



5555 Clayton Road
Clayton, CA 94517



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost 2018

Sunday, June 17, 2018

9 AM Eucharist at St. Johns

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The Liturgy of the Word

Track 1

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

or

Track 2

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17

Mark 4:26-34



Work and Maintenance Party
Saturday June 30th from 9 - 1
at St. John's

The Non-Event Returns

As we get close to our Non-Event "party", I want you to think about this suggestion. A prior donor to the last gala gave a dinner in her home. She figured that the shopping, preparation, set-up and clean-up was about 8 hours of her time. Using \$15 as minimum wage that comes to \$120 for her time. The food, etc for the dinner came to

\$300.00. As she is such a nice person, she could figure that a check for \$500 would save her a lot of hassle, and then a little extra to make her a generous person. That does not even take into account \$25.00 per person for a ticket to a gala! Think of how this might apply to you when you are considering your donation.

Our "party" is on **June 24th** at coffee hour after the service. The service is going to include some great Celtic music. All we ask is that you bring a brunch/lunch dish to share.

Carol and Paul Henshaw

Happy News for CalFresh, Food Bank & SNAP

1) After years of advocacy from across the state, the legislature and Governor Brown took action to end SSI "cash out" - meaning SSI recipients will be eligible for CalFresh (likely starting in June 2019)! They also took action to restore the annual cost of living adjustment, which means SSI recipients will start seeing a modest yearly increase to their benefits every year.

2) We have secured \$8M for CalFood, and \$5.5M for food bank infrastructure! Thank you to everyone who signed a postcard or sent an email to the Governor - all of that collective effort made a big difference!

3) :The Senate Agriculture Committee released its version of the Farm Bill today, and it did not include ANY cuts to SNAP! We're still paying close attention to the House Farm Bill, but we're heartened to see the bi-partisan commitment to protecting SNAP in the Senate.

Relationship of the Grant Street Players to St. John's and St. Michael's June 2018

Why this presentation? At St. John's annual meeting a request was made for more clarity of our line item budget for the Grant Street Players.

To best address this, the Bishop's Committee of both St. John's and St. Michael's formed an Advisory Board consisting of members from our SWEEPS which were Evangelism, Pastoral Care and Outreach.

I'd like to open with our Mission Statement.

As the family of St. John's Parish, we are called by God's love to actively share and celebrate our life in Jesus Christ

Through faithful worship and the learning of God's Word, by caring for the needs of others and returning a portion of all we have received.

Growing in faith

We are challenged to invite others to join us as we welcome all people into the wider community of Christ.

Our relationship with the Grant Street Players relates to our Mission Statement through ...elements of outreach, pastoral care and evangelism.

Understanding evangelism is different for many people. A picture comes to mind of us standing out there on Clayton Rd. with sandwich boards beckoning passer byers to "come on in"! Now I am betting that none of you want that job! So, let me share with you how we can easily support evangelism that we here at St. John's are currently experiencing.

Please keep your hearts and minds open to what is being shared.

Some history:

Keith has been teaching English at Mt. Diablo High School for 30 years. Some years ago, he began helping his students better understand Shakespeare through the use of drama. Many students responded with enthusiasm - so much so that in 2009 when the Vocal, Instrumental programs and the music teacher were cut from the school's budget, Keith agreed to offer a class in musical theater. That class became the genesis of the Grant Street Players.

Keith then got permission for the group to practice at St. Michael's church. As the members of St. Michael's became aware of the ensemble, the church looked for ways to support their efforts.

A large fraction of the student body at Mt. Diablo High is made up of children from families in poverty and/or immigrant families. Many experience feelings of isolation, along with the usual teenage anxieties. Those drawn to music and drama find, with Keith's encouragement, an outlet for their talents. Over time, as students have graduated and new members have joined, bonds of friendship form and maintain a support network that is very evident when we see them together.

From the beginning, Keith has sought venues where the Players can perform and feel involved with the larger community. Over the years he and his students have designed, organized, and performed programs on themes related to social issues, such as human trafficking, local hunger issues and Santa Rosa fire victims. In the early years any donations they received went to benefit various community charities. These days, as we at St. Michael's and St. John's are aware, the Grant Street Players are busy producing/performing holiday programs, blockbuster shows like Smoky Joe's Café, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat-and how about Godspell!!!? - or joining their voices with ours at services.

The preparation for our readings, involve a bit of Bible Study with Keith for them to understand the messages that they will be sharing.

With the arrival of Revs. Fran and Amanda, Keith's youth mission was formalized. The four Holy Spirit churches combined to provide a stipend for Keith, in recognition of his service to this unique Youth Mission. Today St. Michael's and St. John's continue that support.

