Welcome to Santa Maria!

Thanks for joining us on Back to Church Sunday!

Whether you’re a first-time visitor to Santa Maria or you’ve been making this parish your home since we were a small chapel on Miner Road surrounded by a golf course (true story), welcome home.

The tug at your heart calling you to come this Sunday—an invitation from a friend, seeing our bulletin, or coming with family—is the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, God reaching His arms out to you. We hope you accept this as your invitation to dive into the beauty, mystery, and truth of the Catholic Faith with us here at Santa Maria!

Adults—we have small groups ready to welcome you in called “Faith Sharing Groups.” They meet at different times and each has a different personality—doing video studies of Scripture, learning about church history, or sharing spiritual journeys. Contact the Parish Office to get started!

Families—there are programs for every age, from K-12 faith formation and preparation for First Communion or Confirmation, CYO basketball, overnight retreats for high schoolers, socials like bingo or bowling, and Youth Group.

Everyone—join us for a barbecue after the 10:30am Mass this weekend and meet some new friends! Our Faith Formation and Youth Ministry programs are hosting it, and all are welcome! We hope to see you next week!
Diocese Response to Sexual Abuse Claims

Steve Wilcox, Chancellor of the Diocese, will speak in Santa Maria Parish Hall on September 24 at 7:30pm to give an overview of the Diocesan policy and response to allegations of clergy sexual abuse. Following his presentation there will be an opportunity for questions as well as an invitation to join a subsequent optional discussion group based on a book by Bishop Robert Baron: “Letter to a Suffering Church.”

Call Judy Eben at 254-7969 or Lynne Lloyd at 254-6287.

Where did the Missalettes Go?

They're still here... but have found a new home with the renewed and restored worship space. Missalettes can be found on the table in the Narthex.

We need young adults!

Have you recently been Confirmed, graduated from High School and are sticking around, or just moved back to Orinda after college? Tony and Megan would love to have you minister at the twice-monthly Youth Masses!

Contact tmillette@smparish.org if you’re interested!

Children’s Choir Invite

The Santa Maria Children’s Choir is open to all children in 1st – 5th grades. The children gather to rehearse 30 minutes on Monday from 3:30 to 4:00pm in Room 1 of the school. The choir will begin practicing on Monday, September 30th with our First Children’s Mass on November 3rd.

This is a great way for the children to learn about our weekly communal worship, their rightful role as ministers in our worship and - it nurtures deeper appreciation for the Eucharist.

For further information please contact Tony Millette at 254-2426 x303 or tmillette@smparish.org.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Novena and Feast Day

The Santa Maria Fil-Am Community invites you to attend a 9-day Novena to honor San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint. The Novena starts on Thursday, September 19 and ends on Friday, September 27. It will be held in the Convent Chapel Mon-Fri 7:00pm; Sat & Sun 4:00pm

On Saturday, September 28 after the 5:00pm Mass, we will host a celebration in the Church Hall. All are welcome!

Attention adults wanting to become Catholic!

RCIA is a journey of faith for adults inquiring about becoming a Catholic. The process recognizes that all who join us have already experienced God in their lives and are now searching for a community in which they can join in worship of God and learn more about
living a spiritual life of faith. Have you been searching? Do you know someone who is searching? Come and join this discovery of who God is and who we are as church and people of faith. The RCIA Journey begins on Tuesday, October 1.

For more information and to set up a meeting please contact Tony Millette at 254-2426 x303 or tmillette@smparish.org

Seeking Baptism?

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 soon. Dates of both classes are: September 18th and 25th – both start at 7pm.

Please contact the parish office for more information about the baptismal process or if you would like to register!

“Unplanned” movie showing at Santa Maria

Join us 7pm, September 25 for a showing of, Unplanned, by a woman who was once the abortion industry’s most passionate advocate.

“No matter which side of the fence you’re on, no one will leave this film unmoved by Abby’s journey,” their website claims.

Email Anne Fuller for details at annefuller@sbcglobal.net.

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

Celebrate Life Birthright Fall Dinner

You are invited to our Celebrate LIFE Fall Dinner and Fundraiser to benefit Birthright of Concord on Saturday, October 12th. No host bar at 5:30 pm. Dinner at 6:15 pm. Catered by Bambino’s.

Christine Watkins, a popular speaker, best-selling author, and guest on Christian radio and TV, will share her inspiring pro-life story. A former dancer in the SF Ballet, she is the founder of Queen of Peace Media. A Birthright client will also share her testimony.

Where: St. Mary's Church Gym, 1198 Bont Lane, Walnut Creek.
Cost: $40.00 per adult: $20.00 children 5-12, and under 5 free.

OUTREACH

Sunday of Service was a success!

Members of Santa Maria parish spent their Labor Day Sunday serving the seniors and homeless at St. Mary’s Center in Oakland. A big shout out for those who helped with food, kitchen setup, serving, and cleanup: Maggie Reeves, Mary Doherty, Anne Fuller, Dede Ramsay, George Fahd, Marita Platon, Walter Peyton, Ignacia Guzman, Susan Hamilton, Margaret Govednik, Marina Gracias, Wendy Bond, Janet Riley and Gail Gabriel.

The attendees enjoyed the enchiladas, salsa/chips, salad and brownies. It was a wonderful experience for the parishioners to talk to the attendees, watch dominoes being played and to hear of one man’s journey in our country.

Weekly Food Collection

1st/2nd Weekends: St. Cornelius School
3rd/4th Weekends: St. Peter Martyr Church Pantry
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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**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, Grace Parent DeBoodt, Rich Delany, Lorna Elliott, Nora Enríquez, 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 Orluella, 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?

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**Treasurer**

September 8, 2019

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**Mass Intentions**

Monday, September 16  
8:00am: Bill Cox (D)

Tuesday, September 17  
8:00am: All Souls

Wednesday, September 18  
8:00am: Ana Govednik Rogina(D)

Thursday, September 19  
8:00am: Patty Weeden (D)

Friday, September 20  
8:00am: Intention of the Presider

Saturday, September 21  
5:00pm: Plato Grivas (D)

Sunday, September 22  
8:30am: Stephen & Tom O’Brien(D)  
10:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria  
5:00pm: Intention of the Presider

*I=Intentions of ([N.]; D=Deceased*

To request a Mass Intention, please contact Mirna in the Parish Office.

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