



The Weekly

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A Chancery publication for the employees, parish staff, clergy and religious of the Diocese of Oakland.

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CHANCERY NEWS

NEW Father Nguyen appointed Judicial Vicar

Bishop Michael Barber, SJ, has appointed Father Bich Nguyen as the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Oakland, effective Sept. 1. Father Nguyen will continue as Vice Rector of the Cathedral of Christ the Light. A native of Vietnam, Father Nguyen was ordained for the Diocese of Oakland in 2003. He holds his license in canon law from the pontifical university of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Bishop Barber said, "I am grateful for the long service of Father Robert Herbst, whose order, the Conventual Franciscan Friars, has asked him to accept another assignment, outside of the Diocese. For the past 12 years he has faithfully served as Judicial Vicar, Vicar for Religious, Moderator of the Curia, and acting Chancellor of the Diocese, and been a member of the Presbyteral Council, the College of Consultors, and many other leadership teams. With his facility in sign language, he has also served as chaplain for the deaf Catholic community. We will miss Father Robert's presence on our Chancery staff. I am very appreciative of all the good work he has done in support of our Diocese. We wish him all the best in his next assignment."

Know Your Rights

Catholic Charities of the East Bay (Concord) is hosting bi-monthly Know Your Rights presentations about recent immigration changes and individuals' rights, regardless of immigrant status. No registration is required. For more information or to register, contact [Deanna Salazar](#) at 925.771.8524. Upcoming sessions are: Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, .Sept. 25, .Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, and Dec. 11.

Parish Solidarity Initiative Orientation

A Parish Solidarity Initiative Orientation will be held on Friday, Aug. 17, 6-8 p.m., at the Cathedral Christ the Light Parish Hall. This is a new diocesan initiative to assist parishes in inspiring and guiding their parishioners to put their faith into action. The evening will include a formal presentation about the Parish Solidarity Initiative, including its spirituality and process, resources being provided by diocesan agencies and what will be expected of participants. If pastors are unable to come, please send one or more parish representatives. Spanish interpretation will be provided. No commitment will be asked of parishes at this event. Please RSVP by August 13 and direct any questions you may have to Moises Roberto De Leon, 805.668.1249 or mrdeleon@cceb.org. More information is available [here](#).

Parish Solidarity Initiative Training

The Parish Solidarity Initiative (PSI) will provide hands-on training to build a team that can engage parishioners in social ministry on Aug. 18, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Santa Maria Parish, 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda. The day will include opportunities for fellowship and practicing the techniques. PSI will enhance parish life by engaging and developing new leaders who participate in local and global solidarity. The workshop will be offered in both [English and Spanish](#) and is free of charge. For more information, contact Moises Roberto De Leon, 805.668.1249 or mrdeleon@cceb.org.

NEW Catholic Scout Awards Counselor Training

Catholic Scout Religious Awards can be earned by Scouts of all ages, both boys and girls. Scouts earn these awards by completing projects around their Catholic faith with the help of adult award counselors. Would you like to help your scout or the scouts in your parish earn their religious awards? The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting is hosting a Scout Awards Counselor Training on Saturday, Aug. 25 at St. Anne Parish, 32223 Cabello St, Union City, 9:30 a.m. to noon. To register or for more information on religious awards for scouts visit the Catholic Scout website, www.oakdiocesescouts.org or call 510.893.5154.

Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust

The special collection for the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust is set for the weekend of Sept. 9, 2018. This is an important collection which allows Catholics to express gratitude and support of our retired and soon-to-be retired clergy. Please use this series of bulletin and pulpit announcements for the collection. The Communication Office also has talking points for homilists or other communications; please contact [Helen Osman](#) for a copy.

For bulletin/pulpit announcement the weekend of Sept. 1-2:

On this Labor Day weekend, let's remember our retired priests. Although they are officially retired, some of the 58 priests in that category are still "laboring in the vineyard" as chaplains, pastor emeriti, spiritual directors and more. On the weekend of Sept. 9 we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust. Prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church.

For bulletin/pulpit announcement the weekend of Sept. 8-9:

Did you know that the Diocese anticipates there will be almost 70 retired priests within the next 5-10 years? They have given generously their entire lives in service to our Diocese, and now face retirement with little or no government assistance. Show them your appreciation by offering a donation to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust this weekend, and by remembering them in your prayers.

