Join us—and Walk for Life!

Standing up as a parish for our most vulnerable

The leading recorded cause of death worldwide is heart disease with 7.4 million deaths according to the World Health Organization.

But did you know that we continue to fight against another killer that takes about 40 million lives globally each year? It leaves in its path a wave of misery for all it touches.

Since its legal sanctioning by our Supreme Court in 1973, abortion – the killing of the most innocent persons among us – has claimed the lives of almost 59 million persons in the USA alone. It is shocking, and it provides the definitive answer as to why pro-lifers prioritize ending abortion over other evils that take human lives.

What’s to be done? Fight back.

The 14th Annual West Coast Walk for Life takes place in San Francisco on January 27th starting at Civic Center Plaza. I urge all of us to join together this year to begin a new, strong tradition of support and involvement in spiritual awakening. We’ll join about 55,000 of our brothers and sisters in this Walk that brings people from all over the United States together in joyful, unified, and strong support. You can find details about the West Coast Walk for Life at www.walkforlifewc.com.

We will meet at Orinda BART at 12:00pm to head over together and will provide a central meeting point at Civic Center Plaza for those travelling independently to the Walk. Please feel free to send your interest and questions to Richard Stanaro at rstanaro@gmail.com.
PARISH LIFE

Faith Sharing Groups
Sign-ups for our five-week Lenten Series for small Faith Sharing Groups has started! Don’t miss your opportunity to learn more about your faith, meet fellow parishioners and build community. The first session begins the week of Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Forms are available in the Narthex.

A Visit to St. Mary's Center
On Wednesday, February 7, the Santa Maria Women’s Guild will visit St. Mary’s Center in Oakland. We will receive a tour of the facilities, learn about its ministries and enjoy a lunch with the poor and homeless who rely on the Center for their daily sustenance. (Our cost for lunch will be $10.) We will be carpooling from the church lower parking lot to the Center at 11:00am.

If you are interested in joining us, please call Kathie Brady (925) 254-3674 or Terry Saltiel (925) 945-7833 for additional information.

Children’s Liturgy and Pancake Breakfast
Please join us on February 11th at the 10:30am Mass for a Children’s Liturgy. Afterwards, please come to the parish hall for a Faith Formation sponsored “Fat Tuesday” pancake breakfast.

Coming Up Fast—Our Great Parish Crab Feed
Be sure to make your reservation soon for the very popular—and fun—Santa Maria Parish Crab Feed. It is happening on Saturday, Feb. 3 right after the 5 pm Mass, and all proceeds go directly to empower our vibrant parish youth program.

This is a great way to help build our next generation of strong Catholics—and to have a terrific evening with friends while helping them!

Our parish Knights of Columbus do all the work, and they are outside the church after all Masses to take your check ($65 per person) to reserve your spot. Or you can call the Parish office at 254-2426.

The crab is good this year (but a little pricier) and the Knights are collecting interesting and enjoyable gifts for the silent auction and raffle that always have fun surprises.

Parish youth will serve and provide entertainment.

So put together a table of friends and family and plan to be there. We expect it sell out, so make your reservations soon.

Seminary Collection
Thank You to all who participated in the Seminary Collection last weekend. As many of you know, the collection envelope had January 21st date on it. That is why we ask that you put your envelope in this week’s first collection. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

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

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

World Day of the Sick

Once again, we will be celebrating the World Day of the Sick at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland. The Mass will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 11:00am. Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. will be the presider. During the Mass, those who are ill will be invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

All parishioners and those seeking to be anointed are invited to attend the Mass and to receive the Sacrament. The day is sponsored by the Order of Malta, which does so much in our Diocese to care for the sick and the infirm.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“For the world in its present form is passing away.” If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWMF) weekend held at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on May 18-20th. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Orinda Parks and Recreation Classes

Be sure to check out all the classes offered for adults in the Winter/Spring 2018 Activity Guide. You may register online at www.orindaparksandrecreation.org or by contacting the Orinda Community Center front desk (925) 254-2445.

The following is a sample of one of the classes:

Wines & Vines—February 11 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Captain Vineyards, 1969 Joseph Dr., Moraga. The class will include an intimate look at how grapes are grown and wine is made at a small, family-owned vineyard. Also, they will show how a healthy vineyard is developed and wine is processed. The class completes with barrel tasting and cheese pairing. Wear sturdy shoes for uneven vineyard terrain. The fee is $43 for Orinda residents and $49 for non-residents.

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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**Pastoral Team**

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**Prayer Intentions**

*For the Sick*

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shonab Aryan, Jeffrey Baus, Cara Bradbury, 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*

*Peter Althaus*

**Week-At-A-Glance**

Monday, January 22  
Faith Formation Classes  
(2:30pm, Church/Classroom)

Children's Choir  
(3:30pm, Room #1)

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

Tuesday, January 23  
RCIA  
(7:00pm, Library)

First Reconciliation  
(7:00pm, Church)

Wednesday, January 24  
Bible Reading & Communion Service  
(10:30am, Convalescent Hospital Sr. Mary Magdalene)

Middle School Youth Ministry  
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

Baptism Class 2 of 2  
(7:00pm, Conf Room)

Thursday, January 25  
Peter Althaus Funeral  
(10:00am, Church)

Friday, January 26  
Terence McDonnell Funeral  
(10:00am, Church)

Saturday, January 27  
Walk for Life West Coast - San Francisco  
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, January 28  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)

C2 Session  
(3:00pm, Youth Room)

C1 Session  
(5:00pm, Youth Room)

**Treasure**

**January 14, 2018 Actual**

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**Upcoming Collections:**

- 02/04/18 Faith Formation
- 02/14/18 Ash Wednesday

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

Barbara and Jim Sweetser after the 8:30am Mass

Laura Hunter after the 10:30am Mass
Because Women Deserve Better than Abortion.

14TH ANNUAL
WALK for LIFE
WEST COAST

Saturday, January 27 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • San Francisco

Church of Santa Maria
Meet at Orinda BART at 12:00pm
Bring $10 for your ticket!

BARTing by yourself?
Meet us at the Civic Center!
Email Megan (megan@smparish.org)
for details!

Walk for Life
WEST COAST
A NEW TRADITION.
A NEW VOICE.

Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza,
walking down Market Street (2 miles).
Ends at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry
Building.
BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.

Register and info:
415/658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

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