

*Church of
Santa Maria*

2018 PARISH REPORT



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Dear Parishioners,

Once again it is my privilege to present to you the annual Pastoral and Financial Report for 2018. This report gives you a partial, but important, snapshot of the ministries and activities of the Parish this past year, as well as some of our plans for the coming year. The report is compiled by the Parish Staff, together with some of the parish committees and the Finance Council. The stewardship of our time, talent, and treasure also involves giving an accounting of them as well.

As you review this report, I think you will be proud of how much we have accomplished together. However, as I have indicated in the past, we must measure everything against the ultimate “measure,” which is whether as a result of all this we have come closer to Jesus Christ and a more fervent practice of our Catholic faith.

We continue to make progress in our efforts to “restore and renew” our Church building and worship space. Over the past three years we have completed all of the “less intrusive” projects in this effort, i.e., exterior painting of the church, reconfiguring the choir area, enlarging and enhancing the reconciliation rooms, repairing the public address system, interior painting of the church, and partial replacement of lighting in the church with LED lights. This summer we will begin the “intrusive” work, which will include removal and refinishing of the pews, removal and replacement of the asbestos floor tiles, installation of the new permanent Baptismal Font, and new carpeting. This will necessitate that liturgies during the summer be moved to the Parish Hall. In anticipation of this move, we have not scheduled any weddings during the summer months.

In gratitude for all we do together, and with trust and confidence in the God who guides us into the future, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend George Mockel
Pastor



Our "Faith in Action Team" of Youth Ministry teens hosted a summer leadership retreat with other local Catholic teens



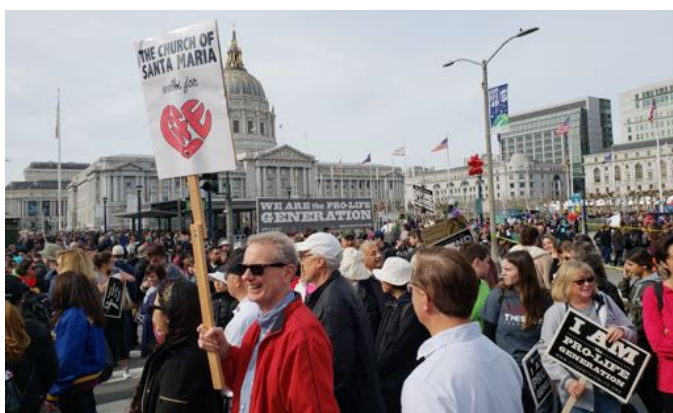
The Church gets improvements of new, expanded confessionals and refinished doors, among other things



The Santa Maria Fil-Am Community forms and hosts socials and communal faith events like a Christmas potluck (above) and the Feast of Santo Niño in January



There were two liturgies with the Anointing of the Sick where we prayed over and anointed those who needed prayers of healing



A group of Knights, Sisters, youth, and families attended the annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco



Young families joined us on our Good Friday Way of the Cross through Orinda to Orinda Senior Village and back for the liturgy



Events that took place in the parish in 2018

Ministerial:

- Had our first all-teen-led Confirmation Retreat at Mount Hermon
- Began Simple Suppers before the Friday Stations of the Cross in Lent
- Formed the Santa Maria Filipino-American Community, who hosted their first events
- Celebrated All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance for those who lost a loved one in 2018
- Prepared for the 2019 Parish Mission, Life on Fire, with Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR
- Communal candlelit rosary in October
- Faith Sharing Groups continued
- Formed an Advent Parent Bible Study for parents
- Fall and Spring Anointing of the Sick liturgies

Personnel:

- Said thank you for 25 years of ministry to Linda Zunino upon her retirement
- Welcomed Mirna Wong as our new Administrative Assistant
- Welcomed back Sr. Mary Margaret Phan, LHC, as K-5 Faith Formation Coordinator

Outreach:

- Participated in the Walk for Life West Coast as a parish group
- Completed sponsorship of both of our refugee families with Catholic charities as they became financially independent

Social:

- 4th annual Crab Feed benefitting Youth Ministry, hosted by the Knights of Columbus
- Another successful Christmas Party for parishioners and guests
- Knights of Columbus hosted the Parish Oktoberfest

Improvement projects completed in 2018

- Added WiFi access to the classrooms
- Painted the interior of the church and the exterior of the rectory
- Installed new rain gutters on the convent
- Installed heating/cooling systems in two rooms of the rectory
- Completed the new confessionals
- Repaired the public address system in the church
- Finished the remaining landscaping of terraces below the school building

Projects and new events planned for 2019

- Re-purposing the former “Toddler Room” into a small meeting room for FSGs, etc.
- Replacing the main water line from the meter to all buildings due to pipe deterioration
- Phase 3 of “Restore and Renew” for the Church, including:
 - Removal of all pews for refinishing
 - Removal of asbestos flooring and installation of new flooring and carpeting
 - Installation of a handrail in the sanctuary
 - Designing and installing a new, permanent Baptismal Font
- New Parishioner Welcome reception
- Summer Camp Service Mission for Youth Ministry with Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Sacramental/Ministerial Statistics for 2018