For bulletin/pulpit announcement the weekend of Sept. 15-16:

Thank you for your gift of \$_____ toward the needs of our retired priests. If you weren't able to contribute last week to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust, you can send a check to Diocese of Oakland, ATTN: Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust, 2121 Harrison Street, Suite 100, Oakland, CA 94612.

Catholic Voice Collection

The Catholic Voice Collection date is Sunday, October 7. Collection envelopes will be delivered to all parish sites the first week of September. All monies received from this collection should remain at the parish to offset the assessment for the newspaper. Suggested bulletin

announcements to alert parishioners of the Voice Collection will be mailed to all parishes. For questions or more information, please contact [Sandi Gearhart](#) at 510.893.5339.

Catechetical Congress/Congreso Catequético

The annual diocesan Catechetical Congress/Congreso Catequético will be held Aug. 11, 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Bishop O'Dowd High School, 9500 Stearns Ave., Oakland. Speakers include the vice president of Life Teen, the executive director of Courage International, and the director of evangelization and parish life for the Miami Archdiocese, along with Bishop Michael Barber and local experts such as Mary Machi, director of faith formation and evangelization at St. Joan of Arc Parish in San Ramon. Advance registration with a \$40 payment is required. No registration will be accepted on the day of the event. To register, visit [our website](#). For more information, see the [attached flyer](#) or contact Patty Collyer at pcollyer@oakdiocese.org.

Free legal representation

Catholic Charities is offering free legal representation for those interested in becoming U.S. citizens. Interested individuals can call 925.825.3099 to make an appointment for the first or third Tuesdays of each month. For more information, contact Deanna Salazar at 925.771.8254 or dsalazar@cceb.org. Flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) are available for use in parishes and other settings.

Natural Family Planning classes

An introduction to Natural Family Planning, a form of family planning which conforms to Catholic teaching, is being offered Sept. 8. The session is from 1 to 4 p.m. and will be offered at Real Options Obria Medical Clinic-Union City, 33523 Western Ave., Union City. The session is free and open to engaged or married couples, clergy and religious. For more information, call 510.271.1936.

Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers will be celebrated Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass as we celebrate your energy, dedication, and generosity. A reception and mental health resources fair will follow the Mass. You may use these flyers, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), to promote the event.

CONCERTS, FILMS, MUSIC & AUTHORS

NEW “Evening under the Stars,” benefiting the renovation and restoration of San Damiano Retreat with special guest Bishop Michael Barber, will be Sept. 29 beginning at 5 p.m. at the retreat center, 710 Highland Drive in Danville. The evening includes fine dining, dancing and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$150; register today at www.sandamiano.org or call 925.837.9141 x315.

Summer 2018 Organ Recitals are offered at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland. All recitals are open to the public. Unless otherwise indicated, a free-will offering will be requested at the door. For more information, please visit www.ctlcathedral.org/events.

Friday, August 10, 1 p.m.: Simon Berry, perform works by Elgar, Stanford, Howells & Preston

Sunday, August 19, 5 p.m.: Edward Landin, perform works by Cooman, Decker, Phillips & Landin

St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St. (at Geary) in San Francisco, is offering **Sunday afternoon recitals** through the summer. Unless otherwise indicated, a free-will offering will be requested at the door. Ample free parking.

Sunday, August 12, 4 p.m.: Pierre Zevort (France), Organist. Works by Tournemire, Cochereau, and Langlais.

Sunday, August 19, 4 p.m.: Chase Olson, Organist.

Sunday, August 26, 4 p.m.: Norman Paskowsky, Organist.

EVENTS & ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Companions in Ignatian Service and Spirituality is a unique program that engages women and men, over age 50, who have a desire to serve those most marginalized while deepening their spiritual foundations. Ignatian Companions integrate their personal journey of faith with their own conviction to act for justice within local nonprofits. The 10-month program begins in September and is hosted by the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. For more information, contact [Marco Matute](mailto:Marco.Matute@jst.edu) 415.487.8560 ext. 224 or visit www.IgnatianSpiritualLifecenter.org/ignatian-companions.html.

Catholic Charismatic Congress will be held Aug. 11, 8:30 am to 6 p.m. and Aug. 12, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Most Holy Rosary Parish, 1313 A St., Antioch. A \$20 donation includes lunch on Aug. 11 and a \$10 donation includes breakfast on Aug. 12. For more information, contact Herminio and Rosa Rios at 925.756.2747.

