MASSES
Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 7:15 AM, 8:45 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:30 PM
For CHILDREN During 8:45 & 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSEES
8:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Saturdays 8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Tuesdays 7:15 PM, Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM

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24 Hours a Day, Every Day

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Parish Director/Deacon: Denis Zaun
Deacon: Nick Sherg

OUR PARISH MISSION & VISION
St. Martin de Porres is a Stewardship and Hospitality parish. As Catholic Christians guided by the Holy Spirit, we are Christ’s disciples dedicated to faith formation, worship, community life, and service. All are welcome as we use our unique gifts to serve the world as a visible sign of God’s love.
Welcome All! Open House!
Sunday, January 31st • 9:00am - 1:00pm

• Strong Catholic high school preparatory program.
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FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION

Eucharist I & II

There will be NO CLASSES this week, Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day or Tuesday, January 19th for a teacher in service.

For our Eucharist II students, the time for our First Reconciliation Celebration is quickly approaching. Make sure you are practicing the “Act of Contrition” and the “Form for Reconciliation”. Additional copies were handed out last week in classes.

See you back in class on January 25th for Eucharist I and January 26th for Eucharist II.

SUNDAY PRESCHOOL

3/4 Class: This Sundays lesson, Jesus Meets the Children, looks at Jesus love for children. The scripture and activities help the children relate on a personal level as they discover Jesus welcomes each of them individually.

For more information please contact Colleen Picou at ColleenP@smdpyl.org.

FREE SUNDAY CHILDCARE

Childcare for children 6 months through 2 years of age is now open!.

Registration forms can be found in the parish office or Childcare room. Please complete and submit a registration form to the parish office.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

Celebration in honor of our Lady of Lourdes. Saturday, February 6, 2016.

10 am. St. Columban Church.


CONFESSION CLASSES

Confirmation 1 next class is January 19th
Confirmation 2 next class is January 26th

For questions: gerardob@smdpyl.org or marym@smdpyl.org

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

YOUTH MINISTRY

YORBA LINDA, CA

Middle School meets January 25th
High School meets January 17th
Middle School First Eucharist meets January 17th
High School winter retreat is January 29-31st.
We still have spots available. You need to email Gerardo or Mary

For questions contact: Gerardo Butalid: gerardob@smdpyl.org or Mary McDevitt: marym@smdpyl.org

SENIORITY CLUB MEETS TODAY!

Happy New Year! It’s January 2016 and not too late to make New Year’s resolutions! For your "simple enjoyment in a faith-filled environment," please consider coming to our Seniority Club meeting on Sunday, January 17 from 2 - 4 pm in the Sts. Paul and Elizabeth Meeting Rooms.

Our speaker, Mrs. Debbie Wesseln, will address the topic of New Beginnings in the New Year! Let’s get together to hear her inspirational talk while we greet familiar faces and welcome new friends! For more information, call Irene Gonzalez at (714) 779-1812.

WELCOME HOME!

Have you been thinking of coming home to the Catholic Church? Do you look forward to receiving Holy Communion again?

Please give us a call: Curtis Keddy 714-970-2771 x133 curtisk@smdpyl.org or Kathryn Landry 714-866-9549

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

Please join us every 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm for a celebration of the mass and the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena lead by Fr Ian.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary is the largest lay apostolic organization in the world with a program of prayer and work, in union with the Holy Spirit as he operates through Mary, Mother of the Church. The purpose of the Legion is to help the members grow in Holiness and the purpose of all work is Evangelization. Contact: Tom Copenhaver, Phone: 714-225-7736, Email: tcopehaver@tbccontractors.com
FAITH FORMATION

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING AN US IN THE SON SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR/ASSISTANT DIRECTOR DURING SUMMER 2016?
A Director/Assistant Director for Us In The Son Day Camp at St. Martin de Porres will provide direction in the creation of a camp program for the community of St. Martin’s to spread the love of Jesus and promote Catholic values.

Requirements and Responsibilities:

• Practicing Catholic
• Must be at least 21 years or older.
• Conduct oneself as a moral person, community leader, and faithful citizen.
• Be an example to the staff as a leader in spirituality and work related matters.
• Direct counselors in the daily tasks of camp.
• Be the point person for parents, campers, and volunteers.
• Form a budget for the summer and work within the budget.
• Organize and input all camp registration and paperwork.
• Plan and organize all day camp, leadership camp, and family camp schedules.

