este mundo hermoso para disfrutar. ¿Cómo lo cuidamos? Creando un mundo de basura y otros residuos tóxicos, ya que es más fácil o más económico, esto no transmite una sensación de gratitud o respeto a nuestro Padre celestial.                  (Continuado en Pagina 5…)
Rectory Office Hours / Horarios de la Rectoría

Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (Sábado)
Closed/Cerrado
Sunday (Domingo)
8:30am - 12:00pm

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

First Reading — Paul and Barnabas continue their travels, spreading the faith and unifying the churches (Acts 14:21-27).
Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).
Second Reading — John’s vision of God dwelling with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).
Gospel — As Jesus has loved us, so we must love one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).


THE WEEK AHEAD/LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA

Sunday/Domingo, April 17
7:00-12:30pm CR1-4 & Kit Hospitality
8:00-12:30pm NUR Bright Beginnings nursery
8:00-10:30am MC,Rm10,11 Family Faith Formation session
8:45-10:00am LR RCIA dismissal
12:00-2:00pm DC Cal Min - Spanish RCIC dismissal
1:00-5:00pm Rm.12 Fil/Am Band practice
4:00-5:00pm Rm8 Cal Min Home Study program mtg
5:00-6:00pm Rm.11 Spanish Bible Study
7:00-9:30pm MC Life Teen
7:00-9:00pm GYM Over 40’s Open Gym

Monday/Lunes, April 18
11:00-2:30pm CR1 & Kit Over 50’s group
6:00-9:00pm CH Bell Choir/Angelica Choir
6:00-7:00pm CHV Alpha & Omega Planning meeting
6:30-9:00pm Rm.11 Stephen Ministry training
6:30-8:30pm NUR Women’s Stitching group
6:30-7:30pm MC Confirmation Pastoral Care
6:45-8:45pm Rm.12 Prayer Group - A Los Pasos de Cristo
7:00-9:00pm Rm.10 Jovenes Para Cristo - Team meeting

Tuesday/Martes, April 19
6:30-7:30pm MC Confirmation Class Pastoral Care
7:00-9:00pm Rm.12 Stephen Ministry supervision mtg
7:00-9:00pm CH Liturgy training

Wednesday/Miercoles, April 20
6:00-12:00pm CR1-4 & Kit Women’s group
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s choir
3:00-6:30pm MC,Rm10,11 Family Faith Formation session
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir rehearsals
6:00-7:30pm Rm.12 Hora Santa
6:30-8:00pm DC Edge
7:30-9:00pm MC RCIA Class
7:30-9:30pm CH Alpha Omega - Spanish group

Thursday/Jueves, April 21
6:00-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir rehearsals
7:00-9:00pm Rm.12 RICA
7:00-10:00pm CR1-4 & Kit ICF monthly meeting
8:00-9:00pm NUR Schola Cantorum rehearsal

Friday/Viernes, April 22
9:30-10:30am CR1-2 Bible Study
6:00-7:00pm NUR Fil/Am Choir rehearsal
6:00-7:00pm CH Amanda Vernon concert
6:30-9:30am Rm10,11 Jovenes Para Cristo
7:00-9:00pm GRAM & Kit Yaya Concert dinner
7:00-10:00pm MC Grupo Amigos

Saturday/Sábado, April 23
8:30-10:30am MC,Rm 10,11,12 Cal Min - Spanish FFF session
9:00-9:30am CH,MC Cal Min - FFF Spanish opening prayer
9:00-10:00am LR Men’s group
12:00-5:00pm CH,MC FHC Retreat 1
6:30-9:00pm GRAM & Kit ICF Pasta dinner

