

A Voice for Vocations



PREZ SEZ

Beverly Truzzolino, President



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2018-2020

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Our mission is to foster, affirm and promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life, deaconate and lay ministries and, through this, to deepen our members' personal faith.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

APRIL

23 Rosemarie Tsutsumi
25 Sister Louise
(baptismal)

MAY

8 Phil Frank
12 Beverly Truzzolino
22 Thu-Hein Majkoski

PERSISTING IN PRAYER

After Jesus' crucifixion, the Apostles and Blessed Mary gathered together in fear, behind locked doors. Our Lord then appeared to them after his resurrection, and said, "Peace be with you." The common thread for us today: **PEACE-DO NOT BE AFRAID.** Have you been feeling peaceful? "Fear not" is in the bible 365 times. Have you been fearful recently? I think Jesus was serious about this subject.

When we began our stay-at-home orders, one night I woke up in the middle of the night fearful that I had the Corona virus. My heart pounded and I imagined being on a ventilator, etc. I grabbed my rosary and prayed for peace. The next day I made a promise to watch only thirty-sixty minutes of news per day, which allows me to spend more time praying and less time fretting! May we all allow the risen Lord to impart his peace to us today, and may that peace reign in our hearts forever.

During my daily walk I have seen beautiful flowers, and a consistently blue sky, too. I believe God wants us to look up and notice the beauty he has given us, even amidst the world's turmoil. Let us live by our Serran motto: *"Always go forward; never look back."* Soon we will enter the phased, modified stay at home orders, and eventually we'll be back together enjoying our Serra meetings. Rejoice! Jesus came to dwell in our midst. He was social, and he wants us to be social and enjoy fellowship. It's natural that we want to be with people. We as Serrans are exceptionally good at being social. God made us for companionship. I know I have deeply enjoyed the time I've been your president, and I thank you for allowing me

this honor.

My two years as your president conclude June 1st. My main goal for my tenure was to encourage and assist our members to grow in holiness. Each month I presented a saint's feast day about whom we learned, and I encouraged you to emulate them. I hope you enjoyed learning about the saints! Secondly, we started the 31 Club in our parishes. St. Cecilia and Holy Family both have successful, on-going programs! Thank you to Anne Champagne and John Le Duc for assisting in the success of this project. During my second year we reflected on the Handbook for Serrans: *Called to Holiness.* We didn't get too far through it; however, I hope it gave you a flavor of this wonderful resource book. Lastly, this past year we started the Traveling Crucifix program at St. Cecilia's School, and we have a plan to introduce the program at Holy Family School. Reflecting on my time as your president and the goals I set for my term, I can say that I've personally grown as a person including increase my own holiness. I pray that all of you have grown in holiness, too. Thank you for all your support and for the positive feedback I've enjoyed from you these past two years as your president. I look forward to Patty Baer and her board to lead our club forward.

During the month of May we honor our **Blessed Mother Mary.** Let us keep our rosaries handy and pray for our country's president, for our Pope, our families, seminarians, priests, religious and for all those who are ill. I will continue my prayers for all of you.



Romans 12:12

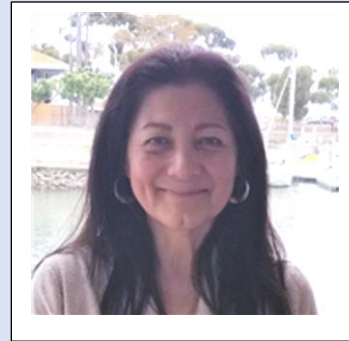
*Be joyful in hope,
patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer.*

**Meet our new member...
Angie Brazeal**



Angie Brazeal is a wife, mother, grandmother and a retired dentist. Having had 3 children, her grandchildren now number 5; Leo just arrived on March 24. It is hard for her not being able to hold and snuggle him due to this "self-quarantine." Angie lives in Irvine with husband, George, overlooking Woodbridge Lake. Active at St. John Neumann Church, she serves as a bereavement minister, an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, a cantor during daily Mass, Sunday collection counter, prayer group leader once a month, and liturgy of the children catechist on Sundays. Several years ago, she joined Catholic Charities Auxiliary whose goal is to raise money for Catholic Charities of Orange County and CC's many programs for helping others. She also supports Obria Medical Clinics and their fight against abortion. Our church and diocese are in great need of priests and religious, so she is now delighted to be a committed Serran!

