Church of Santa Maria
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2019

Restore and Renew Updates

Phase 4 is going smoothly, thanks be to God!

If you’ve been following our progress in the photo updates here and on the Parish Website, you’ve seen the pews taken out and away for refinishing (they’re still down in Southern California getting their “facelift”), the old asbestos flooring and our well-worn, duct-taped carpet ripped out, and the Baptismal Font shell installed, with all its trenching and framing completed.

In the last week or so, we’ve been watching work on the floors! In the above left photo, the cement floors were being prepared by being cleaned and having glue applied before the padding and LVT (Luxury Vinyl Tile) could be installed (see photos on the inside page).

In the above right photo, new handrails to the Sanctuary are being installed for each of the three steps. They will be powder-coated to coordinate with our Processional Cross and candle stands, to tie everything together.

Next up, the marble facing for the Baptismal Font and the flooring immediately around it will be cut and installed, as well as the beautiful carvings that coordinate with the gold leaf work around the altar. The carpet will also be installed in the aisles and Sanctuary, in a more sophisticated shade of Santa Maria red.

Keep an eye out as this good work progresses—parishioner and contractor Bill Hinkamp’s team is doing a great job! If you see his guys around the property during the week, make sure to give them a good thank-you!
A new FSG is beginning this Tuesday!

The current RCIA Class is planning to form a Faith Sharing Group. The first gathering will be this Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:00pm in the Parish Library.

Please contact Tony Millette if you would like to join us Tuesday, at 254-2426 x303 or tmillette@smparish.org

Congratulations, Sisters Magdalena and Maria Goretti!

This past Saturday, our bookkeeper Sister Magdalena celebrated her Silver Jubilee, 25 years as a professed Sister. Please congratulate her and thank her for her ministry when you see her next!

Thank you Phyllis Lee for the photos!

Catechists—get real life, useful help!

Beneath the flooring is padding, which is being installed here after the cement floor was prepared (see photo on the front page)

Are you a catechist who feels like you could use a little formation yourself? Are you someone feeling called to help with Faith Formation or Youth Ministry but “just don’t know enough” or “don’t have the experience” or [insert your excuse here]?

First of all, the Holy Spirit will help you!

Second of all, the Diocesan Catechetical Congress was designed with you in mind!

Join us August 10 for a day of catechist formation with practical tips, new ideas, and a chance to connect with others in your shoes!

Visit oakdiocese.org/congress for more info or to register.

Thanks to you, needs are being met!

Thank you for supporting the Amini family—almost everything on the Sign-Up Genius has been accounted for!

Baptismal Process

If you have child that you would like to be baptized over the next two months, the first of two required parent classes will begin at the end of July. Dates of both classes are: July 31st and August 7th—both start at 7pm. Please contact the Parish Office at 925-254-2426 for more information about the baptismal process or if to register.

LVT, or Luxury Vinyl Tile, was chosen to go beneath the pews, where formerly mismatched tiles and bare floors were.
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**Treasurer**

**July 14, 2019**

Plate: $2,724.00  
Faith Direct: $1,681.98

**TOTAL:** $4,405.98  
**GOAL:** $10,350.00

**Negative:** -$ 5,944.02

Peter Pence: $1,669.00

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**Mass Intentions**

Monday, July 22  
8:00am: Patricia Lawson (D)

Tuesday, July 23  
8:00am: Michael O’Brien (D)

Wednesday, July 24  
8:00am: Ana Govednik Rogina (D)

Thursday, July 25  
8:00am: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 26  
8:00am: (I) Julie Abdo

Saturday, July 27  
5:00pm: (I) John & Patricia McGuire

Sunday, July 28  
8:30am: Dr. Terrence McDonnell (D)  
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria  
5:00pm: (I) Tom Mertens

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**Prayer Intentions**

For the Sick

Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Mike Buzzell, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Lorna Elliott, Nora Enriquez, Emdidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Paul Guess, Carol Hardy, Doris Hale, Florentino Ibabao, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Judy Lazarus, Rose Mary McPhee, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Patrick Sheehy,

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.

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