To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference

Sunday, 4/10
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- CLOW
- RE Older Sac, Rm D 11 am
- Youth Group, Parish Hall 6 pm
- ICF Mtg, Parish Hall 2 pm

Monday, 4/11
- RE Older Sac, Parish Hall 4 pm

Tuesday, 4/12
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 7-8, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm

Wednesday, 4/13
- Sewing Ministry, Rms A/B 9 am
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grd 6, Parish Hall 7 - 8:15 pm
- Rosary Makers, Min. Ctr 7 pm
- St V DePaul, Chapel 7 pm

Thursday, 4/14
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- RE Grds 1-3, School 3:40 - 5 pm
- RE Grds 4-5, Parish Hall 3:40 - 5 pm
- RCIA, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Friday, 4/15
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am

Saturday, 4/16
- Christ Light Reunion, Parish Hall 6 pm

Sunday, 4/17
- RE 3 yr old prgm, Rm D 9:15 am
- RE Classes, Hall/School 9:15 am
- CLOW
- RE Older Sac, Rm D 11 am
- Confirmation, Parish Hall, 6 pm

WEEK AT A GLANCE

April 10, 2016

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Daily Masses:
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am
Saturday Masses:
8:00 am & 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses:
7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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Catholic Community of
Pleasant Hill
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Happy Easter again! I love it when Easter comes early, as it has this year, roughly coinciding with the beginning of spring. Our new life in the Risen Christ is mirrored in the new life we see in nature. As today dawns, we observe an abundance of plants and trees coming to life and shaking off the winter chill all around us. In my yard, a new crop of weeds is making itself known and needing to be managed! That's the challenge of springtime: to nurture the growth of the plants we want and to control or eliminate the growth of the weeds.

In a sense, that's the same challenge that each of us faces as we celebrate the Easter season. Lent allowed us time to define and uproot those spiritual “weeds” that hampered the growth of the flowers that we were trying to cultivate. Many gave up things, attended daily mass or gave more of themselves to others as part of their Lenten observance. We may have gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, seeking God's merciful forgiveness of our sins, our weeds, and then we joyfully celebrated our redemption on Easter Sunday. And here we are, two weeks later, still celebrating the ultimate mystery of our salvation, Christ's Resurrection. But here come the weeds again!

The fact remains that we are human, existing with a fallen nature that allows those weeds to come back in no matter how hard we try to eliminate them. That doesn't mean that we give up and let the weeds overtake our lives. Those sprouting weeds are an invitation for us to look for Christ daily because he is our strength and hope. With his love and help, we can keep those weeds under control. We are challenged daily to live as Easter people, celebrating the beautiful flowers in our lives but being fully aware that those weeds are always looking for a place to take root in our gardens.

Finding Christ in our daily lives can be challenging, but we need to own the reality that he is always here with us. Just as the apostles didn't recognize Jesus standing on the seashore in today's gospel, we sometimes fail to recognize him in the garden of our daily lives. He may be more easily recognized in the Eucharist, good friends and family, but he is just as real and present in the homeless, the hungry, the annoying neighbor and those living on the margins of society. We need to recognize him in all of them, and reach out to share God's love with everyone we meet.

If the way we live our lives causes seeds of love and justice to be sown for all of our brothers and sisters, we will be change agents helping to control the weeds in our own gardens and in our world. Jesus, the “Master Gardener,” is always available to help us cultivate the best seeds, to help us make beautiful flowers bloom, and, best of all, to help us keep those weeds under control.

So Happy Easter, Happy Springtime…and Happy Gardening!

Deacon John
Mark your calendars! Catholics@work presents a very special, fun for the whole family, entertaining evening. A unique opportunity to be up close and personal with EWTN ( Eternal Word Television Network) host and NY Times bestselling author, Raymond Arroyo. Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 pm at St. Isidore Church in Danville. Admission free! This will be a fun, entertaining and uplifting evening event for the whole family. Reservations not required, but come early to get a good seat! For more info: www.catholicsatwork.org.