**Meet our new member...
Eloyna Rivera**



Eloyna Adame Rivera is a mother and grandmother. Her only child lives out of state with his wife and daughter. She will become a grandmother again in mid-June when baby Benjamin is due to be born. She is overjoyed, and so are they! Her daughter-in-law converted to Catholicism before their wedding. "She told me that she was becoming a Catholic because, in falling in love with my son she also fell in love with our Catholic faith! I pray that they continue to love our Catholic church."

Eloyna has been a St. Cecilia parishioner since the year 2000. She is a member of the Pastoral Council and served as a Catechist when her son was little and then again with her granddaughter. She enjoys participating in the Catholic Book Club and is the Parish Champion for St. Cecilia and the Matthew Kelly Dynamic Catholic program.

"Being a Serran has meant so much to me. I fervently pray for vocations. Without priests we do not have the Sacraments. Thank you very much for welcoming me."

City Club Newz

"SHARING STORIES"

ANNE CHAMPAGNE I miss everyone so much! I do pray for everyone, but my schedule is actually terribly busy due to daily changes in a senior living work environment where we do everything to try to safeguard and protect



Those residents who are quarantined! It is challenging and rewarding at the same time! It feels more like a ministry than a job! Please pray for as we continue to do for you. Love and blessings to you all.

MAUREEN & JOE NEGLIA Here we are waiting for mass to start! We have spent the last six weeks sorting through boxes from being packed out due to smoke damage from our next-door neighbor's garage fire. Joe goes to work four days a week from 9ish to 4ish. I bring new meaning to Irish Washer-woman! I garden a little and I've cooked more in the last six weeks than in the last 10 yrs. All in all it has been a very positive period taking time for all the things that count.



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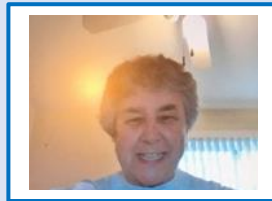
“SHARING STORIES”

PATTY & JIM BAER On March 13th Patty made the split-second decision to get a shingles shot, figuring any pain she may suffer wouldn't conflict with any (non)plans she had! Thus began their confinement. They went into a Lenten discipline, watching EWTN Masses, rosaries, Stations of the Cross. They're watching YouTube teachings from Bishop Barron & Fr. Felix Just. Now in Easter season, they continue Mass, rosary, quiet prayer time, spiritual reading, and daily reflections. Patty is making more elaborate meals and taking bike rides. Jim continues his walks and they're attacking boxes of paperwork from the move over two years ago! The best part is that they have no qualms about sleeping in now that their schedules permit it!



SISTER LOUISE

Hi Serrans. I am at home, still doing social justice work and getting ready for Virtual Earth Day (50 years) and the anniversary of *Laudato Si* in May. Doing a lot of Zoom to keep programs and meetings together Below, including a zoom meeting with my Social Justice Team and “Sunshine” our Zoom Mascot! You can use our subscription to Zoom if you want to meet. Just let me know. Stay healthy, happy and holy!



---Sister Louise

CARL MANNING

His daughter sent a 1000 piece puzzle which is keeping Carl busy and challenged during “stay-at-home”!



BRIGID NOONAN

Hi, y'all. During this time of quarantine, our St. Vincent de Paul ministry at Holy Family continues to be operational. So I continue to volunteer at Mary's Kitchen on Thursdays and run our ministry at HF, with the help of some blessed Vincentians. Other than that, it's jigsaw puzzles and cleaning/organizing my house. The attached pic is me stocking the shelves in our pantry. Hope you are all doing well during this most unusual time.



