Living a “Life in Christ” everyday

Multi-parish retreat challenges teens to live their faith

“The beach!” our teens responded when asked what the highlight of their retreat had been so far. It was no surprise—Camp St. Francis’ setting on the cliffs of Aptos was a jaw-dropping setting for last weekend’s teen retreat.

“Let me challenge you,” one of the Youth Ministers said. “Tell me a spiritual highlight.” You could see the gears turning as they thought about it.

“The Parable Hop. I didn’t know so many of Jesus’ parables were so relatable,” one answered. “The chapel,” another said, referencing our time spent in Adoration with the Blessed Sacrament. “It was so peaceful—and kind of crazy to think you can just sit there with Jesus actually there.”

The Life in Christ (LinC) retreat is unique in that it’s solely a teen-led retreat. Teens from the three participating parishes (Santa Maria, St. Charles, and St. Michael) make the schedule, assign witness talks, develop activities, and MC the weekend. Youth Ministers are the support staff and logistics managers, supporting and guiding the teen leaders as they journey with their peers closer to God and deeper in their faith.

The theme for this year’s LinC was “Bringing Christ Home.” Keep these teens in your prayers as they continue to live “Life in Christ” every day!

Want to support Youth Ministry? Proceeds from our Parish Crab Feed help subsidize the cost of our parish Youth Ministry programs and make retreats like LinC possible! Tickets are available on our parish website.
Congratulations Father Christopher Fadok, O.P.!

Father Christopher Fadok, O.P., who provides Sacramental assistance to us has just been elected Prior Provincial of the Western Province of the Dominicans. The election took place January 10 and he now begins a four year term. Father Chris was raised in Phoenix, Arizona where he received an Air Force ROTC scholarship and studied engineering in Chicago. Impressed by the philosophical works of Saint John Paul II and after a period of searching and discernment in his life, he joined the Dominicans and was ordained a priest in 2010. Father Chris hopes to continue to offer Sacramental assistance to the parish as his time and schedule allow.

World Day of the Sick: Parish and Cathedral

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or loved one who could use prayers for healing or hope?

Mass with Anointing of the Sick at Santa Maria
Saturday, January 26
11:00am in the Church
Lunch reception follows

Mass at the Cathedral
Saturday, February 9
11:00am at The Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

Can you help someone get to heaven?

Offering a Mass for the dead is an ancient Catholic tradition to assist the souls of the faithful departed onto their way to heaven. Saint Ambrose wrote, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the House of the Lord.”

Contact the Parish Office to make arrangement to have Masses said.

Did you know our bulletins are online?

If you receive the Weekly Weekend Update emails, you'll notice a new link to the bulletin!

We want to make it easier for you to find parish information. If you have any suggestions for how else we can better communicate with you, or if you would like to be added to the Weekly Weekend Update email list, please email our Communications Director at megan@smparish.org!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 28
8:00am: Maria Dong Nguyen (D)

Tuesday, January 29
8:00am: Marilyn Berg (D)

Wednesday, January 30
8:00am: Loyd McCormick (D)

Thursday, January 31
8:00am: Intentions of the Presider

Friday, February 1
8:00am: (I) Pat Newman

Saturday, February 2
5:00pm: Intentions of the Presider

Sunday, February 3
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Mrs. Fausto Gonzales (D)
5:00pm: Intentions of the Presider

I=Intentions of [N.]; D=Deceased
To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office or email mirnawong@smparish.org!

OUTREACH

Baby clothes and more needed at Birthright

This is the last weekend that containers will be in the narthex of the church. Birthright needs new or nearly new baby AND maternity clothes, diapers (size 4,5,6,), baby wipes, jackets for 3 to 18 months, and boys clothes 9-18 months. Your kind and generous donations will help

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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.

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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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick

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, January 28
Faith Formation - 2:30 pm & 4:00 pm
Children’s Choir - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, January 29
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 30
Bible Reading & Communion Svs - 11:00 am - Orinda Care Center
MSYG - 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 31

Friday, February 1

Saturday, February 2
Minister of the Word - 9:00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00pm
Crab Feed - 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 3
C2 - 3:00 pm
C1 - 6:15 pm

TREASURE

January 20, 2019
Plate: $3,155.35
Faith Direct: $3,469.48
Total: $6,624.83
Goal: $10,350.00
Negative: -$ 3,725.17

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:
Bobbie Richards & Bob Semar after the 8:30am Mass
Hannon-Ruiz after the 10:30am

This Week’s Readings

First Reading:
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm
19:8, 9, 10, 15

Second Reading:
Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel:
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
SANTA MARIA’S 5TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED

TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE!

A PARISH EVENT HOSTED BY THE ORINDA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FEBRUARY 2, 2019
6pm-10pm IN THE PARISH HALL
DUNGENESS CRAB | SALAD | PASTA | DESSERT
BEER | WINE | AND A SPECIALTY DRINK

CONTACT MEGAN TO BE A SERVER! EARN TIPS OR EARN VOLUNTEER/SERVICE HOURS!

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE & AFTER MASSES THROUGH JAN 27