Veni, Sancte Spiritus...

...and help us with our mission! by Megan Arteaga

This Sunday, Jesus gives us, his disciples, a commission: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Thankfully, he also gives us the Holy Spirit, our “advocate,” to help us in our mission to go out to all the world and spread the Good News!

As someone who takes that commission seriously (specifically this weekend by leading the teens in their final steps toward Confirmation), I find a lot of wisdom in what the Pentecost Sequence tells us about this advocate.

Images like “grateful coolness in the heat” reflect the relief I feel when I remember to turn the teens over to the care of the Lord. Reminders like “where you are not, we have naught” prompt me to rely on God and everything He sends me to carry out that commission—whether it comes in the form of volunteers, new resources, or simply friendly words of encouragement from parents or parishioners. And entreaties like “bend the stubborn heart and will” need no explanation for anyone who’s ever worked with me!

My favorite line, though, and the line I always try to keep our teens mindful of, is the final verse, asking of God: “Give them virtue’s sure reward;/ Give them your salvation, Lord;/ Give them joys that never end.”

All of our hard work in living out that commission, all the times we’ve longed for the Spirit’s inspiration, all the times we’ve struggled to trust in and rely on the Lord: all is directed toward that most beautiful of goals—being with Our Lord in heaven, with joys that never end.
Last week, we told you to keep an eye out for a new parish website coming out soon... and now it’s up and for all of you! To that end, we partnered with eCatholic, a company specializing in parish and school websites, and built our new site from the ground up.

In addition to a cleaner look and a more modern design, you’ll find that the information is more accurate, navigating around is easier, and finding what you need (or discovering something new!) is an enjoyable experience.

Let us know what you think!

**Summer Projects**

As mentioned in our annual report several months ago, there are a number of capital repair/improvement projects slated for this year. Some of these will begin this summer.

One of these projects will be the painting of the exterior of the church. Some of the paint is peeling and plaster is cracking, allowing water intrusion. The color will remain the same with the exception of some highlighting of features on the steeple and pillars. This will require scaffolding being erected around the church building.

Funding for this project will come from our savings account on deposit with the diocese. The low bid cost of this project was $65,000.00, plus any unanticipated problems that might be uncovered.

Your continued generosity will help us replenish these funds for future much-needed projects!

**Why Be A Catechist?**

Do you want to explore our faith together? Faith Formation is more than just First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. It is a lifelong and ongoing process.

Our students at all ages deserve to know what it means to live counter-culturally the way Jesus did. They need to know how to move in this world and see things from a Catholic perspective. They are unique gifts from God, and what they become is a gift to Him.

As one catechist put it, “I learn so much from the children! I learn new things about the Catholic faith and I re-learn things I had forgotten. I learn to be the person God created me to be.” Yes! As we nurture the faith of our young, we will learn and grow as well!

As a Faith Formation Coordinator for five years at Santa Maria Church, I have been blessed with a group of loving, caring, volunteer catechists who are committed to passing along their faith. But our catechists do not always remain with the program forever. Some of them have to leave because of their families’ needs, but they still commit to pray for our program. Therefore, we always need catechists and classroom aids.

If you are interested in sharing your faith with the children, please do not hesitate to contact Sister Theresa Do at 925-254-2426 ext. 306, or email sistertd@smparish.org.

Thank you, and have a blessed summer!

**Pentecost Thank You**

As we conclude the 50 Days of Easter and celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives and community—it is an appropriate time to thank all the many parishioners who shared their gifts during the many liturgical celebrations of the Lent, Triduum, and Easter liturgical cycle as greeters, ushers, ministers of the word, ministers of communion, sacristans, altar servers, cantors, accompanists, choir (adult, children and teen), art & environment team, liturgy planning team, lay presiders, altar care, presiders, palm carriers, banner carriers, those who had their feet washed, those who carried the Cross through the streets of Orinda on Good Friday, and you—fellow parishioners who gathered in prayer during this holiest time of the year to give God thanks and praise. Now—the Spirit

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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*L = Living; D = Deceased*

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzunino@smparish.org.
sends us forth to live and share with others what we have come to believe.

Refugee Family Update
A team of Santa Maria volunteers has been tutoring the Klaw Reh family from Burma twice a week for the past five months. When the family arrived in September, they didn’t speak English and were illiterate in their own Karenni language. They are gradually learning our language and are retaining a good portion of what they’ve learned week to week. In addition to supporting their ESL and school work, we are introducing the children to educational games and toys. Every activity becomes a learning experience.

