Twenty “Souls on Fire”

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

This past weekend marked the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of twenty of our young Catholics, as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation after almost two years of prayer, study, and preparation.

These teens (sophomores and juniors in High School) have spent many Sunday afternoons exploring their faith, learning to talk to each other about the important things of life, and diving into what it means to be a Catholic. They’ve also ministered at our 5pm Sunday Youth Masses and served our community with volunteer and service work. One of their annual favorites is the Overnight Retreat: a weekend away to disconnect from the business of life and to focus on Christ – with a healthy dose of games, good food, and song thrown in for good measure!

The Pentecost Gospel reminded them again of the point of all of this: to carry out the mission Jesus entrusted us with. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (Jn 20:21).

This mission in action will look a little different for each of these teens, as it looks different for each of us who lives it. Some have the gift of speech, others of attentive presence, still others of joy, of solidarity, or of empathy: and we’re called to use them all together to make God’s loving presence known to everyone we encounter.
Parish Life

RCIA
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is a journey of faith for those inquiring about becoming a Catholic and those who were baptized in the Catholic church but have not celebrated the sacraments of confirmation and/or eucharist. This process recognizes that all who join us have already experienced God in their lives and are now searching for a community in which they can join in worship of God and learn more about their faith.

Maybe you have been searching. Maybe you know someone who is. Come October we will begin a journey of discovering who God is, who we are as church and as a people of faith.

Come and see!
Contact the parish office at 925.254.2426 x303

Father’s Day Novena Cards

Father’s Day novena cards may be obtained in the narthex of the Church this weekend. Remembrance envelopes may be deposited in the collection or returned to the parish office.

The Father’s Day novena will be from Sunday, June 18 through Monday, June 26th. The remembrance envelopes will be placed on the altar during morning liturgy and next to the tabernacle in the church on the weekend during the novena.

Winter Night Shelter

Below is a list of Santa Maria volunteers who participated in the Winter Nights shelter program this past Spring at the Orinda Community Church. They organized the kitchen and prepared meals for the guests for three days in early March.

Sheila Eversole & Susan Lundstrom Co-chairs
Mary Henderson
Marci Adams
Anne Fuller
Kathleen Metheny
Theresa Gonzales
Debbie Berndt & Ethan Berndt
Laura, Eric, Nicole & Luke Lamison
Nikki Nestal & Dylan Nestal
Gail Brewster
Katharine, Ellie & Hank Hawkins
Kirsten, John, Caroline & Catherine Kenner
Annie, Alex & Scott Eversole
Susan Hamilton
Sean Hogan
Lunny Lundstrom
Judy Marquis
Bob & Annmarie McGee

Thank you!

Around the Diocese

Concert at Basilica of St. Joseph, Alameda

On Sunday, June 25th @ 3pm, St. Joseph Basilica in Alameda is hosting a FREE 1-hour concert of two internationally renowned Catholic artists:

Tiano Vas - singer-songwriter and folk/classical guitarist from Argentina who had wildly successful tours of Europe and South America. His “pop” Christian music videos are highly popular worldwide (this is his USA tour)

And

AnnaMaria Mendieta - harpist and tango specialist who has performed for President Clinton, President Gorbachev and the King and Queen of Spain, as well as on EWTN and other TV networks, NPR, Emmy Awards, etc.

As the Vas-Mendieta duo they have put together a special “Musical Mission” concert sharing the life and mission of Padre Pio and his devotion to Mary, through bi-lingual songs.

Entrance is free but donations will be collected to benefit a nonprofit organization. For further information see Notes for Nourishment on FB, or call 510-540-8136.

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*L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or
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.

Treasures From Our Tradition
It is often heard that today’s observance is an “idea feast,” and that it is somewhat difficult to grasp its meaning. Other great solemnities, such as Christmas and Easter, have an easily grasped core. Yet, even though the Trinity is at the heart of our faith, firmly declared in the Creed since the Council of Nicea in 325, we are used to having people shrug and say, “Well, it’s a mystery.”

Perhaps it is more helpful to think of this as a “relationship feast,” since it unveils our deepest identity. Dorothy Day was a great social reformer, pacifist, and ardent lover of the Trinity. When people told her that she would certainly be canonized one day (the process is indeed underway), she protested dismissively by remarking that people were raising a fuss just because she was not afraid to talk about God. She loved the Trinity, and treasured the traditional icon for the feast, also known as “The Hospitality of Abraham,” depicting the three angelic beings seated at a table tilted toward the viewer and laden with bread and wine. For her, the Trinity revealed the heart of the Catholic life, three C’s if you will: community, communication, and communion. That was not an “idea” for her, but what it means to be created in the image of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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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!

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!

Name

Address

Phone  Email
Liturgy of the Hours:
Of the Solemnity

We are destined to be with God now and forever. God chose to create and redeem humanity in an unequalled act of love. In an unparalleled act of love God sent the Son so that we might have Life. Divine Life and love extend beyond the inner intimacy of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity to us in an eternal, shared love-dance drawing us toward a fuller share in God. This is salvation: a share in God, in God’s Life and love for all eternity.

—Living Liturgy™, Trinity Sunday 2017
YOUTH on a MISSION
NorCal Catholic Discipleship Training

July 20 - 23, 2017 • Cal Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA

ENCOUNTER

DISCOVER

SERVE

Have you ever felt compelled, motivated, or called to take a journey that will impact others around you? Now is your chance to take the opportunity to make a difference. At YOUTH on a MISSION, you will encounter Christ, learn practical skills for servant leadership, discover God’s call to evangelize, and be challenged to take the next step in your discipleship.

NEW this year we will have two tracks for the teens. Track One for all first time attendees. Track Two, for returners, will dive deeper into the content, giving the teens practical skills they need to serve at their parish.

Start on your Mission today!

Program info:

New: 2 tracks for new and returning teens

Program Start: July 20th, 2017 @ 10:00am

Program End: July 23rd, 2017
Mass @ 11:00am
BBQ Lunch at Noon

Registration Deadline: June 20th, 2017

Location:
Cal Maritime Academy
200 Maritime Academy Drive
Vallejo, CA 94590

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