FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

From the Desk of Fr. Russ Roide, SJ, Priest in Residence ...

Sadly, today there are many deaths by suicide. In the United States alone there are more than thirty-three thousand suicides a year. And yet suicide remains widely misunderstood and generally leaves those who are left behind with a particularly devastating kind of grief. Among all deaths, suicide perhaps weighs heaviest on those left behind. Why?

Suicide hits us so hard because it is surrounded with the ultimate taboo. In the popular mind suicide is generally seen, consciously or unconsciously, as the ultimate act of despair. This shouldn’t surprise us since suicide does go against the deepest instinct inside us, our will to live.

So what’s to be said about suicide? How can we move towards understanding it more empathically? (Continued on Page 3)

Desde el escritorio del Padre Russ Roide ... 

Lamentablemente, hoy en día, hay muchas muertes por suicidio. Sólo en los Estados Unidos hay más de treinta y tres mil suicidios al año. Sin embargo, el suicidio sigue siendo ampliamente malentendido y, en general, deja a los que quedan atrás con un tipo de dolor particularmente devastador. Entre todas las muertes, el suicidio tal vez pesa más pesado sobre los que quedan atrás. ¿Por qué?

El suicidio nos golpea tan duro porque está un tabú. En la mente popular, el suicidio se ve generalmente, consciente o inconscientemente, como el último acto de desesperación. Esto no debe sorprendernos ya que el suicidio va contra el instinto más profundo dentro de nosotros, nuestra voluntad de vivir.

Entonces, ¿qué decir del suicidio? ¿Cómo podemos avanzar hacia una comprensión más empática? (Continuado en Pagina 5…)

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MASSES / MISAS
Monday-Saturday: 8:15am  
Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sábado: 7:00pm  
Sunday: 7:15, 8:45, 10:30am  
5:30pm  
Domingo: 12:15pm

CONFESION / CONFESIÓN
Saturday / Sábado: 4:00 - 5:00pm (Or by appointment / O hacer una cita.)

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Wednesday / Miércoles 6:30pm  
1st Friday - 24 Hours

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Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)
8:00am - 12:00pm, 1:00 - 7:00pm
Saturday (Sábado)
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**First Reading** — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalm** — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

**Gospel** — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or John 17:1-11a.


**READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

**Monday**: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday**: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday**: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday**: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday**: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday**: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday**: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

**THE WEEK AHEAD / LA SEMANA PRÓXIMA**

**Sunday/Domingo, May 14**
8:00-12:00pm CR 1-4 Re Christ #1 Mother’s Day Breakfast
3:30-5:30pm CH Worship Choir
4:00-8:00pm CR 1-2 Grupo Amigos Retreat Prep
4:15-5:30pm CR 4 Faith Sharing Group
5:00-7:00pm Rm. 8 Spanish Bible Study

**Monday/Lunes, May 15**
12:00-2:30pm CR 4-5 Re Christ #2 Over 50’s Luncheon
1:30-3:00pm CHV Stephen Ministry one on one meeting
5:30-8:00pm CH FHC rehearsals
6:00-7:00pm CR 3-4 Re Christ Community Supper
6:00-8:30pm CH Bell Choir / Angelica Choir
6:00-8:00pm NUR Stitching Group
7:00-8:30pm Rm. 10 Jovenes Para Cristo Reunion

**Tuesday/Martes, May 16**
6:30-9:00pm CH Spanish – Clase Pre-Bautismal
7:00-9:00pm MC Spanish RCIC Parent/Child Session
6:45-9:00pm Rm. 8 Stephen Ministry Supervision Mtg
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 11 Jovenes Para Cristo Choir Practice

**Wednesday/Miercoles, May 17**
9:00-10:30am CR 1 Women’s Group
11:15-12:15pm CH Parents’ Mass
12:00-8:00pm NUR Rose’s Choir
5:00-6:00pm CH Children’s Choir
8:30-7:00pm Rm. 8, 10, 11 Math/Science Night
6:30-7:50pm CR 1 Jesus to Mankind Prayer Group
6:30-9:00pm CR 2 Stephen Ministry training
6:30-7:30pm CH Hora Santa
7:30-8:30pm MC RCIA
7:30-9:30pm CH Alfa & Omega Charismatic Group
8:00-9:00pm NUR FIA/Am Committee