Applications are available in the parish office and online at www.smdpyl.org and the deadline is to submit is Friday, January 22, 2016.

ALTAR SERVER OF THE MONTH — DECEMBER
Please join the Altar Server Ministry in recognizing Karissa Dole as our Altar Server of the Month for the month of December 2015. Karissa, along with her family, serves at the 8:45 Mass. She is cheerful, competent, and skilled in her duties, which has not escaped the attention of our parish priests. The Ministry, and our congregation, are blessed to have such excellence on the altar. Congratulations on your award, Karissa, and thank you for your service to St. Martin’s!

WINGS WINTER SEASON STUDIES LUKE: THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD’S MERCY LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED

WINGS—Women In God’s Spirit— is one of the oldest and strongest women’s groups in the diocese of Orange. As a ministry of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, we meet on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 in our Parish Hall. On January 20, we will begin our 6 week bible study. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke using the book Luke: The Good News of God’s Mercy by Kevin Perrotta.

A ministry of faith and fellowship that began at St. Martin’s 28 years ago, WINGS includes women from many Orange County parishes, in all ages and stages of life. WINGS meets Wednesday mornings, October through May. Membership in WINGS is currently $45 per year. Free childcare and light refreshments are provided. Registration forms can be found in the Church office, downloaded from our ministry page on smdpyl.org, or you can register at the meeting. Contact WINGS Moderator Christie Shyne at wings@smdpyl.org or 714-280-9422 for further information.

Check Us Out On Our Website http://smdpyl.org/wings

MOMENTS OF MERCY

“If we welcome Jesus into our hearts, we will grow in understanding and in the love of the Lord, we will learn to be merciful as He is.” Pope Francis

LENTEN STUDY WITH BISHOP ROBERT BARRON: SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust: these “seven deadly sins” are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness. Join us as we embark on Bishop Robert Barron’s exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can break the cycle of sin. On Wednesday, January 20th our parish will begin the Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues DVD program. (7 Sessions) will be from 7:15-8:15pm in the St. Elizabeth Room. There is a $15 fee for the study materials, which can be purchased the first night. To find out more, please visit our website at www.smdpyl.org/bible-studies or contact Curtis Keddy at curtisk@smdpyl.org.
**FAITH FORMATION**

"Year of Mercy" Retreat at Christ Cathedral Arboretum

Magnificat and Intercessors of Divine Mercy invite you to attend a "Year of Mercy" Retreat at Christ Cathedral Arboretum - 13280 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove-Saturday, January 23 (9am to 6pm) with Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz. Mass, Adoration and talks by Fr. Peter. Pilgrimage Indulgence to Christ Cathedral. No cost; free will offering for Fr Peter is appreciated. Bring own lunch and enjoy Cathedral grounds or nearby restaurants. Religious articles on sale from Poland. For questions please contact Lourdes at 714-624-6561.

Women's Retreat Opportunity

Women’s Retreat Opportunity at the Pro Sanctity Retreat Center, 205 S. Pine 
Dr. Fullerton, CA 92833. Fullerton, CA 92833. The retreat begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, February 12th, at 7:00 pm and concludes on Sunday, February 14th, at 2:00 pm. The theme of the retreat is "Gaze of Mercy" and will offer times of reflection, prayers, spiritual direction, silence, and sharing. The retreat will be led by the consecrated and committed members of the Pro Sanctity Movement. The cost is $100.00 for overnight rooms (Double occupancy) or $80.00 for commuters. Space is limited. Please register by Feb. 5th to: caprosanctity@gmail.com or 714-449-0511.

Reconciliation - Sacrament of Mercy Lenten Retreat for Adults

Reconciliation - Sacrament of Mercy Lenten Retreat for Adults at the Heart of Jesus Retreat Center On Tuesday, February 16th, 5:30pm – 9pm, or Wednesday, February 17th, 9:30am-12 Please call or email for more details. Space is limited, RSVP by February 10th 714-557-4538 or hearofjesusrc@sbcglobal.net 2927 S Greenville St. Santa Ana, CA 92704

Are You An Adult Who Would Like To Be Confirmed?