As members sort of aged-out into adult life, they still performed and supported as appropriate and as they were able. The age range shifted to include college and high school, and today the GSP and St. Michael's have close bonds with Diablo Valley College; in fact, the about half of the existing troupe are students at DVC. Two founding members of the GSP married and are teachers in Korea; one is pursuing his master's in political science at San Francisco State and a recent performer is off to study in Russia this summer through Baylor University (Texas). David Chavez is a successful professional Tenor in the Bay Area. The church and the group keep in touch with these

far-flung members and they return as adult church participants when their schedule and travels allow.

the here and now:

It is no small task to bring the Grant Street Players together to plan, prepare for, practice and perform.

Mt. Diablo High School draws students who live far away from its campus - Bay Point, Brentwood, Martinez, Richmond, Pinole. This includes current members of the Grant Street Players, none of whom has a driver's license, much less, a car. They depend on buses for transportation to and from school. The school-to-St.Mike's piece is easy, but bus schedules and practice schedules after 5:00 and on weekends rarely mesh. Keith has spent much time and burned a lot of gas to make sure that his Players can attend practices and get home safely. Any of us who have lived with teenagers know that they require food at frequent intervals. Most of the Players qualify for free or reduced school lunch, but by late afternoon they need snacks. Weekend practices can go on through lunch and dinner - time to order pizzas!

In short, support is needed for transportation and food. Keith has been paying these costs out of his stipend. That is not what it is for.

Together, the Bishop's Committees of both churches are exploring possible grants to help with these expenses and, especially production costs (see Keith's GSP history for particulars) Individuals from St. John's and St. Michael's have made donations to Keith on behalf of the Grant Street Players. We know that generosity will continue. In the future, if you would like to help, please make out your check to St. John's and write in the memo: Vicar's Fund, Grant Street Players.

Our youth group, known as The Grant Street Players, is unique in its relationship to our church. These young people are not the children of St. John's parish members. They have come to us on their own, blessing us with their talents, their youthful presence, and their friendship. Our support of this special group is St. John's single form of outreach we do on a regular basis. With them and through them we evangelize. Some have been baptized; some serve at the altar or sing in the choir at St. Michael's All feel connected to our churches. And when they are performing in the community, in other churches, they are themselves evangelists!

While challenges increase, particularly in the area of transportation, looking after increasingly challenging college needs and, primarily, funds to get performing equipment, supplies, royalties for shows, and so on, the group is as enthusiastic as ever. The hope is that the troupe will continue to grow; the current members want to increase the proficiency and skill level for drama and music and take on weightier projects and grow in numbers, keeping their core vision of hosting and environment where creative people can find opportunities to perform for an appreciative and nurturing audience.

In closing, our support of the Grant Street Players helps keeps that core value of evangelism alive and well as it is vital to our and their mission.

As Amy Cook, from the Diocese says, "their talents and gifts bring "theater to the Church". Through the liturgical setting of reading, singing and being acolytes, it enhances our services by bringing the "word of the Lord alive"

Let's continue to support them in developing their spiritual life so they can go out in the world to spread the gospel.

Sherrie Hidalgo
Pastoral Care

St. John's 6/10/2018

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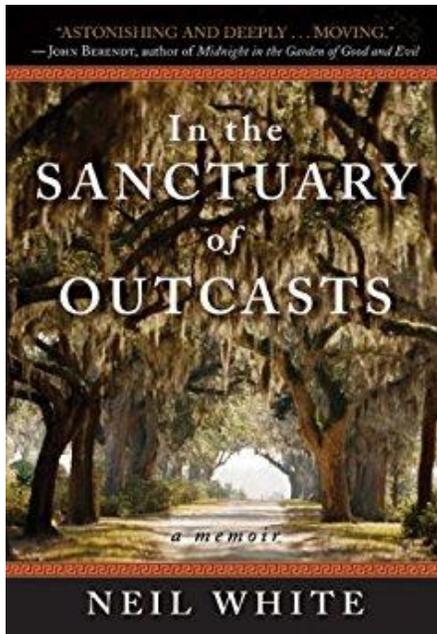
Education

St John's - Tuesday 10 AM

Eucharist followed by a Study of our Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

St Michael's - Thursday 6 PM

Celtic Evening Prayer and Adult Education



Book Club

St John's Book Club next meets on Sunday June 24th at Jacquie Whitehurst's home at 7:00 pm. We are reading *The Sanctuary of Outcasts* by Neil White. It is a memoir about the quarantine of leprosy sufferers in Louisiana. If you have any questions, Call Carol Henshaw 925-673-8745. Carol and Paul Henshaw

[Amazon Link](#)

Request:

I am looking for pictures of St. Johns at services and events to be used as our lead picture for the newsletters and making slides for Holy Spirit Church & St. Johns Facebook pages.

If you would like to submit a picture for use please send them to

Frannie Millar: fjwmillar@gmail.com

or to the Holy Spirit Church [Facebook Page](#)

Thank you so much!

