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OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY

Ron Burns, President



A blessed Easter Season to all from the Our Lady of the Pines Society!

It is with a heavy heart that I must relay that on April 10, 2018, we lost one of our own. **Dan Sooy** passed on to eternal life with his family at his side in the early morning hours. Not only did we lose a good friend and fellow parishioner, but also one of our Board Members and fellow choir member as well. He will be forever missed. Please keep Dan, his family and his wife **Carole** in your prayers.

Our 5th annual St Patrick's Day dinner went over very well thanks to the following committees and volunteers:

- Kitchen crew, consisting of **Joe Bertao, Phil Fondale, Ted Novelli**, yours truly, and supervised by **Steve Routt**.
- Raffle basket committee - **Carole Sooy, Donna Temple, Dori Arntz** and **Helen Stanley**.
- Decorating committee made up of **Laura Hankins, Debbie Fraser, Shirley Blancett** and **Shirley Coombs**.
- Bar crew consisting of **Mike Shoda** and **Joe Russo**, assisted by **Laura Hankins** at the ticket table.
- Greeters were **Debbie Fraser** and **Viki Routt**.
- Raffle ticket sales by **Joan Alimonti** and **Teri Darr**.
- Table servers/clean-up crew made up of **Gianna Alvarez, Skyla** and **Raven Loffland, Serena Helene** and **Stephanie May Stapleton, Mackenzie Waverly** and **Samantha Longero**. The girls were supervised by **Matt Waverly**.

I might add that many of the above volunteers participated in more than one job. A great big "THANK YOU" to all, especially to **Steve Routt** for preparing the scrumptious corned beef with all the trimmings!

Note: If I missed anyone, please forgive me.

There is a lot going on over the next couple of months including our annual rummage sale. You can follow the articles in the weekly bulletins to see how you can help to make this year's major fundraiser a success.



TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Sunday falls on May 27 this year. Trinity Sunday is celebrated in all the Western liturgical churches: Roman Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, and Methodist. In the Catholic Church it is officially known as the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*. The Sundays following Pentecost, until Advent, are numbered from this day. In

traditional Catholic usage, the First Sunday After Pentecost is on the same day as Trinity Sunday. In the revised Roman rite, Ordinary Time resumes one week earlier, on the Monday after Pentecost.

KNOW YOUR PARISHIONERS



DEBBIE FRASER

Debbie Fraser was born and grew up in Sacramento, California. After graduating from Grant Union High School she attended California State University, Sacramento earning a BA in Child Development and Early Childhood and Elementary teaching credentials. While in college she began working for the State of California, part-time evenings. After graduation from college she substituted for the North Sacramento and San Juan Unified school districts, and Amador and Calaveras school districts after retirement from the State of California. Debbie worked for the State for thirty years. Almost 17 years were at the Cal Fire Academy in Ione as the facility coordinator. In 1992, she accepted this position and moved from Sacramento with her family to West Point. At the end of 2008 she retired from the Cal Fire Academy.

She met her spouse at a bible study. She has two daughters and a granddaughter. Her oldest daughter and granddaughter live in Sacramento. Her youngest lives in San Diego.

Debbie loves being outdoors. Working in her yard is a favorite pastime. Last year she bought a kayak and enjoyed paddling in a nearby lake. Enjoying the scenery and exercise, combined, is a new favorite thing to do and she looks forward to kayaking on the nearby lakes off Highway 88. In the past she has enjoyed hiking and backpacking. Her most memorable backpacking adventure was climbing with her nephew to the top of Mount Shasta. Her nephew was a Boy Scout with the

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SUSAN KIRKWOOD-YATES

A Dedicated Life

Joan Nikolai

From generation to generation for 2000 years, women and men have passed on the faith we share. The ministry has been identified by many names: CCD, Religious Education, Catechetical Ministry, and Faith Formation, but the focus has always been to pass on the teachings of this faith and the way of life to which it calls us. For more than 30 years **Susan Kirkwood-Yates** did just that.

