“I was hungry and you gave me food…”

St. Peter Martyr food pantry donations needed

Santa Maria Parish has been collecting and donating food items to St. Peter Martyr Parish’s Food Pantry in Pittsburg for over ten years. (See page 3 of the bulletin for information on preferred items.)

Food is collected for St. Peter Martyr Parish on the 3rd and 4th weekends of each month.

The donations from Santa Maria are very valuable and always augment other supplies for the food pantry. The 1,200 families/4,800 individuals reached annually are certainly touched by Santa Maria’s generosity. When there were corporate donors, each St. Peter Martyr family could take more food than usual, but there are no longer corporate donations so what Santa Maria is able to contribute makes a big difference.

Please remember that our efforts impact many at St. Peter Martyr, including families and Seniors. In the last three years St. Peter Martyr has seen more people stop by to get food twice a month. The families that are assisted with food donations are so grateful and tell us that the food will help them stretch to the next giveaway.

In the last few years, donations have decreased so it would be wonderful if we could increase our support for those who need our assistance.
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

All the spots are taken for the Parish Photo Directory!
Thank you to everyone who has signed up to have their photo taken for our new photo directory. We are so grateful for the amazing response!

We hope LifeTouch will schedule more dates and times for us to accommodate those of you who weren’t able to sign up for a photo session before they filled up.

Check out our website for updates and details!

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.

Are you good with money?
Can you spare one hour a month to join a team of volunteers to count and tally our Sunday Collection? If you can work a calculator (or are willing to learn the adding machine!), please contact Mirna in the Parish Office.

“Church of Santa Maria, this is ______ speaking!”

If you are a friendly person who would like to share your hospitality with your parish, we need your help in the Parish Office! When Mirna is on vacation or out of the office, we
need you to answer the phones and welcome visitors to our office. Contact Mirna in the Parish Office for details!

**PRAYER**

**MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA**

Mother’s Day Novena

Mother’s Day Cards may be obtained in the narthex of the Church this weekend. Remembrance envelopes may be deposited in the collection or returned to the parish office.

**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.*

**How can I help someone who can’t pray for themselves?**

Having Mass said for someone living or deceased is a comforting expression of faith and love. We have an obligation in justice and love to pray for one another—especially for the deceased, who can no longer pray for themselves. The Mass is the greatest prayer that can ever be offered! If you wish to have Masses said for someone living or deceased, contact the Parish Office.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**Endow Women’s Retreat**

“The Nature of Women”

Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) brings women into small group communities that transmit the depth of our Catholic faith to awaken each participant’s particular genius.

This day retreat, based on Pope St. John Paul II’s writings, will provide time for reflection and small group discussions.

Saturday, May 4
9:00am-3:30pm
Star of the Sea Church
4220 Geary Blvd, SF

The cost is $45, including lunch. Childcare available for those who preregister. Register at www.sfarch.org/endow

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 29**
8:00am: Father J.R. Lucey, SJ (D)

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8:00am: Father J.R. Lucey, SJ (D)

**Wednesday, May 1**
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

**Thursday, May 2**
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

**Friday, May 3**
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

**Saturday, May 4**
8:00pm: Gene Kraus (D)

**Sunday, May 5**
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Bob Singer (D)
5:30 pm: Intention of the Presider

*I=Intentions of [N.]; D=Deceased To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office

**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.
TREASURE

April 14, 2019
Plate: $4,797.00
Faith Direct: $2,846.25
Total: $7,643.25
Goal: $10,350.00
Negative: -$2,706.75

Faith Formation: $1,225.77

Easter Sunday: April 21, 2019
Easter: $22,948.00
Faith Direct: $8,401.25
Total: $31,349.25
Goal: $10,350.00
Positive: $20,999.25
Good Friday: $1,655.50

This Week’s Readings

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Psalm
118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31
SANTA MARIA YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS:

SUMMER SERVICE SPORTS CAMP

JUNE 10-13, 2019

AT CCIH IN CONCORD

DETAILS AND SIGN-UP ARE ON THE PARISH WEBSITE