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## THE UPCOUNTRY'S BIGGEST ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Connie Wright



**Question:** What do mirrors, mantels, and mermaid tails have in common? **Answer:** You could have found any one of them at this year's annual rummage sale! As always, we were blessed with an abundance and a wide array of donated items to attract and delight the hundreds of shoppers who found their way to Haran Hall in early June. Our 'regular shoppers' were ready and waiting for the Thursday morning opening. Sales were brisk right off the bat and ebbed and flowed throughout the three days. The last day finished strong with our usual '\$3 a bag or ½ off' on most items. We grossed \$10,700 – another remarkable accomplishment! Proceeds are used to fund the needs of the Our Lady of the Pines Society, primarily maintenance, charitable, and our scholarship program.

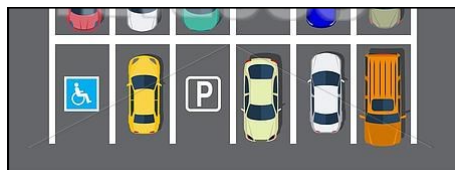
Several large, flat-screen TVs were donated this year, and the Society in turn donated one to *The Arc of Amador and*

*Calaveras* for use at one of its facilities. The Arc provides services and support to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. As others have shared their bounty with us, we are privileged to share with others.

***Sincere thanks are offered to all who donated in some way to this year's sale.***

The people who gave us everything from hand-me-downs to treasures. The faithful volunteers who gave *so much* of their time over six weeks of preparation, the sale, AND the cleanup. The cookie bakers. The local grocery stores who donated food and money to support the rummage sale snack bar. The shoppers who patronize the sale each year. And, lastly, the Knights of Columbus who agreed to take our leftovers! Everyone who works the sale knows it is truly a labor of love, and the camaraderie is always enjoyable and lasting. From setup to cleanup, we counted 52 volunteers who gave of their time as they were able, for a total of 2,107 hours worked. These numbers are down a bit from the last few years, which is a testament to the efficiency of this year's workers! The day-to-day coordination was handled with teams of 'weekly managers' – this shared the burden of chairing the sale among nine volunteers. And there was a steady crew of about 20 people who worked faithfully and tirelessly to make *The Upcountry's Biggest Annual Rummage Sale* an event whose reputation precedes itself!

**MORE RUMMAGE SALE PHOTOS ON PAGE 4**



## MAINTENANCE

Ted Novelli

Please remember to stay off the parking lot on **Thursday and Friday, July 11 and 12**. The surface will be resealed and lines painted, and extra handicapped spaces added. Thank you for being a careful parishioner.

## KEEPING UP WITH THE SOMERS FAMILY

**Ladonna Somers** and her daughters **Regan** and **Faith** moved from Pioneer and Our Lady of the Pines three years ago. But they never left our hearts, and many of us have wondered how they have been faring. Here's the latest with the Somers family . . .

**Ladonna** graduated in May from California State University Monterey Bay with a Master's Degree in Social Work. Her capstone research project explored alternative therapies for Combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She completed two internships as part of her program, one in Salinas as a social work case manager for homeless persons and those with substance use/mental health diagnoses. Her second internship was at the VA hospital in Palo Alto as a medical social worker. Immediately applying her studies and experience, Ladonna will soon work as a mental health social worker at the Monterey VA outpatient clinic.

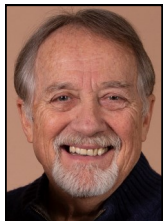
**Regan** just completed her junior year at Marina High School in Marina. She excelled in her studies, including a full load of advanced placement classes. She plays flute in the school band, sings in the choir, and is now driving! Somehow she still finds time to ride and care for her horse, Jessie. At church she is a regular lector and occasional altar server. Summer employment is also on her list.