Adult Confirmation is a program to prepare candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation. One of the sacraments of initiation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, Confirmation completes the grace of baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or confirm the baptized in union with Christ. The Confirmation process begins at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 21st at a general Information Night. This is an opportunity to learn the requirements for the program and to get to know others who are on a similar faith journey. The process then continues with a series of weekly Thursday classes (7:00-8:30pm) and activities that continuing through Pentecost Sunday, May 15th (12:15 Mass), where the Confirmation Rite will take place. There is a day retreat on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00am-3:00pm. A sponsor (an adult who is a fully initiated and practicing Catholic) is invited to journey with you as you prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. No pre-registration required, all forms/requirements will be discussed on the first night. For more info contact Curtis Keddy at curtisk@smdpyl.org

Spiritual Exercises for St. Ignatius of Loyola

Lenten Session 2016 Beginning: Week of Jan. 23rd-Jan. 28th (Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays) Thursdays)

DO YOU FEEL AN INTERIOR CALL TO GROW IN HOLINESS?

These classes, offered at St. Peter Chanel in Hawaiian Gardens and given over an 11-Week period, will greatly intensify your spiritual life and your desire to go to Heaven. Come and learn the real purpose of your life, and how to achieve it through self-knowledge, self-discipline, deep prayer, and discernment of spirits. You’ll see miracles happen in your life!

There is no charge for the program and all materials are provided. Donations are accepted. Each meeting lasts 2-2.5 hours. To register online, go to www.spcomv.com. For more information, please contact Fr. Ed Broom, OMV at St. Peter Chanel, Mary Martorana at lovegodsavesouls@gmail.com or Veronica Ayson at (562) 924-7591.

Save The Date—Catholic Charities Auxiliary

Women who assist Catholic Charities of Orange County (CCOC) with fundraising, community service & extending God’s love. Please Honor your Catholic-Women-of-the Year Benefit Luncheon, Thursday, May 12, 2016 Silent Auction and Social: 10:00 a.m. Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. Location: Hilton Orange County Costa Mesa 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California Questions please contact: Laurie Bois – 714-600-0191, Carol Dolan – 714-269-6339

Attention Married Couples!

Valentine’s Day is just around the corner. The question is what to get your spouse to show your love and commitment. How about a weekend away from work, kids, housework and cooking? If you are after a memorable Valentine’s with your spouse, then a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is for you. The next weekend is February 12- 14, 2016. For more information, please contact Jim and Cheryl at 949-551-9156 or John and Maggie Lee at 714-837-5136. If you prefer sign up at our website at ocwwme.org
**SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT RESPECT LIFE & FAMILY MEETING JAN. 25TH**

“The Hacking of our Youth”

Joe Burke VP of Obria Medical Clinics shares the latest cultural trends, social media, and smartphone technologies that are negatively impacting “hacking” our youth.

**Monday, January 25th at 7:15 pm St. Elizabeth room.**

All are welcome! This presentation shows what you need to know as teens, parents or grandparents and Obria’s plan to counteract these disturbing trends.

We will learn:

- How Planned Parenthood now offers contraceptives and abortion pills on children’s cell phones.
- How to discover dangerous apps that can be hidden on your cell phone.
- Most importantly we’ll learn more ways to protect our children.

Meeting begins at 7:15 refreshments will be served.

For more information contact Jackie Turk respectlife@smpdyl.org

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**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD**

St. Martin’s offers free NFP classes one Saturday a month in the St. Elizabeth room for couples who want to either postpone or achieve pregnancy. Couples are asked to attend 4 consecutive classes.

The first class consists of a two-hour Introduction to the Billings Ovulation Method. The couple must attend together. The Intro begins at 10:30am and ends at 12:15pm. The three other classes consist of fifteen minute follow-ups to review charting and the use of the Method.

All classes are taught by certified instructors (Amy and Curtis Keddy) and are designed to fully acquaint couples in the use of the Billings Method of Natural Family Planning. NFP is simple, natural & effective in planning or postponing pregnancy, and is fully accepted by the Catholic Church. Open to all engaged and married couples. The next class is on Saturday, February 20th.

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**OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

**RING IN THE NEW YEAR**

Ring in the New Year by Celebrating Consecrated Life: Past, Present, and Future as seen through the eyes of three Sisters at the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women’s (ODCCW) general meeting and luncheon at San Francisco Solano Parish in Rancho Santa Margarita on Tuesday, January 19.

