Refugee Family Update

A Journey of Two Families

Jesus gave the hope of a new life to the Klaw Reh family, our parish’s first refugee family from Burma. They needed mercy to escape the refugee camp they lived in for 17 years. When the family arrived last September, they found themselves in the hands of many loving and dedicated Santa Maria parishioners. Over the year, we helped them get housing, employment, cash assistance, food stamps, DMV I.D.s, Social Security cards, insurance cards, medical and dental care and tutoring.

After one year, the family is well settled in the U.S. Klaw Reh works full time for a pool cover manufacturer and rides his bike to work in Oakland. The mother walks the three children to preschool and elementary school and then attends English class. For the past seven months, the family has paid all its bills without financial help from Santa Maria. Recently, they invited their “teachers” for a home cooked meal of spicy meatballs and sticky rice in celebration of their one year U.S. anniversary. We continue to provide tutoring on Wednesdays and Saturdays so if you would like to help, please contact bjriley@paebell.net.

After a successful year with our first refugee family, we are co-sponsoring a second family from Afghanistan. Last weekend 15 parishioners moved the Maqsoodi family of ten into a four bedroom apartment near the Oakland Zoo. Mr. Maqsoodi worked for the U.S. government as an interpreter so he should be employable soon.

If you would like to get involved, please contact gail.gabriel@gmail.com.
PARISH LIFE

Greeter Training
There will be training for all new greeters on November 11 & 12 after all the Masses in the Church. Even if you are a seasoned greeter you will need to come by for the training and to meet all the new members in this ministry. We will also have training on December 2nd at 10:00am.

Buon Natale!
Come and kick-off the holiday season with your parish community. Your ticket includes appetizers, drinks, dinner, dancing and dessert!
Ticket sales for our Annual Christmas party on December 1st, 6:30pm will take place this weekend after all Masses; tickets are $50 per person. Don’t miss this great party!

Campaign for Human Development
Respond to Pope Francis’ call for the 1st World day of the Poor. Please be generous in this week’s second collection for the Catholic Campaign for

Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Family Advent Wreath Workshop
We will have our annual Family Advent Wreath Workshop on December 3rd in the Parish Hall after the 10:30am Mass. Come and enjoy the fun and create a beautiful Advent Wreath for your family. Materials will be provided but a small donation would be appreciated. Questions, contact Sr. Theresa at (925) 254-2426, ext 306 or sistertd@smparish.org.

Christmas Adult Choir
Our Adult Christmas Choir will begin their practices for Christmas on November 30th at 7:00pm in the church. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please contact Tony Millette at tmillette@smparish.org. Each year the choir increases by 8-10 members and we would love to have you join us.

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.

Food Pantry Needs
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!

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, November 20
8am: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, November 21
8am: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, November 22
8am: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, November 23
8am: For Families
Friday, November 24
8am: Paul Bach Quoc (D)
Saturday, November 25
5pm (Vigil): Donald Palaschak (D)
Sunday, November 26
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Int: Daniel Weingarten (L)
5pm: Elaine Arena (D)
L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lznino@smparish.org.
AROUND THE DIOCESE

Vietnamese Martyrs Celebration

Join the Vietnamese Community of Oakland Diocese to celebrate the Vietnamese Martyrs. Most Rev. Michael C. Barber, SJ will preside and Bishop Emeritus John S. Cummins will concelebrate on Sunday, November 19 at St. Anthony Church, 1610 East 15th Street, Oakland. The Eucharistic Liturgy will begin with a procession at 12:00 pm. For more information, please contact Sr. Rosaline L. Nguyen at (510) 628-2153.

Sunday Mass for Healing

St. Joseph the Worker Parish invites all to attend a beautiful and solemn candlelight Mass being offered for the healings of all those who will be present on Sunday, November 25 at 5:00 pm. St. Joseph’s is located at 1640 Addison St., Berkeley.

Fr. Kenneth Nobrega will be available following the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass to offer individual prayers for those seeking additional prayer, including persons suffering from spiritual oppressions.

Concert at The Cathedral of Christ the Light

There will be seasonal concerts at the Cathedral during the month of December. The Cathedral is located at 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland. If you wish more information please email the Cathedral at www.ctlcathedral.org.

12/10 A Chanticleer Christmas, 6:00 pm
12/19 Jonathan Dimmock, organist, 8:00 pm
12/21 Blue Christmas, 5:30 pm
1/7 Epiphany Lessons & Carols, 5:30 pm

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week’s scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What do they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

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 _______________________

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**Prayer Intentions**

**For the Sick**
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Shoaib Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Br.  
Dominic Berardelli, FSC, Harlon  
Berg, Maria Carmen, Delores Codde,  
Tom Crosby, Lorna Elliott, Michael  
Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio  
Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox,  
Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham,  
Phyllis Hassan, Brian Kelly, Mason  
Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk,  
Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Yal  
Liu, Mary Lou Mackintosh, Rose  
Mary McPhee, Mike Murphy,  
Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz,  
Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Pierre  
Schreyer, Bob Singer, Charlene  
Smith, John Wheeler

**For the Deceased**
Jack Bevis

**Week-At-A-Glance**

Monday, November 20  
Jack Bevis Funeral  
(10:00am, Church)

Tuesday, November 21  
RCIA  
(7:00pm, Library)

Thursday, November 23  
Thanksgiving Day  
Mass, 9:00am, Church

Friday, November 24  
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 25  
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)  
Minister of the Word Practice  
(9:00am, Church)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, November 26  
Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)

**Treasurer**

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**Upcoming Collections:**

- 11/19/17  Campaign for Human Development
- 11/23/17  Thanksgiving

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

- Joan O’Brien after the 8:30am Mass
- Danana Ross family after the 10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!

**Reflecting on the Gospel**

**Liturgy of the Hours:**

**Week 1 of the Psalter**

We are judged by the choices we make to use to the fullest potential what Jesus has “invested” in us. The most important choice we make in life is fidelity to whatever we are called to do—even in what seems to be small matters. The continuation of Jesus’ saving work depends upon this fidelity. If we are faithful, Jesus will judge us worthy beneficiaries of the greatest return on any investment: a share in the riches of the “master’s joy”—eternal Life.

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