**Faith** just completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, having attended Junipero Serra School at the Carmel Mission. She will join Regan at Marina High in the fall, as a freshman. Throughout the school year, Faith shared much of her time as a Catechist Assistant for one of the First Communion preparation classes and also volunteered in her school's Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms. She serves as an

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## OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY

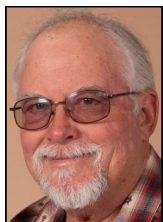
Ron Burns, President



**RON BURNS**  
President

All I have to say is "Whew!!!!, it's over!!" Our county-wide rummage sale has come and gone and thanks to our wonderful crew of around 20 dedicated members, it was a tremendous success. As of June 10<sup>th</sup> we counted just over \$10,700. There are of course some expenses to be paid, but overall, we did great. For all of you who made this possible, thank you and may God bless you for your tireless efforts for our church. For those who were not able to help, perhaps next year. Currently we do not have any other fundraisers on the horizon, but one never knows. I'm going to make my article short this month so others can report on things like our OLOP scholarship winner; however, I would like to give special thanks to **Kevin and Terri Darr** for agreeing to join the OLOP Board for the coming year — Kevin will be our incoming First Vice President and Terri will be our Secretary. Special thanks to our outgoing Secretary, **Connie Wright**, for her many years of dedicated service on the board.

## OFFICERS OF THE OUR LADY OF THE PINES 2019-20 BOARD



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## YMI NEWS

Phil Fondale

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*.

Last Memorial Day our members assisted in placing and taking down the large 5x8 American flags that line the long drive at Pioneer Cemetery. We have been doing this every Memorial Day and Veterans Day for a number of years. It is our way of honoring all those who have served and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation.

The \$1,000 Father George Thomas Scholarship was awarded to **Carter Strazzo**. The Council also awarded a \$500 scholarship to **Serena Stapleton**. Congratulations to both students for all their effort and service to Our Lady of the Pines.



The Brothers of Council #137 also voted to award a \$100 stipend to be given to a resident of the Pine Grove Youth Camp. **Brother Deacon Jaime** spearheaded this effort.

Our June meeting was canceled, but we will meet again on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

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.

## 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.

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## SOMERS

altar server almost every Sunday at their church in Seaside, St. Francis Xavier. Faith and her class went to Washington DC and Pennsylvania in April to learn firsthand about our government and history, a trip made possible by the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Following their busy school year, the family enjoyed a short but well-deserved vacation to Disneyland. We miss this little family!





## "THINGAMAJIGS" AND "WHATCHAMACALLITS"

*Expanding Your Liturgical  
Vocabulary*  
Joan Nikolai

A chef knows the names of specific utensils and a carpenter the names of particular tools which are significant to their work. Within and surrounding the Eucharistic Liturgy, which is our "work" as worshipping Catholics, we also have significant tools and objects. Liturgical words are not necessarily part of a person's everyday vocabulary. Many do not roll off the tongue easily. This can make them difficult to remember. That's when we resort to, "Oh, you know that sprinkler thingamajig," or "You know the whatchamacallit symbol when the X is on the P."

Here's the vocabulary challenge.

Read the following list of words. How many can you define? Check your answers.

**Ambo** - Credence Table - Thurible - Ambry - Purificator - Aspergillum - Paten - Aspersorium - Corporal - Lectionary - Chasuble - Chi-Ro - Narthex - Nave

