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December 9 – Annual Christmas Party

Our December 9th meeting will be our annual Christmas Party! Please bring an unwrapped toy as a Christmas present for a needy child for distribution through Catholic Charities.

This year, students of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help School choir will perform Christmas carols for us, and we'll hear a special message about the Reason for the Season from our club's Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Craig Plunkett.

Fr. Robert Borges will also give us an update on Catholic Education in the Diocese of Fresno as well as



information about how CP&BC members can help with the needs of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in particular.

We hope you can join us for an inspiring Christmas breakfast and a joyous celebration of this most wonderful time of the year!



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Speaker Recap

Sam Saladino – Faith-Based Investing

By Norma Williams



President Jeff, Speaker Kenneth,
Spiritual Advisor Fr. Craig

Sam Saladino took to heart Saint Pope John Paul II's admonition for the laity to become more involved when he started an independent faith-based investment firm in 2007. Feeling like a David against a Goliath and after working 10 years in a brokerage firm, he struck out on his own, creating the Catholic Epiphany Fund, which now has 4,000 shareholders.

A resident of Arlington, Texas, Sam described himself as formerly being a novice in faith, but he experienced a life change when a serious heart defect was detected at age 34, necessitating open heart surgery. Praying the rosary, he felt the Virgin Mary's presence and peace. He counts himself extremely fortunate that the right people and money "fell into his lap" when needed for his new endeavor.

Sam's company now manages 1,800 corporations, 7,000 stocks, and 6,000 bonds. He tries to feel God's hand in everything he does, managing portfolios in an ethical, socially responsible manner. He makes certain that the companies he invests in respect human dignity, are good stewards of the earth, strive for the common good, and do no harm.

Sam recommends reading the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' publication on principles for investments. A free download is available at www.usccb.org/SociallyResponsibleInvestmentGuidelines.

A positive fact is that religious-based funds are up 300%.

Website: Epiphanyfunds.com

Business Person of the Month: Larry Holody, CFP

RBC Wealth Management Senior Vice President – Financial Consultant

With 45 years of experience, Larry's reputation is built upon successfully providing sound investment advice to individuals and companies. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from California State University, School of Business, Fresno, CA and has been a Certified Financial Planner since 1981. He is a volunteer fundraiser for the Bulldog Foundation. Larry served as the President of the Catholic Professional & Business Club, the Fresno Trade Club, the South Fresno Lions Club, Christians in Commerce — Fresno Chapter, Booster Club at San Joaquin Memorial High School, and was on the Board of the Fresno State Alumni Association. He also served in the Army National Guard for six years, from 1964-1970.

Larry lives in Fresno, California with his wife, Ranae, of 44 years. He has six beautiful grandchildren that he loves spending time with, as well as mastering his golf game with his son and sons-in-law. He enjoys classic car shows, traveling, and when he has a few moments, catching up on his Bible studies.



Prayer Research & Submission By Mary Borges



There was among the enthralled shepherds a young boy who heard of the miracle birth and wanted to see for himself the child named Jesus. He was very excited, but also sad because he had no gift to bring for the newborn babe. All he had in the world to call his own was his drum.

Knowing of his sadness, God visited him that night in a dream, telling the shepherd boy that he did, indeed, have a gift to give. God said his gift would be his drum, and that playing it for the child would make him very happy. God told the boy that, like the ancients who sent news of important events to neighboring villages using their drums, his drumbeats, too, would be heard in the wind, and the good news of the miracle birth would spread near and far.

When the shepherd boy awoke, he was filled with joy, knowing that he had something to offer the child Jesus. So he gathered his sheep, picked up his drum, and set off to find the baby and share the good news of his birth with the world.

