Keep the Fire Burning: with service

Join in on a roundtable discussion on living out our faith

Wondering how you can make your faith life more meaningful? Knowing your compassionate heart and generous spirit, what is God calling you to do? For such a time as this, who should you be lifting up?

Noted for their spiritual service and dedication, many of our parishioners have served others in need and received many blessings and much joy in return. “The smallest kindness can change the course of a life. Kindness makes life worth living,” reflects Sarah Albo.

In the words of Fr. Stan Fortuna during our recent Lenten Mission, we want to Keep the Fire Burning, and so we offer a Roundtable Discussion of our Catholic Social Teachings and the Pope’s call to “Go to the Margins.” It is in the margins that we find Jesus and confront homelessness, hunger, refugees, and respect for life.

Grounded in our Catholic Social Teachings, we would like to introduce several projects that focus on these timely issues and find one that captures the interest and commitment of our parish.

Join us Thursday, April 25, 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the parish hall and Keep the Fire Burning. We hope the discussion inspires you, deepens your faith and fosters a compassionate and loving Santa Maria community.

RSVP to Social Justice co-chairs Janet Riley and Gail Gabriel by emailing bjrilley@pacbell.net.
PARISH LIFE

Join us for the Way of the Cross through Orinda on Good Friday

Walk Jesus’ last steps before His death with us as we prepare for the Good Friday liturgy. Details are on the back page!

Teens and Young Adults—we need readers! Email megan@smparish.org or DM @smyouth min to volunteer.

We’re Moving!!

This summer, we are moving! Well, not the parish—but the congregation will be moving to the Parish Hall for Sunday Masses as we begin the next phase of our “Restore and Renew” program for our church building.

Recall that Phase 1 involved the painting of the exterior of the church and the replacement of the choir risers. Phase 2 involved the construction of the new Reconciliation/Confessional rooms and repairs to the Public Address system.

Phase 3 involved the painting of the interior of the church. This summer, Phase 4 will involve removing all the pews for refinishing, removing the asbestos floor tiles and replacing them, removing the carpet and installing its replacement, installing the new permanent Baptismal Font and installing hand rails in the sanctuary steps.

All of this makes the church unusable for a few months. No weddings have been scheduled during this time and funerals will have the alternative option to use Saint Monica in Moraga.

We will endeavor to make the Parish Hall as fitting and sacred a space as we can.

We will share more information as it becomes available. In the meantime, thank you for your generosity in your contributions to our “Restore and Renew” program, your patience with its execution and your prayers to see it through.

Save a life—give blood this Friday

The Knights of Columbus and Santa Maria will host a Blood Drive on Good Friday, April 19, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

TRIDUUM AND EASTER LITURGY SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday
Morning Prayer (Parish Hall): 8:00am
Holy Thursday Liturgy (Church): 7:30pm
Night Prayer (Parish Hall): 9:00pm

Good Friday
Morning Prayer (Parish Hall): 8:00am
The Way of the Cross (Walking through Orinda): 12:15pm
Good Friday Liturgy—The Passion of the Lord (Church): 2:00pm
Stations of the Cross (Church): 7:30pm

Holy Saturday
Morning Prayer (Parish Hall): 8:00am
Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter (Church): 8:00pm

Easter Sunday
Mass (Church): 8:30am
Children’s Mass (Church): 10:30am
Youth Mass (Parish Hall): 10:30am
Please note: There will be NO 5:00pm Sunday Mass on Easter Sunday.

Parking will be available on all levels of the Parish property. There are a few Senior Parking spots reserved on the Church level, as well as Handicapped spots.
To schedule your life-saving appointment, visit www.bloodheroes.com and click “Locate a Blood Drive” and enter Sponsor Code: Santamaria. The Blood Mobile will be parked in the lower Church parking lot. Don’t forget to bring your photo ID, and eat and drink plenty of water before donating!

Questions? Contact Bob Semar at thebobs2@comcast.net or 925-283-1348.

Glance section in the bulletin for the time and location of novena Masses.

**Prayer Network**

The Prayer Network is a small group of people who pray for the special and most urgent needs of others.

*If you or anyone you know is in need of special prayer, please contact Margaret Govednik at 925-254-1934 or mwgovednik@comcast.net, or Kathie Brady at Kathie.brady@gmail.com and we will include your prayer request in our daily devotions. All prayer requests are confidential.*

**Food Collection**

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry

Please put all donations in the bins in the Narthex.

**There are only a few more spots for Parish Directory photoshoots!**

There’s a link on the homepage of our website for you and your family to sign up for a session of professional photography by LifeTouch for our brand new, updated Parish Photo Directory! Photography dates are April 30-May 4, and all sessions will take place here at Santa Maria. Visit our website today to sign up for the best time for you!

Call the Parish Office if you have any questions or want to confirm that it’s really Father Divine Mercy Novena will be hosted by Santa Maria Fil-Am Group

The Santa Maria Fil-Am Community invites you to attend a 9-day novena to the Divine Mercy. The novena starts on Friday, April 19, and ends on Saturday, April 27. The Divine Mercy Mass, held on the first Sunday after Easter Sunday, will be celebrated at the 10:30am Mass on April 28. A reception will follow at the Parish Hall after the Mass. Please check the Week-at-a-
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**Prayer Intentions**

*For the Sick*
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Edith Black, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Mike Buzzell, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Norcen Gillham, Carol Hardy, Doris Hale, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Kouspe, Rose Mary McPhee, Edward Millpointer, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Jim Ryan, Patrick Sheehy, Peter Sumner, Nancy Tierney

*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, April 15  
Faith Formation: 2:30pm and 4:00 pm  
Children’s Choir— 3:30 pm

Tuesday, April 16  
Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel  12-3 pm  
Adult Choir - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 17  
Bible Reading/Communion - OCC - 11:00 am  
MSYG - 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 18  
Parent Bible Study - 11:00 am  
Holy Thursday Liturgy - 7:30 pm

Friday, April 19  
Way of the Cross through Orinda - 12:30pm-2:00 pm  
Knights Blood Drive - 1:00pm—5:00pm  
Good Friday Liturgy - 2:00pm-3:30pm

Saturday, April 20  
Morning Prayer - 8:00 am Parish Hall  
Easter Vigil - 8:00 pm Church

Sunday, April 21  
Easter Mass - 8:30 am  
Children’s Mass - 10:30 am - Parish Hall  
Youth Mass - 10:30 am - Church  
No 5:00pm Mass

**Treasure**

April 7, 2019

*Due to the early publication deadline of this bulletin the actuals for the April 7 collection will be published in the April 14th bulletin. Thank you for your patience!*  

Donuts and Coffee this weekend are hosted by:

Vickie & Bev after the 8:30am Mass  
Diessner Family after the 10:30am Mass

**This Week’s Readings**

First Reading:  
Isaiah 50: 4-7

Psalm  
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Second Reading:  
Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:  
Luke 22: 14-23; 56
Will you walk with Christ on Good Friday?

The Way of the Cross
Walking Stations of the Cross through the City of Orinda

Good Friday | April 19 | 12:15pm* | Meet in front of the Church
We will return in time for the 2:00pm Good Friday Liturgy.

Walk with us this Good Friday through the Stations of the Cross as we circle around from Santa María to Orinda Senior Village.
All are welcome!

*Students: if you need a letter of excuse from your afternoon classes, please email megan@smparish.org for a PDF to print.