Is it too early to think about that?

K-5 Faith Formation, MSYG, and Confirmation registration are now open—with style!

I hope by now you’ve had a chance to check out our new parish website (www.santamariaorinda.com). If not, you’re missing out! So go ahead and type that address into your favorite browser on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Really, go ahead—I’ll wait for you.

Okay, are you there? The current headline is about registration, especially for Faith Formation, Youth Group, and Confirmation!

Check out the Faith Formation section: it’s easy to download the registration packet and calendar, print it out, and return it to Sister Theresa. It’s the same packet for First Communion—just make sure you read those directions carefully as they’re a little different. And make sure you do it all by August 31!

Next, Youth Ministry and Confirmation have a brand new way of signing up: an online form! When you click on the link, you’ll see a page with instructions (please read those!), downloadable content, and the form itself. You won’t need to print it, and I won’t need to decipher your beautiful handwriting—I consider that a win-win! After you submit the form, you’ll receive an email with instructions for completing your registration. All this also needs to be done by August 31, or program fees will increase by $25 per enrollee.

Stop by the Parish Office or send Sister Theresa or me an email if you have questions—we’re looking forward to having your favorite young Catholics in our favorite Santa Maria programs!

-Megan (the Youth Minister)
Baptismal Preparation Process

If you would like to have your child baptized during the months of August and September, please plan on attending the upcoming July Baptismal Preparation Process. The process begins on Tuesday, July 25th with the first of two parent classes, followed by a presentation ritual at the 5:00pm Mass on the 30th of July, and then the second class on Tuesday, August 1st.

If you are interested, please contact Tony Millette @ 925-254-2426, ext 303 or tmillette@smparish.org.

Prayer Network

The Prayer Network is a small group of people who pray daily for the special and most urgent needs of others. If you or anyone you know is in need of special prayer, please contact Margaret Govendnik at 254-1934 or mwgovendnik@comcast.net or Kathie Brady at Kathie.brady@gmail.com and we will include your prayer request in our daily devotions. All prayer requests are confidential.

Purchase a Brick

Have you ever wondered how the bricks in front of the parish hall received their engraving? Several years ago we offered parishioners an opportunity to purchase a brick for a loved one as a fund raiser for the parish. The cost was $365.00; $65.00 of it was for the engraving. We recently received several requests to purchase a brick.

If you have been thinking about inquiring about a brick for your family, now would be a good time. The bricks are still $365.00 and are engraved on an as needed basis.

If you are interested or have questions please contact the parish office.

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

Liturgical Minister Needs

By Mass...

We are blessed with many dedicated parishioners who minister at our weekend liturgies in a variety of ways. However, each liturgy is always in need of additional ministers—maybe this invite is directed to you! Please consider assisting at:

5:00pm Vigil Mass—as a greeter, usher, minister of communion or adult server (sacristan/ acolyte)

8:30am Mass—as a greeter, usher, minister of communion, minister of the word, adult server (sacristan/ acolyte)

10:30am Mass—as a greeter, usher, minister of communion, member of the adult choir, adult server (sacristan/ acolyte)

5:00pm Sunday Mass—as a greeter, usher, minister of communion, minister of the word, adult server (sacristan/ acolyte)

Liturgical Musicians—we are always looking for additional instrumentalists to supplement our current music ministry. Flute, violin, guitar, etc.

Please contact Tony Millette if you are interested - tnillette@smparish.org

MASSE INTENTIONS

Monday, July 17
8am: Jack Schieble (D)

Tuesday, July 18
8am: Theodore & Theodora Kraus (D)

Wednesday, July 19
8am: Brian Cummings (D)

Thursday, July 20
8am: Anna Bach (D)

Friday, July 21
8am: Fr. Jerrold Kennedy (D)

Saturday, July 22
5pm (Vigil): Jack Leutza (D)

Sunday, July 23
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Claude/Beverly Parent (D)
5pm: Dirk Zimmank (D)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lizanino@smparish.org.
AROUND THE DIOCESE

Lafayette Reservoir Senior Walking Group

This group meets on Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday at 9:20am for a 9-30am walk. Jim Scala will lead the group. Participants should meet at the center bench, across from the flagpole. All walking paces are welcome. Contact: jscala2@comcast.net.

Senior Tech Help

Need help with computer skills, troubleshooting or social media? Juniors 4 Seniors, a group of motivated students, are here to help. Registration is required. Contact Jenn Amerman (925) 253-2416 for an appointment. They meet on Saturdays, 11-12:00pm in the Orinda Library.

Novena to St. Anne

St. Anne Catholic Church, 1600 Rossmoor Pkwy, Walnut Creek will have a Novena to St. Anne, July 18-26 consisting of Mass, prayers for intentions, a blessing with a relic of St. Anne, and individual blessings with St. Anne’s oil.

Fr. William Rosario will preach at the weekday Masses at 8:00am and 10:00am. Saturday, July 22, Masses are at 9:00am and 5:00pm. Sunday, July 23, Masses are at 9:00am and 11:15am.

The last day of the Novena, July 26, is the Feast of St. Anne. Mass will be at 9:00am and followed by a Eucharistic Procession and reception. All are invited to share in this special time of prayer and reflection.

Catholic Alumni Club Event

The San Francisco Catholic Alumni Club, a local organization of single Catholic professional men and women who provide a friendly setting for Catholic singles of similar educational backgrounds to meet and develop friendships with others, will host a dinner at Primavera Ristorante in San Ramon on July 22nd at 6:00pm and all single Catholic professionals are invited to join them for a fun time. For reservations call Earl 925 300 8811 by Thursday 7/20.

Reflecting On the Gospel

Liturgy of the Hours:
Week III of the Psalter

Jesus tells a parable about sowing the seed-word, receptivity to the seed-word, and fruitfulness of the seed-word. To bear fruit the seed-word must take root in rich soil. We can take the parable and its interpretation one step further. The sower and seed is Jesus himself, the Word. The rich soil is our own hearts open to hearing and understanding that Word.

Are our hearts open? Are we willing to listen to Jesus as a relational activity, exchanging person with Person?

-Living Liturgy™, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017

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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!

Name

Address

Phone  Email
**Pastoral Team**

Reverend George Mockel  
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gmockel@smparish.org

Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen  
Priest in Residence

Reverend Vien Nguyen  
Sacramental Assistance

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(Retired)  
smoffice@smparish.org x301

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Sister Pauline Hoang, LHC  
Pastoral Care of the Sick  
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Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC  
Bookkeeper  
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**Prayer Intentions**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  
Shoaib 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, Janc Kramer, Yan Liu, Mary  
Lou Mackintosh, Rose Mary  
McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce,  
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark  
Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer,  
John Wheeler, & Margaret Wiegand

*For the Deceased*

Michael Hopkins  
John Bobincheck

**Week-At-A-Glance**

Saturday, July 22  
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 Vi- 
enna sausage, chicken, and tuna, cere- 
al, canned vegetables, and canned  
fruit)

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

**TREASURE**

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**Faith Formation**  
$1,091.00

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

Barbara & Jim Sweetser after the  
8:30am Mass  
Sisters of the Holy Cross after the  
10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

2017-2018 REGISTRATION DUE

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

AUG 31 2017

SIGN UP NOW ON OUR WEBSITE

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