



*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>August Calendar</b>	All Services at St John's Clayton
Sunday, August 4th and 11th Joint Service at 10 AM Location: St John's	Sunday, August 18th 9 AM - St John's Service 11 AM - St Michael's Service  6 PM - Celtic Nights Celtic Evening Prayer, music, dinner and educational program 6 PM at St John's
Sunday, August 25th 9 AM - St John's Service 11 AM - St Michael's Service  6 PM - Celtic Nights Celtic Evening Prayer, music, dinner and educational program 6 PM 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:

This Sunday marks the return of Rev. Amanda to active duty for our congregation and as such we're having a joint gathering at 10:00 this Sunday--you won't want to miss the fun as the Grant Street Players will provide some theatrical and musical zip to the proceedings! It's been a long road but Rev. Amanda is rarin' to get back to running the churches and shepherding us to new adventures. 10:00 service time, so sleep in a little (St. J's) or get going a little earlier (St. Mike's) so be in Clayton this Sunday! Rev. Amanda has again arranged for good weather--Won't be too hot at that hour and the AC at St. John's will keep things comfy, so... see y'all there!

Thanks to those who braved the heat last weekend to come out on Sunday night for the year's first Celtic Nights which was a Celtic smash! First half inside, dinner outside, where--we told ya--the temp fell right away and was delightful soon as we sat down to eat. We were able to give a thank-you to Rev. Bill Hale for hanging out with us this whole time, too! Dinner was a heckuva of a catered feast and



befitting our Anglican tradition, the libations flowed like water as well. The music was great and many familiar faces were there... don't miss the next two coming up late August!

## **CELTIC NIGHTS**

Celtic Nights returns to St. John's 6 pm August 18th and 25h --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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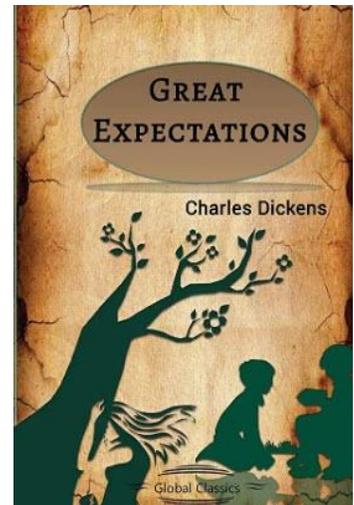


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## **BOOK CLUB**

"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-musing 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!



## **OPENING SOON - St John's Preschool Website coming soon!!!!**

Take a look at the NEW classrooms at St John's







## 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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Coming up--While Cursillo is experienced next weekend our own Rev. John McDemott will be celebrating with one more combined service for those of us remaining in town to keep the spirit moving! :) But don't miss this Sunday, and keep all our activities on that fridge calendar!

See you, Rev. Amanda, the Grant Street Players and Gwen at the ol' organ this Sunday, 10:00 am! Another great Sunday to bring friends and for those that haven't made it out lately to join the joy!

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