Sister Eymard Flood, OS, will speak on the PAST, Sister Mary Teresa Parker, OP, will speak about the PRESENT, and Sister Rita Paul, MC, will speak about the FUTURE. For your donation of $15, you will enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch, and a great speaker. Mass 8:30 AM, followed by registration and continental breakfast. Meeting 9:30 AM. Adjournment 1:30 PM. For reservations call Pat Martin at 714-892-5219 or send email to: jimandpatmartin@gmail.com.

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**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES GALA**

**DINNER • DANCE**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**APRIL 16, 2016**

**ANAHEIM HILLS GOLF CLUB**

**BLACK AND WHITE BALL! DON’T MISS IT.**

Save the date for the 2016 St. Martin’s 5th Annual Gala. This year’s theme, in celebration of our 5th Anniversary, will be Black and White Ball. So dust off your dancing shoes, cocktail attire and join us for an evening of fun at the beautiful Anaheim Hills Golf Course. Tickets ($75 per person) go on sale mid-February, so watch the bulletin for more information.

Any questions, contact, Lisa Sherg, 714-931-9835 or sherg@pacbell.net

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**Be a part of our family album**

**DON’T MISS OUT!**

There is still time to submit your family pictures for the family section in the Parish Directory. Email them to Scott Traub at straub@bc2env.com by January 28th. There is a $10 charge to cover the cost of the book. Please drop off the $10 at the Parish Office.
**COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Pizza and a Movie:**
**Receive Free Movie Passes for Participating**

Anyone age 18 or older is invited to participate in a Chapman University research study entitled “Film Viewing and Audience Perceptions.” You will watch a feature film and complete a short survey before and after the film about your opinions.

**When:** Friday, January 29, 2016 at 6:30 pm at St. Martin de Porres Catholic.

**Why participate?** You’ll receive a free movie pass good at any Regal Cinema, Edwards or United Artists theater. You’ll be furthering the understanding of audience perceptions of films and their impact on society. You’ll also be contributing to the research of Chapman student and faculty. You get a free meal!

Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors and co-workers. All persons 18 or over are welcome.

RSVP’s greatly appreciated by not required—call 714-628-2628 or text "TXTRSVFILM29" to 313131 on your cell phone.

For more information, please contact the primary investigator: Dr. Roxanne Miller—rgmiller@chapman.edu or 714-628-2628.

**SERVICE & OUTREACH**

**Welcome to the Knights Table**

**This Sunday—Brunch in the Hall!**

Come join us for breakfast “Knights Style” after 7:15, 8:45 and 10:30 Masses. This is our last Brunch of the season, and we greatly appreciate your support. Proceeds from all Brunches help support Parish Ministries.

Thank you St. Martin de Porres Parishioners!

**Save the Date February 7th**

**2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Parish Super Bowl Party!**

Pre-sale tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses next weekend.

Pre-sale $15 - Day of the event $20

For information on joining the Knights of Columbus e-mail: koc-8238@smdpyl.org

**Farewell to Our Interfaith Shelter Guests**

Farewell and Thank You... was a phrase heard many times by both our Interfaith Shelter guests and many of our parishioners during the final days of our three week rotation here at Saint Martin’s. Their memories and ours will forever be filled with love and gratitude, and a feeling of sadness as they moved on to their next church rotation.

With the support of almost 500 parishioners, we were able to share the many blessings of the Advent and Christmas Season with our Interfaith Shelter guests as they lived among us and became our true brothers and sisters in Christ during this most blessed season.

Thanks to all of you who prepared meals for our guests and stocked the pantries with supplies to keep them fortified during their stay; thanks to those who served as supervisors and took the time to get to know our guests as friends, not just charges; thanks to those who drove our guests to their work places or the transportation centers in the early morning and got to share their stories along the way; and thanks to those who planned and gave gifts and well wishes, when in fact, they might not have had either on Christmas morning; and thanks to the planners and attendees of our New Year’s Eve party where everyone had a good time ringing in the new year: wishing our guests and each other good health, good cheer, and a more hopeful New Year. To all of our very generous and loving parishioners, thank you for all you did for the Interfaith Shelter Network this year!

