Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as Camp Counselor

“Faith in Action” Summer Series #1, by Chantal Hummel

This summer I am working as a counselor and art instructor at a kids summer camp that I have worked at for four years. Each year is a new learning experience for me to grow as an individual and as a leader. I have learned to step out of my comfort zone to work with the counselors around me. This year I took on the role of being the art teacher, so I get to actually instruct the activities and gain a new perspective of the camp.

My faith has been a really big influence on my work at this camp. It provides me with not only the opportunity to grow and become the best version of myself, but also to use the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Wisdom I have gained for being at the camp for four years helps me guide not only myself but also others along a path of personal growth and improvement. The gift of Understanding allows me to accept and love everyone that I work with and promote a better working environment. All the staff at camp get along very well and are always very accepting even as new staff come in and I always consider myself grateful to be surrounded by such great people. Knowledge allows me to love all of God’s creatures. As an instructor and a leader for such young children, I always try to encourage them to understand each others’ perspectives and to always be kind to each other. Many times I will see campers comforting other campers and making them feel better. I am in awe by the sympathy and empathy that they show each other and I love to see them learn and understand each other.

This summer, we will be running a series of articles spotlighting our young Catholics putting their "Faith In Action" in their local community. Know anyone doing good work who might want to contribute? Contact megan@smparish.org!
Father Daniel is coming back!

Our summer visitor Father Daniel Perreira will be staying with us during the month of September. On September 13 and 20 he will be giving a two-week series on Pope Francis’ letter: “Gaudete et Exultate.” This should mesh well with a couple of our Faith Sharing Groups who are planning on discussing this letter. Mark your calendars and plan on attending!

Do you know anyone traveling over the summer?

Sundays are still Sunday on vacation! If you’ll be traveling and won’t be around Santa Maria for Mass, visit www.MassTimes.org—it’s a great resource that gives you the names, locations, and Catholic Mass times of parishes where you’ll be traveling.


You’ll get to experience Mass in a different parish and maybe even language, and at the same time, take a break from the bustle of travel to relax into something familiar: worshipping the Lord in his House.

Baptismal Process for Infants

If you have a child that you would like to be baptized over the next two months the preparation process begins on Wednesday, July 25th. Please contact the parish office for more information about the baptismal process or if you would like to register. 254.2426 x303

R.C.I.A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Have you been worshiping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but never celebrated all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different faith background and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of the above questions apply to you, we would love to walk with you on your journey!

Or, if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of the above questions, perhaps you should extend an invitation to them.

For further information or to inquire, please contact Tony Millette at 925-254-2426 x303 or by email at tmillette@smparish.org.

Parish Men Invited to Join Knights of Columbus

Our Santa Maria KofC Council 16453 will conduct a First Degree initiation ceremony on Thursday, July 19 for men of the parish who want to become Knights of Columbus. KofC is the nation’s largest fraternal organization of Catholic men, providing fellowship and involvement in charitable activities.

To find out more or to obtain a membership application please contact our Council’s in-coming Grand Knight Dean Akazawa at dean.akazawa@wellsfargo.com.

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, July 16**
8am: Maurice Gracias(d)

**Tuesday, July 17**
8am: Gene Voltattorni(d)

**Wednesday, July 18**
8am: Brian Cummings

**Thursday, July 19**
8am: Intention of the Presider

**Friday, July 20**
8am: Intention of the Presider

**Saturday, July 21**
5pm: Father Jerry Kennedy(d)

**Sunday, July 22**
8:30: Mary Ann Cashman(d)
10:30: Frank Schnugg(d)
5:00: Parishioners of Santa Maria

L = Living; D = Deceased

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office at x301 or at mirnawong@smparish.com
Support Santa Maria during these restful summer months!

As we enjoy the summer and its restful times with family and friends, Santa Maria continues to be open for Mass, events and activities, and the Sacraments. During these summer months your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries.

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.

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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CCIH’s local Summer Camps need volunteers

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (which our parish supports each year with “Spirit of Giving,” known formerly as “Adopt a Family”) needs volunteers for its summer programming.

The local summer camps have topics as varied as Art, Math, Music, and even Tai Chi, and they need both adult and teen volunteers to make them happen! The mission of CCIH is to provide affordable housing and vital support services to homeless and at-risk families in the East Bay. Visit their website, www.ccinterfaithhousing.org, for more information or to sign up.

Becoming Julia Morgan

Join Chapel of the Chimes in their celebration of world-renown architect Julia Morgan’s life. August 3rd and 4th will include three distinct performances, experiences and packages centered around a staged reading of Becoming Julia Morgan, a play by Belinda Taylor, directed by Linda Wilson, starring Mara Purl (as Julia Morgan) and Christopher Law (as William Randolph Hearst). On hand will be Mark Wilson, author of Julia Morgan, Architect of Beauty, and Mara Purl, author of the Millford-Haven book series. Set in an iconic landmark designed by Julia Morgan herself, this weekend seeks to celebrate the life, design and impact of the Architect of Beauty.

See oakland.chapelofthechimes.com for dates and times.

San Damiano Retreat Center

710 Highland Dr., Danville, 925-837-9141, SanDamiano.org

July 22-27: The World Will be Saved by Beauty (5-Day Silent Contemplative Retreat) with Fr. Dan Riley, OFM

July 27-29: The Beatitudes: Jesus’ 8-Step Program for Happiness (Silent Retreat) with Fr. Patrick Foley.

Jazz Reception

Featuring Bishop’s Vineyard wines, New Orleans fare, and music at will be held on July 15, 3:30 to 6 p.m. at San Damiano Retreat Center. Tickets are $35; register at www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141 x315.

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!

Or register online at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration!

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TREASURE

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Harlon Berg, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, 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 Koups, Rose Mary McPhee, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Bob Singer, Nancy Thumness

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This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Amos 7:12-15

Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Second Reading:
Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel:
Mark 6:7-13

Please note—Faith Direct is our new Electronic Funds Transfer, or EFT, program. The amount listed here each week is the estimated average of that month’s projected giving. For more information or to enroll, see page 3.

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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!
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