Glorying in the Cross of Christ

Youth Ministry leads the Good Friday Way

“We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.” “Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.”

The familiar refrain was repeated down Santa Maria Way, past the library and fire station on Orinda Way, and up Irwin to Orinda Senior Village as Santa Maria’s large cross was carried through the streets on the Good Friday Way of the Cross. The tradition of having Youth Ministry lead these walking Stations at Santa Maria is over twenty years old (see the back page for a 1995 newspaper clipping of this same event).

There’s something special about carrying a heavy cross through town and up steep hills – it evokes an almost visceral reaction to the Stations as we mirror in our own small way the journey Christ took to Calvary hill. Hearing our young people remembering and reflecting on each of the Stations and guiding our prayer with their voices was also inspirational. Even our youngest participant joined in proclaiming a Station to the group – his mom asked if they could do it together, since he saw the “big kids” doing it and wanted to help, too.

One of the most moving parts of this event is meeting up with Orinda Senior Village residents in their front courtyard to share some of the Stations with them and to allow them to venerate the cross before we head back to Santa Maria. Since many are homebound and can’t make it to the Good Friday service, these Stations connect them with the liturgy of Holy Week and to their parish community as we step outside the property lines to bring Christ to them – and to the City of Orinda – in a tangible and observable way.

*Flip to the back page for more photos of this event, and follow us on Instagram - @smyouthmin!
**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 101.01% 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.

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**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

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 23**
8am: Tom Cunningham (d)

**Tuesday, April 24**
8am: Rick Tomasco (d)

**Wednesday, April 25**
8am: Peter Thao Tran (d)

**Thursday, April 26**
8am: Int: Bedenbeker Family

**Friday, April 27**
8am: Gene Kraus (d)

**Saturday, April 28**
5pm (Vigil): Int: Kathy Gernak

**Sunday, April 29**
8:30am: Special Intention
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
5pm: Donald & Blanca Christie (d)

*L = Living; D = Deceased*

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lezmine@smparish.org.
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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday afternoon recitals

Mark your calendars or cell phones for the Sunday afternoon recitals at the St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street (at Geary) in San Francisco. All recitals are open to the public and unless otherwise indicated, a free-will offering will be requested at the door. Ample free parking.

April 22, 4pm: St. Mary’s Cathedral Choir, concert in memory of Stephen Walsh.

April 29, 4pm: Diana Stork and Portia Diwa, Harp, “Music from the Labyrinth.”

May 6, 4pm: Young People’s Symphony Orchestra Showcase. Young musicians from California’s oldest youth orchestra playing solo and ensemble works.

May 13, 4pm: Festival of Marian Hymns. The Benedict 16, a professional choir of 16 singers, under the direction of John Renke, will perform Marian motets in a performance of hymns, readings, and choral literature. Sponsored by the Benedict XVI Institute.

May 20, 4pm: Spring Concert “For the Beauty of the Earth,” performed by the St. Mary’s Cathedral Choir School. The program to include music from the California Missions.

San Damiano Retreat Center

710 Highland Dr., Danville will offer a “Working Retreat” with Father Patrick Foley on April 22-26.

“Spirituality & Conscious Aging: Finding Meaning and Purpose in Our Retirement Years” with Jim Briggs will be offered May 11-12.

For more information and registration contact 925-837-9141, Winchester Mystery House Tour/Shopping

The Orinda Parks & Recreation will host a tour of the Winchester Mystery House on May 10, 10:00am-4:00pm. The tour will take you through the mansion and then following the tour you will stop at Santana Row for lunch & shopping on your own. Fee $79—does not include lunch. For information contact OrindaParksRec@cityoforinda.org. Tour meets at Hacienda de Las Flores, 2100 Donald Drive, Moraga.

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.

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, Mike Buzzell, 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 15, 2018 Actual

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*April 4, 2018 disbursement

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

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Barbara & Jim Sweetser after the 8:30am Mass
Steve & Rosa Kim after the 10:30am Mass
Thank you for your generosity!

Week-At-A-Glance

Monday, April 23
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 25
Youth Group
(7:00pm, Youth Room)

Saturday, April 28
Communion Service
(8:00am, Chapel)
Minister of the Word Practice
(9:00am, Church)
1st Eucharist Rehearsal
(9:30am, Church)
Wedding—Peter Imsand & Nicole Clabaugh
(2:30pm, Church)
Sacrament of Reconciliation
(4:00pm, Church)
First Eucharist
(5:00pm, Church)

Sunday, April 29
First Eucharist
(8:30am, Church)
First Eucharist
(10:30am, Church)
C2 Session
(3:00pm, Youth Room)
First Eucharist
(5:00pm, Church)
C1 Session
(5:00pm, Youth Room)
Way of the Cross: Past and Present

2011 Stations of the Cross – who do you recognize??

Last year's stations, walking in front of the Library

Our youngest volunteer reader

Veneration of the Cross at Orinda Senior Village

The "big guys" inspiring the younger ones to help