**Thursday/Jueves, May 18**
8:00-5:30am CR 1-4, Gym, Kit 8th Grade Retreat
7:30-9:00pm CH Spanish Choir
7:00-8:30pm Rm. 8 Grupo Amigos Mesa Meeting

**Friday/Viernes, May 19**
9:30-10:30am CR 1-2 Bible Study
8:00-11:00pm GYM Ghana Dinner setup
1:00-11:00pm KIT Ghana Dinner preparation
7:00-9:00pm MC Grupo Amigos
7:00-9:00pm Rm. 8, 10, 11 Jovenes Para Cristo

**Saturday/Sabado, May 20**
10:00-1:00pm CRT 4 FHC pictures
11:00-6:00pm Rm. 10 Quinceañera retreat
12:00-1:30pm CH First Holy Communions
5:00-11:00pm CR 4-10 Ghana Gala - Dinner

**8:15am Mass Intentions**

**Monday, May 15**
All Souls in Purgatory
† Chandra Sanders
Dr. John & Gloria María Tabler
Gianna Inclán

**Tuesday, May 16**
† Alice Cotter
† George Chiala
Annalín Kochuparambil
† Mary Kolo
† Anna Villano
Verna Senido

**Wednesday, May 17**
† Peter Binh Nguyen
† Carlos Leyva Jr.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday**: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day

**Monday**: St. Isidore the Farmer

**Thursday**: St. John I

**Saturday**: St. Bernardine of Siena; Armed Forces Day
i-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

STEWARDSHIP IN SCRIPTURE
BY DEACON RICK HAECKEL

Jesus tells his disciples that he will prepare a place for them in “my Father’s house” and that he will “come back again and take you to myself.” We’ve heard these words many times in funeral liturgies. In that context we apply them most easily to the departed one. It is almost too much to think that I, little old me, have received that promise too. In the context that it was spoken it is not a reward per se. Truly being a disciple of Jesus asks that we fully engage in being a disciple not only in desire but also action. The disciple Philip does not yet understand “the way” that Jesus is going. After gently chiding Philip, Jesus speaks plainly of the presence of the Father in Him and He in the Father whose will Jesus does. We are often like Philip, wondering how we are to achieve the promise of Jesus’ redeeming love. It’s tempting to simply bask in the wonder of so great a promise, but that speaks only of our belief. The Good News is powerful and true but it isn’t only an understanding that asks nothing more of us. What is asked is not the means of attaining Jesus promise. It is rather that we are called to be recognizable as disciples of Jesus. The promise of our final destiny is wonderful but it’s not meant to be only a personal understanding. Rather it calls us forth to discipleship, a discipleship which Jesus describes at the Gospel story’s end. “Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do…” The way we are to be Christians is to live as Jesus did. Certainly not in ability but surely in effort. Loving as Jesus did/does is not only about the joy of peace and love, although these are true evidence we are disciples. Doing the works of Jesus include overcoming self-centeredness, opening ourselves to stretch beyond comfort and in overcoming division and discord. Being Christ for one another isn’t just a mantra, it’s the promised blessing Jesus gives.

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

Keep your car in shape. Strange but true: keeping your tires properly inflated can save an estimated 2 billion gallons of gas each year. In tandem with keeping tires trim, make sure to get regular tune-ups and filter changes - proactive maintenance helps you burn less gas while also saving you from car trouble.

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!

UNDERSTANDING SUICIDE:

Understanding suicide more compassionately won’t take away its sting, nothing will except time; but our own long-term healing and the redemption of the memory of the one who died can be helped by keeping a number of things in mind.

Suicide, in most cases, is a disease not something freely willed. The person who dies in this way dies against his or her will. Death by suicide is analogous to death by cancer, stroke, or heart attack; in the case of suicide it’s a question of emotional-cancer, emotional-stroke, or an emotional-heart attack.