**St. Martin’s Outreach Needs Volunteers for Help at the Outreach Center**

Please consider helping out just a few hours at the St. Martin’s Outreach Center (located right here on the church grounds). These are the shifts in desperate need of volunteers: **Tuesdays, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM, Thursdays, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

The Orange Diocese’s screening process is quick & easy, and you’ll be a tremendous blessing to those in need. For further questions or volunteer details, please contact John Messina at 714/970-0147.
WORSHIP

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Need a place to refresh and renew? Looking for Guidance with all your problems? We are in need of a few dedicated Adorers to fill some specific Adoration time slots. Can you give one hour to spend time with Our Lord? Join the many who have already discovered the joy of Adoration and experienced the peace of time alone with Our Savior. Try it... You will be amazed!! To sign up email: adoration@smdpyl.org or call: (657) 888-4631

SACRAMENTS/RITES

Anointing of the Sick
Call the Parish Office with your request.

Baptism for Infants
Come to the Parish Office to pick up an information packet (3 months ahead).

Funeral Rite
Call the Parish Office at your earliest convenience after the death of a loved one for our Bereavement services.

Marriage
Call the Parish office for an appointment with a priest/deacon at least six months prior to the planned date of marriage.

Reconciliation
Tuesdays 7:15 PM, Saturdays 4-5 PM

SCRIPTURE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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Additional names are in the Book of Remembrance Petitions along the back wall of the church.

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ADMINISTRATION

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send to pulpitann@smdpyl.org plus a copy to ParishOffice@smdpyl.org by the Tuesday prior to the weekend. Contents are to be only 1-2 sentences.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submit articles 10 days before the weekend. (Holiday submissions vary.) Send to Becky Fautch at: bulletineditor@smdpyl.org or leave a printed copy at the parish office.

FACILITY RESERVATION REQUESTS

For requests which includes tables in the outdoor Gathering Plaza, please click on this link: smdpyl.org/reservations. Requests must be submitted two weeks in advance. After your request has been approved and entered, you will receive a confirmation from the parish office secretary.

DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE

St. Martin de Porres offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your smartphone. It’s a fast and easy way to donate to St. Martin’s!

PARISH WEEKLY TITHING REPORT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!

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MEMORIAM

Martha Siekierski      Violet Troesh
Thomas Hronicek        Lorraine Jimenez
CRITTENTON THANK YOU!

Dear Angels of St Martins,

Jan 4, 2016

What a fabulous year! As I try to capture the sheer joy your kindness brings to the kids of Crittenton, I am without words to convey what you really accomplish through your caring and generosity. Our kids could not believe their wishes really came true. They screamed. They cried or were in stunned silence when they saw their gifts. “I really got it!” echoed in so many homes. You have never seen so many kids thrilled to receive hygiene items or a sweatshirt or warm socks. Nearly 700 kids received the basics and beyond because you cared. Our parish provided over 600 gifts, a new record. $1763 in financial donations came from parishioners, Knights of Columbus members, and clergy.

Children’s’ identities are kept confidential but Santa Pat receives a profile on each child, telling why they are in service. Tender spirits are victimized by those entrusted to care and love them. One after another, I downloaded hundreds of stories, needing to scan them for errors or omissions. Shorthand phrasing by their social worker for domestic violence, human trafficking, mental illness, sexual abuse etc. reminded me of how commonplace these tragedies are in our community.

After more than 20 years as Santa, I have seen the violent stories, of kids who cannot even read yet witnessing adult situations, drug use and murder. We see the tragedy of human trafficking not overseas, or “in ugly crime ridden communities” but right here in our neighborhood. Forget Microsoft and Wal-Mart. According to The California Child Welfare Council, the commercial sex trafficking of children is the third largest business in the world, right after drugs and counterfeiting. It is a 32 billion dollars global business, and affects over 100,000 children in the United States. Crittenton has special residential programs for these children. Their PTSD is at the same level as soldiers returning from war. You gifted many of these survivors and their children in some cases. You provided for them in a caring way that no one ever has. They did not understand why strangers would do something so kind for no reason.

