

15 October 2017
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Anne

SEAL BEACH



The Peasant Wedding
Pieter Bruegel the Elder

MASSES: SAT: 5:00 PM; SUN: 8:00, 10:00 AM, 12:00, 4:00 PM; DAILY: 9:00 AM
CONFESSIONS: Mon-Sat: 8:30 AM; Sat: 4:00-4:45 PM

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CHARACTERS, DEVICES & ENCOUNTERS

If you twit, you have to say what you have to say in less than 205 characters. I read in the newspaper that some are now getting to use up to 280 characters; I don't twit so I don't know if I am one of them. I myself do receive a few tweets so I must be signed up for it though I don't remember having done so. Although I have a reputation for keeping my homilies short, I don't think I can self-edit down to 205 characters. Too brief for me. At 205 characters, I'm just getting started.

I am not techy enough to be sending out videos and photos on Instagram but, if I did, I'd also be able to use up to 2,200 characters for my captions and comments. That's more like it.

I do have a Facebook account which allows up to 63,206 characters but I rarely go to it because I can never remember what my password for that is.

I find myself sending and receiving less and less snail mail. Most of my correspondence is by email and text messages. I am not an old fogie, raging against the advance of technology. I have a smartphone and an iPad and two computers, one at work and one at home. I got Fr. Bob an iPad a few Christmas' ago and I send emails to him and Fr. Ben all the time. (Fr. Bob does not reply by means of the iPad though; he picks up the phone and calls me.)

I like text messages and emails. They are simple and easy to use across all my devices. When I am at a dull diocesan meeting on finances or change in policy, I often give in to the temptation to text one of my friends at the meeting: 'Are you as bored with this as I am?'

But my preference is for a personal encounter in the flesh: seeing the expression on someone's face, hearing how they say what they have to say, riffing back and forth with someone on a walk or outside of Mass or after running into them on Main Street.

I like best to communicate at a meal or while sipping a drink at the end of the day. The best place to find grace is when we are together whether around the kitchen table or the altar.

Jesus told his disciples that he was present when two or three are gathered in his name, so I presume he agrees with me. Solitude has its times; Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights alone in the desert, except for the visits of Satan trying to tempt him.

But Jesus' first miracle was the wonderful wine at Cana so a wedding feast could keep going. Vast crowds gathered to hear him preach and to be fed by him. After the Last Supper his disciples stayed with him while he prayed and only left when the police showed up to arrest Jesus.

But there is no way to know for sure that Jesus agrees with me since he walked the earth without

the benefit of electricity, the internet, or the computer chip. Can you imagine, he didn't have an email address nor did he carry a smartphone? It is due to the hard work and personal contact of the apostles that word of his mercy and love went out to the ends of the earth.

Devices have their uses and they sure do connect us so easily to others and to what is going on in the world. Yet a kiss beats a post. A hug communicates more than a tweet ever will. I like a whispered secret in the ear more than an email from Amazon.com. I take delight in seeing and hearing someone laugh at my joke or brighten their eyes when I tell them my news. I like people and I think I will keep hanging around with them.

Msgr. Mike



Around our Parish

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

October 21-22 is the last weekend the Knights will be collecting plastic baby bottles with your donations (cash or checks) which go to financially support our Diocese's Respect Life ministry and directly benefit Pregnancy Centers and Women's Shelters throughout the Diocese of Orange. Please return all baby bottles so we can use them again next year.



MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

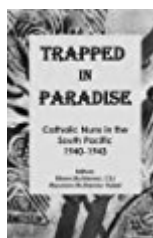
All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our Council meetings. We typically meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 6, 2017. For additional information, please contact J. Jones at 562.936.0164.

"Help Us Help Those In Need"

WOMEN'S GUILD

TRAPPED IN PARADISE EDITORS TO SPEAK

The editors of "Trapped in Paradise," Eileen McNerney, CSJ, and Maureen Habel will tell us how they compiled this amazing journal which follows four Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange who volunteered to be missionaries in the Solomon Islands. Arriving in December of 1940, they were new to missionary life, a culture not their own, the languages spoken, and to navigating in the geography that surrounded them.



