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MINISTRY IS FOR EVERYONE

Joan Nikolai



At baptism we are incorporated into the Church. As members of the Body of Christ, our involvement is quite different from simply volunteering for a worthy cause. When a volunteer finishes an hourly commitment, the badge is turned in and regular life goes on until the next shift. When we leave church on Sunday, however, we do not walk away from who we are. We continue to live as the Body of Christ throughout the week. It is our regular life, our ministry.

Ministry takes many forms within our own Church community. Lectors, commentators, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, choir members, ushers are all quite visible. Behind the scenes, those who clean the church, set up schedules, care for altar linens, create the environment are not quite as visible, but just as needed. Ministry may simply be the attentive and prayerful attitude one brings to Sunday Mass or active participation in Our Lady of the Pines Society.

An essential dimension of our call to ministry is that it is not limited to our mission church here at Our Lady of the Pines or to St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Ministry reaches out to the wider community through the efforts of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus and through events like Project Thanks, Break Bread With Friends, Thursday Night Dinners for the Homeless and special projects like Birthday Bags. In its broadest sense ministry calls us to serve all God's people.

In the words of author Donna Cole: "Ministry is neither a beginning nor an end but rather a timeless component of our communal journey of faith." What unique gifts do you bring to our journey? How do you use them? Is there a new way? Explore new possibilities at the upcoming Ministry Fair on September 15.



A VISIT FROM OUR LADY

Some of our church cleaners recently enjoyed a visit from Our Blessed Mother. During the morning hours, the bright sun shines through the large window behind the altar, casting her shadow from the etching of her likeness. At least that's the scientific explanation.

KNOW YOUR PARISHIONERS



LORRAINE CAMPBELL

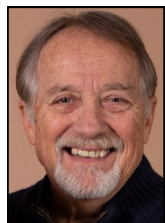
This photo was taken in 2017 on my 80th birthday with our three children. Our daughter Anne is an attorney dealing with elder law. The bearded fellow is our retired contractor, Mike, and the youngest is Tim, a retired firefighter from La Mesa Fire Dept. I'm a retired LVN, great-grandmother of three little girls, grandmother to two boys and a girl, and MOM to the crew assembled here. Jim and I decided to live in Pioneer after his retirement from the San Diego Fire Dept. in 1988. It was such a perfect spot above the fog and smog, and mostly below the snow. We welcomed the feel of four seasons, having both been raised in Cherry Valley, Mass. I knew Jim from kindergarten on through high school. He joined the Army in 1955, and upon his discharge in 1958, we squeezed into a 1948 Plymouth and drove across country on Hwy. 66 to accept a job waiting here in California.

Jim and I were 18 and 19 years old when we were married in 1957, it only lasted 57 years. He suffered a stroke in 2008 and I cared for him in our home until he died in 2013. We raised our children in the La Mesa, El Cajon, Crest areas in San Diego. For awhile I worked at their elementary school, did private duty nursing when Jim had days off. I love to laugh and travel, spend time with friends and family and sew.

We moved up here on a five acre parcel in 1993, and over these last 26 years, I always had to be in the Crying Room because of the

OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY

Ron Burns, President



RON BURNS
President

Well, the parking lot has a new paint job, the grounds look good, and Haran Hall is almost back to normal following the rummage sale. The OLOP Society has been busy working on several new projects including, but not limited to, a new

nativity set, Ministry Fair on September 15, along with a hosted BBQ for those in attendance, and hold on to your hats—plans have already been discussed for bringing back our famous St. Patrick's Day dinner next spring.

We are seeing a few new faces at our monthly meetings (very few), and with a little luck we will be able to convince our overworked and underpaid core group to see the above-mentioned activities come to fruition.

For all who are reading this *Pine Times* article and who are not already an active OLOP Society member, please, PLEASE, join us at our meetings, held on the first Wednesday evening of the month. They are full of fun, great food, friendship and, yes, opportunities to help your church live up to its reputation as an active part of St. Katharine Drexel Parish.

For any questions you may have, feel free to contact any of the board members, names and phone numbers below.