This year we had more abandoned children than ever before. These were not parents with identifiable mental health or drug problems, but, for example, a mom who simply dropped her seven year old off at school and never came back. I could not sleep thinking of Andrew. How long did he sit there with his little backpack and homework, waiting for someone who never came? Did he try and walk home? Did a teacher finally take him to the office and dial a number that would not answer? How could a child heal from that? I could not believe how many suicidal children we cared for this year—and so young. You were there for them all.

So many of you helped our families in the community with basic needs. Laundry soap, diapers, basic hygiene items, roach spray. I would pick up a box with a tag that said “toothbrush/toothpaste” or “a hairbrush” and it would be so big and heavy, I would have to use two hands. A bag labeled “pajamas size 3 toddler” was enormous and filled with every kind of clothing imaginable and a toy as well. This happened over and over.

It was your enthusiasm and generosity that shined through it all. I could not keep the tree stocked with cards. Many parishioners called me. The family sleeps in a garage on the cement? Can we get a blow up mattress and maybe a space heater along with the child’s blanket? What about the mom in the family? Can I get her something?“ You were not just generically buying a gift. You were caring about the people. It is the one to one connection that is at the soul of any healing. Indeed, healing happens one child at a time, over time. You are part of that.

We never know how things will go with finding donors for our older clients. We have a new program for young people who aged out of the foster system at 18. They were found to be homeless or in special need. Their requests were basic—food gift cards, laundry soap etc. You took them all. Gift cards were snuck into gifts and lovely cards were attached. They accepted your kindness with a special humility that comes from being homeless or having no family. School backpacks or an alarm clock were gifts that help them better their situations through education.

I wish you all could receive feedback from your individual child or see them opening their gifts. It is hard to paint a picture for you of what your kindness means. In perhaps the lowest point in their lives, they will remember Christmas 2015 when strangers went out of their way to provide their newborn with a warm outfit or that teen in the group home who got her new special tennis shoes, or the homeless family who all got warm jackets.

This year was the craziest one our elf team has ever experienced. We received perhaps thirty new kids in the week before Christmas, each with individual needs, sizes, and wishes. I don’t know what we would have done without your financial donations to plug the holes on lists and provide for late-arriving children. Last minute shopping and work in Santa’s Workshop went on through Christmas Eve to make sure every child knew that someone knew his special request and shopped just for him. Our unusually small workspace this year meant that sleighs were constantly in motion, sorting, re-bagging for the specific caseworker, and going out again.

All that joy came from you, our angels actively living your faith. We are His hands and feet on earth. You never asked about a child’s race, background, or religion. You just wanted their size and their wish. Your values and actions show our kids and families a different side to their world. People can be kind for no reason and want nothing in return. Beyond your beautiful wrappings, the bows, and decorative bags, love was your biggest gift. I am sending nearly 700 smiles your way. All of us at Crittenton wish you a peace-filled and wonderful New Year. Thank you for being a blessing to our clients.

Warmly,

Pat Williams - President, Kids Matter Auxiliary, Crittenton Services for Children & Families
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Parochial Vicar:
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Roz Odion Ext.116
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Mark Haas Ext.114
St Martin Outreach 970-0147
Hours: MWTh 1:30-4:00 PM, Tu 4:00-6:30PM
St. Francis of Assisi School
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Returning Catholics:
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Becoming Catholic:
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Confirmation:
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Junior High Youth Ministry:
Mary McDevitt 970-2771x131
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Children
Baptism Team:
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Children's Liturgy of the Word:
Curtis Keddy 970-2771x133
First Eucharist Preparation:
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Colleen Picou 909-239-3525
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Wedding Preparation:
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St. Martin’s Rosary Group:
Audrey Vargas 577-5356
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American Heritage Girl Scouts:
Eloise de Santos
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Beginning Again:
Emma Jean Jorgenson 970-8376
Child Care (0-3yrs):
Colleen Picou 909-239-3525
Coffee and Donuts:
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Couple for Christ:
Jessie Sison 865-1193
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Jackie Hanna 777-0518
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Seniority Club:
Irene Gonzalez 779-1812
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OUTREACH MINISTRY SUMMARIES - SEPTEMBER 2015

Craig Park Ministry Report – September 2015: Blessings, the Craig Park Ministry took place on Sunday, September 13th, at the La Habra Hills Presbyterian Church in the city of La Habra. Team Leaders and a group of SMdP Volunteers served a hot lunch to 60 hungry family members (52 adults and 8 children). Lunch consisted of Sloppy Joe’s, golden corn, fresh fruit, cookies and cold lemonade. After the meal, weekly groceries were distributed to our family members. Thanks to all the SMdP Volunteers—YOU ARE A BLESSING!!