8:15AM MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 18 Brad and Myra Mountz
Tuesday, April 19 Dede Mariani
All Souls in Purgatory
Alice Busch
Wednesday, April 20 Severo Fedalizo
Margaret Sweeney
Thursday, April 21 John Houle
Rita Piti Thatcher
Friday, April 22 Linus Yeggy
William (Bill) Conlan
Saturday, April 23 Judy Salas
Frank Gamez
The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the developing Church. In some ways it reads like a travelogue telling where and how the Word spread beyond the places where Jesus had been. The outreach to anyone open to hear the promise of Jesus’ life and death was a powerful validation of the truth being shared. There was, and still is, persecution of Jesus’ disciples by those who could not overcome personal doubt which sowed the seed of separation between Jews and those who would become known as Christians. Peter chastises the Jews who could not see Jesus as the promised one and then openly “turns to” gentiles (non-Jews). So much animosity comes from not trying to understand and respect those with whom we differ. Choosing up sides starts early in life and is symptomatic of separation rather than respect which brings understanding and cooperation. My public high school student body was predominantly Jewish (~90%). But through common interests (studying for tests, athletics, etc.) religious differences became just a fact rather than a challenge to overcome. I participated in our NCCJ (National Conference of Christians and Jews) chapter. What might have been cause for prejudice or separation actually brought us together. Jesus simplifies our relationship with God and with each other. We are to love God and neighbor. Discovering what that means and how to do it is the journey of faith for all ... as fellow travelers together..

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Because being green is described by a color; we may feel a lessening of its importance (unless the green is money :-)). A more helpful image is the growth it represents, a growth that asks that we leave a fertile earth for those who come after us.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

Have you moved recently and need to update your mailing information with the parish? Email us at office@stca.org, drop us a note in the Sunday collection or call us at (408) 779-3959. We need your complete name, old & new address and your new telephone number if that has changed. Don’t miss out on all the great news we mail/email to our parishioners!

Welcome! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name: __________________________
Address: __________________________
City: __________________________ Zip: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Being more mindful of how we use, distribute and discard our resources gives us a stronger connection and sense of appreciation for the blessings our Creator has bestowed on us. That awareness allows for a greater openness to God’s message.

At St. Catherine School we strive to imbue a sense of gratitude and responsibility for the beautiful world God has given us. While some of the activities don’t have global impact, they do make a difference in our little piece of Morgan Hill and Santa Clara County. Students are assigned to pick up recyclable items from classroom and office bins each week. We strive to purchase items that are recyclable and/or made from recycled materials. In the office every effort is made to minimize the amount of paper products used. Sending the monthly communication info via email and our weekly email updates supports our efforts to minimize the use of both paper and power. In addition our cleaning service uses environmentally friendly products.

Being good stewards of our resources today helps ensure a safe environment for our children and grandchildren as well as showing a deep respect for the blessings we have. In honor of Earth Day today I encourage you to see how you can implement more earth friendly practices at home. Here’s to happy, healthy stewards of God’s beautiful creation with an openness to the message of our Savior!
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY WORSHIP

REFLECTION: Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are the sheep. The sheep receive eternal life from the Shepherd and no one can snatch them from Christ’s hand because the Father has entrusted us to the Son and the Son and the Father are one (today’s Gospel, Jn. 10:27-30). That Shepherd is the Lamb, leading the sheep to springs of life-giving water (second reading, Rev. 7:9, 14-17). As the Good Shepherd was not accepted by his own, Saul and Barnabas are rejected by the Jews and turn to the Gentiles. The Gospel must be preached to all nations (first reading, Act. 13:14, 43-52).

VOCATIONS: This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. You may have noticed that our parish response to that request includes a petition for vacations at all weekend Masses and displaying pictures of the Diocese of Jose seminarians in the vestibule. Let us continue to pray and encourage more people to respond to the wonderful gift of priesthood and religious life.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. “Easter duty” means that Catholic must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a time this was a requirement of Easter week and later was extended to the whole season of fifty days and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your “Holy Mother Church” is within a drive why not make a pilgrimage to that font be a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

The best Mother’s Day gift: A spiritual bouquet

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet envelopes are available on the tables around the inside of the Church. These envelopes are wonderful for remembering mothers everywhere – living or deceased. It is a great opportunity to have them remembered during Mass in our Church on Mother's Day.