The person who dies in this way almost invariably is a very sensitive human being. Suicide is rarely done in arrogance, as an act of contempt. Indeed, often when sufficient time has passed after their deaths, in retrospect we get some sense of their wound, one which we never clearly perceived while they were alive.

Finally, we need not worry unduly about the eternal salvation of those who die in this way. Our lost loved ones are in safer hands than ours. If we, limited as we are, can already reach through this tragedy with some understanding and love we can rest secure in the fact that, given the width and depth of God’s love, the one who dies through suicide meets, on the other side, a compassion that’s deeper than our own and a judgment that intuits the deepest motives of their heart.

Moreover, God’s love, as we are assured of in our scriptures and as is manifest in Jesus’ resurrection, is not as helpless as our own in dealing with this. In dealing with our loved ones we sometimes find ourselves helpless, standing outside an oak-like door, shutout because of someone’s fear, wound, sickness, or loneliness. Most persons who die by suicide are precisely locked inside this kind of privation of those who die in this way. Our lost loved ones are ready reach through this tragedy with some understanding and love we can rest secure in the fact that, given the width and depth of God’s love, the one who dies through suicide meets, on the other side, a compassion that’s deeper than our own and a judgment that intuits the deepest motives of their heart.

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: ______________

Would you like to receive envelopes? Yes / No
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Liturgy**

Liturgy isn't the work of just a few people. Everyone who celebrates the liturgy has a role to play. And the work we do together can change the world.

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**Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities**

May 13th and May 14th  
Difficult times affect us all, but more importantly, the poor. Your gift to Catholic Charities will be a channel of hope for thousand of people through programs and services here in Santa Clara County.

**2017 Catholic Communication Campaign**

During the weekend of May 27-28, parishes in the Diocese of San Jose will take up this Collection, which supports projects throughout the world that evangelize through the use of media. Half of the proceeds from this Collection stay here in the Diocese of San Jose to support our local communications efforts, such as The Valley Catholic diocesan newspaper and website, diocesan website and social media.

**WANTED!!!!!**

Several people to team with those already on board hosting Hospitality on some Sundays. email annmariecica@yahoo.com or leave a message at the rectory.

**Hebrews 13:2**

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

**MOTHER’S DAY**

This Sunday we celebrate Mother’s Day to honor our mothers and also to celebrate motherhood and the inspiration of moms in society. Mothers play a key role in families, in the workplace, at church, and in society. Moms make a difference.

We at the Learning and Loving Education Center here in Morgan Hill celebrate our mothers, too. These moms have many responsibilities and challenges. Providing the moms with English classes, technology classes, math classes and so much more empowers them to be the best mothers, the best students, the best women they can be.

As we celebrate all mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, and special “moms,” would you consider contributing to the Center to continue the education of these wonderful women? Moms make a difference, and so will you.

Visit our webpage at learningandloving.org, come visit us at 16890 Church Street here in Morgan Hill or call us at 408-776-1196. Contribute to the success of all moms! Happy Mother’s Day!
LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Eligieron a siete hombres, llenos del Espíritu Santo (Hechos 6:1-7).

Salmo — Señor, que tu misericordia esté con nosotros mientras ponemos nuestra confianza en ti (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda lectura — Ustedes son una raza elegida, un reino de sacerdotes (1 Pedro 2:4-9).

Evangelio — Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida (Juan 14:1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 14:5-18; Sal 115 (114):1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Martes: Hch 14:19-28; Sal 145 (144):10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Miércoles: Hch 15:1-6; Sal 122 (121):1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Jueves: Hch 15:7-21; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Viernes: Hch 15:22-31; Sal 57 (56):8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Sábado: Hch 16:1-10; Sal 100 (99):1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Domingo: Hch 8:5-8, 14-17; Sal 66 (65):1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pe 3:15-18 o 1 Pe 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 o Jn 17:1-11a

CENAS COMUNITARIAS

Usted y su familia son cordialmente invitados a la Iglesia de Santa Catalina todos los lunes de 6:00pm - 7:00pm para recibir una cena caliente y totalmente gratuita. La cena se lleva acabo en el centro parroquial. ¡Los esperamos!

