PARISH LIFE

Altarcito Pictures
Thank you to all the parishioners who brought pictures and mementos of their loved ones to display on our altarcito for the month of November.

We have moved the pictures and mementos that were on the altarcito to the parish office. Please stop by the office to claim your pictures. If they are not picked up by the end of December, we will keep them to use next year.

New Years Eve Mass
The 5:00pm Mass on New Years Eve, December 31st has been cancelled. Among other reasons, we have been challenged to find parishioners to help at this Mass.

On January 1, Solemnity of Mary we will have a Mass at 10:00am in the church. We invite everyone to come and participate in this Mass. A good way to start the new year.

Maqsoodi Family Needs
The family is in need of:
(2) gently used laptops
(3) bicycles

If you are interested or have questions please call Gail Gabriel at (510) 303-0306.

2018 Parish Crab Feed
Save Saturday, February 3 for the Annual Santa Maria Parish Crab Feed to be hosted by the Knights of Columbus. In the last few years, this has quickly become a popular, fun-filled parish event; with the crab coming into good season and the wide range of auction items that the Knights present to us. Please mark the date on your calendar and sign up early to be sure you and your friends have a table. We will have more information next week.

Your Generosity to St. Peter Martyr Parishioners
Nearly 100 boxes and other containers of food donated by Santa Maria parishioners were caravanned by our Knights of Columbus to Pittsburg’s St. Peter Martyr parish just before Christmas. The food helped families there to have a wonderful Christmas and meet some of their needs on into the coming weeks. This annual outpouring of love and assistance to people struggling to support their families is a Santa Maria tradition that brings out the best in our families and reflects the deepest meaning of Christian charity.

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.

Thank you for your continued help!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1
10:00am: Int: Gerda & Lee Peres
Tuesday, January 2
8am: Fr. Jerrold Kennedy (D)
Wednesday, January 3
8am: David Dondon (D)
Thursday, January 4
8am: Families
Friday, January 5
8am: Jim Anderson (D)
Saturday, January 6
5pm (Vigil): Tom Poggi (D)
Sunday, January 7
8:30am: Annette & George Mein (D)
10:30am: Carl Weber (D)
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 leminio@smparish.org.
Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. We provide survivor-informed training to Catholic churches and the interfaith community across the Diocese of Oakland. If you are interested in learning more about this program or being trained as a volunteer, please contact Joy Thompson, Mentoring Program Coordinator at joythompson@ccaeb.org or Mobile number (510) 773-6159.

The training schedule of Day Star is:

Training Orientation
Wednesday, January 17th 5:30-8:30pm, Catholic Charities-Oakland Training
M-Th, Feb. 5-8, 5:30-8:30 and Saturday, Feb. 10, 9:00am-5:00pm Catholic Charities Oakland Office

Catholic Alumni Club
The Catholic Alumni Club is a group of Catholic professionals, which sponsors several events each month. If you are a Catholic professional you are urged to contact Dorothy at (925) 735-0208 for more information about the club. Please ask for a free calendar of events.

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!
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shabir 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 McPhie, Mike Murphy, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Pierre Schreyer, Bob Singer, Charlene Smith, John Wheeler

For the Deceased
Terence McDonnell

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, January 1
(New Years Day)
Parish Office is closed

Tuesday, January 2
RCIA
(7:00pm, Library)

Wednesday, January 3
Youth Group
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

Saturday, January 6
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, January 7
C2 Session
(3:00pm, Youth Room)
C1 Session
(5:00pm, Youth Room)

TREASURE

December 24, 2017 and December 31, 2017 Actuals will be in the January 7, 2018 bulletin

Upcoming Collections:
1/01/18  Solemnity of Mary
1/07/18  Faith Formation

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Bob Semar & Bobbie Richards following the 8:30am Mass
Jillian Esopa following the 10:30am Mass
Please thank them for their hard work and generosity!

Catholic Charities of the East Bay

The Spirit of the Manger
Catholic Charities of the East Bay is grateful for your generosity to our Christmas gift drive. You have helped more families experience the Christmas spirit. Together this year, we've helped people overcome obstacles resulting from violence and poverty so they can move forward in life. Your generosity reminds us of the powerful reason God chose a humble manger as the birthplace for our Savior.
Sign up now for the LINC Retreat 2018 for all high schoolers

January 19-21, 2018
Camp St. Francis, Aptos

This year's theme: Never Too Far Gone

Email Megan to sign up