Church of Santa Maria

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2017

God is calling, and our Confirmation teens are answering

Last weekend’s successful retreat

This past weekend, over 30 of our High School teens went on retreat in the Lafayette hills as part of their second year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. “A retreat is a time to step away from everyday life to reconnect with God and strengthen our faith,” Youth Ministry Coordinator Megan Arteaga explains. For adults, this could mean a weekend of silent reflection, spiritual direction, and Scripture study. For teens, it means games, film clips, skits, storytelling, small group discussion, and more.

Our teens explored the theme of God calling each of them individually and by name to fulfill a specific plan and role in this life, and how they can learn to listen for this call, trust that it’s good, and rely on God’s grace when they’re challenged in living it out. Our retreat leaders shared stories of how they practice all of this in their own lives—we’re so thankful to Laina Austin, Bob Bendt, Debbie Benadt, Ignacia Guzman, Andrew Klino, Lanny Lundstrom, and Ashley Miller for spending the greater part of their weekend walking with these teens. Retreat leaders have no qualifications other than being willing to share their own life and faith experiences and having a curiosity for those of the teens, and these people added so much to the weekend by doing just that. Truly, they made this retreat a reality for these teens, because the weekend couldn’t have happened without them.

Have you ever wished the younger Church were more “involved”? Have you ever wondered where the young people are and what they’re doing? Consider ministering to our youth and teens—you’ll never know how much your presence and questions act as a witness to our younger parishioners. Contact Megan in the parish office for more information.

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Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm
Friday 9:00am-1:00pm

Mass and Liturgy Schedule
Daily Mass
8:00am (Chapel)
Eucharistic Adoration
Noon-3:00pm Tues (Chapel)
(From Sept-May)
Reconciliation
4:00pm Sat (Church)
Sunday Masses
5:00pm Sat Vigil (Church)
8:30am; 10:30am; 5:00pm Sun (Church)
Holy Days
8:00am and 7:30pm (Church)

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office
Marriage: Call the Parish Office
PARISH LIFE

Honoring our Beloved Deceased in November

Honoring those who have died is a tradition in our faith; in November at Santa Maria we display pictures of our loved ones who have gone before us, along with a Book of the Dead in which the names of deceased members of our families are inscribed. Again this year we invite parishioners to bring pictures of deceased family members, along with symbols of their lives and faith, along with other mementos, to be displayed on an “altarcito” which will be arranged in the side niche in the body of the church.

Bring your pictures, objects, and/or other mementos to the designated area in the room on the right side of the narthex by the end of October, and we will include your items on our altarcito to be displayed there throughout the month of November. Please place your name and phone number on the back of your items so we may return them to you.

Anointing of the Sick

All those seriously ill or anticipating surgery and all who suffer from physical or emotional illness are invited to come to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word and to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on: Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 11:00am in the church.

You are also invited to join us for a reception after the Liturgy in the parish hall. More information contact Sister Mary Magdalene at 925-254-2426, ext 309.

Mass of Remembrance

November is the month we remember those who are gone before us. In our parish, Mass of Remembrance for our departed loved ones will be on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 11:00pm.

All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass and to pray for our loved ones who have passed and especially for those who just passed during last year and their family.

All are welcome to join us for this special liturgy and a reception will be after the Mass in the parish hall. If you are able, please bring a small portion to share with the families and friends of the deceased.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus and Santa Maria will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The Blood Mobile will be parked in the lower church parking lot. To schedule your Life Saving appointment, please visit www.bloodheroes.com and click on “Locate a Blood Drive and enter Sponsor code Santamaria. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Semar at thebobs2@comcast.net or call 925-283-1348.

When you arrive for your appointment please bring a Photo ID. Please also go online and complete the required questionnaire and bring the printed sheet indicating completion. Please eat and drink plenty of water before donating.

Maintenance Fund Collection

This month the Maintenance Fund Collection will be used to aid the victims of the North Bay fires.

You may use your envelope that you received from Our Sunday Visitor that says Maintenance Fund for your fire victim donation. Thank you for your generosity!

All Souls Novena Envelopes

All Souls Remembrance envelopes for our annual novena may be found in the narthex. Please complete the envelope, place your donation in it and place it in the Sunday collection. The novena is Nov. 2nd thru Nov. 10th. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month of November.

Stewardship Drive

Next weekend we begin our annual Stewardship Drive—a process which helps you discern how you can share your time and talent with your parish. Keep an eye out for news on ways...
you can give of your time, talent, and
treasure to our parish community!
Sign-ups will start soon.

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.
We thank you for your continued
generosity!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Carondelet High School
Open House
Sunday, November 5th Carondelet
High School will hold its open
house from 2pm until 4pm for
interested 6th, 7th, and 8th grade
girls and their parents/guardians.
The school is located at 1133
Winton Drive in Concord. Please
register at www.carondelegs.org.

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!

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Phone
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**Pastoral Team**

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**Prayer Intentions**

*For the Sick*

*For the Deceased*
Margaret Wiegand
Tom Fellner

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**Treasure**

**October 15, 2017 Actual**

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**Goal** $10,350.00
**Deficit** ($38.58)

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**Upcoming Collections:**

- 10/29/17 Maint. Fund (Fire Victims)
- 11/01/17 All Saints

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**Week-At-A-Glance**

**Monday, October 23**
Orinda Sr. Village Mass
(9:30am)

Faith Formation Classes
(2:30pm, Church/Classroom)

Children’s Choir
(3:30pm, Room #1)

Faith Formation Classes
(4:00pm, Church/Classroom)

Buildings Committee
(7:00pm, Parish Office)

**Tuesday, October 24**
RCIA
(7:00pm, Library)

**Wednesday, October 25**
Middle School Youth Ministry
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

**Saturday, October 28**
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)

Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)

Anointing of the Sick
(11:00am, church)

Wedding-Katy Baix & Christopher Binnings
(2:30pm, Church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

**Sunday, October 29**
Children’s Liturgy
(10:30am Mass, Church)

Faith Formation Pancake Breakfast
(11:30am, following the 10:30am Mass in the parish hall)

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

Barbara & Jim Sweetser after the 8:30am Mass
Jessica Fairbourn after the 10:30am Mass
Thanks to everyone who made this C2 Retreat a reality—especially our 30+ teen retreatants, leaders Laina Austin, Bob and Debbie Berndt, Ignacia Guzman, Andrew Klino, Lunny Lundstrom, and Ashley Miller, and Father George Wackell. It was a blessing to have each of you join us and the weekend wouldn’t have been the same with anyone missing.

Small groups bonded.

Father George spent some time with us.

We celebrated Mass on Saturday.

"Did you know hair bleeds?"

Reflecting on the light of Christ.

Our awesome teens at the end of an awesome weekend.

Practicing for real life with our trust walk.