- Los martes la Iglesia Luterana sirve la cena de 5:00pm-6:00pm
- Los miércoles en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Los jueves en la Iglesia Comunidad Cristiana de 6:00pm-7:00pm.

¡Dios es Grande Todo el Tiempo, Todo el Tiempo Dios es Grande!
GRACIAS
Le damos las gracias a Jeanette Thatcher por sus 23 años de servicio como gerente de negocios en la Parroquia de Santa Catalina. Jeanette se retira el 15 de mayo y le deseamos lo mejor!

Jeanette ha sido una verdadera luz que ha guiado al personal ya la comunidad a ser discípulos de Dios y a seguir con Su misión.

¡Muchas Gracias!

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Después de la muerte de Jesús, los discípulos habían regresado a su antiguo oficio de la pesca para así ganarse la vida, pues no sabían qué hacer. El Jesús resucitado tuvo que pescárselos de nuevo. En su tercera aparición, Jesús pidió a los discípulos que lanzaran sus redes al mar. Estos sacaron 153 peces del mar, número representativo de todas las naciones del mundo. Esta pesca milagrosa que tuvo lugar en Galilea, nos recuerda otra pesca milagrosa hecha en Brasil.

En 1716 tres pescadores pescaban en el Río Paraiba y al lanzar la red al agua sacaron una estatua de la Virgen de la Concepción. Después, la pesca fue tan abundante que por poco hundía el barco.

La virgencita de 36 centímetros había pasado muchos años en el agua por lo cual había tomado el rico color oscuro de muchos latinoamericanos. La devoción a Nuestra Señora de Aparecida creció hasta que la familia que la había encontrado la dio al pueblo para que en 1745 se construyera para ella una capilla pública. De esta manera, Aparecida pasó de las redes a los corazones, dando una rica pesca de personas para su Hijo.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

MINISTERIO DE ENFERMOS
Si usted tiene un familiar enfermo que no puede asistir a misa, favor de llamar a la rectoría al 408-779-3959 para dar sus datos para que miembros de este ministerio pasen a visitarlos a sus casas y les lleven la comunión.

AHORRA
Cuando ahorres para la vejez, asegúrate de guardar unos cuantos pensamientos agradables.

GRUPO DE FAMILIA
AL-ANON RAYITO DE LUZ
Este grupo invita a personas que tengan familiares o amigos que sufren la enfermedad del alcoholismo a sus sesiones aquí en Morgan Hill, son los jueves de 7 a 9 de la noche en: 16890 Church St #16, comunicarse con Juanita para más información con Juanita al tél. (408) 706-8361.

EL IDEAL CRISTIANO
El ideal cristiano no se ha probado y encontrado deficiente. Se ha encontrado difícil y se ha dejado sin probar.

—Gilbert K. Chesterton

FACEBOOK
Únase con nosotros y manténgase al corriente de lo que pasa en nuestra parroquia. Visite nuestra pagina en https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Catherine-of-Alexandria-Church/29304741747856

JÓVENES PARA CRISTO
Se les invita a las personas mayores de 18 años a reunirse todos los Viernes en el salón 10 en la escuela a las 7:00pm. ¡Los esperamos!

GRACIAS
¡BIENVENIDO!
Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sean residentes de largo plazo o recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes. Si aún no estás registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y colóquelo en la canasta de la colecta o mandarlo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre(s):
____________________________________
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Dirección:________________________________________________________

Ciudad:_______________________________

Código postal:_____________

Numero teléfono:______________________

Email:_______________________________

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?
_____ Yes   _____ No

¿Desea recibir información de la parroquia?
_____ Yes   _____ No

SAN VINCENTE DE PAUL DE SANTA CATALINA
La Tiendita Comunitaria de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul — ¡Ya está abierta por más días!