When Susan began as an "upcountry" catechist in the early 1980's, classes were held at Pine Grove and Pioneer Elementary schools. Susan worked under the direction of **Sister Brigid** of the Canossian Sisters who were assigned to St. Patrick Parish. As the upcountry community of OLOP grew, classes were moved from the weekday schedule to Sunday mornings in Haran Hall. In 1998 when the Canossian Sisters were reassigned, Sister Brigid recommended Susan be appointed coordinator of classes at OLOP.

In 2002, knowing of her years of experience first as a catechist and then as coordinator, **Fr. Tom Seabridge** appointed Susan DRE for all St. Patrick Parish. She was now responsible for weekday classes at St. Patrick, Sunday classes at OLOP, and for Junior High. As well as preparation for First Eucharist and Confirmation. When the Churches of Amador County were brought together as St. Katharine Drexel, Susan was appointed DRE by **Fr. Larry**.

From the beginning of her time as DRE Susan developed and implemented a comprehensive plan for the overall development of Faith Formation. Simply giving the catechists a Teacher's Manual, a calendar and a class list was not Susan's way. She introduced monthly catechist meetings. Grounded in prayer the meetings provided spiritual and practical support for catechists. The monthly meetings offered the opportunity to help with lesson planning and introduce the catechists to creative ways to enrich their lessons from ways to pray with the children, to stories that might fit a lesson, to review games.

A series of outreach projects helped the children to understand that what they learned in class had to be lived out in

daily life. Collecting socks, hats and mittens for the homeless, filling Birthday Bags, making cookies for *Break Bread with Friends* are only a few of the ways the children lived out their faith.

Susan also developed and implemented an 8-session sacramental preparation for both First Eucharist and Confirmation. These brought parents and their children or youth together for learning, faith sharing and prayer.

Seasonal Family Gatherings were added to the regular weekly classes again with a view to providing opportunities for parent and child to share their faith and for families to interact with one another.

Behind the scenes were hours of planning, registration forms to keep track of, Diocesan guidelines to follow, Liturgies for First Eucharist and Confirmation to plan, and a myriad of other details to attend to so everything went smoothly.



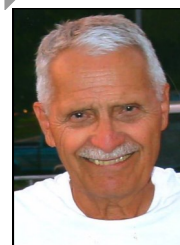
I worked with Susan for 17 years. What I have shared are only a few highlights of what Susan has brought to this ministry. Susan's faith is the rock upon which she stands. Her faith is at the heart of of everything she has given to this ministry. With gentleness and kindness; with faithfulness and perseverance; with joy and generosity; with creativity and practicality Susan has been a gift to this faith community for over 30 years.

I hope you will join me in saying "Well done, good and faithful servant."



SUNSHINE MINISTRY

We are all reminded to contact **Joanne Fitzpatrick** (209-295-7387) when and if we wish to have a card sent to someone who needs a touch of sunshine in his or her life. She would also like to know of any special birthday or anniversary.



In Memory
Valentine Freitas
1921- 2018



*Rest in the
Peace of Christ*

WE'LL MISS YOU, VAL

Valentine Freitas, of Pioneer, California, passed away on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at the age of 96. He was born in 1921 on May 31st to Frank and Virginia Freitas. Val moved to Amador County in 1985 with his wife **Jennie Freitas**. After forty-eight years of marriage, she passed away in 1997. He has six children, three of whom have already passed. He has six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Val was a very devoted Catholic. He was completely deaf but still went to church every Sunday. He was known throughout the community for his everyday walks. He was a very kind person and gave to everybody but himself, and he took care of everyone. He will be greatly missed.

-- From the Ledger News

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"What would happen were we to treat the Bible as we treat our smartphones? Were we to open it several times a day; were we to read God's messages contained in the Bible as we read text messages, what would happen?"

-- Pope Francis, Angelus message
March 5, 2017

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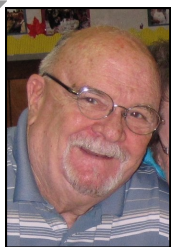
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troop in West Point and the troop was featured in *Boy's Life* magazine on this journey.

Traveling is another favorite thing to do. In 2016, her youngest daughter accompanied her on the pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain, and Lourdes.

Other pastimes are reading, doing crosswords (almost an addiction!), sewing, knitting, crocheting, and--still on her bucket list--getting back to finishing a stained glass lamp she started 40 years ago, and learning to paint.