Support science education at Carondelet’s Swing for Science Golf Tournament, Monday, April 25 at Diablo Country Club. Registration includes green and cart fees, tee prize, refreshments, deli box lunch and adult beverages. Participants will also have the opportunity to win a new car and try their hand at a variety of golf challenges. The event will conclude with the 19th Hole - a two hour premium hosted bar with a silent auction, clubhouse banquet and awards. Single golfers are $350.00. Call Lynn to register at 925-686-5353, ext. 154 or online at carondelet.net/golf.

Join us for Sr. Joanne’s Retirement Celebration! Make plans to join us to celebrate Sr. Joanne and her many, many contributions to all of us here at CTK. We will celebrate at the 12:15 mass on Sunday, April 24, followed by an outdoor reception.

Searching for a spiritual home? Our “no strings” inquiry series begins Thursday, May 26 at 7 pm. Ideal for learning about Catholicism and for Catholics who have not yet received Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Contact Al Garrotto at 849-6319 or algarrotto@comcast.net.

Christ the King has teamed up with Car Donation Services, Inc. to provide you with an easy way to donate a vehicle, whether it is running or not! Car donations Services, located in Martinez, has been helping local charities since 1990 and will take care of every aspect of your car donation, allowing you peace of mind that the transaction will be completed efficiently and properly. Proceeds from all vehicle donations will go to the CTK Capital Campaign, unless you tell us otherwise. To get started, call 888-686-4483 and identify yourself as a CTK parishioner.

This month’s Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be held on Sunday, April 17th at Church of the Resurrection at 399 Gregory Lane. Join us at 7:30 pm for an ecumenical service filled with prayer and song open to all faiths.

CTK Festival Talent Show! Saturday, May 14, 2:00 - 4:00 pm will be our festival talent show. All children wanting to be in the show, please attend practice on Tuesday, April 20th from 3:00 - 5:00 in the CTK amphitheater. For questions: Marisa at marisacoxmama@gmail.com or Amy at aghisletta@comcast.net or Leila at mrsnak1@yahoo.com. All props, costumes, instruments must be with you at practice.

Whether your child is looking for educational, enrichment or sports programs this summer, Carondelet High School has it all! This year, we are expanding our co-ed summer school offerings to include both high school advancement and middle school programs. Visit us at carondelet.net/summer for more information about these exciting classes. We can’t wait to see you!

This is your last chance to purchase Fr. Brian Joyce’s new book, The Catholic Parish Today at the discounted price of $20. After these are gone, they will only be available on Amazon.com and only at the full price. His Soulful Emotion book and retirement video are both still available. Please stop by the parish house if you would like to purchase.

Two CTK women were recently honored by Soroptimist International of Diablo Vista. Parishioners Mary Shepherd and Carol Vogl were both honored with the 2016 Woman of Distinction Award for outstanding community service. Mary was honored for her work with Cambridge Community Center and Monument Crisis Center. Carol was honored as Coordinator of CTK’s Dress a Child Around the World project. Our congratulations to them both.

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH:

Ann Marie Costello, Sister Eleanor Eagan, Olivia Lovett, Virginia George, Rich Ryan and Christie Cox. Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community. May they find consolation in your healing presence. We ask this through the Lord Jesus. Amen.
This is Commitment Weekend! To successfully achieve both our parish goal and the overall Diocesan goal, we need your help! A pledge to the Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through Diocesan ministries, programs and services. 

*Participation is the Key Ingredient*

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete a pledge envelope found in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket today. YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

*The Benefits of a Monthly Pledge*

Bishop Barber asks you to help support vital Diocesan ministries by considering a pledge payable monthly through December 31, 2016. If you can give $15, $20 or $30 each month through December, it equals $150, $200, or $300 when spread out over the year. Every pledge of every size is needed and appreciated. Thank you for your support.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**(4 YR OLD - GRADE 8)**

**Registration Information 2016-2017**

Saturday, April 30 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 1 8:00 am - 1:30 pm
Monday, May 2 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us in the Ministry Center, 195 Brandon Rd, to register for 2016-2017 RE classes.

At the time of registration, you will need to:

1. Provide a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate, if we don’t have one on file.
2. Complete the RE registration form and visit the grade level table you are interested in.
3. Give your paperwork along with a check to the person at your table.
4. Each family is asked to volunteer in one aspect of the program.

Registration forms can be found on the RE website at www.religiouseducation.org. Click on religious education and then registration. Registration forms will be available beginning April 11th.