A great time with some great help (and great crab!)

The 5th Annual Parish Crab Feed was a success

Tables and tables of our parishioners (photo above) on February 2 for a wonderful evening of parish camaraderie and fun—with outstanding food and drink. The crab, many said, was “the best ever”—in sweet, large pieces—the refreshments were wonderful, and the support of those who participated in the raffle and silent auction was very much appreciated.

Of course, we can’t go without mentioning the hard work of our teen servers, all participants in the Youth Ministry programs this Crab Feed benefits each year. In addition to serving tables and passing out hors d’oeuvres, some of these teens also spoke for a few minutes to the attendees, witnessing to what Youth Ministry has done in their lives.

Once again our parish Knights of Columbus Council 16453, supported by their families and an energetic cadre of parish youth, did a superb job of putting it all together to make the evening one of our best events of the year.

Take note, too, that many local merchants supported the Parish Crab Feed with gift certificates and prizes. A list of these generous donors can be found on the back page. As you go about town and do business with them, please thank them for their support and contribution to our parish community!

~Al Donner, Knights of Columbus
PARISH LIFE

Bring your family to the Children’s Mass and Pancake Breakfast!

Please join us on March 3rd at 10:30 am Mass for a Children’s Liturgy. Afterwards, please come to the parish hall for a Faith Formation sponsored “Fat Tuesday” pancake breakfast!

Teens—join us on the Mount Hermon retreat!

If you’ve received the Sacrament of Confirmation, consider joining us as a teen leader on our March 8-10 Confirmation Retreat at Mount Hermon! We need teens to walk with their peers in small group discussions, great games, reflecting on their faith, leading our activities, and sharing parts of their faith story.

Parents—we need adult chaperones, too, especially dads and men 21+!

If you or a friend is interested, contact Megan at megan@smparish.org or on Instagram @smyouthmin!

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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
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry
All items can be put in the barrel in the Narthex.

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!

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Calling All Women! Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry

Please join us for a morning of praise, prayer, and inspiration from our speaker Barbara Nicolosi Harrington!

Barbara has been in Hollywood working as a writer, producer, story consultant and production company executive for over 20 years! Some of her projects include The Passion of the Christ, Joan of Arcadia, and Saving Grace. She is the founder of ACT ONE, a non-profit educational program to help Christians enter careers in the entertainment industry.

Men are always welcome to attend! Tickets are $33/$40 after March 2nd.

For more information, visit https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Please bring your palms from last year to the church by Saturday, March 2nd. You may leave them in the Narthex.

These palms will be used on Ash Wednesday. Thanks for your help!

Office Closed for Presidents Day Holiday

Please note—the Parish Office will be closed this coming Monday, February 18 for the Presidents Day holiday. Enjoy your own holiday weekends, travel safely, and we’ll see you back on Tuesday!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Didache

Can you explain the Didache? Contact Tony at t밀lette@smparish.org to get the info!

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**TREASURE**

**February 10, 2019**

**Plate:** $3,595.17  
**Faith Direct:** $3,930.60  
**Total:** $7,525.77  
**Goal:** $10,350.00  
**Negative:** -$2,824.23  
**Faith Formation:** $372.00

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**For the Sick**

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann,  

**For the Deceased**

Orval Millette, Jack McGuire, Patricia Newman

**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

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**WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE**

**Monday, February 18**  
President’s Day - Office Closed

**Tuesday, February 19**  
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel 12-3pm  
R.C.I.A. - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, February 20**  
Bible Reading & Communion - Orinda Care Center - 11:00am  
MSYG - 7:00 pm

**Thursday, February 21**  
Adult Choir - 7:00 pm

**Friday, February 22**

**Saturday, February 23**  
Minister of the Word - 9:00 am  
Sacrament of Reconciliation- 4:00pm

**Sunday, February 24**

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**This Week’s Readings**

**First Reading:**  
Jeremiah 17:5-8

**Psalm:**  
1:1-2, 3 and 6

**Second Reading:**  
Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

**Gospel:**  
Luke 6:17, 20-26
Thank you for supporting our Youth Ministries!

We’re so grateful for the generous merchants, businesses, and friends who contributed to the 2019 Parish Crab Feed!

(An * indicates a repeat donor – thank you for your continued support!)

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Casa Orinda Restaurant
Entourage on Brookwood*
Europa Restaurant (Orinda)*
The Fourth Bore Tap Room*
McDonnell Nursery*
Morrison’s Jewelers*
Orinda Frame Store*
Orinda Motors*
Piccolo Napoli Restaurant*
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Saffron Restaurant
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