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September 25, 2016
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship of Time
Stewardship of Prayer

WELCOME TO ST. ANNE’S

If you haven’t registered or are changing information on your registration card, please complete this form and return it to the Rectory.

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New Parishioner________ Moving________ New Information________ Send Envelopes________
Telephone #_________ E-Mail_________________________ Please put me on the mailing list________
Remembering Deacon John

As many of you may have now heard, our Deacon John Dupre passed away unexpectedly on Sep 15, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Yadira McGrath-Dupre, daughter Joya Dupre, mother Leverne Dupre, brother Antoine Dupre III (spouse Carol), sisters Marcia (spouse Joe) and Shelley (spouse Emmanuel). A vigil was held for him on Thursday 9/22 @ 7pm and funeral on Friday 9/23 @ 1pm. He is remembered by many for his passionate preaching that revealed his love for the Lord and scripture. Below is a brief biography published earlier this year, on the 26th anniversary of his Diaconate ordination.

A Brief Biography - On June 9, 1990, Dr. John Dupre was ordained a Deacon in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Deacon John’s journey of faith began in New Orleans, Louisiana. Born to Catholic parents, he shared that his father’s faith inspired him. The sight of his father on his knees praying every night made an impression on young John. And his father’s love for the liturgy, his love for singing to this day touches him. When an old traditional Catholic song is sung, he can still hear his father’s voice and enjoys singing it with him as in his youth. His faith was formed in the dark days of racism, segregation, and discrimination. Being a light-skinned African American, he was discriminated against by “whites” and rejected by “blacks.” But his faith, he shared, gave him hope. As he puts it, “weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning” (Ps 30:5). Deacon John also shared that when Vatican II happened, there was “electricity in the church for me. Now we can be part of the celebration.” He attended All Saints Catholic Church and School and loved that the people he went to school with, the people he saw in the neighborhood, were also the same people he prayed with. When he moved to San Francisco, he attended St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church. There, Fr. James Goode, OFM, invited him to lay ministry and later to become a Deacon. He sees ministry as “Deacon as a ministry not only of service but of justice. In the Book of Acts, Chapter 6, when the apostles called forth men to serve as deacons because the Greek widows were being neglected, their ministry was both of service and ensuring that minorities were not overlooked and treated unjustly. Having served as a psychiatrist to inmates at San Quentin for 30 years, he sees our nation’s system of capital punishment also unfairly targeting minorities. As he celebrates the 26th anniversary of his ordination, he supports and would like to further Pope Francis’ call to end capital punishment in our State, in our nation, and in our world.

Thank you, Deacon John, for living the life of faith, inspiring and encouraging us to do it as well. You will be missed, but not forgotten.

- Fr. Dan

Pastor’s Corner

Stewardship of Time & Prayer - Why should we make time for prayer? So much of our lives are filled with activities. TVs, computers, cell phones, technology that is supposed to simplify our lives are actually making life more hectic for us. So some people are opting to disengage and disconnect in the evenings and on holidays to find rest. Making time for prayer each day and on Sundays are not bad ways to slow down our lives. Of course I hear the kids say, "but prayer and mass is boring." I read an article about boredom and it said that because we live in a culture that’s so stimulated, we look for entertainment everywhere. But it’s okay to feel bored, the article said. It’s okay to not have to be entertained all the time, to slow down our lives, to find rest and to enjoy the quiet. I know from the busyness of work and life, I also find it difficult when we begin our priests’ retreat, to begin in silence. Every fiber of my being wants to be doing something, but as I transition from being hectic all the time to being quiet, I begin to enjoy the quiet and long for more of it. It’s nice when we can take off and do that on vacation. But don’t wait to do that just in the Summer. We can find this rest each day and on the weekends, especially Sundays.

Find a time and place that’s suitable for you to be quiet. Begin with 5 minutes, and you'll yearn for more later. Light a candle or some other ritual to help you enter into prayer. Close your eyes, imagine coming into the presence of God. Breathe in and out slowly, to help you slow down. Then talk to God, which is the essence of prayer. Share with God your thoughts, your joys, your successes, your struggles, your worries and fears. Tell God what you’re grateful. And it’s okay also to say nothing and to just enjoy the silence. Like couples who love each other and enjoy simply being together without having to say anything, you can also enjoy the silence with God. If you get restless, however, and need some inspiration, read something from the Gospels or a spiritual book (e.g. - books on prayer like: Into the Deep by Dan Burke or Fire from Above by Anthony Lilles). Just as there are different ways for people to talk, so the same is true of our prayer/communication with God. Be creative. You can also pray, while doing Yoga or walking the dog or going shopping. I often pray the rosary while I'm driving or jogging. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, a great spiritual author, summarized prayer this way: It’s saying to God, "I love you," and hearing back from God, "I love you too." Prayer helps us to find balance, to find rest for our souls, but most of all to encounter love itself. And our lives will be at peace, at a very, very deep level.