**Ambo:** the place where the Scriptures are read at Mass

**Credence Table:** the table in the sanctuary that holds vessels used for Mass

**Thurible:** the vessel that holds the burning coals and incense

**Ambry:** the cabinet that holds the holy oils

**Purificator:** the "napkin" used by Eucharistic ministers to wipe the cup

**Aspergillum:** the instrument used to sprinkle holy water

**Paten:** the plate that holds the large host

**Aspersorium:** the bowl or bucket that holds the holy water used in sprinkling

**Corporal:** a small "table cloth" spread on the altar under the bread and wine

**Lectionary:** contains the first and second readings proclaimed by the Lectors

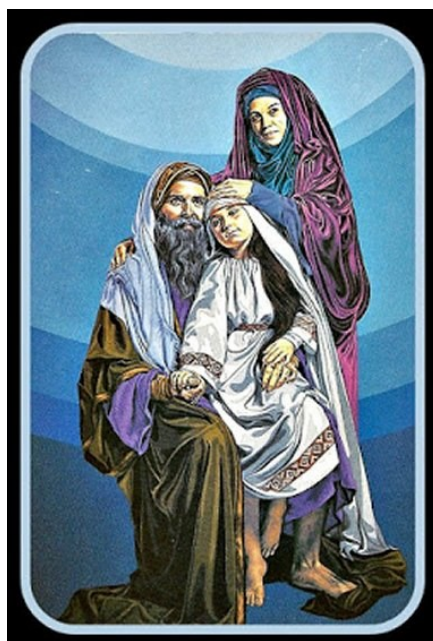
**Chasuble:** priest's outer robe in the liturgical color of the season or occasion

**Chi-Ro:** the P and X symbol for Christ

**Narthex:** the entrance to the church

**Nave:** the body of the church

*14-10 Exceptional, 9-5 Average,  
4-1 Work in Progress*



## MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 26 is the Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne. Saints Joachim (sometimes spelled "Joaquin," pronounced "wal-keem") and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the Brother of Jesus, despite its claim to be so authored.

Even the early Church fathers expressed skepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life.

Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents.

Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.

## EATING AT JOAN'S HOUSE

Joan Alimonti

### Antipasto Pasta

Serves 6

### Up to 5 days before

In a large pot bring water to boiling and add linguine (9 oz). Bring back to boil, turn to simmer for 1 minute, drain, cool down with cold water. Reserve ½ cup cooking liquid. After draining, place in Ziploc with 2 tablespoons olive oil and 1 clove garlic, chopped. Smush from outside to mix oil and garlic with pasta. Refrigerate pasta and reserved liquid.

### Day of serving

Put reserved cooking liquid in a large pot.

ADD: 2 cups Portobello or Crimini (baby bells) mushrooms, sliced ¼ inch thick.

On medium heat, cook and stir until mushrooms are tender, about 3 minutes.

ADD: 6 oz sliced hard salami, cut into thin strips.

Cook and stir with the mushrooms for 2 minutes.

ADD: 1½ cups Mezzetta brand Italian Mix Giardiniera vegetables, sliced, plus:

- ¾ cup marinade
- 1 cup jar roasted red peppers, sliced
- 1½ cups medium black or kalamata olives
- pasta
- 1 ½ cups fresh basil, chopped
- salt and pepper

Lift and mix thoroughly with 2 large spoons.

ADD: 1½ cups Asiago cheese. Remove from heat. Lift and stir until thoroughly mixed and cheese starts to melt.

ADD: ¼ cup olive oil. Mix thoroughly.

Prepare ½ cup basil, chopped and ½ cup Asiago cheese.

Garnish each serving with basil and cheese.

## PINE TIMES NEEDS A PHOTOGRAPHER

Pine Times photographer **Heather Engstrom** and family have relocated to the state of Washington. We will miss them.



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



## 2019 OLOP SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: SERENA-HELENE STAPLETON

Art Wright

Parishioner and altar server, **Serena-Helene Stapleton** has been awarded the **Our Lady of the Pines \$1,000 Scholarship** for 2019. At the June 12th meeting of the OLOP Society, Serena-Helene was given a framed certificate of her achievement, along with a one thousand dollar check. With her parents **Tom & Irene Stapleton** present, Serena-Helene read her winning essay on the question, "What lasting gift would you like to give your parents or guardian?" Her essay was entitled "Gratitude" and expressed her deep appreciation for the love, guidance, and faith given her by her parents. Serena-Helene cites her admiration for Mother Teresa, who expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve the sick and dying in the slums of Calcutta, for they enabled Mother Teresa to grow in her own faith.

As an experienced altar server, Serena-Helene helped to train younger children as servers. She also has served as President of the Catholic Club at Amador High School, in her senior year.

Serena-Helene will soon be leaving our Parish to attend college in Napa county. We wish her well, and pray for her success in the coming years.

### MORE PHOTOS FROM THE RUMMAGE SALE



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"Acme Excavating. Faith speaking."

## 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

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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](mailto:bulletin@stkatharinedrexel.com).

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