Santa Maria’s Own “Youth On a Mission”

Some of our teens are at a Catholic discipleship training this week!

For the past few days, teens from each of the Northern California Dioceses have been gathered at Cal Maritime Academy in Vallejo to grow as disciples and evangelizers – and for the first time, some of our teens applied and were accepted to this year’s program.

These young people will learn practical skills for servant leadership back at their parishes, discover God’s call to evangelize, and examine and grow in their relationship with Christ through prayer, liturgy, and the Sacraments. Some of the specific skills they’ll be working on are social media evangelization, facilitating small groups, and writing and giving a witness talk.

The rest of the Youth Ministry team is looking forward to seeing what these teens will be bringing back to the parish – hopefully, souls on fire for Christ equipped with the skills to share that experience in our parish!

Have you ever felt compelled, motivated, or even called to take a step that will impact both your life and the lives of those around you? Have you ever wished there a way you could change the world?

You might be a great part of the Youth Ministry Leadership team here at Santa Maria! Some of our teens are at a Catholic discipleship training this week! If you think the Lord might be calling you to share your faith with our youth and teens, contact Megan in the Parish Office for more information!
PARISH LIFE

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, 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.

Welcome to our New Liturgical Ministers

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—we welcome the following Liturgical Ministers:

Melissa Richards @ 8:30a Mass Minister of Communion and Usher

Michael Kirby @ 8:30a Mass Minister of Communion, Greeter and Usher

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

Registration Forms for Faith Formation and Confirmation

Forms for K-5 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry/Confirmation are available either on our web site www.santamariaorinda.com or in the parish office.

Deadline for registration is August 31st. If you have questions please contact Sr. Theresa at sistertd@smparish.org or Megan Arteaga at megan@smparish.org.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 24
8am: John the Baptist Nguyen (D)

Tuesday, July 25
8am: Leticia Mendoza (D)

Wednesday, July 26
8am: Leticia Mendoza (D)

Thursday, July 27
8am: Leticia Mendoza (D)

Friday, July 28
8am: Carmel Mullin (D)

Saturday, July 29
5pm (Vigil): Jack Leutza (D)

Sunday, July 30
8:30am: Jack Leutza (D)
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5pm: Robert Lopina (D)

L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lunino@smparish.org.
Glimmers of God
tinyurl.com/GlimmersOfGod-3MR

“Reflections from Megan”.

The mirror is an unavoidable part of my morning routine: I catch glimpses of myself multiple times before I head out the door; while brushing my teeth, combing my hair, and deciding if my shoes match my outfit or not. What I see is rarely surprising, since the task of the mirror is simply to reflect what’s in front of it. But what if I were the mirror? What am I constantly facing in my life that I would reflect? Would it be envy over my friends perfectly filtered Instagram posts? Pride at thinking I’m “not a terrible person”? Laziness in not striving for a closer relationship with God? If I were the mirror, my hope would be that there be at least a few times when I would be living my life in such a way that allows a glimpse of the face of God to shine through to the people around me.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Join Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ and the Jesuit Order in Berkeley as they celebrate the Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola on Monday, July 31 at 5:00pm in The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland.

For more information please email Ctcathedral.org.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats

A retreat for those affected by an abortion or miscarriage will take place on September 15th-17th at the Vallombrosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Individuals with pregnancy loss often suffer symptoms of grief, loss, shame and trauma in silence. A weekend retreat provides an uninterrupted process for grief work. Many find it easier to enter into the grieving process knowing they won’t have to stop after two hours and return home or to work. The group setting is very cathartic because retreatants are able to enter and move through the grief process, deal with anger or numbness, mourn the loss of a child, and renew their spiritual life through Scripture exercises in a supportive, safe, confidential environment.

If you are interested and want more information please email gloriamalandonado375@sbcglobal.net.in the After Choice department at the Diocese of Oakland.

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 check out the Web site under I’m new and fill out the form or fill out this form and we will mail you a Parish Registration Form!

Name

Address

Phone Email


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Priest in Residence

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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 Kopus, Jane Kramer, Yal Liu, Mary Lou Mackintosh, Rose Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Pierre Schrayer, Bob Singer, John Wheeler, and Margaret Wiegand

For the Deceased
Michael Hopkins

TREASURE

July 16, 2017 Actual

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Upcoming Collections:
07/30/17 Maintenance Fund
08/06/17 Faith Formation

Week-At-A-Glance

**Tuesday, July 25**
Infant Baptism #1 of 2
(7:00pm, Conf Room)

**Saturday, July 29**
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

**Sunday, July 30**
Rite of Welcome Infant Baptism
(During the 5:00pm Mass, Church)

Reflecting On the Gospel

Liturgy of the Hours:
Week IV of the Psalter

"The kingdom of heaven is like..."
Whatever parable Jesus uses to teach about the kingdom of heaven, always at issue is growth, abundance, increase. While "the enemy" may try to thwart the kingdom, in the end God will prevail and "the righteous will shine like the sun." So, "the kingdom of heaven is like" those of us who hear and live the Good News Jesus teaches. We ourselves are "the kingdom of heaven" when we live according to God's ways.

-Living Liturgy™, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017

This Week's Readings

First Reading:
Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19
Psalm:
Psalm 86

Second Reading:
Romans 8: 26-27
Gospel:
Matthew 13: 24-43

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Joan O'Brien after the 8:30am Mass
Carlos Roman Family after the 10:30am Mass
Thank you for your generosity!
SVdP is collecting Back to School supplies!

*Check parish website for list of supplies needed*

St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County is collecting new backpacks and school supplies for 250 children to be distributed at our Back to School Open House on Saturday, August 12th.

Backpacks and school supplies must be brought to the Outreach Closet by Friday, August 4!

To donate supplies and to schedule donation drop-offs, contact Muna at mtexier@svdp-alameda.org or call 510-719-0774.

To donate online go to www.svdp-alameda.org/donate or mail your check to St. Vincent de Paul-Alameda County, 2272 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland, CA 94612. Please designate your gift to Back-to-School 2017.