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October 2, 2016
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Fair!

Sunday, October 2nd
After the 9:00 & 10:30 Masses
Moriarty Hall, Funston Ave.

• Thank the Different Ministries
• Sign up and get involved
• Invite your friends

YOUR TALENT IS GOD’S GIFT TO YOU.
WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO GOD
LEO BUSCAGLIA

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.

Name_________________________Address_________________________
New Parishioner______Moving______New Information______Send Envelopes______
Telephone #____________E-Mail________________Please put me on the mailing list______
Remembering Deacon John

As I prepared for Dcn. John’s Vigil last week (Thur 9/22), I prayed to the Lord and also asked John to give me the right words to speak to his family to offer them comfort and hope. Then I came across an article written by John for Catholic San Francisco, published on Sep 12, 2008. And it was John’s reflection on the same Bible passage that we were using at his vigil (John 3:16-17): “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Below, I’d like to share excerpts from his article that give us hope, amidst the darkness of his passing.

How So Does God Love Us? - Some conceive of God as a giant police officer in the sky observing us, judging us; and then, condemning us for our sins. We have an image of God as this harsh disciplinarian and overpowering authority figure, who would just as soon punish us as look at us. But when we consider John 3:16, we realize that first and foremost, our God is a God of profound love and compassion. God’s divine intention since the creation of the cosmos is for the salvation of all mankind by their belief in the only Son of God, Christ Jesus. God intended that whoever believes in Jesus might have everlasting life, the promise of our baptism. Yes, Church, when we accept this belief of how God loves us, we change our attitude to an attitude of gratitude… We have seen the lightning flash… We have heard the thunder roll… We have felt sinners’ breakers dashing trying to conquer man’s souls… But then, we heard the voice of Jesus telling us to fight on. No matter what kinds of trials and tribulations that we confront in our faith journey, ultimately we will hear the voice of Jesus urging us to have faith and remember that even the winds, the seas and the rains obey His voice. Yes, we have known the [storms], but we know also the one who makes the rain, [the winds and the seas] and his great love for us. Despite our imperfections, we humbly give God the glory and express our gratitude. Our bold humility will determine our spiritual ability. When we are humbly grateful, we affirm the eternal goodness of a loving God. We join our voices of thanksgiving with the heavenly choirs of angels in that eternal, divine affirmation that proclaims that Jesus is the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world… Yes, Church, we exalt the holy cross of Jesus because by this cross Jesus redeemed the world and drew all men and women to himself.

So though our hearts grieve, yet John encourages us to trust, to persevere, to place our hopes on the Eternal One who will raise us from the dead and one day reunite us all to Himself. Alleluia!? Alleluia!? Amen!

-Pastor’s Corner

Stewardship of Talent - Once at a family gathering, Grandpa decided to surprise the kids and brought them a bowl of candy filled with different kinds of sweets. As all the grandchildren gathered around Grandpa and helped themselves to what he had to offer, soon the bowl was left empty. As the children ran off to enjoy their sweets, you could hear a few arguing about who got the better candy. One young grandchild, however, stayed behind and with somewhat of a look of concern said to Grandpa, “But you don’t have any for yourself.” So she opened up her own bag of M&Ms and offered the first piece to Grandpa. And Grandpa was absolutely delighted with her thoughtfulness and love.

Stewardship is an act of faith on our part, to acknowledge before God that all we have, all we are, our very life is God’s gift to us. And what the child in the story above offered back to her grandpa, was her expression of love and gratitude. That’s why Abraham in the Old Testament offered back to God from their harvest, a tenth of their first fruits. They gave their very best, not their leftovers, to God. And if that is a good rule for candy or the harvest, wouldn’t it hold true of other things like our Time, our Talent and our Treasure? Last week, I spoke of the Stewardship of Time, to make time in our day for prayer, to deepen our relationship with God. This week I’d like to help us reflect on the Stewardship of Talent.

God has given to each person a set of talents, gifts and abilities. In both cases, they have been given to us not for our own personal benefit, but also to be shared. As you’re familiar, St. Paul said that together, we’re like a body. In our day he might use the analogy of a car with all its parts. They all serve a purpose. And when all the parts work together, it offers a smooth comfortable ride that’s enjoyable for all its passengers.

The same is true of society and of our Church. The Church if it were only made up of priests and nuns would be incomplete. But thank goodness that with the shortage of priests and nuns, many lay people have come forward to enrich it. From music to faith sharing to visiting the sick and caring for the poor, from finance to construction, our parish is made stronger and more vibrant because of our volunteers. And this Sunday, we honor all the different ministries with a Ministry Fair (following the 9 & 10:30am Masses), to highlight not only what they do, but also to invite you to consider using your time and talent to join them. We can certainly use your help. As Winston Church said so beautifully of volunteer service, “We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” Thank you Volunteers! You’re a wonderful gift to our Faith Community!

- Fr. Dan
October 2 to October 8, 2016

Sunday, October 2
7:30 Rosario T. Canto (D) TBA
9:00 Telesfora & Arturo Gorospe (D) TBA
10:30 Parishioners of Saint Anne TBA
Noon Paula Chow (D) TBA

Monday, October 3
6:30 Candido Velicaria (D) TBA
8:45 Paul Chien (D) TBA

Tuesday, October 4
6:30 Alex Quiambao (D) TBA
8:45 Michael Moylan (D) TBA

Wednesday, October 5
6:30 Jerry O’Leary (D) TBA
8:45 Procesa Lasola (D) TBA

Thursday, October 6
6:30 Harry Colen (D) TBA
8:45 Mrs. Choi Ngan Chan (D) TBA

First Friday, October 7
6:30 intentions, Demetrio Velicaria TBA
8:45 Antonio Lasola (D) TBA

Saturday, October 8
8:45 Confraternity of Saint Anne and thanksgiving, Regina Lirazan TBA
5 p.m. Bea Ver (D) TBA

First Friday Devotion: This Friday, October 7th, there will be an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:45 a.m. Mass. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 10:00 a.m.

Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles
Highlighting 1,800 years of Miracles

Browse the Exhibit
Saturday, October 15th
3 pm — 8 pm

Sunday, October 16th
8:15 am — 3 pm

Live Presentations after each weekend Mass

Miracle stories, scientific study, and Scriptural basis for the True Presence

Saint Anne of the Sunset Church
Moriarty Hall

SAGES (St. Anne Growing, Exploring Seniors) will sponsor another Pilgrimage on Monday, October 24th at 11a.m, this time to the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Cathedral on 6210 Geary Blvd. near 26th Ave. This is the largest of the six Cathedrals of the Russian Orthodox Church outside of Russia. It is a designated San Francisco landmark, designed by architect Oleg Ivanitsky. From the gold leaf domes of its exterior to its interior icons, paintings, mosaics, and voluminous chandelier, this is indeed a cathedral of incredible beauty. As you know, Pope Francis and Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kyrill met in Havana for a dialogue to promote a swift return to world peace: the first encounter between the two Churches since the East-West Schism of the mid-11th Century. Please make your check of $5 payable to the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Church, memo line SAGES, and leave in the St. Anne Rectory mailbox, to the attention of Sr. Esther. If you cannot afford to pay, please contact Sr. Esther.

Reservation Deadline: Monday, October 17th.
SAGES’ events are always open to all parishioners and friends of Saint Anne of the Sunset. Thank you.

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

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. 24, Sept. 25 - $2,984.00
Louisiana Flood Relief - $252.00

This Week’s Second Collection
Church Accessibility Upgrade Fund
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
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: 3rd Saturday @ 10am in Rectory

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For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. —2 Timothy 1:7
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