Church of Santa Maria
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30, 2018
LiveScan Fingerprinting in the Hall for Volunteers

If you're a volunteer working with minors or vulnerable adults, come have your fingerprints taken by the Diocese on **Sunday, January 6 between 9:00am and 1:00pm** so our parish can fulfill Diocesan Safe Environment requirements!

If you've received an email about LiveScan from a member of our Pastoral Staff, this is the date for you to come.

Beware the email phishing scam

There’s a new email scam going around that targets parishioners and staff of churches.

If you receive a request from Father George or another person from the staff requesting money, gift cards, or personal information, do **not respond**—please contact the alleged sender by phone (925-254-2426) to confirm whether they made the request before doing anything else.

In High School? Join us for the LinC Retreat!

If you like the beach, tri-tip, meeting other young Catholics, and Jesus Christ, then the **Life in Christ (LinC) Retreat** is for you: **January 18-20 in Aptos!**

This year’s theme is “Bringing Christ Home,” and focuses on where we can encounter Christ in Scriptures and service.

Contact Megan Arteaga at megan@smparish.org for details or to sign up.

Santo Niño Novena Masses and Party

The newly-formed Santa Maria Fil-Am Community invites one and all to our parish’s first celebration of the nine-day evening Novena Masses in honor of the feast of Santo Niño (the Holy Child) from January 11 through January 19. More details coming soon!

Celebrate Mary, Mother of God on New Year’s

New Year’s Day is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and we’ll be celebrating here at 10:00am in the Church. This is the only Mass here at Santa Maria that fulfills this obligation. We’re looking forward to seeing you there!

Can’t make it? Check out www.masstimes.org for other Masses for this Holy Day!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Walk for Life West Coast: **Saturday, January 26**
- Parish Crab Feed: **February 2**

Follow us on Facebook!

Did you know Santa Maria has a Facebook page? Stay up-to-date with our upcoming events, see our photos, and connect with your fellow parishioners. Search

MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 31**
8:00am: (I) Jovel Family

**Tuesday, January 1**
10:00am: Parishioners of Santa Maria

**Wednesday, January 2**
8:00am: Bruce Beal (D)

**Thursday, January 3**
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

**Friday, January 4**
8:00am: Edward R. Abinsay (D)

**Saturday, January 5**
5:00pm: Leon J. Poupenny (D)

**Sunday, January 6**
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Intention of the Presider
5:00pm: Ernest Amici (D)

*L=Living; D=Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org*
Your generosity makes this parish “go”!

Thanks to you, we’re able to provide faith formation programs for 101 children and 84 youth and teens, not to mention being able to support two refugee families and provide RCIA and Baptismal preparation classes.

Your consistent donations make it possible for us to continue these vital ministries.

If you’d like to enroll in Faith Direct for regular financial partnership with your parish, 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.

OUTREACH

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.

Volunteers needed for Winter Nights
This year, the Orinda Community Center is opening its doors to host the annual Winter Nights Shelter, a rotating shelter providing homeless families with children a clean, safe, and warm shelter with bedding and daytime services.
We need 2 volunteers to tutor and 2 childcare volunteers for the nights of January 14, 15, and 16 from 5pm-8pm.
Contact Susan Lundstrom at 925-639-2884 or Sheila Eversole at 510-703-4134 if you can help out.

Not too late to donate to fire relief
Did you miss the Second Collection last weekend for fire relief supporting those affected by the California wildfires?
There is a link on our homepage where you can make a one-time donation. All monies will be forwarded to Catholic Charities USA, who sends 100% of funds directly to those affected.

Baby clothes and more needed at Birthright
Our Social Justice Team is sponsoring a collection of baby items for Birthright of Concord. Birthright is a nonprofit, interdenominational resource for women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant, and focuses on loving the mother and ensuring she’s not alone. Keep an eye out for details!

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!

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**PASTORAL TEAM**

Reverend George Mockel  
Pastor  
gmockel@smparish.org

Reverend Joseph Duong Nguyen  
Priest in Residence

Reverend Michael Amabisco, OP  
Sacramental Assistance

Reverend Christopher Fadok, OP  
Sacramental Assistance

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Megan Arteaga  
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sistermn@smparish.org x309

Sister Magdalena Duong, LHC  
Bookkeeper  
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**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, 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, Patrick Sheehy, Hector Santiago

**For the Deceased**
Bob Singer, Orval Millette

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, December 31  
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 1
**Holy Day of Obligation**
Mass: 10:00 am  
Office Closed
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel Cancelled

**Wednesday, January 2**
Bible Reading & Communion at Orinda Care Center-11:00am
“The Case for Faith” Movie - holiday make-up session Youth Ministry - 2:00pm-4:00pm in Youth Room

Thursday, January 3

Friday, January 4

Saturday, January 5
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00pm

Sunday, January 6
Live Scan Fingerprinting - 9:00am-1:00 pm in Church Hall

**TREASURE**

**December 16, 2018**
Plate: $6,868.66  
Faith Direct: $3,469.48  
Total: $10,338.14  
Goal: $10,350.00  
Negative: -$11.86

December 23 collection will be in next weeks bulletin.

**Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:**
Bobbie & Bob after the 8:30am Mass  
Dariana Ross after the 10:30am Mass

**This Week’s Readings**
First Reading:  
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm  
128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading:  
Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel:  
Luke 2:41-52
Dear Santa Maria Parishioners,

Upon the expiration of his 5 year term as Vicar General, in December this year, Father George Mockel requested that his term not be renewed so he could devote full time to his parish responsibilities at Santa Maria in Orinda.

Upon further reflection and serious consideration of his request, I have asked Father Mockel to remain as Vicar General of the Diocese of Oakland. His dedication to our Diocese over these years has been invaluable in helping me in my ministry as Bishop and in serving the faithful of the Diocese of Oakland. He has done an excellent job as the Vicar General of our diocese and has always served with prudence, wisdom and discretion.

I am grateful to Fr. Mockel for agreeing to my request and for his loyalty. He has assured me he will continue, to the best of his ability, to give full energy and devotion to both responsibilities as well as Director of the Office of the Propagation for the Faith.

St. Paul says “Men should regard us as servants of Christ and administrators of the mysteries of God.” (1 Cor. 4:1-16). I thank Father Mockel for his continued service and dedication to Christ’s flock that has been entrusted to our care and most especially at Santa Maria Parish. May the Lord continue to bless him in his ministries in our Diocese.

With the assurance of my prayers and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

For the greater glory of God