



*Holy Spirit Church*  
Communities of Courage and Compassion

*A Shared Ministry in East Contra Costa County*  
St John's Parish, 5555 Clayton Road, Clayton, CA  
St Michael and all Angels, 2925 Bonifacio, Concord, CA

## Calendar of Events

<b>July Calendar</b>	
Sunday, July 21st 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM and 11AM at St John's	Celtic Nights - July 28 <sup>th</sup> , August 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Celtic Evening Prayer, music, dinner and educational program 6 PM at St John's
Sunday, July 28th 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9 AM and 11 AM at St John's	Weekday Service 10 AM Tuesdays Eucharist or Morning Prayer and Adult Ed St John's Clayton

Dear Family of St. Michael's & St. John's:

A reminder our summertime Doubleheaders continue at St. John's with services at 9 and 11. You probably know that 9:00 is St. John's and 11:00 the St. Mike's crew worships but if you duck into one or the other that is not your usual church no one will ask for your ID. See you there--with all these priests hanging around lately it would be unwise to sleep in...

We have a number of our church family, both locales, who are on the road vacationing and visiting loved ones. Please remember them in your prayers!

Thanks again too everyone who gave our summer such a lift this past few weekend and we look forward to seeing all of you as the weeks of summer roll on.

## CELTIC NIGHTS

Celtic Nights returns to St. John's Sunday evening July 28--if you have never been you are simply missing out. The weather is Clayton-cool (they wouldn't have it any other way), the food and drink scrumptious, the music is engaging and the whole thing will give you a spiritual lift that's worth going to church a second time on Sunday for! Please mark your calendar!

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## YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED

**GRAD FUND** - if you would like to help donate and get this fund back a healthy little glow your donations are sure appreciated this time! Please make checks out to the church of your choice (!) and indicate "Grad Gifts" or something similar. Much appreciated!

**SUMMER FOOD BOX PROJECT:** St. John's would like to invite St. Michael's folks to participate in the Summer Food Box project (see flyer attached) to benefit families served by the Monument Crisis Center.

NO ONE IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ALL THE ITEMS FOR A FOOD BOX. Please consider donating items from the list as you are able; we will assemble the boxes and get them to the Crisis Center.

Please call Cindy Molander (925-332-6790) or Chris Piazza (925-686-1285) with any questions



### SHOPPING LIST

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|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| [1] Box Cereal        | [3] Dry Soups   | [4] Canned Fruits    | [2] lbs Bagged Oatmeal |
| [2] Spaghetti         | [3] Tuna        | [2] lbs Bagged Beans | [3] Beef Ravioli       |
| [2] Other Pasta Items | [1] Canned Bean | [2] lbs Bagged Rice  | [4] Tomato Sauce       |
| [2] Peanut Butter     | [3] Soups       | [3] Mac n Cheese     | [3] Canned Veggies     |

**In Lieu of a Summer Food Box we will also be accepting \$50 Costco giftcard, cash, or check.**

**OR TO DONATE TEXT MCC TO 41444.**

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# Grant Street Players News

New Crew for You: The Grant Street Players can be yours for this and thar around the house--need things moved or put up or torn down? Some of our group could use some extra summer and school money and maybe you could use some handiwork done with a smile from Victor, Jake, George and Co.... They already have had a few folks from the parish employ them with happy results. Need that garage finally tackled Contact [Keith](#) or [Diane](#) or [Carolyn](#) at St. Mike's to see if our guys can help you out!

Which reminds, If you haven't seen the video yet, our Grant Street Players are just tickled to death that their own mild-mannered Missionary Ethan Dale and his pals have returned from their Alaskan trip with glowing faces and lots of stories to share. Ethan, you recall, sponsored in part by proceeds from the recent Curtain Call show and some folks who literally stuffed cash into GSP hands. For the inquiring minds who want to hear all about it, here's a really great video clip we call your attention to that will showcase just some of the wonderful moments Ethan and the guys had, and we thank you for your support!

<https://youtu.be/IB1UJfzqTWk>

# St Michael's News

Over at St. Mike's they pulled another fast one recently to celebrate those cute kids Dorothy and Gordon Wells, they of the 50 Golden years fame. In addition to cake (thanks Eva Zandler et al), Ifeoma Metu managed to slip out during service, few people were the wiser about it and she returned with champagne to celebrate. See if they do \*that\* at the First Baptist Church round the block. Anyway... Congratulations to these two!



Fr. Bill Hale, seen here last year during his last celebration in Michigan, continues to pinch hit for Rev. Amanda through July and we sure appreciate him! Amanda's hinting she'll be pulpit-bound and cast-free in August!





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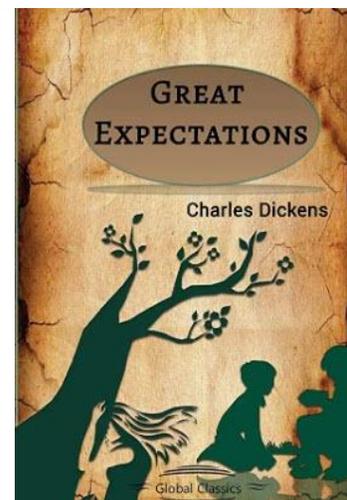
Things are summer snowballing for our new St. John's preschool as the Fire Marshall came by to assess what we need to do to be ready, we anticipate the Licensing people to hopefully approve us in the next week or so and then Exec Director Miss Colleen is aiming at an August start!

At St. John's recently if you haven't heard the story, we had a Sunday to remember, and not just because we had four (4) priests in the house (maybe more if someone out there has a secret degree from Divinity School you haven't shared with us yet). No, it was all about the sort of "Americana" service our two parishes celebrated together and, as these things go, it was a scream. \*Every\* seat was filled, we had to haul out extras from every nook and cranny in the church (and there aren't that many nooks nor canopies at St. J's). The singers revved up the proceedings with a old-timey feel, the Grant Street Players stuffed some fun songs into the proceedings and everyone from young to old to Sheba (Paul's dog) seemed to enjoy the whole affair. \*Thanks\* to our in-house musicians and Jim Wiant from St. Anna's Antioch who came over the hill to lend a bass. It was quite a day! Will there be more like it? You never know...!

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## BOOK CLUB

"It was one of those days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade..." Honest if we didn't know better we'd swear Charles Dickens lived in the Bay Area but no, that's a line from Great Expectations, which is the next book-for-forming offering of the St. John's book club. Still lots of time to wade thru this one this summer--the discuss happens August 11 at the Henshaw abode, so now's your chance to find out what it all means (or at least what everyone thinks it means)! Open to all, well-versed in Dickens or no!



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## Upcoming Events

**Cursillo**, coming up August 9-11 at San Damiano Retreat Center Retreat Center, a little gem of a hideaway tucked snugly in the Danville hills, will give you the opportunity and tools to explore your individual relationship and reflection between your Christian faith and your daily life--a gift of time you give yourself. No strings attached, it's about you and your own spiritual trek. Food (it's great



there!), laughs and music and we hear from people in the know that lotsa folks from our two parishes are going,. When's the last time you gave yourself a chance to get off the phone/computer/TV and just have time with yourself and your Christian family? Get the scoop on registration from Sherrie (437-2386) or Halle (708-4593) soon as you can, this one promises to be quite the special experience!

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