Upcoming Events

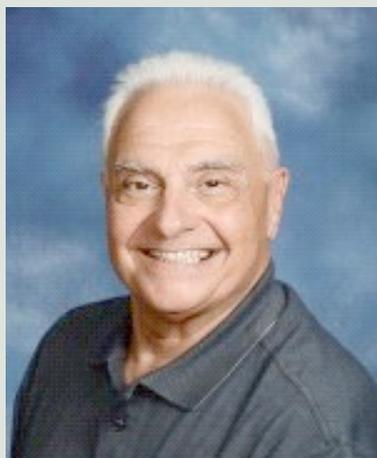
- January No meeting
- February 10 – Our 20th Anniversary Celebration!
- March 10th

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vavi@cns4u.com

Parish Profile - Deacon John Supino St. Paul Newman Center

Deacon John Supino is a native New Yorker, who moved to Fresno in 1953. After graduating from San Joaquin Memorial High School in 1958, he attended Fresno State College and obtained a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master's degree in Counseling and Guidance. He taught and coached at St. Anthony of Padua elementary school for one year and at San Joaquin Memorial for 10 years and starting in 1977 served as an insurance and investment professional.



In 1996 he began studies toward ordination as a permanent deacon. He was ordained a deacon by Bishop John Steinbock on January 11, 2003. He was appointed as Parish Life Coordinator/Administrator for the Newman Center by Bishop Steinbock in November 2008. Deacon John has

been a member of St. Paul Catholic Newman Center since its inception in 1964.

In 1963-64 he served as the first president of the Newman Club student organization (now the Catholic Student Association). He met his wife, Luci, at the Newman Center. They have been married since August of 1965 and have three children and five grandchildren.

Be sure to save Feb. 10 for our 20th Anniversary Celebration!

The Fresno Catholic Professional and Business Club was founded in 2006 by Frank and Mary Borges. It is one of the most successful of our national chapters because of the quality of our speakers, the camaraderie, and the opportunity to network. Every speaker has helped us reflect on what it means to live our spiritual faith in our everyday lives. Please save the date and plan to join us to celebrate!



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network: December Intentions

Universal: End to Child-Soldiers — that the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelization: Europe — that the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

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CP&BC Membership Dues: Annual dues are \$45 per person. A membership application form is available on our website at www.cpbcfresno.org. The deadline is December 31, 2016 to be included in the directory. For more information contact John Kanaley at [315-243-6597](tel:315-243-6597).

Reservations: Reservations are required for all breakfast meetings, held at Pardini's, and can be made by calling Lourdes Sanchez at 559-434-2722 or by visiting www.cpbcfresno.org then click on the reservation link. Doors open at 7 a.m. for coffee and networking. The program starts at 7:20 a.m. and concludes at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast cost is \$17 for members and \$22 for non-members. An annual discounted cost of \$120 is available to members that prepay for the year; this is a savings of \$33. Reservations are still required for prepays.

Membership Directory: Ad space starts at \$50. Contact Al Aguila at directory@cpbcfresno.org for more information. December 15, 2016 is the deadline to reserve ad space. More directory advertising information is available at www.cpbcfresno.org. December 31, 2016 is the deadline for ad artwork.

Prayer Network: CP&BC has a "prayer network" to be used for member prayer needs for themselves or loved ones. We have members already signed-up to pray for special needs submitted; however, anyone else is invited to also become part of the prayer network. Sally Lauritzen is the point person to whom requests can be made, and once they are received she will email or phone the network. Contact Sally (salauritz@att.net or [559.439.8378](tel:559.439.8378)) to become part of the network or to submit a prayer request.

Website: Please be sure to visit www.cpbcfresno.org for all the latest information about our club. CP&BC thanks J. Colin Petersen of J - I.T. Outsource for the design and maintenance of the website.

Mission Statement:

As Catholic professional and business men and women, we are called to live our Christian ethics not only on Sundays, but throughout our daily lives at home and at work.

Our goal in the Catholic Professional & Business Club shall be to incorporate and uphold our beliefs in every aspect of our daily lives, and to gather to share with others who seek a more ethical business environment.

Each of us shall strive to achieve a commingling of our ethical obligations and our professional obligations in demonstration of the fact that ethics and business need not be mutually exclusive terms.

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