St. Patrick’s Day & Santa Maria Went Full Green

The lasses and lads of Santa Maria’s Knights of Columbus, with more than a wee bit of help from their cousins at St. Perpetua, turned our fine hall into a Gaelic mead hall for a fun-filled evening celebrating the missionary apostle and patron saint of Ireland.

Our first-ever St. Patrick’s Day dinner was a gathering of good folks enjoying friendship on this grand feast day. The hall was packed with folk of Santa Maria and St. Perpetua (whose Knights brought the idea of the shenanigans to our Santa Maria Knights since St. P’s hall is only rubble now, gone away as a bigger one sprouts on its site).

The 2 teams of Knights put together a terrific evening, with corned beef and lots of delicious fixings, and folks enough to fill Santa Maria’s hall with its biggest crowd ever (or so the leprechauns told us).

And we finished off the evening with a roaring good performance by our own distinguished Irish dancers of Santa Maria, the Akazawa girls (whose mum is a lass from County Cavan).

What a wonderful evening. For, wouldn’t ya know it, everyone there was Irish that evening—except for Deacon Jim, who delighted the crowd by arriving in his magnificent ancestral Scottish kilt and plaid!
PARISH LIFE

Have you signed up for Faith Direct?
Secure online giving to support Santa Maria

We've upgraded to a more streamlined online provider for our eGiving needs through Faith Direct!

Now you can make contributions to our parish directly and securely from your checking account, savings account, credit card, or debit card, just as you may already do with some of your bills and donations.

No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way to Mass!

You can enroll securely by visiting www.faithdirect.net and using our parish code CA891—or find a paper enrollment form in the Parish Office if you'd prefer to enroll by mail.

If you have any questions, please contact Megan in the Parish Office by phone at 925-254-2426 x308 or by email at megan@smparish.org.

Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to all who have given to the annual Bishop's Appeal. Thank you to Mark Roberts who gave the lay witness talk several weeks ago. He has been so generous in doing this for us. At the last report Santa Maria was at 91% of our goal of $34,700. If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. Any monies collected over our goal are returned to the parish for parish project use.

Parish Administrative Assistant Opening

Santa Maria is seeking a full time Administrative Assistant for the parish office. This person is responsible for providing a full range of clerical and administrative functions including timely opening and closing of the parish office, greeting and referring visitors, answering the telephone, scheduling parish facilities, and maintaining the parish sacramental record books. This position reports directly to the pastor. This position is S-4 on the Diocesan job classification. Salary commensurate with ability and experience within this classification. Interested persons should contact the parish office for an Application form and a copy of a more complete job description.

First Eucharist Retreat

The First Eucharist Retreat for children and parents will be on Sunday, April 15, from 9:00am - 10:15am, in room 2 for the children and in Conference room for parents. This event will provide the information to prepare for the First Eucharist Mass. Please do not miss it. Childcare will be provided.

The Sunday Collection
At our 5:00pm vigil, 10:30am and 5:00pm Sunday liturgies the collection baskets are passed through the pews. We ask the ushers to bring the baskets to the front and the middle pews to begin the collection. Then the assembly facilitates the collection by placing their financial gift in the basket and then passing the basket one to another. This may require that you stand and hand it to the person down the pew or behind you. Ushers, it is not necessary to take the baskets at the end of each pew and then hand it on. Simply start the collection and then move to the position where you collect the baskets and bring them to the rear of the church. If there are two collections both baskets are passed simultaneously.

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, April 9
8am: Friends & Families

Tuesday, April 10
8am: Paul Bach (d)

Wednesday, April 11
8am: Russell Schwertfeger (d)

Thursday, April 12
8am: Maria Dinh (d)

Friday, April 13
8am: Msgr. Ted Kraus (d)

Saturday, April 14
5pm (Vigil): Parishioners of Santa Maria

Sunday, April 15
8:30am: John Dodge (d)
10:30am: Bernard J. Sheehan (d)
5pm: Yau Lin Liu (d)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lizunino@smparish.org.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Are we like Thomas and doubt the power of God in our marriage? Learn the tools to put God in your Sacrament of Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 18-20th or September 7-9th. 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 oaklandwwwme.org.

Catholics@Work

will host US House of Representative’s Chaplain, Father Patrick Conroy, SJ on April 10. Open to the public, the program is from 7:00-8:15am at the Crow Canyon Country Club. (Mass is celebrated at 6:30am). All are welcome to attend; please make reservations at CatholicsatWork.org. Price is $30 per person, but only $20 for members. For more information, please go to CatholicsatWork.org.

San Damiano

Sunday, April 15, San Damiano will host a Pasta Dinner, 4:30-6:30pm. Adults $15, kids 12 and under are $10. Reservations at www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141, ext 315. 710 Highland Dr., Danville.

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! You may also register online at www.santamariaorinda.com. 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!

You can also register online at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
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Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott,
Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez,
Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley,
Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher,
Noreen Gillham, Brian Kelly, Mason
Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk,
Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus,
Kevin Madsen, Rose Mary McPhee,
Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz,
Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Pierre
Schreyer, Bob Singer, and John
Wheeler

For the Deceased

TREASURE

April 1, 2018 Actual
Plate $23,676.00

Upcoming Collections:
04/29/18 Maintenance Fund
05/06/18 Faith Formation

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Vickie Leutz & Bev Harris after the 8:30am Mass
Sisters of the Holy Cross after the 10:30am Mass

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, April 9
Parish Staff Meeting
(10:30am, Parish Office)
Faith Formation Class
(2:30pm, School/Parish Hall)
Children's Choir
(3:30pm, Room #1)
Faith Formation Class
(4:00pm, School/Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 10
RCIA
(7:00pm, Library)

Wednesday, April 11
Youth Group
(7:00pm, Youth Room)
Knights of Columbus
(7:30pm, Parish Hall)

Saturday, April 14
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, April 15
Children's Liturgy of the Word
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)
First Eucharist Faith Formation
(9:00am, School)
Presentation of 1st Euch Candidates
(10:30am, Church)
Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Easter Vigil