Extending the invitation of love, peace, and hope

We’re joining over 13,000 churches nationwide inviting friends and neighbors for Back to Church Sunday!

Mark your calendars for September 15—National Back to Church Sunday!

As we all settle into life “After Summer,” we have a great opportunity to take advantage of that momentum and get “Back to Church” - “TOGETHER”!

National Back to Church Sunday is a national movement of churches reaching out to their community for Christ, practicing the mission they were baptized into (spreading the Gospel!), and opening doors to new connections and spirituality. We’ll be passing out invitations on September 8 for you to hand out to family members, friends, or neighbors—whether the never-churched “nones” or the “dechurched” who have drifted away from our faith—to invite them to join you for Mass on September 15.

We’ll be having a potluck BBQ hosted by Faith Formation after the 10:30am Mass, so it will be a great time to casually connect and find a gathering of people who are growing together spiritually and supporting one another and the greater Lamorinda community.

Have questions on BTCS or want tips for invitations? Contact Megan at megan@smparish.org or by phone at 925-254-2426.
PARISH LIFE

Good news, bad news, good news.

The good news is that we will be back in the church Labor Day Weekend.

The bad news is that the wrong color carpet was ordered by the supplier!

The OTHER good news is that the supplier is installing a temporary carpet throughout the entire church at his expense until the new carpet can be manufactured and installed. So don’t be surprised, shocked, or disappointed when you see the carpet—it is TEMPORARY!

We should have known things were going too smoothly! We plan. God laughs!

Jesus is back!

Okay, he never left. But Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration) followed by Benediction begins again in September! The Chapel will be open for Adoration from noon-3pm on Tuesdays starting on September 3 (the day after Labor Day).

Golf for good.

It’s time to have fun and help those less fortunate in our community! The Santa Maria Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual Charity Golf Tournament Monday, September 23 at the Moraga Country Club. The entry fee is $200, which includes 18 holes of golf, beverages, carts, and a delicious dinner after.

Contact Steve Berg at berg548@comcast.net for more information or to register!

RESTORE AND RENEW: PHASE 4

The panels hand-carved in Vietnam and gold leafed Stateside to coordinate with the Sanctuary await their installation

Confirmation Parent Orientation

Have you signed up for C1 or C2? Join Megan and Father George for this mandatory Parent Orientation, offered two conveniently different dates:

6:15pm Sunday, August 25
7:30pm Tuesday, August 27

Both take place in the Conference Room and cover the same material.

Email megan@smparish.org with any questions.

Weekly Food Collection

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

OUTREACH

Last days to save on K-12 registration

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 students by August 25 to save $25 per kid:
tinyurl.comSMFormation2019
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

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For the Sick
Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Arya, 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, Noreen Gillham, Paul Guess, Carol Hardy, Doris Hale, Florentino Ibabao, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jim Kennedy, Dorothy Kennedy, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Judy Lazarus, Rose Mary McPhee, Robert Nick, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Ben Richey, Patrick Sheehy, 
Would you like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list? Please contact Mirna in the Parish

Monday, August 26
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Tuesday, August 27
8:00am: John Rogina (D)

Wednesday, August 28
8:00am: Loyd McCormick (D)

Thursday, August 29
8:00am: Jerry Marino (D)

Friday, August 30
8:00am: Joseph Juetten (D)

Saturday, August 31
5:00pm: Richard Breuner (D)

Sunday, September 1
8:30am: Intention of the Presider
10:30am: Intention of the Presider
5:00pm: Parishioners of Santa Maria

Treasure
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