The first time the eight year old played with Legos she built a two story building. She learned to identify the colors of the blocks, the number of windows and doors, whether the doors and windows were open or closed and so on. It’s a joy to teach second language learners as they are so eager to learn! For the summer, the first and third graders are going to summer school as well as soccer camp. We will also continue to tutor everyone so they don’t forget everything over the summer break.

Hats off to our dedicated team: Sarah Albo, Kathie Brady, Mary Doherty, Anne Fuller, Gail Gabriel, Theresa Gonzales, Susan Hamilton, Lynn Hogan, Betsy Korte, Judy Marquis, Kathy Measure, Dorothy Mussey, Mary Passeri, Catherine Pines, Walter Peyton, Marita Platon, Janet Riley,

Send Out Your Spirit
Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus’ post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today’s Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus’ followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church’s greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: “Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!” (Psalm 104:30).

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Are you new to Santa Maria?
We’re glad you’re here!
The Church of Santa Maria is a vibrant community of faith who believes and professes the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the living tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. We provide the Sacraments and Sacramental preparation, pastoral care, opportunities for social outreach, and faith formation for all ages of the Catholic Community of Orinda, CA.

Our mission is that of our Diocese of Oakland: To know Christ better and to make Him better known.

Thank you for joining us this weekend for your worship! If you’re not yet registered in the parish, please cut out and return the portion below to the collection basket or to the Parish Office, and we’ll mail you a registration form!

See you next week!

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!
We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive regular communication via both email and regular mail. Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, and we will mail you a Parish Registration Form!

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,
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Berg, Maria Carmen, Delores Codde,
Tom Crosby, Deacon Maurice
Custodio, Lorna Elliott, Michael
Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio
Fonseca,
Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget
Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Brian
Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly,
Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol
Koupes, Jane Kramer, Yal Liu, Rose
Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce,
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark
Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer,
John Wheeler, and Margaret
Wiegand

For the Deceased
Jack Leutza

TREASURE

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Catholic Communications $ 

Upcoming Collections:
07/02/17 Faith Formation
07/09/17 Holy Father/Peter’s Pence

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Susanna & Frank MacDonald after the 8:30am Mass
Maria Nunez after the 10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!

Week-At-A-Glance

Saturday, June 10
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Outreach

Weekly Food Collection
1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius
School (fruit cups, crackers, granola
bars, juice, water, chips, Cup-O-
Noodles, macaroni and cheese, sugar,
rice, beans, cereal, and cooking oil)
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr
Church Pantry (canned meats like
Vienna sausage, chicken, and tuna,
cereal, canned vegetables, and canned
fruit)

All items can be put in the barrel in
the Narthex.

A Friendly Place

Please remember to bring items for A
Friendly Place, a daytime shelter for
homeless women in Oakland.
Needed are: socks, antacids, cold
remedies, bingo prizes, small bottles
of shampoo, conditioner and
deodorant. Place them in the
outreach closet to the left as you enter
the church.

Food Pantry Needs
The Sacrament of Confirmation

WE GATHER THIS SUNDAY, THE FOURTH OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD AS THESE TWENTY YOUNG PARISHIONERS RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED: REMEMBER YOUR MISSION HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL AS YOU COMMENCE AND CONTINUE YOUR COMMISSION TO GO OUT TO ALL THE WORLD AND SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS.

Malia Cecilia Akazana
Niamh Mary Akazana
Justin Medardus Alvarado
John Francis Anthenien
Ryan Peter Bakonyvari
Julia Cecilia Bond
Alyson Christopher Eversole
Adam George Fahd
Abigail Fleming
Chantal Thérèse Hummel
Kathryn Maria Goretti Lyons
Graham Francis Manning
Brendan Augustine McFeely
Ashley Christopher Miller
Blaire Elizabeth Murphy
Mollie Christopher Murphy
Julian Paul Ramirez
David Vitus Rezapour
Nathan Jerome Sattah
Alyssa Francis Taylor

“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME; HE HAS SENT ME TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE AFFLICTED, TO BIND UP THE BROKENHEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES, RELEASE TO THE PRISONERS, TO ANNOUNCE A YEAR OF FAVOR FROM THE LORD AND A DAY OF VINDICATION BY OUR GOD; TO COMFORT ALL WHO MOURN; ... THEY WILL BE CALLED OAKS OF JUSTICE, THE PLANTING OF THE LORD TO SHOW HIS GLORY.”  -IS 61:1-3