Please drop the completed return envelope in the offertory basket TODAY or take it to the Parish office before our Mother's day mass on Sunday, May 8th.

You can also pick up a spiritual bouquet Mother's day card at the parish rectory to send to your mother. There is no better gift that can be given than the gift of prayers. Your donation is appreciated. Please contact Anna Quinones at aquinones@dsj.org for more information.

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

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CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura — Los judíos rechazaron airados la predicación de Pablo y de Bernabé. Luego concentraron sus energías en los gentiles (Hch 13:14, 43-52).

Salmo — El Señor es nuestro Dios y nosotros su pueblo. Aleluya (Salmo 100 [99]).

Segunda lectura — Juan tiene la visión de una multitud en vestiduras blancas ante el trono y ante el Cordero (Apocalipsis 7:9, 14b-17).

Evangelio — Mis ovejas conocen mi voz; ellas me siguen. Yo les doy vida eterna (Juan 10:27-30).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:   Hch 11:1-18; Sal 42 (41):2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Martes:   Hch 11:19-26; Sal 87 (86):1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Miércoles: Hch 12:24 — 13:5a; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Viernes:  Hch 13:26-33; Sal 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Sábado:   Hch 13:44-52; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 14:7-14

FELICITAMOS LOS CUMPLEAÑOS
DEL MES DE ABRIL

SÁBADO, 16 DE ABRIL

Lizbeth Bermudez
Elver Hernandez

Damos gracias al Señor por todas las bendiciones concedidas a cada uno de nuestros ministros en su cumpleaños y el que compartan su tiempo y talento en nuestra Parroquia. Pedimos al Señor los haga crecer en su fe y les recompense su generosidad.

Desde el Escritorio de Fabienne Esparza, Continuado...

Todos hemos leído la historia de la creación en el Libro de Génesis. Dios creó este mundo hermoso para disfrutar. ¿Cómo lo cuidamos? Creando basura y otros residuos tóxicos, ya que es más fácil o más rentable no transmite una sensación de gratitud o respeto a nuestro Padre celestial. Al ser más consciente de cómo usamos, distribuimos y desecharmos nuestros recursos nos da una conexión más fuerte y sentido de la apreciación de las bendiciones que nuestro Creador nos ha concedido. Esa conciencia permite una mayor apertura al mensaje de Dios. En la escuela de Santa Catalina nos esforzamos para imbuir un sentido de gratitud y de responsabilidad por el hermoso mundo que Dios nos ha dado. Mientras que algunas de las actividades no tienen un impacto global, que logran hacer una diferencia en nuestro pequeño pedazo de Morgan Hill y el Condado de Santa Clara, cada semana los estudiantes son asignados a recoger objetos de reciclaje de contenedores de la clase y de la oficina. Nos esforzamos para comprar artículos que son reciclables y/o hechos de materiales reciclados. En la oficina, se hace todo lo posible para minimizar la cantidad de productos de papel usados. El envío de la información mensual de comunicación a través de correo electrónico y nuestras actualizaciones semanales apoya nuestros esfuerzos para reducir al mínimo el uso de papel y de energía. Además, nuestro servicio de limpieza utiliza productos respetuosos con el medio ambiente. Al ser buenos administradores de nuestros recursos hoy ayudará a asegurar un ambiente seguro para nuestros hijos y nietos, así como mostrar un profundo respeto por las bendiciones que tenemos. En honor al Día de la Tierra hoy en día, los animo a ver cómo se puede implementar prácticas amigables en su propio hogar. Aquí está para una ofrenda feliz y saludable hacia la hermosa creación de Dios con una apertura al mensaje de nuestro Salvador!
CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

PASTA PARA LA CENA
FEDERACIÓN CATÓLICA ITALIANA #435

SABADO, 23 DE ABRIL @ 6:30 PM
Centro Parroquial O’Donnell

La cena incluye:
pasta, salchicha, pan, ensalada y postre.
Boletos: Adultos - $15
Niños de 6 a 12 - $10
Niños menores de 5 años– Gratis
Compre sus boletos después de misa el 16 &17 de Abril o por nuestra pagina web en www.stca.org

CAFÉ Y DONAS
El día de hoy, el café y las donas serán servidas por el grupo de Formación de Fe Italiana. No tendremos café y donas el 25 de Abril.

