Families Gather to Kick-off the Ministry Year

A warm thank you to Theresa Gonzales and team for organizing

On Sunday, September 9th, over 20 Santa Maria families joined for a BBQ potluck to kick off the new faith formation year. The celebration began with a prayer and blessing from Father Daniel and Sr. Mary Margaret immediately following the 10:30 Mass. It was a great opportunity for the families of our parish to celebrate the start of a new school year and welcome Sr. Mary Margaret back to SM faith formation.

Tables were set up outside to enjoy the beautiful day. It was a time for the children to reconnect with their Santa Maria friends and for our parent community to get to know each other better.

Thank you to all the families that joined us; especially for help with set-up and take down and, of course, for all of the delicious potluck items. Thank you to the catechists that attended to help make the day so special. This is the 2nd year Santa Maria has had a kick-off BBQ, and hopefully it will continue to be a favorite tradition to begin each new school year.

Upcoming opportunities to join in celebration with our young Santa Maria church will be:

- Sunday, October 21st - Children’s Mass at Pancake Breakfast
- Sunday, December 2nd - Family Advent Wreath

Interested in volunteering or getting involved with K-5 Faith Formation? Contact Sr. Mary Margaret at srmmphan@smparish.org!
Join us for the Parish Oktoberfest!

Date:  Saturday, Oct. 6
Time:  After 5pm Mass from 6:00 - 10:00 pm
Where:  Parish Hall
RSVP:  gasmith4@pacbell.net

Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy our annual Oktoberfest on Saturday evening, Oct. 6, right after the 5 pm Mass. This evening of German food, drink and entertainment has become a parish favorite since the sponsoring Knights of Columbus put together the first one six years ago. At $20 per head (kids free), it is a great way to enjoy a relaxing and fun evening with your fellow parishioners (and guests are welcome). Show up, have fun, a guten abend!

RSVP to Greg Smith at gasmith4@pacbell.net.

Santa Maria Children’s Choir

The Santa Maria Children’s Choir is open to all children in 1st- 5th grades. The choir currently have one new inquirer starting the program. If you know of someone who may be interested in inquiring about the Catholic faith, please contact Tony Millette at tmillette@smparish.org or Margaret Govednik at mwgovednik@comcast.net

For further information please contact Tony Millette at 254-2426 or tmillette@smparish.org.

R.C.I.A. Process Begins

When:  Tuesday, October 2
Time:  7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

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Come and join us as we celebrate faith together. Thank you so much and we hope to hear from you soon.

Interested in helping out? Contact Deacon Rey Encarnacion at dcnrey@smparish.org.

Do You Love to Sing?

How about giving the Adult Choir a try? The choir leads the music at the 10:30am Sunday Mass and at special liturgies throughout the year. Practices begin this Thursday, October 4th at 7pm in the Church. Come and try it out! For more info - contact Tony at 254-2426 or tmillette@smparish.org.

Have you ever felt like you could use some help focusing on Mass once you get to church?

We do, too. So before the 5pm Sunday Youth Masses on Confirmation Sundays, we gather about 10 minutes early for praise and worship music and a brief period of reflection to help us get our minds centered on where we are and Who we’re there for. All are welcome to join us – bring a friend! Our next Youth Mass (besides the one this Sunday, September 30) is Sunday, October 14.

First Children’s Liturgy and Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars now for our First Children’s Liturgy of the New Year - Sunday, October 21st at our 10:30am Mass. Following the Mass will be a Pancake Breakfast hosted by our Faith Formation Families -- all are welcome!

Rosary Prayer Service

On Wednesday evening October 10th there will be a Rosary Prayer Service at 7:30 pm with a light social following in the parish hall. Our Middle School Youth Group will be attending this service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 1
8am:  (I) Kunigund Nemeth

Tuesday, October 2
8am:  Deceased Sisters of Holy Cross

Wednesday, October 3
8am:  Francisco Hoang (D)

Thursday, October 4
8am:  Mary Kennedy (D)

Friday, October 5
8am:  Joseph Hoang (D)

Saturday, October 6
5pm:  Yau Lin Liu (D)

Sunday, October 7
8:30:  Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30:  Emma Rodriguez (D)
5:00:  Intention of the Presider

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org
Join Denver Archbishop and Learn How We Can Build a Strong Lay Apostolate Together

Monday Evening, October 8th

All Catholics in the Oakland diocese are invited to learn how the Archbishop of Denver, Samuel J. Aquila, is building a strong lay apostolate movement. Denver is considered an epicenter of evangelization in the U.S. since the 1993 World Youth Day.

This free program is organized by Catholics at Work (C@W) and takes place on Monday evening, October 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Raymond’s Catholic Church in Dublin. Oakland Bishop Michael Barber will also join Archbishop Aquila for this special engagement.

Continuing the energy of Pope John Paul II’s powerful 1993 World Youth Day (WYD), which was held in Denver, Aquila’s goal is to encourage people to “be more than you realize. Jesus should be your rock!”

This grassroots Catholic movement throughout the entire Denver archdiocese builds upon the ongoing WYD energy. Aquila’s episcopal motto, “Do whatever He tells you,” Mary’s guidance at the wedding in Cana, is the theme encouraging us to embrace the apostleship.

Aquila is speaking in a new evening-format Catholics@Work program, Monday, Oct. 8 at St. Raymond’s parish located at 11555 Shannon Ave. in Dublin. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the program begins at 7 pm. This inspirational event is open to C@W members and to all others in the Oakland diocese community. Oakland Bishop Michael Barber will also join Archbishop Aquila for this special engagement.

There is no charge for admission but a free-will offering are greatly appreciated to help cover the costs. Please register beforehand online at http://www.catholicsatwork.com/ and consider joining Catholics at Work membership to support this inspirational speaker series. Catholics at Work is an Oakland diocese ministry to bring inspiring Catholic speakers to our East Bay community.

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.

We encourage you to register in the parish so that you can receive regular communication via both email and regular mail. Registration information is essential for responding to request to be sponsors/godparents and other ministries.

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!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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.

One less thing to remember each Sunday

With the arrival of autumn, we’d like to invite you to join Faith Direct, our parish’s electronic giving program.

Our to-do lists can get lengthy this season, but our eGiving program will give you one less thing to remember each week—no more envelopes to find or checks to write before you go to Mass!

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!
TREASURE

September 23, 2018

Plate: $5,506.00
Faith Direct: $3,469.48
Total: $8,975.48
Goal: $10,350.00
Deficit: -$1,374.52

Faith Formation: $10.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement: $10.00
Maintenance Fund: $20.00

Part of 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.

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm
19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

Second Reading:
James 5:1-6

Gospel:
Marks 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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Weekly Intentions

For the Sick
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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, October 1
Faith Formation- 2:30 pm
Children’s Choir- 3:30 pm
Faith Formation- 4:00 pm

Tuesday, October 2
Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel - 12:00 - 3:00 pm
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 3
OCH Mass - 11:00 am
Middle School Youth - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 4

Friday, October 5

Saturday, October 6
Communion Service - 8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00 pm
Oktoberfest - 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:

Bobby and Bob after the 8:30am Mass
Foy Family after the 10:30am Mass
WELCOME

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