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SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

September 27, a Friday, is the Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul. Vincent de Paul was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. He was canonized in 1737. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity. Born: April 24, 1581, in the Kingdom of France. Died: September 27, 1660, Paris, Kingdom of France.

Vincent is the patron of all works of charity. A number of organizations specifically inspired by his work and teaching and which claim Vincent as their founder or patron saint are grouped in a loose federation known as the Vincentian Family. The 1996 publication *The Vincentian Family Tree* presents an overview of related communities from a genealogical perspective.

Among these organizations is the **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul**, a charitable organization dedicated to the service of the poor, established in 1833 by French university students, led by the Blessed Frederic Ozanam. The society is today present in 132 countries.

The Society's nearly 100,000 trained volunteers in the United States provided 12.6 million hours of volunteer service in 2017, helping more than 5.4 million people through visits to homes, prisons and hospitals at a value of more than \$3 billion dollars.

*The St. Katharine Drexel Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is our local chapter, providing financial services and help to the needy throughout Amador County. If you have a desire to help others who genuinely need a helping hand, contact Society President **John Murphy** at svdp@stkatharinedrexel.com. The work is immensely spiritually rewarding.*



NEW STATUE FOR THE CRYING ROOM

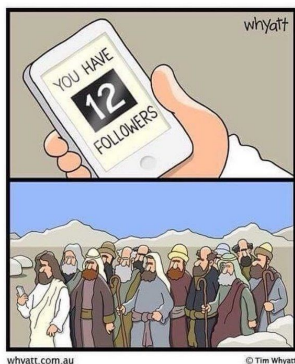
We have a new statue in the crying room, donated by **Lorraine Campbell** (see KNOW YOUR PARISHIONERS, page 1). She has donated it in the name of her husband. She writes: *I am so thrilled that the Crying Room will have a statue that wee ones can relate to and touch. It will be such a pleasure to watch little ones in their hour of being "shushed," having something to relate to . . . Jesus Himself with kids their age. It is such a gift to watch them do an impromptu dance or sing their clear imperfect songs, I can just visualize the Trinity grinning.*

Jesus, however, called the children to himself and said, "Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

~ Luke 18:16

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many surgeries and complicated medical issues we faced. It served me well, I had a chance to see this new generation grow up. I am back there now because I have an *Inogen* to augment my O₂ levels I've named "Gasper" because he clicks and moans and sighs and disturbs parishioners in the main church. I also have a prime view of the dedicated people that make up the functioning services of our parish.





In Memory
Mary Duran
 1930 - 2019
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*Rest in the
 Peace of Christ*

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE



YMI NEWS
 Phil Fondale

Catholic Student Writers Wanted

If you know a Catholic student in Grades 7-12 in any school or home school, please encourage them to enter the Young Men's Institute's *Forty-Sixth Annual Essay Contest*. There are separate topics for Grades 7 - 8 and Grades 9 - 12. Each division will have twelve winners with prize money ranging from \$100 to \$1500.

An entry form will be posted on the bulletin board in the OLOP vestibule, and contest information and forms have been sent to **Paul Padilla**, the Youth Minister for the high school and middle school youth groups. If a student is in one of these programs, they can ask for a form. Contest information and entry forms can also be seen and downloaded by going to www.ymiusa.org and going to "Essay Contest." On the form under "Sponsor" write the name of the YMI member who gave you the form or just put "Council #137." If you can't obtain a form, just call **Phil Fondale** at 295-1618 and soon the student will be "off and writing." All forms and essays need to be mailed in by January 15, 2020.

Two years ago, one of Council #137's sponsored students won \$100. It can easily happen again.

In January, **Ted Novelli** began his second year as President of our YMI.

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

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. We hope to see our fellow Catholic men and future brothers at our next meeting.

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.

EATING AT JOAN'S HOUSE

Joan Alimonti

After "What's for dinner?" for over 60 years, ideas get a little thin—even if you been creating recipes for 50 of those years; and then, there's giving them names. After hundreds and hundreds of names, you get stumped—so, **Marcia Waugh** will give this recipe its name. This recipe was born tonight (August 13, 2019) from the freezer, the shelf, and the fridge. Had a pound of cooked, ground turkey, frozen corn in the freezer, an onion, and Red Wine Vinaigrette bottle dressing in the fridge and a package of "Uncle Ben's Ready Rice" (Spanish) in the cupboard—so here's how it goes.