¡Todos son Bienvenidos!

EL TALENTO
Un artista es nada sin talento, pero el talento es nada sin trabajo.

—Emile Zola

OFRENDAS DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD SEMANALES

Gracias por su apoyo continuo.

Notas de Corresponsabilidad: La corresponsabilidad se define como la recaudación total de las misas de fin de semana, Navidad y Pascua. La “Meta Semanal” es el número que refleja la cantidad que tendría que ser recogidos cada semana para cumplir con nuestro presupuesto anual.

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NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA
¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la ciudad de Morgan Hill? Inscríbase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com

CENA GRATIS
Ahora en la Iglesia de Santa Catalina hay una cena para la Comunidad cada lunes de 6:00-7:00pm en el Centro Parroquial. Comida caliente también está disponible en cada martes en la Iglesia Luterana de 5-6 pm, todos los miércoles en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de 6-7pm y los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6-7pm. Los esperamos!
CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

UN TALENTO MALGASTADO

“No hay nada peor que un talento malgastado”... Emblemáticas palabras de Robert de Niro en su primera película de factura propia: “Une historia del Bronx”. La frase podría haber sido un estupendo corolario de la parábola de los talentos. Sobre todo, teniendo en cuenta que el “talento malgastado” no es el de quien, como el Hijo Pródigo, lo despilfarra en excesos y en pecados de toda índole. Al fin y al cabo, el Hijo Pródigo, que destrozó su propia vida, finalmente volvió a la casa de su padre y se enmendó. El “talento malgastado” es el no gastado, el que se conserva en un hoyo en la tierra para que no se pierda, el que evita el riesgo y se conforma con no perder. Una persona así puede llegar a la muerte en un estado técnico de “gracia de Dios” (no ha cometido pecado mortal desde la última confesión), pero no le preguntan por los frutos de su apostolado. ¡Bastante ha hecho con no perder la fe, tal como está el mundo! He ahí el problema de una buena parte de nuestros católicos: viven una vida anodina, sin grandes retos, bañada en la rutina y anclada en la mediocridad. Si les preguntas, dirán que no tienen grandes pecados; los que permite su monótono “día a día”... Pero tampoco te hablarán de grandes virtudes. La vida, para ellos, no da para tanto. El espíritu de aventura de los primeros cristianos, la sensación de jugarse la vida a cada instante, el estremecimiento con que el mártir recibe el amanecer de su último día en la vida... Todo es eso les es completamente ajeno. Sus emociones más trepidantes tendrán lugar en el marco de alguna competición deportiva, o quizás en una discusión familiar; nunca en nada relacionado con Dios. La misa les aburre solemnemente, aunque asistan con asiduidad. “No hay nada peor que un talento malgastado”... Si se hubieran dado cuenta a tiempo de que la fe no es una vela cuya llama hay que cubrir para que no se apague, sino una antorcha que debe incendiar el alma, su vida habría sido distinta. Si, en lugar de reservarle a Dios un hueco en sus corazones, hubieran puesto “todo el corazón en el asador”, y hubieran sentido el incontenible deseo de anunciarlo a todos los hombres, su existencia se habría convertido en una gran aventura que narran las lecturas de hoy. En el pasaje de los Hechos de los Apóstoles y las Cartas de San Pablo, Habrán perdido el miedo a hablar de Dios, habrán buscado a los inmorales como el Buen Pastor a la oveja perdida, habrán sufrido la burla y el oprobio por parte de muchos, habrán llorado por los que rechazan a Cristo. Cada mañana, al despertar, les habría asaltado el pensamiento de un amigo que ha rechazado los sacramentos, de un vecino que vive en adulterio, de un compañero de trabajo que blasfema. Y, tanto en los fracasos como en los logros, siempre habrían sentido un llamado a anunciar a los demás la bondad de Dios...
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Old Stained Glass Windows of St Catherine church

**Jesus window**
In Memory of Thomas and Catherine Lally.
Jesus is depicted as in many paintings and holy cards without a halo (unlike the Saints). This is likely one of the first windows installed in the old church (although it has been repaired more than once since it was moved to the current church).