Debbie volunteers for Saint Vincent de Paul in the parish and also serves as secretary for the monthly meetings.



In Memory
Daniel K. Sooy
1934 - 2018



*Rest in the
Peace of Christ*

REMEMBERING DAN

Anne Pearce

Fifteen years ago, our parish put on a Ministry Faire called *Time, Talent, Treasure*. The choir, naturally, had a booth. There was one signup for choir, unseen by any choir there. It said, 'Will join you at completion of radiation in March.' And yes, it was our beloved **Dan Sooy**. He and **Carole** moved to Pine Grove in 2002 and, by the end of 2003, Dan was in our choir. He was so faithful and punctual. He loved to tease and dish it out to two ladies who were not always so punctual (**Barbara Finetti** and **Geri Wuelfing**).

Dan had such a pleasant voice and did love to sing. He especially loved the hymns that allowed him to stand tall and sing with full volume, like *How Great Thou Art, America the Beautiful, Blest Be the Lord*.

How he loved to tease! No one was left out. He delighted in joshing the choir director when she had the 'ladies only' sing, and often threatened to turn her into the union for 'discrimination'!

At one time in Haran Hall, the piano was against the wall, and the director had her back to the choir. How Dan, **Joe Bailey**, and **Jack Magee** loved to joke and cut-up. The director reminded them she had taught 7th and 8th grade boys for 25 years and was familiar with their antics. This earned her the Dan-originated title of 'The Choirmistress' which she uses to this day.

Choir was only a start for Dan in service. He became a sacristan and served at weekday Masses. He also served a full term on the Parish Finance Council, and was treasurer for the Our Lady of the Pines Society.

Then came the Rummage Sale. Dan handled all the money for several years. He was also in charge of 'furniture' and was commonly seen 'testing out' sofas and easy chairs with a short snooze.

Dan and Carole hosted the annual choir party in their home for many years and

were welcoming and generous hosts.

There is an empty chair in the back row of the choir, and there is a big empty hole in the hearts of all the choir for our Darlin' Dan.

Editor's note: A funeral Mass for Dan will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 12, 11 AM**, at Our Lady of the Pines, followed by a reception in Haran Hall. One of Dan's last requests was that we dress not in dark colors but in bright hues in celebration of his life!



YMI NEWS

Phil Fondale

*Pro Deo, Pro Patria
For God, For Country*

The Our Lady of the Pines Men's Club, YMI Council #137, continues to be active in living up to its motto of *Pro Deo, Pro Patria*. Brother **Ted Novelli** is this year's Council President.

Our meeting night is the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM. All men of the parish are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship of our monthly dinner and short business meeting.

As in past years, the Brothers of OLOP Council #137 have had the honor on Memorial Day of helping to place and take down the large 5X8 American Flags that line the long drive at Pioneer Cemetery.

Currently we are still working on finding a way to greatly improve the "Catholic Church" direction sign that is located on the corner of Highway 88 and Tiger Creek Road. Numerous hoops must be jumped through before this can happen. It's not as simple as it would seem.

The main purpose of our council is to give the Catholic men of OLOP and the surrounding area the opportunity to get together, strengthen their faith, have fellowship, and help our parish and community.

The Young Men's Institute was founded in 1883, and Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 is proud to be a part of this national organization.

PARISHIONER ASSISTANCE

Blanche Rueda

I try to call the parishioners that have some health issues and also try to talk to the caregiver as they are sometimes forgotten. In the last month I have spoken to over 10 families to give support to the family. It is very rewarding to talk to the family and to let them know that parishioners are thinking about them. Many times I learn about other families that would appreciate a phone call. We are a close family at OLOP and letting them know that we care about them is important. If you know a parishioner who needs a phone call, please call **Blanche Rueda** at 209-295-4025 and I will call them. Thanks for your cooperation.



EATING AT JOAN'S HOUSE

Joan Alimonti

The deli in most stores is a wealth of convenience to the modern cook. I shop WinCo, and their deli has shredded chicken, grilled chicken, Orange Chicken and much more. Safeway in Martell may have it in the deli - if not, check their frozen foods. If you're looking for a meat for an entrée salad or quick stir-fry, ask the meat counter person to cut you a 1/2-inch or so slice. Dinner is then only minutes away.