NEW The annual **St. John Flea Market** is Aug. 18 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds provide for the maintenance of the church. Vendors can reserve a space by contacting the parishion office, Edith Lewis at 510.415.4293.

A bluegrass and pasta dinner on Aug. 19 at San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Drive in Danville, will feature the Enjoy the sounds of the Industrial Bluegrass Band at 3 p.m., followed by buffet dinner at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under age 13. Register at www.sandamiano.org or call 925.837.9141 x315.

NEW Magnificat SOTI, a ministry for Catholic women, will hold a **prayer breakfast** on Sept. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord. The morning will provide for praise, prayer and inspiration from the speaker, Yolanda Rodriguez. The event is open to all, including men! For more information visit <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-a-d/ca-walnut-creek/>. Tickets are \$33 up to Sept. 1, \$40 after Sept. 1. To make reservations, contact Kim Sullivan at Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com or 925.683.8220.

The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology is hosting a fall lecture series on **Thomas Aquinas in Conversation with Contemporary Culture**. Pastries and coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m.; talks begin at 10 a.m. and are followed by a question and answer session. The lectures are held at 2301 Vine St., Berkeley. For more information and to register, see dspt.edu/events.

St. Thomas Meets Richard Dawkins– Aquinas on God, Faith and Religion – Sept. 15

St. Thomas and the Brain in the Vat– Aquinas on the Mind, the Brain, and the Human Person -- Oct. 20

St. Thomas and Sartre Walk into a French Café–Aquinas on Freedom and the Meaning of Existence -- Nov. 17

St. Thomas and the Supreme Court– Natural Law, Human Rights, and the Ethics of the Angelic Doctor -- Dec. 1

NEW **St. Patrick's Seminary and University** hosts their premier fundraising event Sept 29. This year, STPSU honors the nation's Catholic chaplaincy for the armed forces, the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. Accepting the honor will be Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D. Vespers begins the event at 4:30 p.m., followed by tours and cocktails, dinner and program, and a silent and live auction. Online registration and donation are open now at the St. Patrick's website, www.stpsu.edu/gala. For more information, contact John Callan at 650.325.5621, advancement@stpsu.edu.

Marian Conference will be hosted by Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Brentwood Oct. 12-13. With the theme "With Mary, we say YES to the Lord!", the Conference will have a special focus on the role of the parents and the youth in building up the Church beginning with their own homes, the domestic church. All Catholics are invited; registration information is available at www.ihmbrentwood.com. For more information, contact Father Quang Minh Dong or Father John Erick Villa at 925.634.4154 or 2018MarianConference@ihmbrentwood.com.

RETREATS

San Damiano Retreat Center

710 Highland Dr., Danville, 925.837.9141, katerik@sandamiano.org, SanDamiano.org

Aug. 10-12: Journey in Place (Women's Spirituality Retreat) with Dorothy Charbonneau, Donna Foley, OFS and Jan Stegner

Sept. 8: Coming Out of Exile: Welcoming Home What Our Spirit is Missing with Sr. Joyce Rupp

Catholic Men's Fellowship Fall Retreat will be held Aug. 17-19 at Old Oak Ranch, 1520 Old Oak Ranch Road, Sonora. The retreat theme, "The Seven Virtues Perfect our Seven Principles," will be developed by Stephen Valgos, a Catholic Evangelist. A donation of \$185 covers meals and lodging. To register, go to www.catholicmen.org and select "CMF Fall Retreat, Sonora CA - August 17-19, 2018." For more information, call 209.264.2263.

Religious Life Discernment Retreat Weekend will be offered Aug. 24-26 for single Catholic women ages 18-40 by the Dominican Sisters of MSJ, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont For more info contact Sister Mary Yun, OP at mary@msjdominicans.org or 213.760.3085. Register online at www.msjdominicans.org or www.bit.ly/discernRLife.

Acompañenos en nuestro último retiro del año del **viñedo de Raquel**, Sept. 21-23. El retiro es es un lugar especial para renovar y redimir corazones rotos por la pérdida de un niño por aborto, aborto espontaneo o Síndrome de muerte súbita infantil (SIDS). El viñedo de Raquel es para mujeres y hombres que tienen dolor por la pérdida y quienes buscan la sanación. Llámenos para obtener más información. Póngase en contacto con Gloria por teléfono al 510.485.2574 o por

correo electrónico en AftertheChoice@OakDioAdmin.org. Todas las llamadas y los contactos son estrictamente confidenciales.