Peace, Brigid



GLORIA SUESS

Mary's Kitchen is considered “essential” and I'm here six days a week as usual except now we are masked, gloved, and temperature taking and trying to stay 6 feet apart. Our number of guests are way up, even though they cannot sit and eat where they receive their food. What fun....we have to box everything to go. But new volunteers arrive every day, and the Good Lord sends lots of food and supplies. We are so blessed.

LORETTA CALLOPY



Hope you are all well. Since we have been required to stay at home, I have enjoyed these activities: daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron, and saying the chapter to Divine Mercy plus my usual devotions. I love quilting , reading (just finished *The Library*), gardening, crossword and Sudoku puzzles and going on walks in El Modena Park and Yorba Regional Park. Also I am going through papers and boxes a little at a time. I can't leave this for my kids to go through! Hope your activities are keeping you safe and sane as these are helping me.

City Club Newz**“SHARING STORIES”**

MATT & NANCY IVARY The Ivarys have been pretty much busy doing nothing. We get out to the grocery store, the drug story, and occasionally the hardware store, just enough to keep us fed, medicated and occupied. Matt sits at the computer solving the medical dangers and financial disasters of today's world. Nancy works in the garden and takes on occasional major projects: clearing out the overgrown banana trees and dismantling a discarded fire door which was replaced months ago and has been leaning up against the fence and aggravating the heck out of her for way too long. The 2,000 piece jigsaw puzzle is still up in the entry having survived Matt falling into it and cats jumping on it. One of these days it will be done. We're so grateful for online Masses and joined prayers.



Judy
Scott

Since I have moved to South County, I do miss all the old friends and I keep praying for vocations. These days I enjoy daily Mass from American Martyrs Manhattan Bch. Then take care of usual chores. Please, if you are near San Juan, I am only 2 miles East of San Juan on Ortega Hwy. I have a perfect view and would love to see you. Give me a call to be certain I am home (714-815-0332). I am in a 55+ community my daughter found for me so I could be close to her and family. A year ago they moved to Idaho! Lucky this community has lots of activities and fun people! Really, I mean it; come and visit me!



From: Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Brandon Dang,
Director of Vocations

TO: ALL PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS, SEMINARY RECTORS, & VOCATION APOSTOLIC GROUPS
SB: Call to the Order of Deacon
FM: Rev. Brandon Dang, Director of Vocations
With great joy, I announce the upcoming ordination of the following seminarians to the Order of Deacon:

- Mr. Cheeyoon Chun
- Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick
- Mr. Brandon Lopez

The day of the Ordination will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at Mission San Juan Capistrano Basilica. Due to the uncertainty that remains, due precautions are being taken. The Mass will likely mirror the Christ Mass celebrated earlier this month. More details will be forthcoming. May we continue to pray for all of our seminarians who will be ordained to the Diaconate this upcoming summer!



From: Your Brother in Christ,
Fr. Brandon Dang,
Director of Vocations

TO: ALL PRIESTS, SEMINARIANS, SEMINARY FACULTY, & VOCATIONS APOSTOLIC GROUPS
RE: Call to the Order of Presbyter
FM: Rev. Brandon Dang, Director of Vocations
After much prayer and consultation with Bishop Vann and all those entrusted to his care, I would like to announce that the following Deacons will be ordained to the Order of Presbyter:

- Rev. Mr. Nam Doan
- Rev. Mr. Jakub Mackowicz
- Rev. Mr. Alejandro Nicolat
- Rev. Mr. Michael Rizzo

They will be ordained at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at Christ Cathedral by Bishop Kevin W. Vann.

Due to the uncertainty that remains, due precautions are being taken. The Mass will likely mirror the Christ Mass celebrated earlier this month.

More details will be forthcoming. I ask you to continue to pray for an increase of vocations as well as for all our Deacons who will be ordained to the priesthood this upcoming summer!