"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Participants reflect on Faith Sharing Groups

Small groups provide us an opportunity to study and discuss Scripture readings, to share faith experiences with others who share our spiritual values, and to build friendships around our common great goal of growing closer to God.

Our particular group, now composed of thirteen women, began meeting in Lent 2016, using the program offered by Santa Maria.

There is some disparity in age and political leanings, but our common purpose of building spiritual awareness brought us close. After Lent and the final session of our group, we realized we missed our gatherings and the camaraderie and support they provided. All were enthusiastic to resume meeting for the 2017 Lenten program, and since then we have continued to meet monthly. We have a principal facilitator, but several of us have led the group when she isn’t able to attend; and we meet in each other’s homes.

The experience has expanded our prayer life as we bring prayer requests: for ourselves, family, friends, our country and its leaders, for the church... and we hold each other in prayer ongoing.

To those of you who might consider becoming a part of small-group faith-sharing, a suggestion might be to invite one or two people who are interested and ask them to invite others who would be good additions to the group. Praying for guidance in this process will bring good results. And if you are few in number, not to worry.
PARISH LIFE

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.

Senior Village Mass and Communion Service
We will have Mass at the Orinda Senior Village on Monday, April 23 at 9:30am. Fr. George Mockel will be the presider.
On May 7th Sr. Mary Magdalene will preside at a rosary and communion service at 10:30am at the Orinda Senior Village.
All are welcome to attend!

Mother's Day Novena
Mother’s Day Cards may be obtained in the narthex of the church this weekend. Remembrance envelopes may be deposited in the collection or returned to the parish office.
The Mother’s Day Novena will be from Sunday, May 13 through Monday, May 21st. The remembrance envelopes will be placed on the altar during morning Mass and next to the tabernacle in the church on the weekend during the Novena.
What a prayerful way to remember your mother.

PARISH LIFE

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 Donations Needed

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.

PARISH LIFE

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 16
8am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 17
8am: James G. Walsh (d)

Wednesday, April 18
8am: Jack Bevis (d)

Thursday, April 19
8am: Russell Scherdfeger (d)

Friday, April 20
8am: Jeanie Beanson (d)

Saturday, April 21
5pm (Vigil): Mary McClay (d)

Sunday, April 22
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Estrella S. Garma (d)
5pm: Int: Bonnie Elisabeth Buzzell

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lizminio@smparish.org.
Easter Flower Memorial Names

Bert & Bruce Azaro  
Marilyn Capener  
Margaret & O.J. Gallagher  
The Hale Family  
The Cummings Family  
Rev. Jerrold Kennedy  
Rev. J. Roger Lucey, S.J.  
Koichi Nakamura & Anthony Gee  
Stephen & Tom O’Brien  
Chuck Rowbotham  
Robert Bennett  
Barbara Semar  
Deacon Maurice Custodio  
Barbara Poggi  

Velma Bruschini  
Diana Gianni  
Tom Zanze  
Harold & Dorothy Simms  
& Son Harold  
Marty Franich  
Gennaro & Mae Merle Filice  
Mark Osterink  
Jim Cain  
Laurene Bohiman  
Lera & Chan Families  
All members of Mein family  
Members of Meehan, Villard,  
Eichner and Blanc families

Have you signed up for Faith Direct?

Support Santa Maria with Secure Online Giving!

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Restorative Justice Retreat

Catholic Charities is launching a new retreat for Catholics in partnership with Catholic Mobilizing Network and The School of Applied Theology. Where Two or Three Are Gathered, on April 21, allows participants to learn more about restorative practices, which focus on building community and addressing the inevitable harms that come up in communal life, and how these practices can live in our parishes and communities.

Please register by April 19th at https://tinyurl.com/yaoy8zzk  
Email any registration questions to training@cccb.org

Katelyn Emerson Organ Concert

Hear works by Bach, Mozart, Rheinberger, Alain, and Dupre on April 18 at 7:00pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral on Gough St. in San Francisco. Ticketed reception to follow. Admission is $10-25; SFAGO members free. For more information call 415-567-2020 x213.

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
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Harlon Berg, Maria Carmen, 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
Aurelia Neef - Mother of Linda See
John Peyovich - Husband of Kerri Peyovich

Treasure
April 8, 2018 Actual
Plate $8,585.50
EFT $1,108.10
Credit $1,596.48
Total $11,290.08
Goal $10,350.00
Overage $940.00
Faith Formation $1,486.00

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

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Dave Fulton after the 8:30am Mass
Nick & Larissa Kosla after the 10:30am Mass

Thank you for your generosity!

Week-At-A-Glance
Monday, April 16
Faith Formation Class
(2:30pm, School/Parish Hall)
Children’s Choir
(3:30pm, Room #1)
Faith Formation Class
(4:00pm, School/Parish Hall)

Wednesday, April 18
Youth Group
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

Friday, April 20
John Peyovich Funeral
(10:00am, Church)

Saturday, April 21
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
Patricia Connolly Funeral
(11:00am, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)

Sunday, April 22
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
(During the 10:30am Mass, Church)
WE’RE ON Instagram
@SMYOUTHMIN