6-10-18 Prayers of the People

Please enter any special prayers of petition, intercession, or thanksgiving in the PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE intercessory book on the lectern near the double doors of the sanctuary. You may also email Kathy Carr at carrpets@pacbell.net or call or text her at (925) 890-0115. Those listed below will be remembered in parish prayers throughout the month by individuals and those leading prayer services.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL AND/OR RECOVERING: [parish members with request]: Olivia, Akemi [Tuohey], Karen Harless [Rosen], Maria Filipina [Rosen], Kathleen Barton [Ferrante], Gerry & John [Waterson], Jacquie Whitehurst [Carr], Gloria Davis [Waterson], Rose, Amanda, Camille, Vince & Sean, Chris Carter [Carter], Anne Banks [Carter], Kay Stuntz [Carr] Jodie Piazza [Hidalgo], Peggy [Shay], Chris Keating [Waterson], Denise Peterson [Waterson], Art Walsh [Waterson], Debi Branich [Rosen], Ryan Joseph [Hidalgo], Paula Ferguson [Adams], Mary Lou Street [Waterson], Elaine Hodl [Cindy H.], Elaine Viachos [Evon], Katherine Postman [Price], Jim Piccolo [Hidalgo], Annie Parcheter [Fester], Gretchen Trent [Hilbourn], Sally DeLeuw [DeLeuw], Arvy Carney [Henshaw], Mitch & Vicki Garcia, Pam La Valle [Rosen], John Benson [Henshaw], Mary Morone [Carr], Dave Oster [Carr], Ed Ferguson [Adams], And for all families, friends, and all who care for them or abide with them.

FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Zachary Sherman [Smith], Nolan Brekle [Rosen], Eric Wettstein [Rosen], Shea [Fester], Sean Donnelly [Murelli]. Joshua Rios [Altorfer], Joshua Flores-Crose [Murelli], Nicholas Sylocek [Francis], Mike Warren [Hidalgo], Rafe Wysham [Henshaw], and Josh Collins [Murelli]. And all others known and unknown to us, their families, and all who suffer and grieve as a result of conflict.

FOR THOSE IN LONG-TERM NEED AND CARE, ESPECIALLY: Pat Robinson [Henshaw], Ann Ferrante, Helen & Dick Hilbourn, Beth Ferrante [Ferrante], Eric Price [Price], Janice Walsh [Waterson], Suzanne Howard, Alexei, Shelley, Lucas, & Logan [Carr], Andrew Dillon [Waterson], Andrew Waterson [Waterson], Kathy Carr [Waterson]. And for all families, friends and all who care for them or abide with them.

FOR OTHER CONCERNS, CARE & SUPPORT: Sophia & Michael [Carr], Carolyn & Dominic [Rosen], Anatoly Shchegolev [Tolstova], Jo Chapman [Rosen], Pat and Tom, Sharyn Lunghi [Elizando], Alice Murray [Adams], Gaskill family [Waterson], Julie and James [Fester], Jordan and Tyler [Fester], Kathy & Kyota Takahashi family [Touhey], Jane Yarbrough [McDougald], Greg, Sandy, Kathy, Kathy Prato [Rosen]. So fill our hearts, O Lord, with your abiding care and love.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Alan Hickerson. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, let light perpetual shine upon them.

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: The Rosens. Give them strength and courage to meet the days to come.

FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY: and all who minister with compassion to the needs of body, mind, and spirit.

WE REMEMBER & GIVE THANKS FOR OUR SHARED MINISTRIES IN THIS PARISH: For the Wardens, the Bishop's Committee members, and all who minister in and through St Michael's and Saint John's; building upon the sure foundation of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

IN CELEBRATION OF: The upcoming birth of a child to David & Courtenay [Rosen] and to Krishna & Bisher [Tuohey], the first great-granddaughter for Jacquie Whitehurst, the first greatgranddaughter for Sherrie Hidalgo, and another great-grandson for Beryl Watson. Confirm their joy & anticipation, O Lord, by a lively sense of your presence with them.

IN JOYFUL THANKSGIVING: For our clergy: The Rev. Amanda May and for our parish family. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE: Stephanna Hidalgo - 4, Gene Molander - 10, Ann Ferante - 10, Cindy Sodorisky - 11, Suzanne Howard - 13, Karen Hansen-Smith - 15, Caryl VanEssen - 27. Grant that they may grow in faith, wisdom, and grace all their days.

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE: Suzanne & Darby Howard - 2, Naomi Chamberlain-Harris & Paul Harris - 9, Cindy & Kevin Krausgrill - 24. Give them wisdom, devotion, forbearance, support, joy, and affection in their lives together.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE PRAYER LIST: Please send all changes to our weekly Prayer List to Kathy Carr at carrpets@pacbell.net or call her at (925) 890-0115 by Wednesday of each week.