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 Know someone who needs a prayer, or maybe you need a prayer? Call the **St. Canice Prayer Lines** - Margie Wagner at 273-4397 or Patti Favetti at 432-0665. We're praying for you!

St. Canice Catholic Church
September 17, 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Alleluia, alleluia.
 I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
 love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia, alleluia.

THANK YOU
 A HUGE Thank You to all who made the Free Dinner and a Movie night so successful, especially the St. Joseph's Men's Guild for supplying the burgers and the Grill Master, to our audio and video team, to all the MOMS and Ladies for salads and desserts, and to everyone who helped set up and then clean up. And a special thanks to all who showed up to enjoy the evening.
We hope to see you there next year!

MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN POSITION
 We are looking to recruit a custodian for St. Canice Church. The role is 5-10 hours a week.
 For more details and a job description, please email Father Estrella frestrella@stpatrickgrassvalley.org

Family Faith Formation
 Family Faith Formation at St. Patrick's Church is open to St Canice Church families with children from Pre-K through High School.
 For more information contact Deacon Rick at 530-273-2336 x3201 faithformation@stpatrickgrassvalley.org

Another Exciting Book Club Gathering
 Monday, September 25, 2023.
 All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 1:30 P. M. in the Small Hall. We will be discussing Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, by Pope Francis. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.

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Mass Schedule
 Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM
 Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM

Mass Live-Stream
 Sunday 11:00 AM from St. Patrick Church

Confession
 Friday 8:00 AM
 Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)

Eucharistic Adoration
 Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Rosary
 Wednesday 8:00 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Sep 23-24, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Patti Favetti, Kevin Foley, Judy McBride
Sun @ 9:00 am	Jake Dabis Steve Baker		Michelle McIntosh	Tom & Sharon Seck, and Doris Baldog

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Sep 17th & Sep 24th	Tess Andrews
Oct 1st & Oct 8th	Lil Glaeser

Our Mission, as the Parish of Saint Canice Catholic Church, is to proclaim the teaching and wisdom of Jesus Christ throughout our entire Community, by our life and participation in the Sacraments and Traditions of His Holy Catholic Church.

Dear Family,

On Sunday, September 3rd at the 11 o'clock Mass we were serenaded with the sounds of many young children. At the 9 o'clock Mass there was a parishioner I know well holding an infant car seat. He quipped, "We got a new one, I stole her." I quickly connected with whose child she was and we all laughed. We have been blessed the last few years to see a beautiful increase of young families at the 9 and 11 o'clock Masses. A sign of life and the future of our faith and the church. Many times people share their delight with me at hearing and seeing this growth in our parish.

Sadly, however, there are many people in our community who, for a variety of factors, are unable to find hope in their own lives and make the devastating decision to end their lives. In particular, the Foresthill Bridge in Auburn is a site where this happens with regularity. For nearly a decade there has been an effort to reach people before they make that decision irreversible. The program is called "Notes of Hope," and our Culture of Life ministry is working to support this great effort to make a difference for so many others.

Next weekend they will pass out note cards after Mass so that we can add to these "Notes of Hope." There will be examples in the bulletin so that you can come up with your own message. Perhaps you know a child who might be able to draw a picture or decorate the card before you write your note of hope. I think we can all recall a time where our Good God sent us some encouragement or hope when we were struggling; what a blessing we can do that for our brothers and sisters!

As you write your notes of hope, say a prayer for whomever might read it or need a little boost of hope. I often recall the words of Archbishop Sheen, "when we get to Heaven we will be greeted by a great many saints whom we don't know. They will tell us that they are the souls we helped move from Purgatory to Heaven." I believe this project will add to that number, not only the poor souls in Purgatory but also those souls who have been affected by this beautiful project.

I am writing this in anticipation of my departure for Italy, and wish I could be there to be a part of this great effort. I am confident that there will be a great response and join my prayers to yours. Please keep me in your prayers. I am grateful to God that I have this opportunity to travel, but as the old saying goes "There's no place like home." I look forward to being back with you all again.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$2,383
Priests Retirement \$ 838

Upcoming Collections

Sep 17 School of Religion
Sep 24 No 2nd Collection
Oct 1 No 2nd Collection



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 9/18	1 Tm 2:1-8	Lk 7:1-10 (443)
Tues, 9/19	1 Tm 3:1-13	Lk 7:11-17 (444)
Wed, 9/20	1 Tm 3:14-16	Lk 7:31-35 (445)
Thurs, 9/21	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13	Mt 9:9-13 (643)
Fri, 9/22	1 Tm 6:2c-12	Lk 8:1-3 (447)
Sat, 9/23	1 Tm 6:13-16	Lk 8:4-15 (448)
Sun, 9/24	Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a	Mt 20:1-16a (133)

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

for LivingWell Medical Clinic



The Baby bottle drive is underway and continues through the month of October. Please pick up your empty baby bottle from the basket in the vestibule and fill with your spare change!

