Church of Santa Maria  
The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 11, 2018

Representing the  
#ProLifeGeneration

**Thousands of young people “Walk for Life”**

“Smile! Your mom chose life!” “A person’s a person, no matter how small.” “Mamas and babies matter!” These were only a few of the phrases lovingly painted onto signs carried by tens of thousands of people walking down Market Street at the Walk for Life West Coast on January 28.

Among the joyful signs were also some that acknowledged the sad and painful reality of the tiniest humans’ fight for life: “I regret my abortion,” one woman bravely held up, as her husband marched beside her with a sign reading, “I regret lost fatherhood.” Other signs announced “1/3 of our generation lost to abortion.”

It was overwhelming to look over the flood of faces – most of them youth, teens, and young adults – who were laughing, singing, and praying as they waved to curious faces in the San Francisco office windows and held up heart-shaped hands and peace signs to people passing by on the street. The tide of joy and love that stretched unendingly down Market Street was amazing.

This is, as the signs read, the Pro Life Generation (complete with hashtag!). This is the generation joyful in their hope about changes that can be made in society. As one organizer said, “Where there’s life, there’s hope. The Walk for Life is also a walk of hope.”

Are you pregnant and in need of help? Contact the Gabriel Project at 1-800-910-0191. Are you struggling after an abortion? Contact the After the Choice Ministry at 1-888-HOPE-790. All inquiries are strictly confidential.
Season of Lent

Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of LENT. We will have Masses at 8:00am, 4:00pm and 7:30pm in the church. Ashes will be distributed at each Mass. The following are the rules and practices during LENT.

Fasting—Catholics aged 18 through 59 are bound to fast on both Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. To fast means to consume one full meal a day at most, although taking of other, smaller quantities of food at the other customary mealtimes is permitted. Food and drink between meals (excluding water and medicine) is not permitted on fast days.

Abstinence From Meat—Catholics aged 14 and up are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. To abstain means refraining from eating beef, veal, pork or poultry.

Anointing of the Sick

The Pastoral Care of the Sick is planning an Anointing of the Sick Mass on February 24th at 11:00am in the church. Please mark your calendars so that you may come to this Mass. A reception will be held in the parish hall following the Mass.

Rice Bowl

On Monday, February 12th the Faith Formation Program will give each student a “Rice Bowl”. During the Lenten season, these bowls serve as a reminder of sharing ourselves with others through prayers and sacrifice. Each student is encouraged to share their blessings with those less fortunate by putting in the bowl what they want to share. The rice bowls will be collected either on Holy Thursday or during the Faith Formation sessions.

Why Should I Give to the Bishop’s Appeal?

The word “Catholic” means “universal,” and our faith cares for all our sisters and brothers regardless of the parish in which they worship. One should give to the Appeal because there are certain ministries and services that cannot be provided by a parish, but only by a diocese. Can a parish recruit, educate, and form seminarians? Can a parish pay for a pension and needed medical care for our retired clergy? Can a parish support a diaconate program and ethnic ministries? Can a parish support schools and other parishes facing financial distress or an unexpected emergency?

Some people may say that as long as we support our parish, we should not be concerned with the needs of other parishes, schools, recruitment, education and formation of our future clergy, and forming our youth and young adults in our faith beyond our own parish. Through the Bishop’s Appeal, the diocese is able to carry out these ministries which is only possible through the generosity of our parishioners.

On February 17 & 18 we will have our commitment weekend at all the Masses. We ask that you be as generous as you are able.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 12
8am: Marilyn Capener (D)
Tuesday, February 13
8am: Vicente Liem Do (D)
Wednesday, February 14
8am: Steve Tool (D)
4:00pm: Chris Nemeth (D) & Maria Schweigardt (D)
7:30pm: Joseph Hung Nguyen (D)
Thursday, February 15
8am: Bruce Hale (D)
Friday, February 16
8am: All Souls
Saturday, February 17
5pm (Vigil): Thomas Dilenno (D)
Sunday, February 18
8:30am: Terence McDonnell (D)
10:30am: Parishioner of Santa Maria
5pm: Chris Nemeth (D)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lizmino@snparish.org.
AROUND THE DIOCESE

Retrouvaille

A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. The Retrouvaille Program begins with an initial weekend:
Friday, February 23, 2018, 7:00pm to Sunday, February 25, 2018, 5:00pm.
There are 12 follow up sessions over six Saturdays: March 3, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21 & May 5, 2018 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.
Register at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Gus and Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063. Retrouvaille provides marriage help! You are not alone!

A Heart Renewed:

Daily Lenten Prayer from the Jesuit School of Theology, February 14—April 9. Online through Santa Clara University Jesuit School of Theology, 510-549-5013.

This online retreat is written by members of the JST community—students, faculty and alumni. Subscribers will receive an email each morning containing a reflection and the listing of sacred texts from Scripture for each day of Lent. To sign up for the daily Lenten reflection emails, please visit www.scu.edu/aheartrenewed.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the East Bay is the social services arm for the Diocese of Oakland and one of the largest provider of social services throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. We help families in need rise above poverty and live self-sufficient lives. Learn about the programs of Catholic Charities at an upcoming Transforming Lives Tour.

You will learn about:
- Legal immigration and refugee resettlement services
- Homelessness prevention through housing and utilities support
- An update on “Claire’s House”, home for trafficked minors
- School-based behavioral health services programs for youth
- Grief counseling and family support for victims of crime

You will learn how Catholic Charities moves youth and families from crisis to stability to prosperity. Register at www.cceb.org/get-involved/transfimring-lives-tour.

For more information, contact Sween Gardner at sgardner@cceb.org or (510) 768-3161.

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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PRAYER INTENTIONS
For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,
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Berg, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen,
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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 Koupsus, Mary Lou
Mackintosh, Rose Mary McPhee,
Kevin Madsen, Mike Murphy,
Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz,
Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Pierre
Schreyer, Bob Singer, Charlene
Smith and John Wheeler

For the Deceased
Tom Crosby

TREASURE
February 4, 2018 Actual
Plate $5,439.77
EPT $1,108.10
Credit $1,596.48
Total $8,144.35
Goal $10,350.00
Deficit ($2,205.65)

Faith Formation $1,292.19

Upcoming Collections:
02/14/18 Ash Wednesday
02/18/18 Annual Bishop’s Appeal

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Vickie Leutz & Bev Harris after the
8:30am Mass
Jessica Fairbourn family after the
10:30am Mass

Week-At-A-Glance
Monday, February 12
Women’s Faith Sharing Group
(1:00pm, Youth Room, School)
Faith Formation Classes
(2:30pm, Church/Classroom)
Children’s Choir
(3:30pm, Room #1)
Faith Formation Classes
(4:00pm, Church/Classroom)

Tuesday, February 13
Women’s FSG Group
(7:00pm, Conf Room)

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday
8:00am Mass in Church
Women’s FSG Group
(11:00am, Library)
4:00pm Mass in Church
Middle School Youth Ministry
(7:00pm, Youth Room)
7:30pm, Mass in Church
Knights of Columbus Meeting
(7:30pm, Parish Hall)

Thursday, February 15
Mer’s Faith Sharing Group
(7:00pm, Library)
Couples Faith Sharing Group
(7:00pm, Conf Room)

Friday, February 16
Tom Crosby Funeral
(2:30pm, Church & Parish Hall)

Saturday, February 17
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, February 18
Bishop’s Appeal Commitment Day
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)
WALK FOR LIFE
WEST COAST