On December 7, 1941, a year and a day after the nuns arrived, Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. This special presentation will be held on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

General meetings are usually the 4th Monday of each month in the parish hall. To support our ministries and speakers as a member, please contact Joanne Groustra at 562-296-8705 or Lorraine Fiori at 562-296-5163.

ST. PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Please join us on Monday, October 16th at 1:00 p.m. for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary. Individuals may receive personal blessings after the Healing Mass. All are welcome! For more information, please call Janice Herlihy at 562-537-4526.



OUR MISSION:

Saint Anne Church exists to help us become disciples of Jesus Christ who connect with God, grow in faith, and serve in love.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

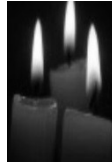
Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday celebrates the mercy of God as we extend His loving heart to our neighbors half a world away, through our prayers and sacrifices. The collection on World Mission Sunday is for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, providing support for the life-giving and hope-filled work and witness of priests, religious, and lay pastoral leaders in mission churches. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule or by the side entrance of the church.

WELCOME FR. EDWARD!

(Fr. Edward Jablonski began celebrating masses at St. Anne in July when Msgr. was recuperating from surgery and Fr. Ben was gone. He has agreed to continue to assist us as needed. We are very blessed!) In his words: I am a priest ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and as of June 20, 2017 am retired and living in Leisure World. I was raised in West Chester, PA, about thirty miles west of Philadelphia. I am basically a country boy as all the homes in my neighborhood were on 4-6 acres and surrounded by dairy farms. The farms gradually vanished and QVC built their national headquarters in this township. I attended Catholic grade schools and public high school. In 1973, I received my BS in Landscape Architecture and City Planning from Pennsylvania State University. I worked twenty years before entering the seminary, including ten years in the greater Los Angeles area. In 1990, I entered the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and was ordained in 1996. I worked in various parishes and ultimately was assigned Director of Pastoral Care at St. Martha Nursing Home in Downingtown, PA. After fourteen very blessed years at the nursing home, I retired and moved to my home in Leisure World which I bought in 2010. I have friends here in California going back to the 1980's and have visited almost yearly. California is truly my second home. I am now truly blessed to be able to assist at St. Anne parish. I thank Msgr. Mike, Fr. Bob, Fr. Ben and all of you for a gracious welcome. Most of all I thank God for the paths He has taken me on in my lifetime. God bless you all.

9:00 AM MASS INTENTIONS

10/16	✠Connie Conway
10/17	Fr. Ed Broom
10/18	✠Mary Nickel
10/19	✠Richard Sweet, Jr.
10/20	✠Albert Dinger
10/21	✠Fred Yost and all the living & all the deceased family members of the Yost, Schwartz & Neuffer families



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Fr. Bob Vidal, Katia Bergstrom, Juanita Kho, Brenda Malloy, Ed Palacol, Kathleen Kastner, Kathy Purcell, Aurora Lavadia, Mike Pendleton, Jerome Gendron, Julia Poirier, Jim & Julie Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Dixie Redfearn, Roy Roudine, Rosemary Hirsch

Around Our Diocese

WILLS AND TRUSTS WEEK

The Orange County Foundation will provide a series of free Wills and Trusts seminars throughout the Diocese of Orange. Since 2011 when the Orange Catholic Foundation began hosting its first Wills and Trusts Week, the attendance has grown dramatically. The Diocesan goal is to encourage all parishioners to have an estate plan designed to provide for the needs of their families.

Monday, October 16 9:30—11:30 a.m.

St. Justin Martyr, 2050 West Ball Road, Anaheim

Tuesday, October 17 7:00—9:00 p.m.

St. Juliana Falconieri, 1316 North Acada, Fullerton

Thursday, October 9:30—11:30 a.m.

Holy Spirit, 17270 Ward Street, Fountain Valley

Friday, October 20 9:30—11:30 a.m.

Christ Cathedral Pastoral Center, 4th floor

13280 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to an Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Arboretum. This year we are commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, with the theme, "From Conflict to Communion: A Journey in Hope." Bishop Kevin Vann along with Bishop Andrew Taylor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preside, with the diocesan choir providing the music. A reception will follow in the Cultural Center. Please invite your friends and join us as we come together to worship and pray for unity among Christians so that we may more effectively bear witness to Christ.