- Martes(10AM - 12PM)
- Jueves(10AM - 12PM)
- Cada primer Sábado del mes(10AM -12PM)

TRABAJO DIGNO

Debo pensar que hay trabajo debajo mío, pues Jesús fue carpintero por treinta años y José toda su vida.
—Charles de Foucauld

NOTIFICACIONES DE EMERGENCIA

¿Le gustaría recibir notificaciones de emergencia del departamento de policía de la cuidad de Morgan Hill? Inscribíase para que las reciba en www.alertssc.com

REUNIÓN DE CONSEJO HISPANO

Se le invita a todos participar a nuestra reunión de consejo hispano el Viernes 5 de Mayo a las 7:00PM en la rectoría. Es muy importante que los coordinadores de los ministerios asistan a estas juntas. TODOS son bienvenidos! Los esperamos.

GRUPO AMIGOS

Se les invita a todos los jóvenes que estén en la preparatoria para que asistan al Grupo Amigos. Grupo Amigos es un grupo para hacer buenas amistades y para aprender nuevas cosas que ayudaran en sus vidas y crecer en su fe. Los esperamos todos los viernes a las 7:00pm en el Centro Milani.
THANK YOU

A HUGE Thank You to Jeanette Thatcher for her 23 years of service to St. Catherine Church as the Business Manager. Jeanette is retiring May 15th and we wish her the best!

Jeanette has been a true light that has guided the staff and community to be disciples of God and to follow thru with His mission.

We usually don’t know what we have lost until its gone, but in this case we know and feel the lose now. Best wishes in your new journey.
Jose - Facilities

Thank you Jeanette for your support to the Hispanic community, for your wisdom and closeness to us. Sr. Silvia Frias - Hispanic Community

Jeanette will always be remembered for her faithfulness and dedication to serve the Lord. She has been a great help and support to Stephen Ministry, Pastoral Care and Fil-Am. Jeanette is truly a gift and a blessing to St. Catherine's Community. Fr. Randy

Words can not express the gratitude for the many years of support and guidance that Jeanette has offered our Parish Office. She has enriched the life’s of those who had the honor to work with her. Best wishes! Maria - Parish Office

Jeanette's dedication and care have been her hallmarks. She has been the glue which pulled the details together for events and finances. We will miss her!. Fabienne - St. Catherine School

When I first met Jeanette, I wasn't her biggest fan - we butted heads a couple times on certain things. But I soon realized how wrong I was - Jeanette has such a giving heart and has been an absolute blessing to not only myself and youth ministry, but the parish as a whole. Although I'm glad she is finally taking her well-deserved break, I am truly saddened to lose her as a coworker. Deepu - Youth Ministry

There are no words that can express my thanks for all that Jeanette has done in introducing me to the parish of St. Catherine. I found her a blessing in my life and I am praying that the Lord bless her with satisfaction and bless her with new and fulfilling "work" or "ministry" in her retirement. Thank you, Jeanette.
Fr. Russ Roide, S.J.

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These are just a handful of the teens (and some of their friends and family) who were Confirmed last week. These are photos they posted on their Instagram accounts. I show them because it represents a group of teens not afraid to share their faith with their friends. This is evangelization - spreading our faith to others. Inviting them to our celebrations.

Here we have two of our teens the very next day serving in ministry - Sam (left) lecturing for the first time at the 8:45 Mass, and Nathan (right) playing guitar at the 5:30 Mass (not his first time). All these teens are already leading by example what it is to live a Catholic life. They are not the future of our Church - they are our Church.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Equipping Families to Pass on the Faith
Family Faith Formation at St. Catherine’s Church

God our Creator we pray for new mothers coming to
terms with new responsibility, for expectant
mothers, wondering and waiting, for those who are
tired, stressed or depressed, for those who struggle
to balance the tasks of work and family, for those
who are unable to feed their children due to poverty,
for those whose children have physical, mental or
emotional disabilities, for those who have children
they do not want, for those who raise children on
their own, for those who have lost a child, for those
who care for the children of others, for those whose
children have left home, and for those whose desire
to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, may their love may be deep and
tender, and may they lead their children to know and
do what is good; living not for themselves alone, but
for God and for others. Amen.

http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/prayer/mothers-day-prayer.html

ST. CATHERINE
VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Half Day camps for children aged 4-11
(entering Pre-K through 5th grade in Fall 2017)

Session I: June 12-16, 2017
Session II: June 19-23, 2017

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Space is Still Available!