Thomas and Catherine Lally were the parents of Fr. John A. Lally, pastor of St. Patrick’s Church San Jose (1905), one of the priests who came to the Morgan Hill to celebrate Mass before the parish was established and was present at the dedication of the original church in 1909.

**St Joseph window**
In memory of Fr. Donald J. McKinnon, Founder of this parish. Gift of the Holy Name Society.
St Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, was a carpenter and builder hence the two pieces of wood.
Fr. Donald J. McKinnon was first pastor of the parish, 1909-1915.

**St Patrick window**
Donated by Mrs. Nelly Geoghian Quinn, In Memory of her parents, brothers, and sisters.
St. Patrick is depicted as a bishop (miter and crosier) in a green robe holding the traditional shamrock. When you look at the window itself notice the abundant use of green.

The name of the donor obviously indicates Irish heritage, as was the case for many of our original parishioners, but I have been unable to find out anything about Mrs. Quinn or her family.

**St Martin window**
In Memory of Martin Murphy, pioneer of 1844 and family. Gift of Julian H. Weber. [As it should be.]
St Martin of Tours was a bishop (miter and crosier) and the patron saint of Martin Murphy (head of the influential Murphy family who settled the Santa Clara Valley in the 1840s who built the first Catholic church/chapel in the area - in San Martin. Both the town and the church/chapel were named after his patron saint).

The donor plaque currently at the bottom of this window was switched with the St Stanislaus window (on the left side of the church) when the windows were moved from the old church. Julian Weber is a descendant of Martin Murphy, probably his grandson. Martin Murphy’s daughter Helen married Charles Weber, owner of the San Felipe Rancho that covered most of the Coyote Valley.
Prayer is important. Like, super important. Like, super duper important. I’m reading this book called A Second Look by Mark Hart. There’s one quote in there that I absolutely love: "Prayer does not merely 'help' our relationship with God... prayer is our relationship with God."

Wow. It’s one of those lines that you could read and say, “Yeah, duh, I get that.” But then when you really read it, and then think about what your prayer life is really like, and what that means for what your relationship with God is really like, then you say, “Wow.”

You could equate it to your relationship with a family member. No matter what they’ll always be your family member. But that just names the relationship. What actually defines your relationship is your interaction. I have three sisters and they all moved away. And although they’ve always been my sisters and always will be, my relationship with them has not been great since they moved away. Not because we don’t like each other, but because I failed to keep in contact with them. I am horrible at keeping in contact with people who aren’t in my everyday life. I’m working on it and I do feel closer to them now than before. But that’s only because I’m putting the effort forward to talk to them every once in awhile. And we use different mediums—sometimes it’s a phone call, sometimes it’s a text. More often than not lately it’s Skype or Hangouts so they can see my kids. And in the same way, we have many ways to communicate with God—there are traditional prayers, personal prayers, meditations, group prayer (Mass anyone?), individual prayer, podcasts, singing, and of course, the Bible.

So what is your relationship with God like?

You and your family are invited to see internationally known recording artist Amanda Vernon in concert on Friday April 22nd from 6-7pm at St. Catherine. She will share her original music and give the faith-filled stories behind the songs.

For more info, visit her website amandavernon.com
You can find her on Twitter @amandajoyvernon
On Instagram @amandavernonmusic
On Facebook /AmandaVernonMusic

depuk@dsj.org
Jesus the Good Shepherd

One of the most familiar and comforting images of Jesus is as the Good Shepherd. A shepherd is the image of a leader, one who is entrusted with protecting his flock. In the Old Testament the shepherd was also an image of God. Thus by following Jesus, the Good Shepherd, we are also sharing in the life of God. As the shepherd knows his sheep, the Good Shepherd knows us. In what area in our family’s lives do we feel the need for God’s protection and safety? As a family, pray in thankfulness for the Good Shepherd and to be able to truly listen to his voice in our hearts.

