

REACHING OUT

Parish Mission Statement

Resurrection Catholic Community is dedicated to growth in Christ and to the challenges of loving service.

FALL 2020

Dear Friends,

Even in this land of “eternal spring” we can feel the subtle change of seasons as we move into Fall. The change in the weather and daylight gives us hope as it reminds us that change is possible!

And we need change, and we need hope. The pandemic, with all of its consequences, has worn us down, and the end of it is not yet in sight.

How do we get the hope and strength that we need to survive and thrive?

The ministries featured in this newsletter show us God’s way of giving us hope: by us giving hope and healing to others. In God’s design, we receive as we give to others. God teaches us that we must become the change and the hope that we want to see.

Does the negativity, division, and hatred in the world cause you despair? Then carry out positive actions of love that bring people together and give hope!

Reflect on these ministries and pray about how you can be part of them through a sharing of your time, talents, treasure, or prayers.

May God fill you with hope and love!

Hospice of Santa Cruz County

Hospice of Santa Cruz County envisions a community where all people live and die with dignity. Since 1978, the organization has honored the choices of individuals and families by providing exemplary end-of-life care and grief support. As the county’s leading nonprofit provider of hospice care, the hospice program is enriched by community grief support, a children’s bereavement camp, transitional care and palliative care services, concurrent care for children, pet companion and music therapy programs, hospice care for veterans, and end-of-life education and outreach. Approximately 3,500 Santa Cruz County residents are served annually.

Hospice of Santa Cruz County’s community grief support program continues to offer virtual, and socially distanced, grief support individual sessions, groups, classes and events this fall. Grief support available for youth and adults.

All community members are invited to the Virtual Memorial Service and Candle Lighting. A cherished annual tradition, this event is an invitation to pause

during the holiday season and remember a beloved family member, or dear friend, who has died. Whether your loved one recently passed, or is someone who you have carried in your heart for many years, this service nourishes tender hearts by honoring both the joy and sadness that comes with remembrance.

Virtual Interfaith Memorial Service and Candle Lighting

Thursday, November 12, 5:30pm

Register at:

www.hospicesantacruz.org/event/memorial-2020/

Please call us at (831) 430 3000 or visit online at hospicesantacruz.org to learn more about the support Hospice of Santa Cruz County provides.

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Parish Assistance Ministry

The Parish Assistance Ministry (PAM) Desk is still open on Mondays and Fridays from 10 am-12 noon. We take lots of precautions such as masks and gloves for volunteers and masks and hand sanitizers for the clients.

- PAM provides:**
- *Groceries and toiletries
 - *Limited financial assistance
 - *Bus passes
 - *Referrals for resource information

We need more volunteers for the PAM desk.



Resurrection Food Pantry

Resurrection Food Pantry is part of our Parish Assistance Ministry (PAM). Our pantry is an official food distribution center for Second Harvest Food Bank in Watsonville. Because of that, we can purchase food at a fraction of retail prices, and we also get many free items. We also receive many generous and wonderful donations of food from parishioners. We continue through your generosity to provide food for the poor on Mondays & Fridays from 10:00 am—12:00 pm every week.

Your financial donations to this ministry have been a blessing, and we are able to provide for all our

needs. Sometimes we ask for specific items because we aren't able to purchase them from Second Harvest. Donations for the Food Pantry can be dropped off during pantry hours.

Our Food Pantry has been designated as an "essential activity" during the pandemic shutdown, as it serves as a grocery store for the poor. We've been offering our clients twice as much food each visit so that they don't have to make as many trips out for food.

At this time, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we do not need volunteers to help bag groceries. We

Training for all volunteers is provided.

The desk is staffed each Monday and Friday from 10 am to 12 noon by two volunteers.

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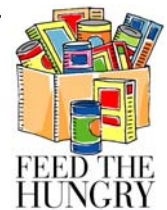


are grateful to Maggie Cross and Fran Bruce for their dedication in bagging the groceries and keeping the pantry full.

