Permanent Deacons

Who Are They?

A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came “to serve and not to be served.” The Second Vatican Church decreed that the diaconate, when it was restored as a permanent order in the hierarchy, could be opened to “mature married men,” age 35 and up.

All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church’s resources to meet those needs.

Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Our parish is blessed with having three deacons: Deacon Jim Pearce, Deacon Maurice Custodio and Deacon Rey Encarnacion. If you see them on Sundays please introduce yourself to them.
PARISH LIFE

Fourth of July Morning Mass
Our regular morning Mass for the Fourth of July will be celebrated in the church at 9a. The location and time change is to allow you to begin your celebration of the Fourth with Mass, leave your car in our parking lot and then walk down the hill to awesome Orinda Fourth of July Festivities.

Daily Mass
Daily Mass will be in the church from July 4 - July 13 due to the Sisters of the Holy Cross retreat in the chapel of the convent.

The Sunday Collection
One of the most ancient customs of the Church is that of the people providing the bread and wine for the Eucharist; and over time the inclusion of monetary offerings for the operation of the local parish and the poor.

At our 5p vigil, 10:30a and 5p Sunday liturgies, baskets are passed through the pews for the collection. Ushers bring the baskets to the front and middle pews to begin this collection but it is the assembly that facilitates their offering to the church by placing their financial gift in the basket and then passing it from one to another. It is OK to stand and hand it to the person down the pew or behind you; because it is the offering of the gathered assembly and the engagement with your sisters and brothers in prayer, which ritualizes that all members of the assembly take place in this sharing and offering of gifts.

One with Creation
tinyurl.com/OneWithCreation-3MR
“Reflections from Megan”
I remember the first time I truly understood the awesome majesty of creation. I’d had a few glimmers of appreciation, but it wasn’t until a camping trip with a few friends in college that I fully grasped what I was looking at. We had driven out to Kansa in the Sierra Nevada, literally on the edge of the wilderness, to look at the stars. As we’re all awestruck at the great swath of the Milky Way and the clarity of constellations unhindered by light pollution, one of my friends casually commented, “It’s kind of cool that God created all these stars thinking they would be beautiful, and here we are now, thinking the same thing.” I was struck dumb. It had never even crossed my mind to connect my enjoyment of Creation with the Creator’s own enjoyment of it. As stewards of this land, we are responsible for loving and cherishing that which God created - and also cherishes.

Summer Projects
We continue to work on some of the capital improvement/repair projects slated for this summer. The painting of the exterior of the church continues. You may notice scaffolding around the sides of the church building. Some minor dry rot has been uncovered and is being repaired. The terracing of one section of the hill between the church and the lower parking lot will begin shortly. New gutters on the rectory and the school building will be installed in the Fall.

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.

Food Pantry Needs

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 l2mino@smparish.org.
AROUND THE DIOCESE

San Damiano Retreat
The Franciscans at San Damiano would like to acquaint you with their retreats and worship for this summer.

July 3-31 (Mondays)
Children Book Series—led by Jan Stegner—Time: 10:00am-12:00pm
Cost is free (donations accepted).

July 23-28
Francis and the Cosmic Christ
Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM Cap
Cost is $395 (private room) or $320 (shared room).

July 28-30
Franciscan Hermitage Experience (Silent Retreat)
Sr. Mary Jo Chaves, OSF & Dorothy Charbonneau
Cost is $235 (private room) or $205 for a (shared room).

For information, call (925) 837-9141.

Marriage Encounter
Try Marriage Encounter - For A Change! Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, carpooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house and yard? Tell him or her they are still #1 in your life...share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on July 14-16 or September 29-October 1st. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Golden Girls Himalayan Cats
Beautiful cats need a new home. If you would like one of the Golden Girls lovely Himalayan cats, please contact Joanne Lande at 925-254-5070.

Reflecting on the Gospel

Liturgy of the Hours:
Week I of the Psalter

Jesus clearly states that he is to be above everyone and everything in our lives-even family. Jesus also says that whoever receives his followers receives him. Jesus is reminding us that our relationship to him is expressed in our relationship with each other. In giving and receiving we make evident that Jesus is the center and focus of our lives. In giving and receiving we lose our lives for the sake of others. In giving and receiving we find fullness of Life-Jesus himself.

-Living Liturgy™, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017

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
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Reverend Vien Nguyen  
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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shonib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Harlon 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 Koupus, 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*

**Treasure**

*June 25, 2017 Actual*

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**Upcoming Collections:**

- 07/09/17: Holy Father/Peter Pence  
- 07/30/17: Maintenance Fund

**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**

Susanna & Frank MacDonald after the 8:30am Mass  
Jim & Jackie Bava after the 10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!

**Week-At-A-Glance**

*Tuesday, July 4*  
*Independence Day*  
*Office is Closed*

*Saturday, July 8*  
*Communion Service*  
(8:00am, Chapel)  
*Minister of the Word Practice*  
(9:00am, Church)  
*Wedding—Laura Brindle & Geoff Laugel*  
(2:30pm, Church)  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation*  
(4:00pm, Church)

**The Richness of Life in Christ**

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus’ words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.
This summer
Cast into the deep!
A Summer of Retreats for Young Adults

Join us at one of nine retreats this summer built for you to encounter yourself, others and God.

All you have to do...is pick one.

www.SummerOfRetreats.org

On these retreats you will
• meet other young adults
• have time for prayer and reflection
• be led to a deeper relationship with God

For more information, please contact Steven Lewis at slewis@oakdiocese.org