Isaiah House Ministry Report – September 2015: On September 2nd, the St. Martin de Porres group of volunteers finally got to prepare a warm meal for the ladies of Isaiah House. It was a delicious spaghetti with meat balls dinner, which included tasty garlic bread, a green salad, and a cantaloupe fruit bowl. For dessert we provided a choice of three types of cookies. The ladies of Isaiah House loved the spaghetti sauce and were asking Tom Prior for the ingredients as well as asking for seconds throughout the dinner. In addition to preparing dinner for Isaiah House, we again supported the volunteers taking food to the Civic Center by loading food into their van. We were a small team (5) but again very efficient in the preparation of the night’s dinner. Each volunteer took responsibility for a part of the meal preparation. Truly great teamwork!

After the meal was served and we cleaned up, the ladies thanked us for sharing our time and dedication to serve them. We all felt good for our time there and seeing the ladies enjoy their spaghetti dinner. The number of ladies at Isaiah House is still about 20-plus. Maybe this will increase in the fall and winter months ahead. We will find out later this year.

With God’s blessings we continue to serve and receive many blessings in return for serving the ladies of Isaiah House.

Skid Row Ministry Report – September 2015: We are so happy and blessed to be a part of Outreach. On the weekend of September 19th and 20th, 100 volunteers participated in helping the homeless of Los Angeles. Several of these volunteers were first timers who came to us through the Ministry Expo.

On Saturday, while preparing sack lunches and folding/sorting the donated items, the volunteers were served a delicious chicken cacciatore lunch—A big hit! Sunday morning started off with some socializing over coffee and pastries while 13 vehicles were loaded and ready to head to Skid Row. After praying, we left St. Martin’s Parish and were in Los Angeles by 8:30 AM, ready to help over 350 homeless.

In addition to the clothing and usual sack lunches (ham & cheese sandwiches, crackers, cookies, juice & milk), we had an extra blessing when a first timer, working for a lotion manufacturer, donated several hundred samples. Another first timer donated 100 pairs of reading glasses. Always something new! One parishioner and a few others had the opportunity to visit the Midnight Mission.

Soup Kitchen Ministry Reports – September 2015: St Martin’s Soup Kitchen Ministry served 85 hungry souls at the Southwest Community Center (home of the Soup Kitchen) for the month of September, thanks to our ever-giving Team Leaders and their fantastic volunteers! YEAH Soup Kitchen Ministry!

Saturday, September 19th, we served about 40 guests. The visit went smoothly, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. The menu consisted of: pulled chicken with barbecue sauce; dinner rolls, watermelon, and salad on the side; cakes and cookies for dessert; and iced tea. For the first time—and maybe we should do it more often—we paused in the middle of the meal to say grace, a short prayer giving thanks for the food and the people that came together to make it possible.

Sunday, September 27th, we were blessed to serve 45 hungry souls and had enough to provide seconds to all. We had a wonderful volunteer crew, and we served fried chicken, a loaded fresh-veggie salad, sliced watermelon, and ice cream for dessert. All our guests left with full tummies and warm hearts.
THRIVING MARRIAGES FOR ALL COUPLES!

Sunday, January 24, 2016 from 2pm – 5pm
St. John the Baptist Church Hall
1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA. 92626
$20/couple, $10/person
(child-care offered, please pre-reserve; walk-ins welcomed!)

Invite your friends! Everyone needs this!

To register, just print this email form & send w/payment to church office. For further info, please contact Amanda Turcotte/Church office at (714) 540-2214 or amanda.turcotte28@gmail.com

FOR ALL COUPLES – you can enjoy a happier and stronger marriage this year!!! For those seriously dating, engaged, or married of ANY age, start this NEW YEAR off right by joining us for an inspirational marriage “mini-retreat” by Dr. John & Claire Yzaguirre, Ph.D., M.F.T., therapists and co-creators of the popular “Thriving Marriages” program and book, given to thousands of couples throughout Southland churches. Come and catch a vision and learn a roadmap to boost the UNITY and JOY in your marriage! Invite your friends!!