We thank all of you who generously support our food pantry with your donations of money and food. And the Risen Christ, who still hides amongst the poor, begging for food, thanks you.

Our PAM desk volunteers distribute the food bags prepared by the Food Pantry each Monday and Friday from 10 am-12 pm.

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Jesus Mary Joseph Home

Founded in 1989, Jesus Mary Joseph Home (JMJ) is a 24/7 Christian transitional shelter program for women and children experiencing homelessness. Based on availability, admission to the program is by referral, application, and interview.

Located in a quiet residential area of Westside Santa Cruz, JMJ

is noted for its loving & healing program which enables families to return to independent living. JMJ also offers free end-of-life care for senior women and hospice care for those in need.

Local schools, churches, or business groups are invited to call the director to learn about ways to help JMJ residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. When the

pandemic ends, JMJ will be once again be permitted to schedule on-site workdays for its many deferred service projects.

Compassionate individuals wishing to commit to long term service, please call ahead to ask about possible opportunities on the volunteer roster. For resident safety reasons, individual volunteers who work on-site must first complete an application, interview, and screening process.

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Siena House

While the rest of the world struggles to find new ways of surviving amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, *moms and babies still need a safe place to lay their head, food to nourish their bodies, and support to improve their circumstances.*

As the only facility of its kind on the Central Coast, our primary goal is to continue providing quality, life changing services to our residents and their babies.

In order to do that, we need your support.



COPA

building power in the age of COVID

Housing and economic insecurities in Santa Cruz county:

COPA helped organize workers at the Holy Cross food pantry. Workers had noticed a tenfold increase of people requesting help from the church. Through zoom meetings sponsored by COPA leaders, people were able to communicate their fear of losing housing due to loss of employment. This led to workshops to teach about local and state ordinance protections from evictions. From this, leaders emerged from Holy Cross, Star of the Sea, and St. Joseph's Catholic churches. To be able to engage elected officials, leaders learned how COPA builds power through relational allies and research actions.

In an example of how broad-based organizing achieves power the Catholic churches were joined by other COPA institutions. They met with Santa Cruz County Supervisors, John Leopold, Zach Friend and Ryan Coonerty. Leaders shared their stories and asked Supervisors to extend the moratorium to prevent evictions for families and to authorize a 6-12-month rental payback plan. They met with Santa Cruz City council members for the same protections. As a result, the City council voted to extend the moratorium. When the County Supervisors met on August 18th, they voted to extend the moratorium on evictions to keep tenants housed while providing funds for landlords to

For many, the need is now greater than ever. Our newest resident was working as a nurse when she found out she was pregnant. Due to a high-risk pregnancy and the threat of COVID-19, she was unable to continue working. Her fiancé left her and she was unable to support herself in her current condition.

We are asking for your help as the pandemic forces us to cancel our baby bottle drive and our yearly dinner auction.

Please consider making a donation in whatever amount you can

spare, and please remember us with your estate planning, as your gifts ensure our moms and babies a safe and supportive environment to call home.

The easiest way to give is by going to sienahouse.org and clicking: "[DONATE NOW](#)"

As always, we are grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you again!

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cover missed rent payments. The county gave final approval to 1.1 million dollars in emergency funds.

The county Supervisors stated they will continue to work with COPA on issues that impact the community. Holy Cross Leaders are a model of [Two Feet In Action – Charity and Justice](#), an initiative of the US Catholic Conference of Bishops, describing two complementary ways to put the Gospel in action: immediate help for those in need (charity) and at the same time, addressing the underlying systemic root causes of poverty (justice). In November 2019, COPA Leaders succeed in bringing Affordable housing to Live Oak. Santa Cruz County Supervisors approved 57 low-income housing units with both dental and medical clinics on site.

Immigration:

COPA and other California IAF (Industrial Areas Foundation) sister organizations, organized at the State level to leverage Covid-19 relief for undocumented Immigrants. The tax credit expansion became part of the Governors' Budget on 6/30/20.

