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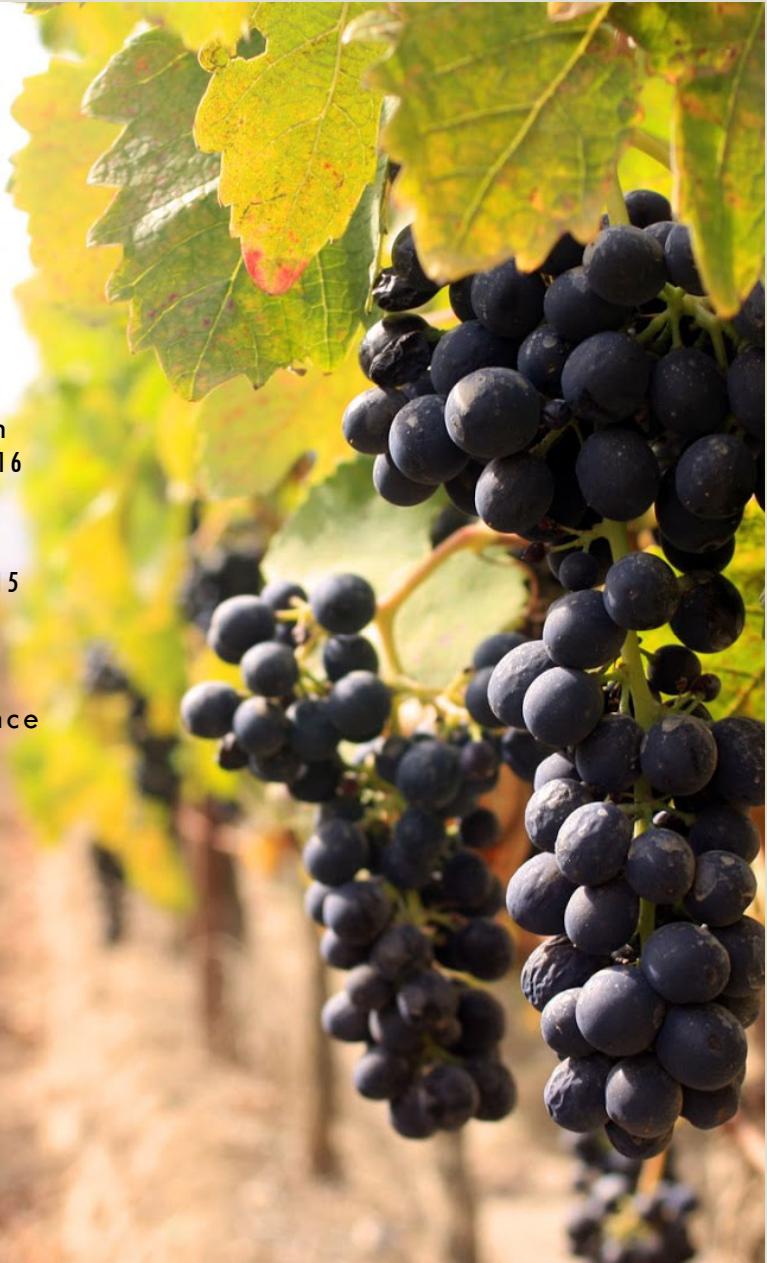
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## WALKING ON AIR

During these cloistered days, I keep reminding myself of a phrase of the late Northern Ireland poet Seamus Heaney. The line commands: "Walk on air against your better judgment." It is found in a poem entitled, "The Gravel Walks." In 1995 Heaney quoted it in his acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize in Literature. It is also etched on his tombstone.

When asked about it, he said, "A person from Northern Ireland is naturally cautious. You grew up vigilant because it's a divided society. My poetry on the whole was earth hugging, but then I began to look up rather than keep down. I think it had to do with a sense that the marvelous was as permissible as the matter-of-fact in poetry."

Prayer can be like that. Of course, we often tell God our complaints and ask him to take care of our problems and needs. God doesn't mind. At least I don't think so. (He does expect me to do my part, which, often enough, I am reluctant to do. "Lord, you are the powerful One; you do it.") But prayer also raises our eyes toward heaven. It doesn't feel like we have a right to do such a thing, being sinners and often muddleheaded. Why would an omniscient God want to waste his time with the likes of us? Yet sometimes we praise him, not because he did anything for us in particular but because he is radiant. He is how goodness, truth and beauty learned their crafts. Mercy did too.

It is like when you are with friends. You are having a good conversation. There is both lots of laughter and seriousness but little idle chat or gossip. No one is holding forth with

his or her politics or trivial opinions. You are simply and unselfconsciously savoring each other's company. You feel you are in the presence of a kindred spirit. That's when you are walking on air against your better judgment.

This prayer changes you. Since this is no longer about you alone, you aren't as careful in your prayers as you believed you should be. You don't try to impress. You admit to your sins and temptations and questions. There is no longer any point in holding back with God. (After all, God is the one person above all from whom you *can't* keep a secret.) Such conversations can lead you to wisdom and resolve, to thoughtfulness and contemplation, to an openness you didn't think possible.

