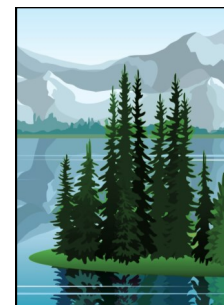




# Pine Times



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## I WILL BE AWAY FOR A WHILE

Jacqueline Henss



I will soon be leaving for Georgia to care for my mother who has become nearly blind and falls often.

As a member of our church family these 22 years, I ask for your assistance. With your help, I can in part continue to carry out my commitments to our community.

**Flower Ministry.** Bob Strazzo has volunteered to schedule altar flower donors for 2019. Could someone receive by email the 3-month schedules and post them in the vestibule? I will continue to call and remind donors the week before they are to provide flowers. Regarding the arranging of the Sunday bouquets, it would give me pleasure to teach the skill to another, so as to continue offering this service. Finally, the previous week's flowers have to be removed from the altar and the vases washed. Could you do this?

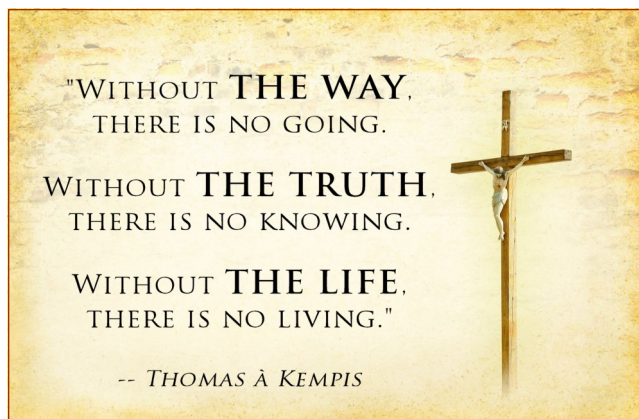
**Our Lady's Grotto.** As I plan to visit here about every four months, I can fertilize, trim and even replace plants. Someone is needed to manage routine tasks in the summer that take little time. Most essential, is a weekly inspection: Has someone turned off the water to the drip system? Did the wind blow the "silk" flowers from their niche? Are there so many pine needles that they need to be swept away? Is the water trough full so that thirsty deer do not bite through the drip lines?

Some of you have participated in the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** taking place on the second and fourth Fridays, from 10 AM to 12 NOON. For this treasured time with Jesus to continue, someone else must open the church, turn on the lights, light the candles and set out the monstrance for the deacon. At noon, the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle and everything else is done in reverse.

**Library.** If you only have a little time, please consider maintaining our small library in the crying room. It requires just ten to twenty minutes each month.

**If you can help, please, see me after Mass or call 419-0815.** I am willing to give over a ministry to one whom God may be calling to perform the necessary duties.

Please keep Mama and me in your prayers during this very special time.



## KNOW YOUR PARISHIONERS



GARY AND JOANNE SIMS

After enjoying one of many weekend trips for wine tasting in Amador County, **Gary and Joanne Sims** decided to see where following Shake Ridge Road up from Sutter Creek would take them. To their delight they found there were homes up there, and that the road also took them to Highway 88 where they found more homes! Neither of them had been up these beautiful roads before, but they loved it! In 2014, they bought a home in Pioneer and in 2017, after retiring, became permanent residents.

Gary grew up in the Los Angeles area and Joanne in Vallejo. After graduating from college, Gary from UC Berkeley and Joanne from UC Santa Barbara, they met in 1975, in Berkeley when Joanne's cousin, a classmate of Gary's, introduced them. They were married at St. Vincent Ferrer Church in Vallejo 42 years ago. They lived in the Los Angeles area for four years, and then moved back to the Bay Area, settling in Vallejo. They have three grown children who live in California, Oregon and New York. In the last three years three wonderful grandbabies, all boys, have joined the family!

After their youngest started kindergarten, Joanne taught at Catholic schools in Solano County for 25 years. She spent 15 years teaching 4th grade, and then moved to middle school, teaching 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Gary had a 40-year career as a Forensic Scientist,

## OUR LADY OF THE PINES SOCIETY

Ron Burns, President

Whew!! It's over and what a Rummage Sale it was. A great big heart-felt thank you to all who made our 2018 Rummage Sale a whopping success. You were all so dedicated and worked so hard it makes me feel proud to be a part of such a wonderful church family. At this time our gross proceeds are somewhere between \$11,400 and \$12,000. A final figure will be forthcoming once all of the outstanding expenses are in. This year it was necessary to go beyond Amador County in order to find a charity that would take all of our leftovers. It was a real hassle since we had to rent a 26-foot U-haul truck and bring it to Placerville. Once again – THANK YOU to all.



