School's back

Deacon Jim Pearce

OK, so… what is your FAVORITE subject to learn? Math? Social Studies? For people in higher grades (or even ones who have graduated), is it a language? Maybe it's “Physical Education”, or P.E. When I was younger, I really liked English and Math (I liked Math so much I took an extra class called Non-Euclidian Geometry). Whatever your favorite subject is, God loves it. I mean that God loves the fact that you enjoy it. He likes the fact that you work on other subjects, too, but when you really like something? When you love books so much that you want to learn everything you can about language so that you can understand them better, and maybe even write one yourself? Yeah, God LOVES that!

And that kind of learning doesn’t stop when the school bell rings and we’re out for the day, or even when we have finished the last class, the last test, the last paper of our school work – ask your parents. We are still learning, as adult and as old as we might get. Ask your parents what their favorite subject is (and what it was in school). You might be surprised.

School's back. We get to go to class (or the playground, or the track) and we get to learn! God LOVES that!
**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. 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

**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!

**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 and will go on sale September 2nd and 3rd after Masses. You must be 21 years of age or older to purchase a ticket. Tickets will support the Santa Maria choirs.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Weekly Adoration will resume on Tuesdays beginning September 5th. Dcn Rey Encarnacion will preside at the Adoration. All are invited to come to the Convent Chapel from 12:00 Noon until 3:00pm for communal as well as private prayer.

**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.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, August 21**
8am: Shanazar Massey (D)

**Tuesday, August 22**
8am: Int: Angela Gracias

**Wednesday, August 23**
8am: --

**Thursday, August 24**
8am: L. Lautaro Moya (D)

**Friday, August 25**
8am: Families

**Saturday, August 26**
5pm (Vigil): Robert Lopina (D)

**Sunday, August 27**
8:30am: Jack Leitza (D)
10:30am: Special Intention
5pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzemino@smparish.org.
Knights of Columbus
First Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Join us for an afternoon of fun on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Moraga Country Club, 1600 Andrews Drive, Moraga. The tournament will benefit Bay Area Crisis Nursery. Tee off time is 12:00 Noon; check in at 10:30am. Fee is $200 per player and we ask that you pre-register.

To register, contact Dean Akazawa at dean.akazawa@gmail.com.

CELEBRATE LIFE DINNER & FUNDRAISER

for the Birthright of Walnut Creek/Concord Pregnancy Support Center

When: Saturday, October 14, 2017
5:30pm Social,
6:15pm Dinner

Where: St. Mary Church,
1158 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek

Featured speaker: Josh Burger, a popular and inspiring Pro Life speaker, whose family has been deeply involved in the Valley Pregnancy Center in Pleasanton.

Delicious BBQ chicken dinner, silent and live auction, and live music.


To register: Call (925) 798-7227 or online at http://birthright-dinner.eventbrite.com. Deadline: 10/6/17. No tickets sold at the door.

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Men’s Cursillo

There are as many answers as there are people. For some, it’s a new breath of life, a dynamic new expression of the Holy Spirit. For others, it’s a chance to examine their faith and learn different perspectives from other Christians. Part of the purpose of the Oakland Cursillo Weekend is to help us recognize Christ’s action in our personal lives and in the lives of others. This is the purpose of true church. We rarely get an opportunity like this weekend to experience authentic Christian Community firsthand.

On Friday - Sunday, October 5-8 at Holy Redeemer Center, 8945 Golf Links Rd., Oakland the Oakland Cursillo Weekend will take place. If you would like more information, please contact Heidi Shelton, 510-421-5036 or email her at heidishelton@yahoo.com.
PASTORAL TEAM

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Hans 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 Koupus, Jane Kramer, Yal Liu, Mary Lou Mackintosh, Rose Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Fr. Tim Ryan, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer, John Wheeler, and Margaret Wiegand

For the Deceased
Walter Earle Cunha

TREASURE

August 13, 2017 Actual
Plate $6,655.25
EFT $1,108.10
Credit $1,596.48
Total $9,359.83
Goal $10,350.00
Deficit ($990.17)

Upcoming Collections:
09/03/17 Faith Formation
09/10/17 Diocesan Priest Retirement

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Joan O’Brien after the 8:30am Mass
Sisters of the Holy Cross after the 10:30am Mass
Thank you for your generosity!

Week-At-A-Glance

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

Reflecting on the Gospel
Liturgy of the Hours:
Week IV of the Psalter
The “Canaanite woman” demonstrates the kind of faith needed to be healed by Jesus, the kind of faith needed to receive God’s gift of salvation. Her faith was visible in three habits of the heart: awareness that she needed Jesus’ healing intervention, persistence against all odds, and concern not only for herself but for her daughter. We too must develop and grow in the habits of the heart that make visible the great faith necessary for our healing and salvation.

—Living Liturgy™, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017

This Week’s Readings
First Reading:
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Psalm:
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Second Reading:
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel:
Matthew 15:21-28
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