Church of Santa Maria
The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph
December 29, 2019

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Parish Office Hours
Mon-Fri 9:00am-5:00pm

Mass and Liturgy Schedule
Daily Mass
8:00am (Chapel)
Eucharistic Adoration
Noon-3:00pm Tues from Sept through May (Chapel
Reconciliation
4:00pm Sat (Church)
Sunday Masses
5:00pm Sat Vigil (Church)
8:30am; 10:30am; 5:00pm
Sunday (Church)
Holy Days
8:00am and 7:30pm (Church)

Baptisms: Call the Parish Office
Marriage: Call the Parish Office
Santa Maria’s annual “Year in Review” Edition

Each year for the last Sunday of December and the first Sunday of January, we publish our “Year in Review” edition of the bulletin. We take the opportunity to look back at the growth, challenges, events, Sacraments, interactions, and everything else that gives a parish life.

We hope you enjoy taking this look back with us at what some of our staff and ministers thought were the highlights of 2019 for them—feel free to share anything you think we missed! We’d love to hear about your 2019 highlights, too!

Sincerely,

Your favorite bulletin editors (Mirna and Megan)

K-5 FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation shares a Christmas pageant and carols

A Christmas Celebration

“My heart was so full of joy as I watched all the children in the Christmas pageant learning about and celebrating the birth of Jesus! My daughters loved singing some of their favorite Christmas holiday songs with friends!” shared Jami Martini, a FF parent.

On the last Faith Formation class of the 2019 calendar year, the two class sessions shared a pageant and carols. They wish you and your family a Christmas season filled with Jesus’ wonderful gifts of love, peace, and joy!

To get involved in Faith Formation, please contact Sr. Mary Margaret Phan at 925-254-2426 x306.

PASTORAL CARE

Seeking God’s presence, healing, and peace

Looking back over the past year, we had two special occasions dedicated to the prayer and anointing rituals for our parishioners and patience, with approximately 50 people...
If you need pastoral services, or if you feel called to serve and would be interested in helping, please contact Sr. Mary Magdalene Nguyen at 925-254-2426 x309.

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attending. Our Prayer Intentions list included more than 40 patients, and every Monday through Friday, parishioners visit the elderly, the sick, and the homebound in Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette, and Walnut Creek. We also serve at the Orinda Care Center and Orinda Senior Village, where Mass was celebrated, and Bible Readings, Communion Services, and the Rosary were conducted.

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Living “Life on Fire” with Fr. Stan Fortuna

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Fr. Stan Fortuna spoke to our High School teens, to adults, to families, and to our parish as a whole challenging us to be energized and kindled by God’s love to go out to the world and live radically.

Faith Sharing Groups are still going strong

There are “FSG”s still meeting after their kick-off a few years ago. Each has a different flavor (more academic, more spiritual, more real-life-centered, etc.) and each seems to be contributing to the formation and well-being of their participants. It’s great to see so many of our parishioners continuing to dive into the Word of God with their friends!

Social Justice was a flurry of activity in 2019, resulting in a new “Social Justice Announcements” webpage on our Parish Website so parishioners could keep up. Check it out and see what interests you for 2020!

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For the Sick
Liduvina Acosta, Sonny Acosta, Mary Beth Alban, Joan Artmann, Shoaib Aryan, Kristy Blackey-Taylor, Kathie Brady, Cara Bradbury, Maria Carmen, Rosemary Catton, Delores Codde, Grace Parent DeBoodt, Rich Delany, Lorna Elliott, Anne Emery, Nora Enriquez, Emidio Fonseca, Liam Foley, Patricia Fox, Bridget Gallagher, Noreen Gillham, Paul Guess, Doris Hale, Florentino Ibabao, Brian Kelly, Mason Kelly, Aileen Kelly, Jim Kennedy, Jerry Kirk, Lawrence Knapp, Carol Koupus, Judy Lazarus, Jim Marchetti, Rose Mary McPhee, Robert Nick, Arsi Orihuella, Deacon Jim Pearce, Kathleen Pelz, Ann Powell, Mark Ricci, Ben Richey, Patrick Sheehy, Faye Young

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 at mirnawong@smparish.org.

Wednesday, January 1
10:00am: (I) Jovel/Wong Family

Thursday, January 2
8:00am: Father Jerrold Kennedy (D)

Friday, January 3
8:00am: Fr. Lucey & Msgr. Ted (D)

Saturday, January 4
5:00pm: Ana Kambic Plut (D)

Sunday, January 5
8:30am: Parishioners of Santa Maria
10:30am: Cay Tool (D)
5:00pm: (I) Anthony Bradley

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

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

The offering of the Mass is “the perfect prayer.” Masses can be said for a living person’s intentions, or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

We encourage you to have Masses said for all of your loved ones, or for your own intentions!

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the years a loyal group has formed to attend part of the rally and to, literally, “walk the walk” against those against the sanctity of early life.

Camryn Hirst, Hunter Tierney, Chris Bruen, and Allison Neff are just some of the mighty challengers come to try to focus MSYG long enough to get them to think about our faith. And they do a great job!

Praying at the October Rosary

Part of the Parish

Youth Ministry is a solid presence at our parish activities, like the October Rosary Prayer Service, the Advent and Lenten Reconciliation Services, the Crab Feed, and our Youth Masses. (If you haven’t come to check out the 5pm Sunday Masses yet, what are you waiting for? They’re great!) We think our young parishioners are a great example for openness, curiosity, trying new things, and community.

Mirna Wong seeks her ball’s flight path at the KofC Golf Tournament

Golfing for Charity

The Knights of Columbus hosted another successful charity golf tournament, supporting numerous local charities.

To get involved in the Knights, contact Grand Knight Dean Akazawa at dean.akazawa@wellsfargoadvisors.com.

Our teens were in charge at the first Summer Service Sports Camp

Serving through Sports

Youth Ministry led what will probably become the first of many Summer Service Sports Camps with Contra Costa

MSYG is high-energy, high-curiosity, high-flying run

Middle Schoolers get help from their older peers

This year we’ve had the most High Schoolers come back to help lead Youth Ministry ever—

Confirmation eats and learns

The Holy Spirit moves

Ask our teens what they think about our program—trust us!