COLD TURKEY

You need a pound of ground turkey, cooked and cooled. Then "nuke" Uncle Ben (not literally) following directions on the package. Remove from package into a large mixing bowl to cool, breaking up any chunks with a large serving spoon.

Cut romaine lettuce (about 2-3 cups) and ½-1 cup chopped onion (red or yellow), 2 cups frozen corn, thawed.

Now assemble all of above in the bowl. Mix well, then dress with Vinaigrette to taste.

Mix well. Makes 4 servings for a hot weather dinner.



SUNSHINE MINISTRY

Joanne Fitzpatrick

We are all reminded to call **Joanne** (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.



PINE TIMES NEEDS A PHOTOGRAPHER

Heather Engstrom graciously served as the official photographer for the *Pine Times*. Unfortunately for us, she, her husband **Skip**, and daughter **Emma** have moved up to the State of Washington. We miss them.

Do you have skills with a camera? If so, please contact **Ray Waugh** at 295-1217 or ray_waugh@juno.com.



HOW TO PLANT YOUR GARDEN

Editor's note: Although fall is the season of reaping, not sowing, this 'Garden of Daily Living' can be planted any time, any where.

First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses . . .

For the garden of your daily living, plant three rows of peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is without turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience, and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

REMEMBERING GAIL MUTTER

Gail Mutter's unexpected passing in July has left a big hole in the hearts of many. Her family remembers her as living life with a kind heart, a loving soul, and deep affection and love for her friends, community, and most of all her family. In her 51 years of marriage to husband **Ray**, Gail always put her family first, showering them all with love and support, mixed with a sense of wonder and fun.



In Memory
Gail Mutter
1947 - 2019
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*Rest in the
Peace of Christ*

Music was also a big part of Gail's life, whether it was singing in women's choirs, ringing handbells, or playing the flute, thus bringing a new meaning to Heaven's 'choirs of angels.'

Her generous heart extended into her parish life right here in Amador County. Gail and Ray stepped up to become Vincentians (members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society) five years ago when SVDP was in dire need of volunteers. Because of her devotion to her children and frequent family visits, Gail was initially concerned that she might not be able to give enough time to SVDP. But with God all things are possible, and with her deep desire to make a difference, she made it work, never complaining about the interference of her SVDP duties, and doing a remarkable job. She and Ray made many home visits, listening with compassion and providing wise direction and help. She was always respectful, compassionate, and patient, ably handling even the most difficult of cases. Her organization skills served her well, but most of all she truly *cared* about those in need. And that is how her fellow Vincentians remember her – one of the most caring and giving persons they knew. Someone they respected, someone who inspired them, and someone with whom they simply enjoyed life.



In keeping with her spirituality and works for our Lord, Gail once provided the Vincentians with a prayer of thanksgiving. This was how she lived her life.

Litany of Thanksgiving

O gracious and generous God, we give you thanks for the many blessings we have in our lives:

For the gift of life: We thank you, Lord.

For your steadfast love: We thank you, Lord.

For this astonishing, complex planet and all you have created: We thank you, Lord.

For faith and the example of your saints: We thank you, Lord.

For the Church and our family in faith: We thank you, Lord.

For our families and friends: We thank you, Lord.

For health and for those who care for the sick: We thank you, Lord.

For food, warmth and shelter: We thank you, Lord.

For our nation, for freedom, security and peace: We thank you, Lord.

Lord, let us always be aware of your great kindness to us, your children. In gratitude for your gifts, may we:

... respect all life

... care for creation

... tend the sick, the hungry, the homeless and the migrant

... work to create a just nation

... love one another as you have loved us.

Amen

Thanks to **Jim Birmingham**, **Dolores Bjornson**, and **Barbara Edmonds**, who shared their thoughts about their friend.



I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER. BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

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.

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OLOP MEETINGS

Our Lady Of the Pines Society meets on the first Wednesday of every month. A potluck dinner begins at 5 PM and the meeting starts at 6 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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