Permanent residency status granted after two years in the US

We are thrilled to announce that the Klaw Reh family from Burma has obtained permanent residency in the United States! With the help of Catholic Charities’ immigration attorneys, the family applied in February and successfully received their Green Cards in a surprisingly brief six months.

The family celebrated its second anniversary in the U.S. on September 16. The family continues to be financially independent on a minimum wage salary, and lives in affordable housing in the Fruitvale District of Oakland. Our parishioners (Gail Gabriel, Mary Passeri and Theresa Gonzales) continue to provide tutoring on Wednesday afternoons for the children and mother. This summer Gail and coordinator Janet Riley took the family to Tilden to feed the animals at the Little Farm, ride the merry-go-round, and take the steam trains. Everyone seems happy and healthy. One of the girls kept saying, “I want to go to Orinda;” we’ll have to set up a day at the Orinda park for her.

We want to thank you all for your generous support of our Burmese family. It’s a joy to see them thrive in the U.S. after two years.

If you would like to get more involved, contact Janet Riley at bjriley@pacbell.net.
What do you think?

We found it a little tough to read the tiny print of our bulletin, so we made it a little bigger. Give your feedback to Mirna in the Parish Office! Email mirnawong@sm-parish.org or call 925-254-2426.

First Children's Liturgy and Pancake Breakfast

Mark your calendars now for our First Children’s Liturgy of the new ministry 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!

On the lookout for a new TV-DVD Combo

We’re working on updating our parish spaces, and having a TV-DVD combo in our small meeting room and Youth Room would make it so much easier for our groups to use new screen-based resources.

To that end, we’re currently seeking the donation of two 40”-50” TVs with a built-in DVD, often advertised as a TV-DVD Combo.

Are you able to donate a TV-DVD combo? Email Megan at megan@smparish.org! And remember – Santa Maria is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and your donations are tax-deductible.

Come hear Alix Friedman of Sloat Garden Center

At this year’s Women’s Guild Garden Luncheon at 11am on October 18, we’ll be hosting nursery expert Alix Friedman, currently Assistant Nursery Buyer for Sloat Garden Center. Join us to hear her speak, share lunch together, and have the opportunity to purchase plants!

Honoring the Dead in November

Honoring, remembering and praying for those who have died is a tradition in our faith. As we enter the month of November, celebrating this is clear as we celebrate All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2). During November we also display pictures of our loved ones who have gone before us, along with our Parish Book of the Dead in which names of deceased members of our families are inscribed. Again this year we invite parishioners to bring pictures of deceased family members, along with symbols of their lives and faith or other mementos, to be displayed on an "altarcito" which will be arranged in the side niche in the body of the church.

On All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, there will be two Masses, at 8am and 7:30pm; both will be in the Church.

On All Souls Day there will only be one Mass at 7:30pm in the Church. All are invited to attend this Mass as we remember and pray for all of our beloved dead – family members, friends and parishioners. Invitations to this

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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_L = Living; D = Deceased_

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Mass have been sent to family members who buried their loved ones from our parish this past year. Following the Mass there will be a reception in the Parish Hall hosted by our Pastoral Care Ministry.

Please note that there will be NO 8:00am Mass on Friday, November 2.

Middle School Youth Group celebrates All Saints Day last year

PASTORAL CARE

Prayer at Orinda Senior Village

Join us Monday, October 22 at 9:30am for a Communion Service and praying of the Rosary at Orinda Senior Village. All are welcome!

Anointing of the Sick

All those seriously ill or anticipating surgery and all who suffer from physical or emotional illness are invited to come to celebrate Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on: Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 11:00am in the Church.

You are also invited to join us for a reception after the Liturgy in the parish hall.

For more information or to get involved in Pastoral Care Ministry, contact Sister Mary Magdalene at 925-254-2426.

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.

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!

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.

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!

Name

Address

Phone Email
TREASURE

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Michael Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Doris Hale, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Rose Mary McPhee, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Bob Singer, Nancy Thumness

For the Deceased
Harlon Berg

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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, October 15
Faith Formation - 2:30 & 4:00
Children’s Choir - 3:30pm– 4:00pm

Tuesday, October 16
Eucharistic Adoration
Chapel - 12:00 - 3:00 pm
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 17
MSYG - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 18
Ladies Guild Luncheon: 11:00 am
Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 19

Saturday, October 20
Communion Service - 8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00pm

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 months’ projected giving. For more information or to enroll, see page 3.

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Wisdom 7:7-11

Psalm
90:12-3, 14-15, 16-17

Second Reading:
Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel:
Mark 10:17-30

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Faith Formation: $1,022.91

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Vickie & Bev after the 8:30am Mass
Fairbourn Family after the 10:30am Mass

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Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen
Priest in Residence

Reverend Michael Amabisco, OP
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