Registration and Volunteer Forms are available
online, in the church vestibule and in the Faith For-
mation Office. For further information, please call
(408) 779-9604.

First Holy
Communion
Celebrations begin
this weekend!

Please keep our children in
your prayers as they take
their final steps to the Eucharistic Table:
Jesus, Bread of Life, help these children recognize
you in the words of Holy Scripture, in the Blessed
Sacrament, in your people and in themselves. Draw
them close to you so that they may radiate your love
to others. Amen.

St. Catherine
Summer
Challenge II—
(SC)²

Middle School
Youth Leadership
Camp
July 23 - 28, 2017

Registration Opens Monday, May 15th!

St. Catherine’s Summer Challenge II is a leadership
and service week for youth entering the 6th, 7th, or
8th grades the Fall of 2017. To apply, please submit
a Registration Form and Social Influence Survey to
the Faith Formation Office. All forms are available at
the office or on www.stca.org. Space is limited to 16
youth.
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
“COMMUNITY CLOSET” REPAIR and RENOVATION FUNDS NEEDED!
The parish and SVdP work together to keep a free supply of adult and children’s clothing for use by those in need. An average of 200 people come every month to shop, thanks to your generous donations. BUT the building is old, the roof leaky, the bathroom crumbling. Thanks to Knights of Columbus, and a couple of grants, the parish and SVdP are on the way to completing the needed repairs. We are still short of the needed funds to make the building safe and secure for our volunteers and guests. Please consider making a donation directly for this project: checks should be written out to St. Catherine Church. Write “Community Closet Project” in the memo line. Bring your check to the parish office, or drop it in the collection any Sunday. You can also contribute online at the parish website: www.stca.org. Contact Carol Lillig if you have any questions (408-857-4516).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE OVER 50’S LUNCHEON
Join the Over 50’s ladies for their monthly luncheon at noon on Monday, May 15th in the O’Donnell Parish Center. The meal includes sandwiches and salads.

DIOCESAN LAYETTE PROGRAM COLLECTION
The Handmades of St. Catherine will be collecting donations for the Diocesan Layette Program the weekends of May 6/7 and May 20/21. Any handmade items are gladly accepted along with any items purchased from the list below. All items should be new and clothing sizes should be Newborn to Six months only. Needed:

Undershirts Long/Short sleeve sleeping gowns
Play and sleep coveralls
Onesies Receiving Blankets
Play outfits Crib Blankets/Quilts
Blanket sleepers Sweater Sets
Booties Socks Baby Wipes
Disposable Diapers, up to 18lbs

We thank the parish community in advance for your generosity! Donations may also be dropped off at the parish office during the month of May. For more information contact Marianne Shallal at mcshallal@gmail.com.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION (ICF)
The Italian Catholic Federation, Branch 435 would like to thank the community of St. Catherine’s who supported the pasta fundraiser on April 22nd and who helped make this fundraiser a success! To all the members and others of the community who helped in so many ways, we say thank you!

MESSAGE FROM FR. RUSS
I would like to thank all who prayed for me and sent cards for the surgery on my knee. Everything was successful and the Jesuits at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center took great care of me. I am back to the parish and will be around to say Hello to everyone. Thanks again and blessings on all of you.

Fr. Russ

JOB OPPORTUNITY
St. Catherine Parish has an opening for an evening administrative assistant (Monday to Friday, 4:00-7:00pm). The evening administrative assistant is the first contact that many have with the Parish and needs to portray a hospitable, welcoming and caring face to the wide variety of people that approach the office. The candidate should be a practicing Catholic, have great written and verbal communication skills in both English and Spanish, have a professional demeanor, be computer literate in several office and database applications, detail orientated, can multi-task and be able to prioritize effectively. Must be fully Bilingual (English/Spanish and Bi-literate (Read & Write in English & Spanish).

