Share Christmas with the families of St. Peter Martyr Parish

A Santa Maria Knights of Columbus Service Project

Santa Maria parishioners have generously shared the joy and happiness of our past Christmases with the families in Pittsburg’s St. Peter Martyr Parish. We can share again this year, filling food boxes for families who need a little extra help in this – the season of God’s blessings.

Many of the parishioners of St. Peter Martyr, largely an immigrant community, struggle to build good lives for their families: they work to overcome the challenges of low paying or part-time jobs, having little technical work experience, and developing English skills. Santa Maria’s Christmas boxes truly help those families, and they are very much appreciated in the true spirit of Christian love during the holiday season.

What should I put in the box? Think about foods that would make a nice Christmas dinner – a variety of canned goods, rice, potato flakes, grains, durable dessert treats, and a gift certificate for the meat and perishables (Safeway is good). No perishables, fresh food, or glass containers. Feel free to include a small Christmas present for children if you wish – just be sure to mark it on the outside of the box. If your box will be heavy, please tape the bottom before filling it – do NOT seal the top of the box. Return your filled box on Sunday, December 16 by 11:30am. Knights of Columbus will help you unload it!
Special Collection for Fire Relief this Weekend

We will be taking a special collection to support those who have been affected by the devastating wildfires in our state. This collection will be taken for Catholic Charities USA, who will be sending 100% of contributions to those suffering from the California wildfires.

Give online anytime by visiting our website and clicking on the link to “Support Fire Relief,” OR give to the Second Collection this weekend.

Advent Reconciliation and Reception

Join us as we gather Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30pm for our annual Advent Communal Reconciliation service. There is no better way to prepare for the coming of Christ than to be reconciled with God the Father through this Sacrament!

The service will be followed by a reception in the Hall, hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

2019 calendars are coming soon!

Pick up your 2019 wall calendars next weekend, so you’ll always know when your appointments are (and on which Saint’s feast day they’re celebrated!). The photos and quotes in the coming year’s calendar are inspiring, so make sure you get one!

Altarcito photos and mementos are ready for pick-up

For all those who brought photos and mementos of deceased loved ones to be displayed on our Altarcito for the month of November, they are now ready for you to pick up and take home. They are available in the narthex office: as you enter the front doors of the church, turn right and go through the arched door.

Christmas Flower envelopes are available

If you’d like to make a donation for our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one or in someone’s name, please pick up an envelope in the narthex and drop it in the collection basket sometime before Christmas.

Join us for Christmas Carols at Orinda Senior Village and the Orinda Care Center

Our choir will be gathering Monday, December 17 to share the joy of the Christmas season with residents at both Orinda Senior Village and the Orinda Care Center.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Tony Millette, at 925-254-2426 or at tmillette@smparish.org.

Food Collection

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School (fruit cups, 2019 calendars are coming soon!}

Thursday, December 13
8:00am: Ludy and David Watson (D)

Friday, December 14
8:00am: (I) Emily Wong

Saturday, December 15
5:00pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria

Sunday, December 16
8:30am: Stephen O’Brien (D)
10:30am: Leo Rolandelli (D)
5:00pm: Shirley & Bob Arnett (D)

L = Living; D = Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org.
Have you thought of your end-of-year giving yet?

December is one of the biggest months for charitable giving—maybe it’s the holiday season that makes people think of others! This December, consider supporting Santa Maria through Faith Direct.

Using Faith Direct helps us more easily keep accurate records, keep costs down by reducing the number of envelopes we mail, and lets Sister Magdalena do her job more efficiently.

If you’d like to enroll, 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.

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

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.
TREASURE

December 2, 2018

Plate: $7,232.00
Faith Direct: $3,469.48
Total: $10,701.48
Goal: $10,350.00
Positive: $351.48
Faith Formation: $1,092.00
2nd Collection: Fire Relief Victims

For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna 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, Edward Millpointer, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci,

For the Deceased
Bob Singer

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.

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

This Week’s Readings

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

~Isaiah 40:1

Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

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