Baptisms	
Infants	5
1-6 years	0
7-17 years	4
Adults	0
Receiving First Eucharist	37
Receiving Confirmation	
14-17 years	38
Adults	0
Weddings	
Catholic	3
Mixed	3
Funerals	24
Sacrament of the Sick	126
Elementary Faith Formation	
Teachers	16
Middle School Ministry	32
Teachers	1
Confirmation Program	
Teachers	13

Liturgical Ministers	
Adult Choir	16
Seasonal Choir	24-28
Children's Choir	11
Teen Choir/Music	4-8
Ministers of the Word	44
Ministers of Communion	74
Greeters	37
Ushers	18
Sacristans	10
Servers	11
Lay Presiders	5
Liturgy Team	9
Children's Liturgy Team	3
Art & Environment Team	6
Stewardship Team	3
Registered Parish Families	1000
Avg. Weekly Mass Attendance	494

Parish Tithing for 2018

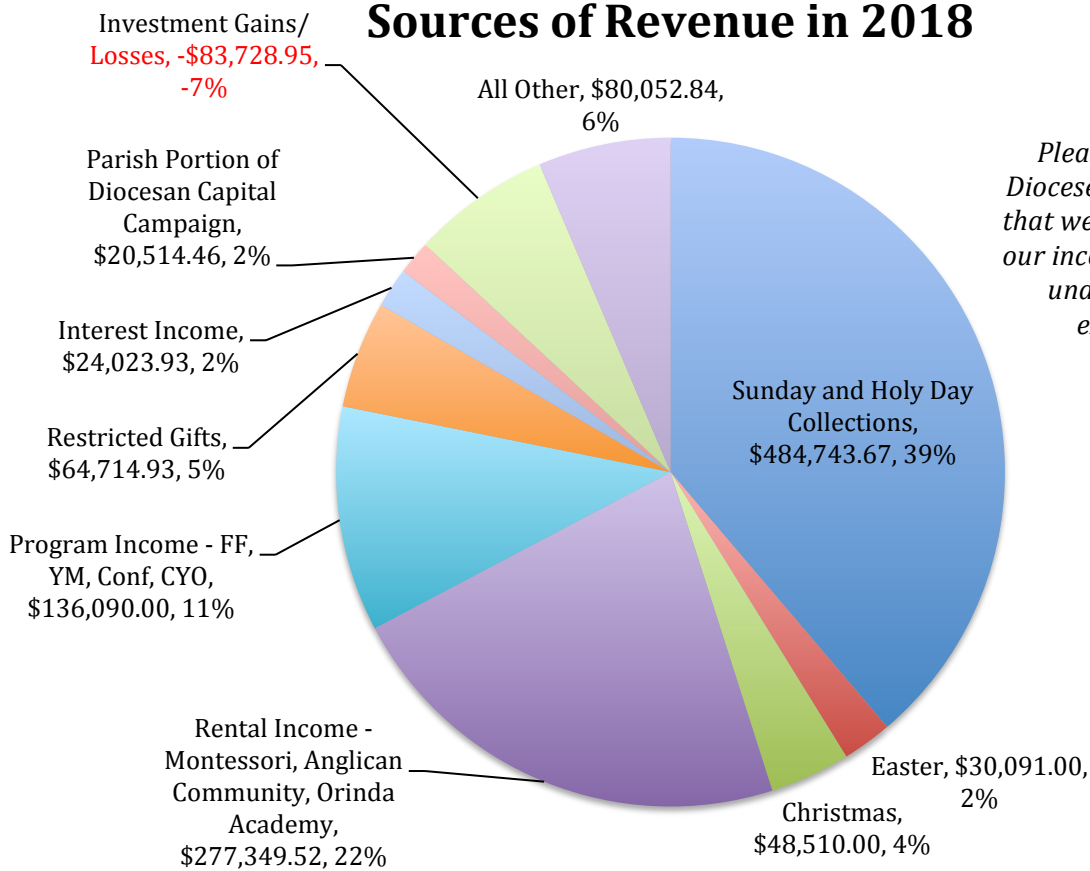
Our parish is committed to tithing 5% of its first collection regular income to organizations outside the parish so we can participate in and tangibly support good works beyond our parish. These organizations are vetted and recommended by the Social Justice Committee:

Bishop O'Dowd High School - Oakland
Provides tuition assistance to needy students
St. Cornelius Catholic School - Richmond
Supports Catholic education through tuition assistance and educational resources
Orinda Community Church
Local host of the annual Winter Nights Shelter providing a warm, safe place to sleep and meals for the homeless
St. Mary's Center - Oakland
Serves at-risk seniors and preschoolers through counseling, shelter, nutrition, advocacy, and social support
Walk for Life West Coast
Witnesses to the value of life and reaches out to women and children affected by abortion
Refugee Family Assistance
Supported the Reh and Maqsoodi families our parish has co-sponsored with Catholic Charities of the East Bay

Our Second Collections are also heavily focused on various outreach efforts:

- Seminary
- Bishop's Appeal
- Catholic Relief Services
- Holy Land
- Catholic Charities (Bay Area)
- Social Concern/Communications
- Holy Father Collection
- World Mission Sunday
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- Religious Retirement
- Mission Cooperative Plan
- Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit
- California Wildfire Relief

Sources of Revenue in 2018



Please note: the Diocese recommends that we budget 5% of our income for future unanticipated expenses.

Expenses by Major Category in 2018

