“What’s the deal with Safe Environment Training?”

What we’d like you to know as a parishioner or volunteer

It’s not just for church use. The skills you learn in recognizing risky behavior in adults and warning signs in children can be translated to many other areas in life. Sadly, child abuse is very widespread—even though the media likes to portray the abuse crisis as a “clergy problem.” Every year more than 3.6 million referrals are made to child protection agencies – isn’t it worth a 2-hour class to be an extra pair of eyes able to recognize warning signs and potentially prevent abuse?

Volunteers must retrain every three years. Honestly, we all need refresher courses in life. We want to make sure our volunteers know what to do in case they notice risky behavior in adults or if a child shares something that should be reported. Plus, with VIRTUS, our new program, you can take different classes when you retrain instead of the same one over and over!

If you work with kids or vulnerable adults, you’ll need to be fingerprinted through the Diocese – once! Different background check agencies don’t communicate with each other – it’s a matter of protecting privacy. That’s why even if you were fingerprinted as a nurse or for a school, you’ll still need to do so with the Diocese as well. (We also run all volunteers through the Megan’s Law database at least once a year, to be thorough!)

Live training will be Tuesday, November 6 from 7-9pm with Megan Arteaga in the Conference Room. Online training is available anytime at www.virtus.org.

Questions? Email our Safe Environment Coordinator at megan@smparish.org.
**PARISH LIFE**

**All Souls Novena happening through Sat**

Our novena of Masses for all the faithful departed began this past Friday, All Souls Day. If you haven’t yet returned your envelope with names of your loved ones to pray for, please bring it to the Parish Office!

**Disciples as stewards – sign up next weekend!**

Next weekend (November 10-11) we’ll be having our annual Stewardship Sign-Ups, inviting everyone to begin or re-commit to ministry here at Santa Maria. Take some time before next weekend to pray about what you have to offer to God through ministry at your parish!

**Election Day Bustle**

This Tuesday, November 6, our Parish Hall will be one of Orinda’s polling places. We are honored to support our state and country in this small way.

The Catechism teaches us that voting is an important responsibility of faithful citizenship – so we encourage you to pray, discern, vote, and pray again this Tuesday!

**Fil-Am group gathers Thursday**

The Diocese has just begun a 4-year commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Catholicism to the Philippines.

There is a meeting this Thursday evening for Santa Maria’s Filipino-American community - if you’d like to join, please contact Deacon Rey at dcnrey@smparish.org.

**Refresh yourself at the Women’s Guild Fall Morning of Reflection**

The Santa Maria guild invites you to a Fall Morning of Reflection on Thursday, November 15th beginning at 9:30 in the Convent. Give yourself this quiet time before the busy holiday season begins! The morning will conclude with Liturgy and a light lunch. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex.

**It’s time to sign your CYO team up for Spirit of Giving!**

CYO Basketball teams—get into the spirit of the Christmas season! Yes, we know it’s November, but signing up now gives your team time to get your family to shop for, buy their presents, wrap them, and deliver them by the December due date.

Details and sign-ups can be found at bit.ly/2R7ZSGJ

**Pastoral Care Ministry**

Rosary & Communion Service - Orinda Senior Village Nov. 5, 10:30am

Mass - Orinda Care Center - Nov. 7, 11:00 am

**Communion Service location change**

On Saturday, November 17, the 8:00am Communion Service will be held in the Church (instead of the chapel). We welcome the Knights of Columbus, who will be gathering on that date—and whose numbers mean we won’t fit in the chapel as usual!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, November 5**
8:00am: All Souls Novena

**Tuesday, November 6**
8:00am: All Souls Novena

**Wednesday, November 7**
8:00am: All Souls Novena

**Thursday, November 8**
8:00am: All Souls Novena

**Friday, November 9**
8:00am: All Souls Novena

**Saturday, November 10**
5:00pm: All Souls Novena

**Sunday, November 11**
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Luciano Alejo (D)
5:00pm: Yau Lin Liu (D)

*L = Living; D = Deceased*

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org
Keep your eyes peeled for email scams

An email scam is being reported around the country. Typically, the victim receives an email that appears to be from a priest or other church personnel known to the victim, requesting gift cards or cash. Always verify any request for funds with a phone call to the supposed requestor.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Are you good with kids?

Teens needed! A few times a month, volunteers from our parish tutor the Klaw Reh family in the English language. The tutors need you to tutor and babysit the younger kids while they’re working with the parents and older siblings.

Contact Theresa Gonzales at tmgonzo2@comcast.net for more info. Volunteers must organize their own transportation. This is not a Santa Maria parish event.

Celebrate the Vietnamese Martyrs

Bishop Michael Barber will be joined by Bishop Emeritus John Cummins at the 30th Anniversary of the canonization of the Vietnamese martyrs on November 18 at 11am at St. Anthony Church in Oakland. Mass will be followed by a reception.

Come celebrate and learn about this important part of our Catholic heritage, and our Vietnamese community!

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.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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!

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

For the Deceased
Harlon Berg and Nancy Thummess

Would you like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list? Please contact Mirna in the Parish Office at 925-254-2426 or mirnawong@smparish.org.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Monday, November 5
Faith Formation - 2:30pm & 4:00pm
Children’s Choir - 3:30pm-4:00pm
Finance Council Mtg - 7:00pm
Liturgy Coordinating Team Mtg - 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday, November 6
Election Day - Parish Hall Polling Place - 7:00am to 8:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12:00 - 3:00 pm
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm
Safe Environment Training - 7:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesday, November 7
Ladies Guild Board Mtg - 9:30am

Thursday, November 8
Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, November 9

Saturday, November 10
Stewardship Sign-up in Church
Communion Service - 8:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00pm

Sunday, November 11
Stewardship Sign-up in Church
Confirmation 2 - 3:00 pm
Confirmation 1 - 6:15 pm

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm
18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Second Reading:
Hebrews: 7:23-28

Gospel:
Mark 12:28b-34

PASTORAL TEAM

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October 21, 2018
Plate: $ 4,560.00
Faith Direct: $ 3,859.35
Total: $ 8,419.35
Goal: $ 10,350.00
Deficit: - $ 1,930.65

All Saints Day: $385.00
Catholic Voice: $60.00

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:

Dave & Joan after the 8:30am Mass;
James & Jackie Bava after the 10:30am Mass

Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
SANTA MARIA YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

**BOWLING SOCIAL**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
ALL CONFIRMATION/FIAT TEENS AND FRIENDS WELCOME
CLAYTON VALLEY BOWL | NOON-2:00PM
RSVP BY 11/15 TO MEGAN@SMPARISH.ORG