Employment applications are available on the Diocesan website (dsj.org) or at the parish office.
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LONGING
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ST. CATHERINE CHURCH BUILDING RENEWAL
Steps toward a church building renewal and renovation are underway. After the parish Building Committee met with the Diocesan Art and Environment and Building Committees, Bishop McGrath gave permission to proceed with the process of renewing the church. The Finance Committee reviewed the Master Plan Fund balance and approved the preparation of Request for Design Proposal. Three architectural firms have been invited to submit a proposal that provides complete design services for the project, before the deadline of May 17th. The architects are asked to look at the project goals to renovate and expand the existing church, increase seating capacity, upgrade restrooms, add a full immersion Baptismal Font and make the church and site improvements beautiful. They are asked to describe how their firm will meet the defined scope of services and submit a bid. These are just the first steps of this great project. We will keep you informed and ask for your participation as we move forward. In the meantime please pray for the parish and the success of the project.

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ST. CATHERINE GOLF CLASSIC

Friday, May 19th
Coyote Creek Golf Club
Tee up! Sponsor! Play!

Time: 11am Shotgun Start
(register as early as 10am)
19th Hole: 5pm Cocktails, buffet dinner, awards, raffles and more!

Enjoy:
- Fun, scramble-format play
- Box lunch
- Betting and Party Holes
- Ever favorite Fiesta Margarita
- Beer Garden
- Relaxation Station

Post-Tournament cocktails & buffet dinner
Singles, twosomes and foursomes welcome!
No experience necessary.
- $195/player and many levels of sponsorships available.
- Visit www.stca.org for complete details, and to register or sponsor on-line now.
- Invite your friends to play, too. We promise it'll be a great day!

Come join parishioners from St. Catherine and other churches in Morgan Hill at this interfaith rally of prayer.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS NURSERY
The Sunday morning the Nursery will be closed in May.
In June it is open every Sunday from 8:30am to 11:45am for children ages 1 to 4. Drop in to meet our caretakers and see our toys. Just drop in, there is no fee.

ST. CATHERINE ANNUAL FALL FUN FEST
September 15, 16 & 17
Plans are underway to make this year’s Fall Fun Fest another wonderful community event. We are looking for people to help us on the following committees:
- Marketing
- Sponsor Development
- Entertainment
- Facilities
Please contact the Parish Office or email Office@stca.org.
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to our 36 second graders who made their First Holy Communion yesterday! May Christ be with each of them during this special time. A huge thank you goes to their teacher, Mrs. Maureen McManus, and her aide, Ms. Gloria Gomes. Thanks, too, to Rose Pucan-Meagor who coordinated the liturgy and parent education.

**MATH/SCIENCE NIGHT**

Wednesday, May 17, St. Catherine School hosts a Math/Science Night beginning at 5:30. Each class will have math or science activities or displays in their classrooms for students and families to try. Student art from our Art in Action Program will also be displayed.

PTG will provide ice cream sundaes for all who attend. All parishioners and school families are invited to join us for a low key but fun and interactive evening. We hope to see you there.

**ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAMS**

July 5-20, 2017

St. Catherine School offers a variety of activities this summer including:
- Patriotic Games and Activities
- Sewing for Beginners
- Creating With Little Bits
- Intro to VEX IQ Robotics
- Advanced VEX IQ Robotics
- Math Camp
- Fun With Handwriting
- Cookie Madness

Extended Care is also available. For more information and registration, go to www.stcatherinemh.org or visit the school office.

As one of the Earth Day activities, students collected and carried their own trash for a day. They then discussed how to reduce trash going to the landfill. Each student wrote a pledge as to what he/she will do to minimize the amount of trash being disposed of.

The Girl Scout troop collected used books and held a Free Book Fair as one of their service projects. Students loved picking out a book that was new to them.