Featuring Guest Speakers: Dr. John Yzaguirre & Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre, M.Div., M.F.T.

Dr. John & Claire Yzaguirre, a licensed Psychologist and a licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, are deeply committed to helping couples achieve resilient, united and joyful marriages. With 30 years of clinical & ministry experience, each year they train thousands of couples with their programs & assist churches from various denominations & dioceses in their marriage & family life programs. They are the co-authors of “Thriving Marriages: An Inspirational & Practical Guide to Lasting Happiness” now in a new 2nd edition, also in Spanish, “Casados y Felices”. Co-directors of their counseling practice in Irvine (949) 851-1572 they’ve been happily married for 29 years & have a grown son, Paul. To learn more about John & Claire, please visit them at: www.ThrivingFamilies.com

Please send registration form & check payable to St. John the Baptist Church, 1015 Baker Street, Costa Mesa, CA. 92627 - Attn: Amanda Turcotte - Marriage Seminar. Child-care available, please pre-register below.

Name(s): ________________________________________ Phone: _____________________________
E-mail ____________________________________________
I need child-care; we will be bringing _______ child(ren) Age(s) ___________________________
“AMAZONSMILE” DONATION PROGRAM -AT ST. MARTIN’S

St. Martin de Porres has joined AmazonSmile, a web-based shopping program operated by Amazon. AmazonSmile lets you enjoy the same wide selection of products, services, great low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com including Amazon Prime member benefits. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Martin de Porres Church.

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MEALS ON WHEELS ARE AVAILABLE

Do you know someone who would benefit from having meals delivered? We at Placentia Yorba Meals On Wheels deliver to citizens in Placentia, Yorba Linda, and Anaheim Hills. Three meals a day, Monday through Friday. Those who cannot pay are subsidized by MOW. MOW is non-profit, depending 100% on local contributions from citizens, organizations, and the business community, as well as annual fundraisers. While the food is cooked and packaged at a state-of-the-art kitchen in Anaheim and brought to our office for distribution, we welcome volunteers to help make the deliveries to the clients. Please give us a call 714/524-5056. Placentia Yorba Meals on Wheels, 1130 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870-3828.

CATHOLIC DETENTION MINISTRY IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Every day nearly 5,000 Catholics call Orange County jails and juvenile facilities home! The Bible calls us to visit those in prison (Matt 25:36). How about you! Can you spare a couple hours each month to visit our incarcerated brothers and sisters, sons and daughters? If you would like to learn more or to join our ministry, please sign up for our Overview presentation. For dates, times and more details, go to www.rcbo.org/restore or call us at 714/634-9909.

HOW DOES SOMEONE BECOME CATHOLIC? THEY JOIN THE RCIA!

What is the RCIA? RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults but, according to a young man who recently went through the process, it should also stand for Righteous, Compassionate, Inspirational and Amazing. He speaks for the hundreds of individuals who have been a part of this challenging, exciting, and life-changing experience at St. Martin’s.

Have you or a friend ever considered joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA process will give you the opportunity to ask questions, learn about the Church’s teaching, and be part of a community who will walk with you on your journey of faith. Those who are not baptized, were baptized in other Christian denominations, or were baptized Catholic but have not been Confirmed or received the Eucharist are led by a team made up of clergy, staff and volunteers through an unforgettable one to two year process. RCIA meets mostly on Sundays after the 8:45 AM Mass, culminating with Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. If you would like to have a Righteous, Compassionate, Inspirational and Amazing experience leading to full communion with the Catholic Church, call Curtis Keddy at 714/970-2771 or email curtisk@smdpyl.org.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS

Hospice Volunteers are needed in our community to provide supportive services to terminally ill patients and their families. VITAS Innovative Hospice Care® is seeking interested individuals who can commit an average of two hours per week to make a difference with patients or in our offices – you can volunteer around your schedule and in the area you live or work. The only necessary qualifications are a caring heart, the ability to listen, and a willingness to learn. Please contact Judy Andoe, Volunteer Manager at 714/921-2273 or email Judy.andoe@vitas.com.

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Attention, single Catholic men 18-30 years: The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community of consecrated brothers faithful to Holy Mother Church and dedicated to fostering reverent devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your vocation at their House of Formation, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Learn more at http://www.knightsoftheholyeucharist.com/