Need a sauce for stir-frys that isn't too strong tasting?? Use cooking sherry to dilute it.

ORANGE CHICKEN QUICKIE

serves 4

Prepare veggies --- cut on the slant:
2 cups celery, 2 cups mini colored peppers, 1 1/2 cups zucchini, 1 1/2 cups onion, cut into 1 x 1 pieces.

Cut cooked Orange Chicken into bite-size pieces.

Place all above into a large non-stick fry pan or wok. With 2 spoons stir and lift until chicken is heated thru. Veggies will be crunchy tender.

Add cooking sherry and Kikkoman Orange Sauce to taste.

Serve with your favorite rice -- mine is brown Basmati, Ray Waugh's is traditional sticky rice.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

JUNE 7-8-9, 2018

Connie Wright



Announcing a significant change to the Upcountry's Biggest Rummage Sale...

Due to the change in our Sunday Mass time, the OLOP Society has decided to eliminate Sunday as a sale day. The sale will still take place over three days, which will be **THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 7-8-9.**

Other key dates to remember:

- ✓ **Early Bird Donations** accepted at Haran Hall, weekdays May 1-13, 12 noon to 2 PM, and briefly after Sunday Mass.
- ✓ **Donations** continue to be accepted at Haran Hall, weekdays, beginning Tuesday May 15 through Friday June 1, 9 AM to 2:30 PM, and briefly after Sunday Mass.
- ✓ **Rummage Sale Setup** will be weekdays beginning Tuesday May 15, through Wednesday June 6, 9 AM to 2:30 PM.
- ✓ **Rummage Sale:** Thursday-Friday-Saturday, June 7-8-9, 9 AM - 4 PM (Saturday hours to be confirmed).
- ✓ **Cleanup:** Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, June 11-12-13.

We gratefully accept most items with the exception of: mattresses, sofas/beds, infant cribs/carriers and infant/child car seats, tires, hazardous materials including open cans of paints/stains/thinners. We also do not accept televisions (unless the newer, flat-screen type), old computers and printers, CRT monitors. Acceptance of large appliances and entertainment centers will be at the discretion of the rummage sale managers (managers change each week of the setup).

We need plenty of helping hands during the setup (see dates above) – receiving, sorting, cleaning, displaying. If you have a pickup truck and can help with occasional donation pickups, we need you. *If you signed up to help, just show up any time during the setup hours -- don't wait for a phone call!* During the sale itself, we still need volunteers to help sell, keep the displays orderly, cashier, and prepare for the next day's sale.

Enjoy one of the best-kept secrets of the rummage sale – that the 'work' includes plenty of fun and fellowship. What a great way to help raise funds to support the maintenance needs and good works of our church! **Questions: Call Art and Connie Wright 223-9525 or Ron Burns 295-6257.**



TRASSARE FAMILY STAYING IN ITALY



For two years, **Sam and Harmony Trassare** have been living in Naples, where Sam is serving with the 6th Fleet. The two of them are lectors at Good Samaritan Parish on base, where **Ceci** is a server. They have just learned that their stay in Naples has been extended for a third year, much to their delight. Meanwhile, Harmony and the children will spend the summer with **Marcia and Ray Waugh**. Harmony is on the OLOP lector schedule and Cecilia is on the altar server roster.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Members of our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society beg for money after Mass from time to time. The money collected goes to support the needy. Please bring a bit of extra cash with you on Beggar's Sunday, the last weekend of every other month, when volunteers beg for donations.

OLOP SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Ron Burns
1st Vice President: Will Pearce
2nd Vice President: Barbara Garcia
Secretary: Connie Wright
Treasurer: (Vacant)

OLOP MEETINGS

Our Lady Of the Pines Society meets on the first Wednesday of every month. A potluck dinner begins at 6 PM and the meeting starts at 7 PM. All parishioners of OLOP are members of the Society. There are no dues. We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing some new faces at future meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you need an announcement made from the altar, please contact the office at St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center at 223-2970. If you need an announcement placed in the church bulletin, please contact the Bulletin Editor, also at the Parish Center, at 223-2970 or bulletin@stkatharinedrexel.com.

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