Vacation Bible Camp 2016
Registration is open!

Half Day Camps
Session I: June 13-17, 2016
Session II: June 20-24, 2016
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

For all children in PK/K and grades 1-5 (children aged 4-10)

Cost: $50 per child / $40 each additional child in the family.

Registration Deadline: May 15th

Adult and youth volunteers (college and high school) are also needed. Children of full week volunteers register for FREE!

Registration forms are available online, at the Rectory and the Family Faith Formation office.

For further information, please contact:
Dianna Lopez at (408) 779-9604 or e-mail: dlopez@dsj.org
Audrey Hager at (408) 607-7888 or e-mail: ahager74@gmail.com

Get a jump start on gifts for Mother’s Day, Sacrament Celebrations and Graduations! Stop by the Faith Formation Jewelry fundraiser after all Masses on the weekends of Apr 23-24 and Apr 30-May 1.
God is great all the time, all the time, God is great!

KNITTING GROUP
Are you a passionate needle crafter and desire to be in community with others here at St Catherine’s? Well, bring your knitting, crocheting, quilt or embroidery projects and join us! The group gathers in the nursery room in the Parish Center. Drop in anytime on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:30pm. All are welcome. Contact Diane at 408-839-3553 for questions or if you would like to learn to knit or crochet.

FAITH SHARING QUESTION OF THE WEEK
Adult: “In what ways are you answering Jesus’ command to Peter to “feed my sheep?”
Child: “What do you do to take care of others as Jesus asked Peter to do?”

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT
On March 10, the San Jose Mercury News printed an editorial critical of future development of land in the southeast quadrant of Morgan Hill. The Diocese of San Jose owns forty acres that were purchased for the future Saint John XXIII College Preparatory High School. In stating its editorial opinion the Mercury erroneously reported that the Diocese had previously purchased and sold another piece of land in Morgan Hill, implying that the Diocese would likely do the same with the forty acres. In fact, the Diocese never owned that land, only the forty acres in the southeast.

On March 11 the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) voted to deny applications for development on a number of acres, including the site of Saint John XXIII. In doing so LAFCO effectively shut the door for this and any other development in the near future.

Although the Mercury printed a “correction” the following day most readers were not aware of the error or that the newspaper had not done their due diligence in establishing the facts.

As for the future, Bob Serventi Chief Financial Officer for the Diocese, affirms that the land will continue to be held for use for a Catholic high school.

MARRIED COUPLES
Pope John Paul II said “I place much of my hope for the future in marriage encounter”. Aren’t you anxious to know why? The next Marriage Encounter weekend is May 20-22, 2016 in Mountain View. For more information visit our website at: sanjosewwme.org or contact Ken & Claranne at applications@sanjosewwme.org or 408-782-1413.

MONDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY SUPPERS
Teens, families, adults, young and old: the parish can use a few more people on some of our Community Supper teams. The commitment is once every 7 weeks from 5-7:30pm. Contact Joe or Carol Lillig if you’d like to help provide good food and good company for our weekly dinner for the community at lillig@garlic.com or 408-857-4516.

OVER 50’S
The over 50’s group will hold its monthly luncheon this Monday, April 18th at noon in the O’Donnell Parish Center. Please bring a hot dish, dessert or salad to share and canned goods for Reach Out.

THE SHEPHERD’S FLOCK
In Christian art the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today’s readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his “flock.”

In the first and second readings we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

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DWELLING PLACE
God dwells wherever we let God in.