I wish it were possible to thank each and every one of our crew individually but I fear that I might miss one or two and I don't want to take that chance.

My comments are brief this edition as I still have some needed work to do in order to bring Haran Hall back to its original condition. Having said that, enjoy your summer and we'll see you at the OLOP meetings.

### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PROTESTANT AND CATHOLIC BIBLES?

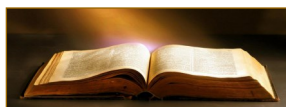
At the time the Christian Bible was being formed, a Greek translation of Jewish Scripture, the *Septuagint*, was in common use and Christians adopted it as the Old Testament of the Christian Bible. However, around 100 A.D., Jewish rabbis revised their Scripture and established an official canon of Judaism which excluded some portions of the Greek Septuagint. The material excluded was a group of 15 late Jewish books, written during the period 170 B.C. to 70 A.D., that were not found in Hebrew versions of the Jewish Scripture. Christians did not follow the revisions of Judaism and continued to use the text of the Septuagint.

Protestant reformers in the 1500s decided to follow the official canon of Judaism for the Old Testament rather than the Septuagint, and the excluded material was placed in a separate section of the Bible called the *Apocrypha*.

Protestant Bibles included the Apocrypha until the mid 1800s, but it was eventually dropped from most Protestant editions.

The Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches continue to base their Old Testament on the Septuagint. The result is that these versions of the Bible have more Old Testament books than Protestant versions. Catholic Old Testaments include *1st* and *2nd Maccabees*, *Baruch*, *Tobit*, *Judith*, *The Wisdom of Solomon*, *Sirach* (Ecclesiasticus), additions to Esther, and *Susanna* and *Bel and the Dragon* which are included in Daniel. Orthodox Old Testaments include these plus *1st* and *2nd Esdras*, *Prayer of Manasseh*, *Psalms 151* and *3rd Maccabees*.

The Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox New Testaments all comprise the same 27 books.



### IMAGINING GOD

Joan Nikolai

This is an invitation to stretch your spiritual imagination. An opportunity to enrich the image of the God who lives in your heart. On a quiet summer afternoon or a cool summer evening simply reflect on the following "If God were ..." statements.

If you would be willing to share some of your responses, you could give them to me anonymously and I will include them in the next Pine Times. It is simply another way of sharing our faith.

If God were music, what style of music would God be? If God were a color, what color would God be? If God were a fabric, what texture would God be? If God were a tree, what kind of tree would God be? If God had a voice, what would it sound like? If God were a flower, what flower would God be? Add your own "If God were ..."

With each of the statements the key is in the "Why" you chose the answer you did, so be sure to answer that.

This is an actual response from years ago that has stayed with me. God is like Country music because God always has a story to tell in our lives.

God gifted us with our imagination I hope you use that gift and enjoy this exercise.

## EATING AT JOAN'S HOUSE

Joan Alimonti

### BLT PASTA SALAD

serves 4

Cook: 1½ cups small bowtie pasta in boiling, salted water, until *al dente*, drain and set aside.

Cook: 8 slices of bacon (or turkey bacon) until crisp/tender --- remove from pan and set aside.

To the pan: add 2 T. garlic, chopped, 2 T. jar pesto, 1 cup red onion, sliced, cook and stir until onion is tender.

Add a small amount of water while you're cooking to avoid sticking or burning.

Add: 6 Roma tomatoes, cut into pieces or 15-20 cherry tomatoes, cut in half. Cook and stir for 1 minute.

Add: 1 cup Parmesan/Romano grated cheese, stir and remove pan from heat.

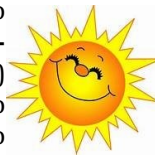
Add: Pasta and mix well.

Add pasta mixture to large bowl with 3 cups of torn lettuce (I use Romaine).

## 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.



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### SIMS

beginning at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office, and ending with the Department of Justice DNA Laboratory for the State of California.

They are enjoying every minute of retirement! They love the beauty of Amador County, and how friendly and welcoming it is. Their travels include going from one coast to the other to visit their children and their families. When at home, Joanne loves reading, cooking, walking, working in the garden, and going to yoga. Gary enjoys reading, history, music, walking, and watching football.