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Resurrection Catholic Community Outreach Ministries

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Association of Faith Communities 25 Churches serving the Homeless	Pat Lorenzo pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com 831-708-2068	Parish Assistance Ministry Food, referrals, bus passes, financial assistance	Jan Finney jannyg38@yahoo.com 831-684-2879
COPA Faithful Citizenship for our Community	Mary Litel-Walsh mlitelwalsh@comcast.net 408-691-7461	Prime Timers Social and educational gather- ings for Seniors	Erma Coty, RN elcoty@att.net 831-688-4300 x17
Dominican Wellness Mobile Clinic On-site mobile clinic	Esther Bustos Esther.bustos@dignityhealth.org 831-462-7589	Prison Ministry-<i>Christian Hope</i> Weekly Christian meditation pro- gram at CA state prisons	Valerie Roach vmd@cruzio.com 831-234-1625
Food Pantry Distributing donated food to those in need	Rody Hilbert darhilb@got.net 831-688-2270	Ruby's Outreach Helping people in need apply for benefits	Margaret "Ruby" Caylor- riteaidruby@yahoo.com 831-662-3585
Gabriel Project Helping Women in Crisis Pregnancies	Crockett Hinga thinga@sbcglobal.net 831-684-0953	Senior Resource Ministry Assistance for our Senior Members	Erma Coty, RN elcoty@att.net 831-688-4300 x17
Get on the Bus Helping children to visit their parents in Prison	Karen Victorino kmvictorino@sbcglobal.net 831-688-4300	"Shower the People" Mobile Shower Ministry Mobile shower unit for homeless persons	Stephen Sage stephensage@hotmail.com (831) 761-5869 Jay Galster Jay@marzodesign.com 831-521-2035
Homebound Communion Ministry Weekly Communion & support for our Homebound Members	Deacon Patrick Conway pfconway@sbcglobal.net 831-840-3750	Siena House Providing support for pregnant women and their babies.	Donna Miller info@sienahouse.org 831-425-2229
Homeless Shelter Ministry Food and shelter for homeless men and women in Markey Community Center	Pat Lorenzo pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com 831-708-2068	SPIN-Socks for People in Need Providing new socks for people in need	Pat Lorenzo pat.lorenzo336@yahoo.com 831-708-2068
Hospice of Santa Cruz Support and care for those approaching the end of life	Vanessa Silverstein vsilverstein@hospicesantacruz.org 831-430-3047	St. Francis Catholic Kitchen Providing weekly noon lunch, clothing and showers	Kathy Manus kathrynmanus@gmail.com 831-688-0129
Jail Ministry Weekly Communion services for those in County jails	Bill Littell blittelljr@aol.com 831-688-8599	Thanksgiving Boxes Providing Thanksgiving food box- es to families in need	Deacon Patrick Conway pfconway@sbcglobal.net 831-840-3750
Jesus Mary Joseph Home Sheltering homeless women, children & the impoverished terminally ill	Pat Gorman, 831-459-8046 pgorman@stfrancissoupkitchen.org Kathy Manus, 831-688-0129 kathrynmanus@gmail.com	Tutoring Ministry tutoring children of farm workers	Hugh Voris hugo6184@gmail.com 831-688-7288
Knights of Columbus Catholic men serving our parish and community	John Simon johnsimonjr@comcast.net 831-212-3375	Wings Helping homeless and recently- housed people with simple tasks	Peggy Benedum peggy.benedum @wingsadvocacy.org
Manna Ministries Free hot lunch every Saturday at noon in cemetery parking lot	Kathy Manus, 831-688-0129 kathrynmanus@gmail.com Mike Howley, 831-688-8273 mikehowley1941@yahoo.com	Women's Guild Women of the parish serving parish & community	Barbara Sissom bsissom@sbcglobal.net 831-708-2888
Mantles of Caring Knitting items with love for those in need	Pat O'Brien fpob69@gmail.com 831-566-8234		Updated 10/10/20