- Fr. Dan
September 25 to October 1, 2016

Sunday, September 25
7:30 intentions, Nenita Afable                  Presider
9:00 Parishioners of Saint Anne               Bishop Walsh
10:30 Anne Darcy (D)                           Fr. Nascimento
Noon Illisa Chan (D)                          Fr. Zhai, SVD

Monday, September 26
6:30 thanksgiving, Griselda McDonald       Bishop Walsh
8:45 Anita B. Cunanan (D)                     Fr. Zhai, SVD

Tuesday, September 27
6:30 Vicente Marapao (D)                     Fr. Nascimento
8:45 Margaret O’Brien (D)                    Bishop Walsh

Wednesday, September 28
6:30 Rev. Mr. John Dupre (D)                  Bishop Walsh
8:45 intentions, Mrs. Maria Machado and Ms. Fatima Machado Fr. Nascimento

Thursday, September 29
6:30 Alice Liu (D)                            Fr. Nascimento
8:45 Alberto Morales (D)                     Fr. Zhai, SVD

Friday, September 30
6:30 Brendan Sheridan (D)                    Bishop Walsh
8:45 healing, Laura Buckley                  Fr. Zhai, SVD

Saturday, October 1
8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne and thanksgiving, Butch & Ann Cuello TBD
5 p.m. Felisa A. Nunez (D) TBD

The Saint Anne Adult Club has resumed its meetings on Tuesdays in the Cliff Heintz Room from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come by for social activities and bring a lunch. Dessert, beverage, and conviviality provided. We need drivers to volunteer to pick up members to and from the meetings. Please call Pat McCue at (415)-731-3712 if you can do this.

Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic?
If you are an adult who would like to be baptized—or who has been baptized but would like to explore the possibility of becoming a member of the Catholic Church—or if you have been baptized in the Catholic Church but have never received either First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact RCIA Coordinator Ken DelPonte at 415 665-1600 x 21 or email him at kdelponte@stanne-sf.org

Religious Education Program—This weekend is the deadline for parents to register their children for the 2016-2017 School Year. Registration is $100.00 for one child, or $150.00 for two or more children. Registration forms are available on the church website, www.stanne-sf.org and at the side and front entrances to the church.

Are You Looking for Home Companionship and a Supplement to your income? Home Match San Francisco, a joint program of Northern California Presbyterian Home & Service and Episcopal Senior Communities, is funded by the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development. Their mission is to expand housing opportunities to low and moderate income people who live, work, or attend school in San Francisco by maximizing existing housing stock. This free service enables homeowners to obtain an additional source of income and companionship with home seekers who are vetted and matched with them based on compatible living styles. For more information, email us at info@homematchsf.org or call 415-351-1000.

The 2016 Rosary Rally will take place on Saturday, October 8 beginning with 10am Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, followed by procession to U.N. Plaza for the rally and finally Benediction at approximately 12:50pm. Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate the Mass and give a keynote address at the rally. For more info, please call 415 272-5837 or visit Rosaryrallysf.com

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?
Call Retrouvaille… (415) 893-1005
Do you feel lost and alone?
Are you hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other?
Have you thought about separation or divorce?
Would you simply like to improve communication skills?
It’s not too late to register for the November 4th weekend! www.retrouvaille.com

Looking for Gifts? Our Gift Shop is open Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and after the 5:00 p.m. Mass; and on Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Drop by and Sr. Mary Francis and her associates will be happy to assist you.

Last Week’s Collection
1st Collection, Sept. 17, Sept. 18 - $3,869.00
Priests’ Retirement Fund - $1,384.00

This Week’s Second Collection
Louisiana Flood Relief
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2016—$40,952—75%
Assessment—$54,292

Thank You All for Your Generosity!
For On-line giving, visit: www.stanne-sf.org
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**ST. ANNE REGULAR SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Mass**
Sat., 5pm; Sun: 7:30, 9, 10:30am & 12pm (Chinese)

**Daily Mass**
Mon - Fri: 6:30am & 8:45am  
Sat: 8:45am (Devotion to St. Anne)

**Holy Days of Obligation**
6:30am, 8:45am, 12 noon & 6pm

**Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**
1st Friday following 8:45am Mass until 10am

**Reconciliation:**  Sat., 4 - 4:55pm or by appointment

**Baptism:**  2nd Saturday @ 12:30pm  
Preparation Class: 2nd Sunday @ 1:30pm in Rectory

**Office Hours:**  Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm
Keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.
— 1 Timothy 6:14
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