Happy Retirement Linda!

Administrative Assistant reflects on 25 years of Ministry at Santa Maria

Little did I know when I arrived at Santa Maria in June of 1993 that I would still be working in the parish office in 2018. When I first arrived I was engaged on a temporary basis as an assistant to Judi Cox to help her as the parish entered into a Capital Campaign under then pastor, Fr. Tom Gallagher.

Over time I gradually assumed more duties and when the former parish secretary, Marlene Faustino, retired; I took on my present assignment of Parish Administrative Assistant. I began my employment with the Diocese of Oakland in 1981, first at St. Joseph's Church in Pinole, St. Callistus Church in El Sobrante and presently at Santa Maria.

When I first started to attend the Sunday liturgies at Santa Maria, I was very impressed with the spirituality of the liturgies and the hospitality of the parishioners and this lead me to investigate the various ministries to see where I might be needed. After consideration I joined the Liturgy Committee and the sub-committee of Art and Environment and the Adult Choir.

I am so grateful that I was able to work with and share good times with so many wonderful parishioners and co-workers here at Santa Maria and I welcome the opportunity to be able to continue to serve everyone in the future.

By Linda Zumino
PARISH LIFE

We give thanks for Sister Theresa's ministry to the children and families of Santa Maria

"As a religious, the rhythm of life is to serve wherever God calls," wrote Sister Theresa Lan Do, LHC, to her Faith Formation families. At this point, this means a move from ministry at Santa Maria to her new ministry at St. Maria Goretti Parish in San Jose at the end of this month.

We as staff want to thank Sister Theresa for her years of loving ministry working with our young Catholics and their families in the K-5 Faith Formation program. She has been a strong guiding presence in our parish as she invited kindergarteners to begin formally learning about our faith, led hundreds of Second Graders to the reception of their First Eucharist and, reassured countless children before they went to Reconciliation, encouraged entire classes of 5th graders to continue their involvement in Youth Ministry, and of course organized much-enjoyed events like Pizza Bingo and Trivia Days.

We are so grateful for everything she's done for our parish community, and pray every blessing and all good things upon Sister Theresa in her continued ministry in her community and in God's Holy Church!

Sister Theresa's last day is May 31. She said she will continue to visit Santa Maria when the occasion arises. Sister Mary Margaret Phan, LHC, will be joining us as Director of K-5 Faith Formation on June 1, a position in which she served here some time ago.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will not be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on Tuesdays after May 29th.

We will begin Adoration again on Tuesdays from 12:00 Noon-3:00pm in September.

Happy Feast Day Pastoral Ministers, May 31

The Church celebrates the Feast of the "Visitation of the Blessed Mary".

As the Pastoral Care Ministry, we choose this day to be the Feast of our Ministry. We follow the footprint of our Mother Mary who brought Jesus to her cousin Elizabeth. We likewise bring Jesus to our brothers and sisters in Santa Maria Parish who can't come to Church. May we experience God's blessings and joy in our hearts and share that with others.

OUTREACH

Do you know anyone seeking Baptism for their child?

If you have a child that you would like to have baptized over the next two months, the required parent classes will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room of the school building. The second class will be held June 6th at 7:00pm in the conference room of the school. Please contact the Parish Office at 925-254-2426 for more information or if you would like to register.

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, May 28
8am: Ralph Codde (d)

Tuesday, May 29
8am: Igor Vinogradov (d)

Wednesday, May 30
8am: Corey Mootz (d)

Thursday, May 31
8am: Thanksgiving

Friday, June 1
8am: Joseph Pham (d)

Saturday, June 2
5pm (Vigil): Peter Althaus (d)

Sunday, June 3
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Yau Lin Liu (d)
5pm Maria Gioanna Duc Hoang (d)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at x301 or at lzwino@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

Men's Cursillo

A Men’s Cursillo is scheduled for May 31-June 3 at Holy Redeemer Center, 8945 Golf Links Rd in Oakland. This three day retreat focuses on recognizing Christ’s action in our lives and the lives of others. Fee of $150 includes meals and accommodations. Information, contact Jackie Palacios, 510.332.3573, jackiepalacios@yahoo.com.

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalms:
Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading:
Romans 8:14-17

Gospel:
Matthew 28:16-20

Stewardship Message

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."
-- 1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don’t think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.

Reflecting on the Gospel

Liturgy of the Hours:
Of the Solemnity

Reflections on the Gospel

The gospel scene is after Easter, but in Galilee. According to Matthew, this is the first and only appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples. Still, the disciples doubt. They receive the command to baptize and to teach. Matthew’s baptismal formula for making a disciple is the same as what Christians use today. Based on this “Great Commandment,” Christianity has become a worldwide religion. From a mountaintop in Galilee, those initial disciples made other disciples by baptism, who made still more disciples by baptism, and so on, until our very day.

-Living Liturgy™,
The Most Holy Trinity 2018

Enroll in Faith Direct before the summer

Support Santa Maria—even when you’re on vacation!

May be a busy month. Are you booking travel for Memorial Day? Gearing up for summer vacation?

Consider enrolling in eGiving through Faith Direct to make sure your gifts reach Santa Maria when you cannot, and our ministries can continue uninterrupted.

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

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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!

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

*For the Sick*
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  
Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-  
Taylor, Harlon Berg, Cara Bradbury,  
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  
Ricei, Pierre Schreyer, and Bob  
Singer.

*For the Deceased*

**TREASURE**

**May 20, 2018 Actual**

- Plate: $5161.00  
- Faith Direct: $2915.20  
- Total: $8076.20  
- Goal: $10,350.00  
- Deficit: ($2273.80)

Catholic Charities: $2832.65

**Upcoming Collections:**

06/03/18  Faith Formation  
07/01/18  Faith Formation

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

Barbara & Jim Sweetser after the  
8:30am Mass  
Kathleen Simms after the 10:30am  
Mass

Thank you for your generosity!

**Week-At-A-Glance**

**Monday, May 28**
Memorial Day—Parish Office Closed

**Thursday, May 31**
Faith Sharing Group  
(11:00am, Library)

**Saturday, June 2**
Communion Service  
(8:00am, Chapel)  
Minister of the Word Practice  
(9:00am, Church)  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
(4:00pm, Church)

**Sunday, June 3**
Diocesan Deacon Men’s Formation Meeting  
(12:00pm, Conference Room)

**Father’s Day Novena**

Father’s Day cards and envelopes will be available this weekend after all the Masses in the narthex.

Donation envelopes may be placed in the collection or brought to the parish office.

The novena will be from June 17th through June 25

What a wonderful way to honor your Father.

**Happy Father’s Day!**
candidate and sponsor

twilight retreat
and rehearsal dinner

in preparation for the sacrament of confirmation

JUNE 9, 2018

Our 38 Confirmation candidates and their sponsors will soon be gathering to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation (which we’ll celebrate on Sunday, June 10 at 5:00pm).

Keep them in your prayers as they study the readings, learn about the symbols of the rite, reflect on what they bring to and receive from the Mass, and spend quality time together.

Interested in the Confirmation Program here at the Church of Santa Maria? Contact Megan Arteaga in the Parish Office.