1,000+ teens on fire for Christ

Tony and Megan attend a Youth Conference

A few weekends ago, the first Steubenville NorCal Catholic Youth Conference was held at the Hayward campus of Cal State East Bay, and by the numbers it was a huge hit! Over 1,000 teens from as far away as Hawaii gathered with their Youth Ministers and chaperones (including our own Megan Arteaga and Tony Millette), filling the bleachers with their joyful selves for Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, speakers, Confession, and more.

Steubenville Conferences aim to create an atmosphere where young people around the country will have their faith awakened and their hearts set on fire for Christ. The theme for this year’s youth conferences was “Elevate.” The inspiration was Revelation 21:5, “Behold, I make all things new;” the call is that Jesus is calling each of us to elevate our lives above the things of this world, so that we can be made new by His love, grace, and mercy.

The speakers gave compelling talks about different relevant topics, challenging the teens (and chaperones) to examine the world through the lens of their faith. The men had a session where speaker DJ Bernal dared the young men to live their lives in the name of the Lord like the young King David did. The women reflected with Jackie Francois Angel about how God gives us our worth, and it’s not based on what young women are typically judged on. Homilies by Bishop Michael Barber, SJ (Oakland) and Bishop Robert Vasa (Santa Rosa) also encouraged the teens to embrace the treasure of their faith.

If you’re on social media, check out the hashtags #ElevateSocialMedia and #SteubieNorCal to see more of this remarkable event!
**PARISH LIFE**

**Wine Tasting Fund Raiser**

Mark your calendars, we’re having a Wine Tasting event on Saturday, September 30th after the 5:00pm Mass in the Church Plaza. Several wines will be available from the Bishop’s Vineyard for tasting. Tickets will be $25.00. You must be 21 years of age or older to purchase a ticket. Tickets will support the Santa Maria choirs.

**Celebrate our Patroness, Mary!**

*The Assumption of Mary August 15 Holy Day of Obligation*

We will celebrate the Assumption of Mary on Tuesday, August 15

Masses will be in the Church at 8:00am & 7:30pm

**Registration Forms for Faith Formation and Confirmation**

Forms for K-5 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry/Confirmation are available either on our website 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 Arcega at megan@smparish.org

**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. We have three people already interested, who would like to inquire about the Catholic faith. On September 19th at 7:00pm they 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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Weekly Adoration will resume on Tuesdays beginning in September. All are invited to come to the Convent Chapel from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 pm for communal or private prayer.

**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.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, August 14**

8am: Int: Madeleine Kraus

**Tuesday, August 15**

8am: Helen Leong (D)

**Wednesday, August 16**

8am: Helen Leong (D)

**Thursday, August 17**

8am: Int: Amelia Mary Buzzell 

**Friday, August 18**

8am: Int: Bonnie Elisabeth Buzzell

**Saturday, August 19**

5pm (Vigil): Jack Leutza (D)

**Sunday, August 20**

8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria

10:30am: Rolf Wamsler (D)

5pm: Bianca Christie (D)

*L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzwino@smparish.org.*
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) Recently, a fellow who sings Tenor joined our Adult Choir. Perhaps another Tenor is thinking about joining as well?

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 - tmillette@smparish.org

Bulletin Articles
If you would like to submit an article for the weekly bulletin, we ask that you have the article into the parish office by 9:00am on Friday the week before you wish it to be in the bulletin. Thank you for your help!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Orinda Senior Health and Wellness Fair
Save the Date - Saturday, September 23, 2017 from 1:00 - 4:00pm at the Orinda Community Center, 28 Orinda Way.

This inaugural event will include Dr. Patrick Arbore, as guest speaker, a discussion panel on health and wellness, vendors providing information to seniors and their families on alternative medicines, how to stay healthy, and ways to improve life after retirement, and much more.

For more information please visit orindaechamber.org or call (925) 254-3909.

Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers
will be on September 30, 2017 at 10:00am at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland. Please encourage anyone in the healthcare profession to attend.

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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Bedenbecker, 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 
Koups, Jane Kramer, Yal Liu, Mary 
Lou Mackintosh, Rose Mary 
McPhiee, Deacon Jim Pearce, 
Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark 
Ricci, Fr. Tim Ryan, Pierre Schreyer, 
Bob Singer, John Wheeler, and 
Margaret Wiegand

For the Deceased

Week-At-A-Glance
Friday, August 18
Wedding Rehearsal 
Kosiara/Lewakowski 
(6:00pm, Church)

Saturday, August 19
Mission Co-op 
Communion Service 
(8:00am, Chapel) 
Minister of the Word Practice 
(9:00am, Church) 
Wedding-Philip Kosiara & 
Diana Lewakowski 
(2:30pm, Church) 
Sacrament of Reconciliation 
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, August 20
Mission Co-op

Reflecting on the Gospel
Liturgy of the Hours: 
Week III of the Psalter

Peter brazenly tests Jesus about his identity: “Lord if it is you...” Then it is that same Peter who becomes frightened and cries out to be saved when he does what Jesus commands him to do: “Come.” With challenging truthfulness and saving power, Jesus responds both to Peter’s brazenness and to his fright. When we act like Peter, Jesus responds to us as he did to Peter. To be certain of Jesus’ challenging truthfulness and saving power, we need only to follow his command. “Come.”

—Living Liturgy™, 
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017

TREASURE
August 6, 2017 Actual
Plate $6,391.00
EFT $1,108.10
Credit $1,596.48
Total $9,095.58
Goal $10,350.00
Deficit ($1,254.42)

Faith Formation $1,414.90

Upcoming Collections:
08/20/17 Mission Co-op
09/03/17 Faith Formation

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Vickie Leutza & Bev Harris after the 
8:30am Mass
Maria Nunez after the 10:30am Mass
Thank you for your generosity!
Church of Santa Maria

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

Potluck BBQ

AUG 20TH, 2017 | BRING A SIDE OR DRINK!
6-8PM (IN THE HALL AFTER THE 5PM MASS)

please RSVP to ignaciaguzman@yahoo.com