Church of Santa Maria
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 2020

“To the threshold” - to Rome!

Father George’s pilgrimage and “business trip”

As you read this, God willing I will be somewhere over the Atlantic Ocean on my way to Rome. Every five years, every bishop in the world is required to go to Rome for two purposes: first, to be a “pilgrim” to venerate the tombs of the apostles Peter and Paul, and second, to give a report on the overall status of and their own stewardship of the diocese.

This trip is called the “Ad Limina Apostolorum,” which literally translated means “To the threshold of the Apostles.” Bishop Barber asked me to accompany him, as this is the first time he has made such a trip. I accompanied Archbishop Cordileone to the last one, so I guess I am an “old hand” at this! (The two photos above are from that trip.)

The pilgrimage will consist of Mass above the tomb of Saint Peter in Saint Peter’s Basilica, and the tomb of Saint Paul in Saint Paul’s. Before each Mass, all gather above the tomb and chant the Profession of Faith, the same Creed we profess every Sunday at Mass.

Otherwise, it’s a pretty full schedule with meetings with the various offices and departments of the Holy See and an audience with the Holy Father. At the request of the Catholic Voice, I will be sending regular updates on the various activities. You can read my blog on the Parish website or on the Catholic Voice website. Of course, another important part of the “pilgrimage” will be visits to some nice Italian restaurants—as soon as I get off that plane, anyway!

~Father George
Anthony and his brother Dominic were both Confirmed two years ago, and helped out with C1 as well! Their dad is one of the Knights and their younger sisters are in Faith Formation.

**Blood Drive in Honor of Anthony Bradley**

Saturday, February 1
9:00am to 3:00pm
Parish Hall

Youth Mass will follow at 5:00pm

**Anthony Bradley** is an 18-year-old Miramonte High School Senior. Anthony is currently battling Osteosarcoma (bone cancer) and will require blood transfusions during his cancer treatment.

Anthony lives in Orinda with his parents, twin brother and two younger sisters. He is an avid swimmer, lifeguard, rugby player and friend. He is raising awareness for the importance of blood donations to cancer patients.

To schedule your appointment or for more information visit redcrossblood.org and enter code: AnthonyBradley

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**Eat crab, support our Youth Ministry programs**

The Knights of Columbus and Youth Ministry are hosting our 6th annual Parish Crab Feed on February 8th after the 5pm Mass.

If you’re a prayer warrior for our young Catholics, if your family is involved in Youth Ministry (or if you wish you had the gifts or charisma to volunteer with YM!), if you know you’re going to be entering YM in the next couple years, join us for the Crab Feed!

If you like delicious food, if you want a great evening with your friends, if you like supporting a good cause that empowers young people, join us for the Crab Feed!

Tickets are available now on the Parish website.

**We reached our Bishop's Appeal goal!**

Thank you to the 78 donors who made it possible for us to reach and surpass our Bishop's Appeal goal once again. This year, we were assigned a goal of $34,700, and are currently at 100.16%!

While parishes rely on the financial support of their parishioners through the weekly offertory collections, the Bishop's Appeal helps offset expenses for parishes and schools in need, pastoral ministries and services, clergy formation and retirement, and religious education and formation.

Donations and pledges can still be made by visiting www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal—make sure to say you’re from Santa Maria!

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Aren’t our parking lots convenient?

A reminder that if you’d like to park your car here for a few hours while taking BART to the City, carpooling on a day trip, or anything else not affiliated with a parish event, you need a parking pass from the Parish Office.

Come a few minutes early so Mirna can write you out a pass for the day! Each time you park
January donations will be taken to St. Cornelius, February will be St. Peter Martyr, and the two will continue to trade off throughout the rest of the year.

Thank you for continuing to support these collections!

Last weekend to bring baby supplies!

The Social Justice Team is organizing a collection of maternity and baby items for Birthright of Concord the weekends of January 18-19 and 25-26!

The center accepts new or “nearly new” maternity clothes, and baby clothes up to 18 mos. Warm jackets, infant clothes, diapers, and baby wipes are greatly needed.

Donations can be placed in the containers that will be in the narthex.

This collection coordinates with the Walk for Life West Coast this weekend (Saturday, January 25) in San Francisco!

**FORMATION**

**Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults**

Soon, fellow parishioners Adrienne Wong, Tom Balogh, and Tim Reynolds will be formerly welcomed into the RCIA process. They have journeyed through the Period of Evangelization and Precatechumenate, and now will gather to celebrate the first formal step of the RCIA process with the celebration of the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome. Those preparing for Baptism into the life of the Church will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the order of catechumens, and those already baptized into the Christian life will celebrate the Rite of Welcome and complete their initiation within the Catholic Church.

Please add them to your prayers as they take this first formal step to their initiation at the Great Easter Vigil.

**OUTREACH**

**We’re updating the Food Donations schedule!**

In the past, donations in the food bins in the narthex have been split up weekly between St. Peter Martyr and St. Cornelius. To simplify things for our donors and our volunteers Rose Wilson and Mary McCosker, each collection will now be for an entire month!

**COMMUNITY**

St. Perpetua Catholic School is now enrolling TK-8th grade for 2020!

Did you know that there is an amazing Catholic school less than 4 miles from Orinda? “St. Ps” inspires students through challenging academics (with outstanding STAR test results) and is dedicated to an educational experience that cultivates knowledge, leadership, and service in the Catholic tradition.

Tuition is $8,762 per year; financial aid is available. TK/K tuition includes before/after school care until 3pm.

Call the school office at 925-284-1640 or email Suzanne Kozel at skozel@csdo.org with any questions.
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 requests to be sponsors/godparents and other ministries. Please register at www.santamariaorinda.com/registration

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, Fred Chavaria, 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, Peter Locke, 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.

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!

The Mass Intentions

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

Welcome, New Members!

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SANTA MARIA'S 6TH ANNUAL

CRAB FEED

PLUS RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION

A PARISH EVENT HOSTED BY THE ORINDA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FEBRUARY 8, 2020
6pm IN THE PARISH HALL
DUNGENESS CRAB | SALAD | PASTA | DESSERT
BEER | WINE | AND A SPECIALTY DRINK

$65 PER PERSON

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE & AFTER MASSES THROUGH FEB 2