



THE MESSENGER



OF ST. PETER'S PARISH, OAKLAND, CA
February, 2019

The Rev. Michael Mautner, Rector

St. Peter's Calendar

- ❖ February 3 Birthday Cake at Coffee Hour
- ❖ February 4, 11, & 25 Kiwanis Club meets for lunch in St. Peter's Social Hall.
- ❖ February 17 Vestry Meeting
- ❖ March 10 Annual Parish Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Born in 1930 on the White Earth Indian Reservation in northwestern Minnesota, Fr. Paul Hauge celebrated his 88th birthday in northeastern Oakland, California, at St. Peter's on Sunday, January 6th, and with two cakes! You've come a long way, Father. Congratulations! Ω

On Sunday, January 6th Deya and Matthew Thompson received a special blessing in celebration of their second anniversary. Matt serves on the Vestry and as one of the ushers and lay readers. Deya is usually seen helping with coffee hour and pitching in to help with other activities. Ω

Amahl and the Night Visitors Performance



Jonathan Napier's production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* was performed on the St. Peter's stage on Sunday, January 13th, after coffee hour. *Amahl* has become something of a Christmas classic since its first performance in 1951. The one act opera was originally written by Gian Carlo Menotti for television for the NBC Opera Theatre. In composing the opera, Menotti drew on his childhood in Italy where it was not Santa Claus but rather the Three Kings who delivered presents.

In the opera the Three Kings who are on their way to Bethlehem stop to rest at the house of a poor disabled boy and his mother. The moving story of their encounter illustrates the true spirit of Christmas and how faith, charity and love can work miracles.

This production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* was beautifully costumed and artfully performed. And, in keeping with Menotti's insistence in the early productions of the opera, *Amahl* was performed by a young boy. Ω

Be sure to make your reservations!

The 28th Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Western States will be held May 15-18 at the Lafayette Park Hotel. The Synod Mass will again be at the St. Joseph of Arimathea Collegiate Chapel on Friday, May 17th. Reservations must be made for the ACW Luncheon and business meeting and for the Synod Banquet by March 31st. Payment is also due by March 31st. A schedule of events and costs will be emailed to parishioners soon. Please contact Fr. Mautner or Debbie Stanford. Ω

Many thanks go to our members who cleared the stage in the social hall Saturday, January 19th. Fr. Mautner has been able to negotiate a limited time/limited space rental agreement to use part of the stage to host Anna Orias's Musically Minded business. Ω

Regular Weekly Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Sermon & Church School
Wednesday: 12:15 p.m. Holy Communion
Thursday 7:00-8:00 p.m. Scripture Class

Confessions by appointment.

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Vestry

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| Senior Warden: | Conrad Sweeting | Tim Cadoo | Eliza Kirkpatrick |
| Junior Warden: | Donald Dammen | Gil Collins | Shari Plunkett |
| Treasurer: | Deborah Stanford | Gill Daley | Matt Thompson |

Clerk (Non-vestry): Patsy Ronat

WELCOME: We welcome single people as well as families and children to Saint Peter's. Nursery is provided for babies through age two. Church School instruction is provided for age three through twelve. Teens are welcome to help out as volunteers in the Nursery or in the Sunday School. For more information, please pick up a brochure in the narthex or contact the Church School Superintendent, Eliza Kirkpatrick at elizakirkpatrick@gmail.com.