—Ancient Jewish saying
WHO ARE STEPHEN MINISTERS?
Stephen Ministers are members of our parish who have gone through fifty hours of training to provide high-quality Christian care to individuals experiencing a crisis or challenge such as divorce, grief, loss of a job, hospitalization, relocation, or loneliness. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver and meet with that person for about an hour a week. This caring relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. If you would like more information on how to become a Stephen Minister or to receive care from one, please contact Claranne Schirle 408-782-1413 or kenandclaranne@gmail.com.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? — Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on May 6-8, 2016 call 831-479-1260 or email: Monterey@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

MEMORIAL DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS
A donation in memory of a loved one is a meaningful way to express sympathy to the bereaved family and to honor the one who passed. It is also an opportunity for family and friends to support the parish of the loved one in recognition of the Church’s presence and assist the Church to carry on spiritual programs and charitable works. When you choose to make a memorial gift to honor a loved one, the parish notifies the family and a tax receipt is issued for your generous gift. Please contact Anna Quiñones, at ahernandez@dsj.org with any questions.

MEN’S OVER 40’S OPEN GYM
An over 40’s men’s group gathers on Sundays for Open Gym. Come out and join some of your fellow over 40’s parishioners for a friendly game of basketball. Game dates are:

April 17, 24

ELECTRONIC UPDATES
If you have an email address and would like to hear all the great things that are happening at your parish, please contact us. We email parishioners whose email addresses we have about events for the upcoming week. This way you won’t miss any of our exciting events. If you would like to receive the parish’s upcoming events electronically, please email the parish office at office@stca.org with your name and the email address you wish to use.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP
Join us this summer for some of the best fun filled weeks of camp! All camps will provide a great experience for all campers learning the fundamentals of sports, having fun, and making friends in a positive environment. Sign up Today!

• June 20-24: All-Sports Camp 1: Ages 6-13 9am – 3:30pm
• June 27-July 1: Soccer Camp 1: Ages 6-10 9am – 12pm
• June 27-July 1: Basketball Camp 1: Ages 6-10 1pm – 4pm
• July 5-8: Olympics Camp: Ages 6-13 9am – 3:30pm
• July 11-15: All-Sports Camp 2: Ages 6-13 9am – 3:30pm
• July 18-22: Soccer Camp 2: Ages 6-10 9am – 12pm
• July 18-22: Basketball Shooting Camp: Ages 6-10 1pm – 4pm
• July 25-29: A.S. Leadership Camp 3: Ages 6-13 9am – 3:30pm
• Aug. 1-5: All Sports Camp 4: Ages 6-13 9am – 3:30pm
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PASTA DINNER
ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION #435
Saturday April 23 at 6:30pm
O’Donnell Parish Center

Dinner includes:
pasta, sausage, bread, salad and dessert
Tickets: Adults - $15
Children 6 to 12 - $10
Children 5 and under - Free
Purchase tickets after Mass on April 16 &17 or online at www.stca.org

COFFEE & DONUTS
Coffee and donuts are served by Italian Faith Formation today. All are welcome. We will not have donuts and coffee on April 25th.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued support.

Stewardship Notes: Stewardship is defined as the total collections from the regular weekend masses, Christmas and Easter. The "Weekly Goal" number reflects the amount that was budgeted to meet our yearly budget.

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Year To Date Stewardship
July 1 - April 3, 2016

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It's track season! Our 5th-8th grade track team is going through their paces, stretching, building stamina and learning techniques. The track team competes in several track meets this spring with other schools in the county.

Kinders always enjoy their time in the garden. With spring upon us, all the classes are planting for the summer.

A variety of after school enrichment classes are offered to students including Crafts and Cooking, Robotics, Coding, and Embroidery. Above a student trims grass from a centerpiece he made in a Spring Cooking and Crafts class. Funds raised from the enrichment classes help support our Tuition Assistance Fund.

Second graders master telling time and using time to solve word problems. Hands on experience is critical to mastery.

ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR 2016-2017

Application packets are available in the school office or on our website for the 2016-2017 school year. Classes are currently full for most grades next year however we still have spots left for first and thirds grade. Contact the school office if you are interested.

The California Schools in the Diocese of San Jose, mindful of their mission to the love of Christ for all, admit students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the schools. The Catholic Schools in the Diocese of San Jose do not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in administration of educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.