## 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*.

#### YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE



Brother **Dan Sooy** passed away on April 10<sup>th</sup>. "The Colonel" will be greatly missed by the Brothers of Council #137. Br. Dan was a fixture at our meetings and activities. Please keep Br. Dan and Sister Carole in your prayers.

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.

Unfortunately, we did not have an applicant for the \$1,000 Father George Thomas Scholarship. After much advertising in the parish bulletin, contacting the county high schools as well as informing our parish's youth leaders we were unable to award the scholarship due to a lack of student interest. We were not the only parish group that had this problem.

The Brothers of Council #137 did vote to award a stipend to be given to a resident of the Pine Grove Youth Camp. **Brother Deacon Jaime** spearheaded this effort.

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.

## RUMMAGE SALE Behind the Scenes

Connie Wright

We always have a good turnout of volunteer workers for the annual Rummage Sale, some years more plentiful than others. The last few years have become increasingly challenging for the old guard who have faithfully worked the sale for so long. This year we were blessed with an influx of volunteers who are new-ish to OLOP, new to the Rummage Sale, or taking more active roles in 'managing.' Whatever their involvement, they were a welcome presence! Some of these folks were **Gary and Joanne Sims, John and Cathy Pettinichio, Laura Hankins, Terri and Kevin Darr, and 'the Shirleys' (Blancett and Coombs)** who managed the kitchen concession. And, of course, many of our reliable regulars—too many to list here—returned to give so much of their time and talent. Whether you worked 2 hours or 200 hours, the OLOP Society extends grateful thanks to ALL who participated. Statistically, 62 people volunteered 2,306 hours over the 43 days from setup through cleanup!

I've often remarked about the social aspect of working the Rummage Sale. Getting to know more of our fellow parishioners on an 'other-than-Sunday-Mass' basis has got to be one of the most enjoyable parts of volunteering. Often we end up making lifetime friends. It is definitely one of the best-kept secrets of working the sale.

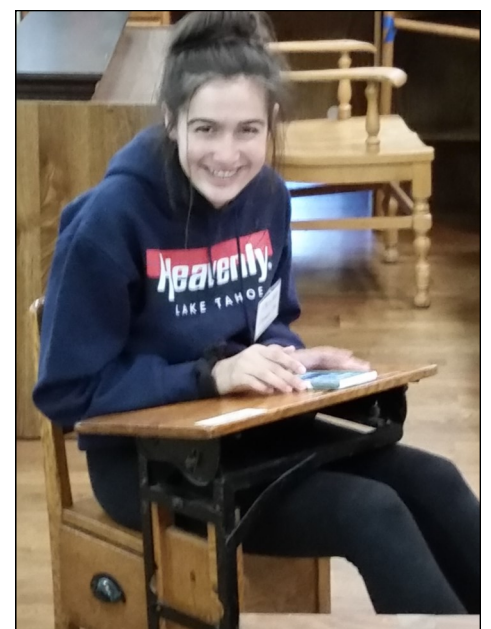
One of the funniest things over the course of the setup is frequently trying to figure out exactly WHAT a donated item is. You'd be surprised how often something has us scratching our heads as we take turns guessing. The variety of donations is mind-boggling, but this diverse collection of very affordable items is what keeps the customers returning year after year.

Hard work? Sometimes. But often playful, continuously engaging, and always rewarding. That's the *Upcountry's Biggest Annual Rummage Sale!*



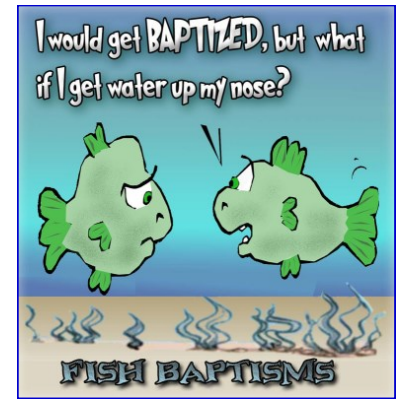
## RUMMAGE SALE FUN

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## A photograph of two women standing in a kitchen. The woman on the left is wearing a pink and white striped shirt and has her right hand raised in a gesture. The woman on the right is wearing a yellow shirt and a green floral apron. Above them, several bags of candy are hanging from a string: M&amp;M's (yellow), Snickers (black), M&amp;M's (purple), and Doritos (red). The kitchen background includes wooden cabinets, a white refrigerator, and a white crockpot on a stand.



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.

President: Ron Burns

1st Vice President: Will Pearce  
2nd Vice President: Barbara Garcia  
Secretary: Connie Wright  
Treasurer: Gary Sims

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.

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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