Walking on air, of course, is a gift, one God gives us and we give God. Though feeling unworthy, we can't keep ourselves from being with One so attractive. Hints come that God finds us attractive and not just because the Creator sees himself in his creation. We are each unique. God likes getting to know each one of us.

I was speaking with my spiritual director once, acutely annoyed by someone who had hurt me. The director said to me, "Remember that, just as you are created in the image and likeness of God, so is he. Ask God to allow you to really know what he finds so attractive in *this guy's* image and likeness."

I would add, in prayer, ask God to really allow you to see what he finds so attractive in *you*.



Msgr. Mike

## Around our Parish

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### MONTHLY MEETING/MEMBERSHIP

All interested Catholic men are invited to attend our council meetings. Our meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 5th (Zoom or Live TBD). For additional information, please contact Brian Taylor at 949-378-7454.

#### BLOOD DRIVE / FOOD DRIVE

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to cause hardship for many families in our community. On Wednesday, October 7th, St. Anne's Knights of Columbus are having another Blood Drive & Food Drive in our Parish Hall. The Food Drive will run from Noon until 7:00 PM and the Blood Drive will run from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM. All Covid-19 safety precautions will be taken. To schedule your blood donation or if you have any questions:

Website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), enter event code - stanne / Email: [office@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:office@stannesealbeach.org) for the St Anne office / Text: 949-378-7454 for Knights of Columbus / Email: [brianltaylor@gmx.com](mailto:brianltaylor@gmx.com) for Knights of Columbus.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please do not wait until the last minute, especially since visits to hospitals and nursing homes are not always allowed.



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just for the end of life. It is the Sacrament for the healing of body and soul that is administered to the faithful who begin to fall into danger because of illness, wounds, or the vulnerabilities of age.

As we deal with the threat of COVID-19, those among the faithful whose risk of infection is higher due to underlying health conditions or being over the age of 65 are also encouraged to request the Sacrament of the Sick.

Please contact the parish via e-mail [pv@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:pv@stannesealbeach.org) or phone (562) 431-0721 ext 13.



#### 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

#### TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2020

Receiving the Eucharist for the first time on September 19th were:



Zac	Tucker
Tessa	Chloe
Lucy	Madeline
Michael	Reagan
Steven	Camila
Rueben	Toni
William	Jake

Please keep them and all our faith formation students in your prayers as they begin a new year of classes here at St. Anne's.

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Contact the Parish Office to arrange for baptism. Baptisms during Covid-19 are to be private and will be celebrated on Saturday's at 11:00 a.m. Baptism preparation classes for parents and Godparents are being done via Zoom. Please call the parish office for details and date availability.

**PreK-8 Faith Formation:** For information about Faith Formation programs, please call 562-431-0721 ext. 16 or email [faithformation@stannesealbeach.org](mailto:faithformation@stannesealbeach.org).

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**Marriage:** An appointment with one of our priests to begin marriage preparation must be made at least six months before the wedding celebration.

**Funeral:** Contact the Parish Office to arrange funerals.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** In case of serious illness, contact the Parish Office.

**Pastoral Care:** If you, or someone you know, wishes to have their name placed on our prayer net, or a visit and/or Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

# Dynamic Faith



## SERVE+HOPE

If you are unable to leave your home at this time, for any reason, and in need of food, call:

**844-279-0105**

## NEW HOPE CRISIS HOTLINE

New Hope Crisis Hotline provides telephone crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Orange County.

Available 24/7, call:

**714-639-4673**

The New Hope Crisis Hotline provides telephone crisis intervention and suicide prevention services in Orange County. Trained crisis workers at the Tower of Hope on the Christ Cathedral campus provide counseling to those who are struggling to cope with day-to-day life. Services are free and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## CAREER RENEWAL

Attend a virtual job fair. Find out more by attending a virtual Career Renewal meeting. You can dial in or join by internet on Thursdays at 7pm. For log in information on using Free Conference Call, please contact Kathy Keller at 714-206-0885/keller.math@gmail.com or Ted Rozolis at 714-330-5067.

## FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2020



Please save the date and join us again this year for our Annual Fatima Rosary Procession around Mile Square Park. Please let others know so they may also share in these graces.

## CARDINAL ROBERT SARAH

### LET US RETURN TO THE EUCHARIST WITH JOY

As we are able to gather for in-person Masses, on a document released on September 12, 2020, the Holy See reminds of us the importance of coming physically to Mass: "We cannot live as Christians without participating in the Sacrifice of the Cross in which the Lord Jesus gives himself unreservedly to save, by his death, humanity which had died because of sin; the Redeemer associates humanity with himself and leads it back to the Father; in the embrace of the Crucified One all human suffering finds light and comfort".

## OC MOVES TO TIER 3 ORANGE

Orange County has moved to tier 3 (orange) in the Governor's Covid-19 scale. Although tier 3 would allow us to increase our numbers the size of our church will not due to following the 6' distancing regulation. We will continue with the 9:00 AM Weekday and Saturday morning Mass being held in the church. Safe distancing precautions must be followed. Please remain in your place at the time of Holy Communion; the minister will come to you. If more than 65 come for these Masses, they will be directed to the patio to watch the Mass on the television. Some may feel more comfortable being outside. Holy Communion will be brought to them. Confessions will be heard in room 1 from 8:30 to 8:50 AM Monday through Saturday.

Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM, Mass on Sunday at 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM will remain outdoors. In the case of inclement weather, the outdoor Masses will be canceled.



10/5	9am	Lynsey Lakin
10/6	9am	†Melvin Ramos & Larry Aliotta
10/7	9am	Lisi Cave
10/8	9am	Lily Lakin
10/9	9am	Karl Garcia
10/10	9am	†The Burke & Keating Families
10/10	5pm	†Raquel Davies (†Rest in God's love and peace)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR



Fr. Bob Vidal, Phil Fisher, Margaret Bennett, Bob Ragland, Jack Kimminau, Jeff Ballas, Lynette Rausch, Irene Bluth, Hal Noring, Sharon Casserly, Katia Bergstrom, Jackie Maloney, Kathy Purcell, Jerome Gendron, Jim Ferguson, Mary Maskell, Mary Kiely, Linda Bolt, Jackie Chambers, Marlene Blackford, Bob Wagner, Bob Rattray, Julie Rivera, Pat Giacomi, Ernie Ramirez, Pat Clustka, John Barnes, Mary Kunz, Katherine Irwin, Dixie Redfearn, Beverly Maybrier, Cathy Oliver, John Holland, Dorothy Ceballos, L. Tanguay, Ed Michaud, Laurel Creasy Tenelshof and Nick Williams.

## OC HEALTH CARE AGENCY

### URGES ALL TO GET THE FLU SHOT

With flu season now upon us, the OC Health Care Agency is already anticipating the potentially devastating effects of a double whammy of influenza and COVID-19 cases hitting in the fall and winter months and urges everyone to get a flu shot.

“Even if you never get a flu shot, it’s absolutely vital that you take this important step to make sure we don’t overburden our health system,” said OC Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Michelle Steel, Second District. “It is essential that we all take the necessary precautions to avoid an outbreak of the flu as we continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic. Orange County wants to make sure every community has easy access to get a flu shot.”

Recognizing all of the things that people are worried about such as paying bills and dealing with the stress of social isolation due to COVID-19, the County is launching a flu vaccine campaign designed to encourage people to get their flu shot so they have one less thing to think about. The tag line is “Don’t worry about the flu, too” and drives people to the url: [ochealthinfo.com/getyourflushot](http://ochealthinfo.com/getyourflushot).

“Orange County is following our public health experts’ advice in protecting our community from COVID-19 and this upcoming flu season,” said Vice Chairman Andrew Do, First District. “To help provide early vaccines, which may potentially be scarce during this pandemic, the County of Orange will host free drive-thru and mobile flu vaccine clinics in each of the five supervisorial districts.”

According to a Centers for Disease Control study of the 2018-19 flu season, of people 19 and older, 48.7% of White people received flu shots, while only 39.4% of Black people and 37.1% of Hispanics received the vaccine. 44% of Asian people were vaccinated. A study conducted in Orange County of the 2015-16 flu season produced very similar breakdowns in people vaccinated.

Third District Supervisor Donald P. Wagner said, “Our Board of Supervisors is pleased to be able to provide the flu shot free to anyone in the County who doesn’t have health insurance. It’s critically important that we protect everyone from a potential ‘twindemic,’ where COVID-19 and flu cases collide.”

The flu vaccine will be available as a shot or mist form at the Family Health Clinics by appointment only 8 - 11:30 a.m. and 1- 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays. Clinics are closed 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. People who live in the County should call 1-800-914-4887 for an appointment. There will also be flu pop-up clinics throughout the community that will be listed on the [ochealthinfo.com/getyourflushot](http://ochealthinfo.com/getyourflushot) website.

Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee added, “We know there are some people who never get flu shots for various reasons. We are really emphasizing the need to do it this year. It’s rarely been as important.”

Outdoor boards, digital web banners, and :15 PSA videos in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese will be used to spread the message about the free Health Care Agency flu clinics. Additionally, the OC Health Care Agency is sponsoring an Estrella drive-in movie on September 18 to support the flu vaccine message with outdoor banners and :15 PSA video in Spanish.

“The similarities in symptoms between the flu and COVID-19 are startling,” said Fifth District Supervisor Lisa A. Bartlett. “Our website features a lot of important resources about the similarities and differences between the two illnesses as well as treatment and prevention. In order to mitigate the spread of the flu, I urge people to read these materials and get the shot as soon as possible!”

“Cooler weather is coming, and we know that when people spend more time indoors and have closer contact with each other, germs spread much more quickly,” said Dr. Clayton Chau, Director of the OC Health Care Agency and County Health Officer. “It is critical that everyone over 6 months old get a flu shot to decrease the incidence of influenza in the community and to ease the stress on the healthcare system when both viruses are likely to be circulating.”

To find out more about the flu vaccine, go to [ochealthinfo.com/getyourflushot](http://ochealthinfo.com/getyourflushot).



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