JOB OPENINGS

NEW Director of Music Ministry, St. Perpetua, Lafayette

St. Perpetua Catholic Community in Lafayette is seeking a Director of Music Ministry for 30 hours a week. This exempt position, classified as M1-M3 includes full benefits. Seeking talented music professional with excellent communication and organization skills. Energized parish of 1,400 families seeks candidate with strong knowledge of the Roman Catholic liturgy, an informed understanding of Vatican II and utilizing a variety of musical styles. Bachelor's degree in music or the equivalent in education and experience. Music Director will develop and direct adult choir utilizing volunteer singers and develop children/youth choir. Candidate will also be responsible for scheduling volunteer cantors. Participation needed for four weekend Masses, holy days, prayer services, funerals/weddings, concert series. Candidate demonstrates proficiency on both Rodgers three-manual Trillum Organ and Yamaha Grand Piano. Candidate would be a member of a collaborative parish staff. Salary will be commensurate with education and experience. Position is available Sept. 1. Please submit your application to Fr. John Kasper, OSFS at jkasper@stperpetua.org.

Teen minister, Corpus Christi, Piedmont

Corpus Christi Parish in Piedmont is seeking an energetic and motivated Teen Minister who will join our team and can be part of a progressive, growth-minded parish, looking to improve how we serve the families in our community. This position is a chance to use your skills and talents to create a Faith Formation program from the ground up with our pastor. The objective of this ministry is to guide our Middle and High Schoolers in their growth and desire to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Implement an experience of Confirmation utilizing principles proposed in Christopher Wesley's book, *Rebuilding Confirmation*
- Present at weekend Liturgies
- Coordinate activities related to the Confirmation of the teens in the parish
- Develop a High School Ministry Program
- Develop a Middle School Ministry Program that encourages future High School Ministry participation
- Work with volunteers and staff
- Participate in monthly staff meeting

Qualified candidates will be at least 18 years old, be able to pass a background check and fulfill the diocesan safe environment training requirements, have a flexible schedule and be able to work in a team setting and manage a large number of participants and volunteers. Position is part-time, 15-20 hours a week, non-benefit eligible. Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and/or experience. Contact [Fr. Leo Edgerly](#) or 510.530.9570. **Deadline is Aug. 10.**

Music Director I, St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Martinez

St. Catherine of Siena Parish is looking for a Music Director I. The candidate must have a bachelor degree in music, strong keyboard skills, vocal technique and choral conducting skills, knowledge of Catholic liturgy and familiarity with the Roman Missal and Lectionary. This position is classified at M-3 according to the Diocesan guideline pay scale for parishes. This is a

part-time 25 hrs/week, non-exempt position, with benefits. This job includes weekends, evenings and all liturgical holidays. Practicing Catholic with experience in a Catholic parish preferred. For a complete job description, [click here](#). **Deadline is Aug. 10.** To apply submit resume and letter of intent to [Fr. Anthony Le](#).

Maintenance, St. Catherine of Siena, Martinez

St. Catherine of Siena Parish is looking to fill a maintenance position. This position provides routine maintenance for the parish buildings and grounds including semi-skilled carpentry, plumbing, electrical and other minor repair work. May maintain inventory of supplies and supervise one or more Maintenance Helpers/Custodians. This position is classified at S-4 according to the Diocesan guideline pay scale for parishes. This is a part-time (14 - 21 hours), non-exempt position, without benefits. Practicing Catholic with experience in a Catholic parish preferred. **Deadline is Aug. 10.** To apply submit resume and letter of intent to [Fr. Anthony Le](#).

Pianist, St. Raymond Parish, Dublin

The St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish in Dublin has an opening for a pianist at two weekend Masses, and possibly some weekly rehearsals. Applicants should be proficient in classical and contemporary musical styles, be experienced in playing Catholic Masses, and possess good sight reading skills. Familiarity with organ manual technique and registrations will also be helpful. Compensation will be made per event and in accordance with Liturgical Musician pay scales set by the Diocese of Oakland. Please contact Rob Lappa, director of music, at 925.574.7447 or rlappa@st-raymond-dublin.org for more information.

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS)

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services (CFCS) is seeking a Director of Cemeteries and Funerals, Sales Associates (Family Service Advisors) and Funeral Directors (Family Service Directors). View all current openings: <http://www.cfcsoakland.org/about-us/job-opportunities/>. If you, or someone you know, might be interested, please contact Bill Clark for more information -- bclark@thinkhr.com.