There will be a basket in the vestibule during the weekends of September 30/October 1st and October 7/8 for you to place your filled baby bottles. Be sure to write the name of your church on the tag.

LivingWell Medical Clinic inspires hope to those with an unexpected pregnancy, a struggle with a past pregnancy decision, or a sexual health issue.

LUAU TICKETS ON SALE



The St. Canice Men's Guild Annual Luau Dinner is coming October 1st at St. Canice Center. Doors will open at 4:00 PM and dinner will be at 5:00 PM.

Ticket sales after Mass will begin this weekend. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 5-11.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Hebert at jkjhebert@comcast.net or 916-508-5744.

Mass Intentions



Mon. 09/18/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Tues. 09/19/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Wed. 09/20/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Thurs. 09/21/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Fri. 09/22/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Sat. 09/23/23	5:30 pm	Patrick Brennan (D)
Sun. 09/24/23	9:00 am	Robert Warner (SI)

CULTURE OF LIFE

Notes of Hope Project



The Culture of Life Ministry is collaborating with the **Notes of Hope** project of Auburn to provide positive, life affirming note cards that will be laminated and attached to the Foresthill bridge. The bridge, a landmark just outside Auburn is a location where too many people have chosen to end their own lives. Will you help us write and decorate a few 4"x5" cards with uplifting and caring

sayings that might help change the mind of a person looking to end their life at the bridge? Blank cards will be available after masses at both St. Canice and St. Patrick churches next weekend. Please bring your finished cards to mass on the following weekend of Oct. 1st.

Here are some saying ideas but consider praying for inspiration and letting the Holy Spirit speak through you:

You are loved, wanted and needed! Give your troubles to God. He's listening. You are awesome, the world needs you. You are not alone, call 988 to talk to someone.

Several articles and news reports on the Notes of Hope project and the Foresthill Bridge can be found on YouTube.

Reflecting on the Gospel



Jesus practiced forgiveness that knew no bounds. Time and time again, he forgave people who hurt him or his disciples. Jesus even forgave those who sentenced him to death, crying out from the cross, "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do." Today's gospel challenges us to practice this same spirit of forgiveness, a spirit that is generous and ongoing.

Jesus poses a tall task. Forgiveness is rarely easy. The need for it only comes about because of harm inflicted on another (or many others). Forgiveness reminds us that we are far from perfect. Pain is part of our realities. Given the sensitivities surrounding forgiveness, let us consider a few key points about the type of forgiveness advocated for by Jesus.

Jesus calls his disciples to forgive their sisters and brothers "from your heart" a practice of transformation. Forgiveness is not about forgetting, despite what the popular adage says. A real harm has been perpetrated. Jesus would never want a person to put themselves back in an abusive or dangerous situation. Rather, the act of forgiving frees a person to begin healing. Forgiveness does not always happen overnight. Sometimes the response is immediate, like when the king in today's gospel forgave the servant on the spot. But oftentimes, forgiveness is a longer process of acknowledging the harm, working through the feelings and thoughts that were provoked, and praying for God's help.

THE OPENING DOORS MINISTRY



The Opening Doors Ministry will soon begin a new season of classes, and will continue until May 2024, breaking for the summer. We are a faith formation and Sacramental program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities.

Our focus is always on God's love shown to us through stories from the Bible, through the Sacraments, music, prayer and through the lives of the saints. Our doors are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. We meet on Sundays, 10 -11am, beginning on Sept 24th. For more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Helen Albano, (530)210-1721.



Our St. Patrick and St. Canice Joint Parish Picnic will start at noon with lunch, followed by family friendly activities and fellowship, concluding with Mass at 4:00 PM. Please watch the bulletin for more details. As a reminder we will not have confessions or a Saturday night Vigil Mass at either church location that evening. We hope to see you there!

CORNERSTONE RETREAT FOR MEN



Helping Men Lead Their Families in Faith

Join us Nov 10th and 11th at St. Patrick's Church. Share 26 hours with Men who want to be a better Catholic Man, Father, Husband and Friend. Join us in Prayer, Listening and Fellowship.