The Season of Service

Social Justice invites you to be Jesus’ hands this month

As kids get ready for school and our parish revs up for another formation year, you might be looking for something to be involved in, too!

St. Mary’s Center Sunday Lunch—Serve 50 homeless or low-income seniors on Sunday, September 1 from 11am to 3pm. You can provide the food and/or volunteer to serve. It’s a well-established program that makes for a very positive volunteer experience! Lunch begins with prayer and the room is filled with live piano music. Contact gail.gabriel@gmail.com.

CCIH Homework Clubs—The Contra Costa Interfaith Housing program has three homework clubs in Pittsburgh (where they have the biggest need for help), Pleasant Hill, and Concord. Could you volunteer as a tutor on one afternoon a week for the school year? Sophomores through adults welcome! (Mon, Tues, Thurs 2:45; Wed 1:45) There’s an optional orientation August 19 if you’re interested but want more information! To sign up, visit www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer or contact Theresa Gonzales at tmgonzo2@gmail.com.

Cristo Rey School Classroom and Work-Study Help—Cristo Rey High School in Oakland provides classroom learning, Catholic teaching, and a once-a-week work study program. Help is needed in classrooms and as chaperones to their work places. Volunteers contact Theresa Gonzales at tmgonzo2@gmail.com; visit cristoreydelasalle.org for info on the school.
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation with Masses at 8am and 7:30pm in the Hall. On this day we profess our belief that Mary has gone before us, body and soul, into Heaven.

We’re moving—back!

Mark your calendars—restoration has been taking place in our Restore and Renew campaign at a great rate, and we’re scheduled to transition our worship back into the new church on Labor Day Weekend!

Do you use the website?

News articles, announcements, photos, and more are regularly updated. Check out our homepage for a reflection by Archbishop Chaput on the recent (and not so recent) gun violence in our nation.

Welcome, Father Jude

Father Jude Joseph Pooppana, SDB, is a Salesian priest from the Bangalore, India Province and will be in residence with us while he is on sabbatical.

Father Jude has been a priest for 25 years, and has his Masters and PhD in Moral Theology from Academia Alfonsiana in Rome. He has been lecturing in Moral Theology for the Salesian seminary since 2000, and is taking a year off from teaching.

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FAITH FORMATION

Do you know any K-12th graders who could use a little Jesus in their lives?

Register now for K-5 Faith Formation, First Eucharist, Middle School Youth Group, High School Confirmation or our Faith In Action teams!

Register before August 15 and save $25 at tinyurl.com/SMFormation2019

RESTORE AND RENEW: PHASE 4

The slabs need to be on the same plane, and this machine (a vacuum) helps level them up so our detail-oriented workers can epoxy them in place—no grout is used on marble!

As the molding is put in place on the sides of the font, careful sanding is required to even out the edges and prepare the surface for the stain

RCIA starts October 1

Have you been searching for meaning in your life? Do you know someone who is searching for a faith community? Come and join this discovery of who God is and who we are as Church and people of faith.

For more information and to set up a meeting, please contact Tony Millette at 254-2426 x303

OUTREACH

Weekly 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.
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 register at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration