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The Church of the Nativity

MASSES

Sundays 08:00, 09:30, 11:30 AM and 05:00 PM

Saturdays 08:00 AM and 05:00 PM (Vigil)

Weekdays 07:30 AM and 05:30 PM

Holy Days 07:30 AM, 05:30 and 07:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Opus Dei priest)

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM (parish priest)

(also by appointment)

BAPTISMS 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month

(contact rectory 2 months in advance)

WEDDINGS Saturdays 11:00 AM and 02:00 PM

(contact rectory at least 6 months in advance)

PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Steven D. Otellini

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Mark G. Mazza

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

WEEKEND ASSISTANTS

Rev. Paul Maillet, P.S.S.

Rev. Gladstone Stevens, P.S.S.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mrs. Monica Hickam • (650) 853-1009

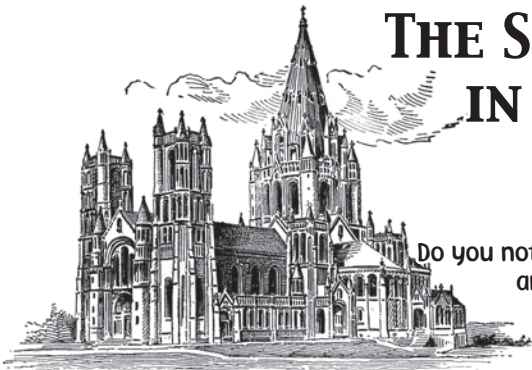
24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mrs. Mary Ellen Peloso • (650) 269-7794



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 FEBRUARY 2017



Do you not know that you are the temple of God,
and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 CORINTHIANS 3: 16

FIRST READING

Tell them: *Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.*

LEVITICUS 19: 1-2, 17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

PSALMS 103

SECOND READING

The wisdom of this world is foolishness in
the eyes of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 3: 16-23

GOSPEL

Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

MATTHEW 5: 38-48

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 19 - 25 FEB

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	09:00 AM	Bill Widmer
TUE	07:30 AM	† Sr. Bernice Clifford
	05:30 PM	† Danny Olin
WED	07:30 AM	† Marie Masuda
	05:30 PM	† Joycelyn Giraud
THU	07:30 AM	† Thelma Castillo
	05:30 PM	The Andrews and Steinbrenner families; Barbara Steinmetz; Ray Perman; † Cliff Greenman; Joanne Gainer (†) and family
FRI	07:30 AM	† Gussie Tarmann
	05:30 PM	Boo and John Rackers
SAT	08:00 AM	Kurt Araujo and family; † Philip Seow; † Lorriane Kennedy; † Charles and Judy Liteky

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



The parish office will be closed
on Monday, 20 FEB 2017
for Presidents Day

There will be one Mass,
at 09:00 AM, on Monday.



Electronic giving is offered
through our website
www.nativitymenlo.org
or call the parish office
for a paper form



Ash Wednesday is
01 March 2017

**LENT?
ALREADY?**

SUN	07:00 PM	Holy Hour for Priests
MON-FRI	07:10 AM	Morning Prayer
MON-FRI	05:10 PM	Evening Prayer
TUE	06:00 PM	Cenacles of Life Rosary
THU	06:00 PM	Perpetual Help Novena
SAT	06:15 AM	Men's Prayer Group
SAT	07:40 AM	Morning Prayer
SAT	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Confessions (Opus Dei priest)
SAT	03:30 PM - 04:30 PM	Confessions (parish priest)

19 FEB (Sunday)

20 FEB (Monday)

07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM RCIA

21 FEB (Tuesday)

09:30 AM Bible Study
07:30 PM Bible Study
08:00 PM H⁴

22 FEB (Wednesday)

23 FEB (Thursday)

11:00 PM The Thursday Group

24 FEB (Friday)


09:30 AM Nativity Moms Group

25 FEB (Saturday)

Spiritual Warfare Conference



Parish Office Hours
09:00 AM-04:00 PM
Monday-Friday

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 28-29 JAN
TOTAL:	\$13,281
Little Sisters of the Poor:	\$5821
St. Vincent de Paul (29 JAN):	\$5039

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

20 FEB (Monday): PRESIDENTS DAY

“Presidents” Day? Not really... In 1796, the country first celebrated the birthday of **George Washington**. In 1866, Congress gathered to remember **Abraham Lincoln** on 12 FEB, but although many states began to celebrate his birthday as a holiday, it was never made into a national holiday. In 1885, **Chester A. Arthur** made Washington’s birthday (22 FEB) an official national holiday. In 1968, Congress passed legislation to move the observance of Washington’s birthday from 22 FEB to “the third Monday in February” -- this went into effect in 1971. While many people think Washington’s and Lincoln’s birthday observances were combined at that time, the Congressional decree still officially refers to this as **Washington’s Birthday**.

22 FEB (Wednesday): WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY

“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”



22 FEB (Wednesday): THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, Apostle

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome, in addition to a similar feast on 18 January, celebrating the first Mass over which Peter presided in Rome. At each place a chair (cathedra) is venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. This feast is emblematic of the world unity of the Church.



CHAIR OF ST. PETER (Vatican Basilica)

23 FEB (Thursday): SAINT POLYCARP, Bishop and Martyr (d. 155)

Bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp was loved and revered by his flock. We know that he accompanied **St. Ignatius of Antioch** to Rome to confer with **Pope Anicetus** concerning the celebration of Easter. He was martyred by a dagger after unsuccessful attempts that he be burned at the stake in the amphitheater at Smyrna.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

San Mateo 40 Days for Life runs from Ash Wednesday (01 MAR 2017) through Palm Sunday (09 APR 2017).

Vigil location: sidewalk, 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo

Vigil hours: 07:00 AM-07:00 PM daily

Local contact: **Jessica** (650/572-1468 or themunns@yahoo.com)

Nativity’s day is **Sunday, 12 MAR 2017**.

Learn more ... and get involved:

www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo  40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Nativity Church is open 24x7. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration and there is always someone present in prayer. Won’t you join us by signing up for a weekly Holy Hour? When you sign up, you and your intentions share in the grace of everyone who comes to visit. Come and experience the dramatic presence of God in our lives. Please consider the following hours as there is no one currently assigned to them (or pick an hour that works for you):

Sunday: 10:00 PM

Tuesday: 04:00 AM

Saturday: 09:00 AM

Thank you in advance for your generosity. The God who is not outdone in generosity will certainly bless you and your intentions. Call **Mary Ellen Peloso** (650/269-7794) to sign up.

You have never strayed too far for the Father’s forgiveness and grace.

NATIVITY MOMS GROUP

All moms are invited to join the **Nativity Moms’ Group**. Our next meeting will be **Friday, 24 FEB 2017** from **09:30-11:00 AM** in the **O’Hare Center**. Come meet other moms, share the joys and challenges of motherhood, and pray a rosary for our families! Refreshments will be provided. If you have little ones at home, please bring them along. Contact **Christine Semler** at **650/594-4637** or **Monica Hendricks** at **650/367-4944** for more information.

NATIVITY MENS CLUB CIOPPINO DINNER

Please join **Monsignor Otellini**, The **Nativity Men’s Club**, and your fellow parishioners on **11 MAR 2017** for an evening of great food, great music and great times! Executive Chef **Moises Sikaffy** promises an extraordinary dining experience and the phenomenal recording artists **The Bell Brothers** will provide the entertainment. Dinner includes crab cioppino, pasta, salad, sourdough bread, dessert, 2 glasses of wine or non-alcoholic beverage. All proceeds benefit Nativity School initiatives including: the 8th Grade Class trip to Yosemite, technology upgrades on the school campus, and faculty appreciation gifts. Cost is **\$50/person**. Drop off your reservation at the Nativity School office or the parish office. If you have any questions contact **Josh McClenahan** at **650/281-1339** or nativitymc@gmail.com.



*Pregnant? Need Help? Please contact
the Juan Diego Society (408/258-2008),
the Gabriel Project (800/910-0191),
or San Juan Diego Centro por la Vida at St. Francis (650/322-2152).*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Please keep all of our newest members in your prayers, as well as those who have preceded us to the Father.



BAPTISMS • Nicolas Rafael and Sofia Margarita, children of Miguel and Renee Chavez

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Fr. John Cloherty

NATIVITY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Nativity School is currently accepting applications for grades Pre-K to 7th. Please call the school office, 650/325-7304, to request an application or visit our school website at www.nativityschool.com > Admissions.

Nativity School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights and privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school.

Nativity School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, and national and ethnic origin, age, sex, or disability in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

IN THE COMMUNITY

DONATIONS OF LIFE-SAVING BLOOD

Since 2008 the Stanford Bloodmobile has come to Nativity four times a year so that our parishioners could conveniently donate blood on Sunday mornings after Mass. Unfortunately, for several reasons, they are no longer able to bring the bloodmobile here. The good news is that Stanford has a **Blood Center** at 445 Burgess Drive, Suite #100, in Menlo Park, just a few blocks from Nativity. The Blood Center is open from **12:00-07:30 PM** on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday** and from **07:30 AM-03:00 PM** on **Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday**.

You may make an appointment by calling **888/723-7831**, emailing giveblood@med.stanford.edu or visiting <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu/bcinfo/maps-mp.html>. If you have given blood at the bloodmobile in the past or if you have never given blood, please consider making a donation of lifesaving blood at the Blood Center in Menlo Park.

PERSONAL PLANNING SEMINARS

The **Office of Development** announces its Spring series of personal planning seminars. Topics at these seminars include end-of-life bioethical decisions, funeral and burial planning, and estate planning. When it comes to these topics, many people do not know where to begin. Because of this, a great number of people die without having had the opportunity to make funeral and estate plans. And when it comes to making good ethical decisions about medical care, many people just don't know where to receive good advice. All parishioners are welcome to attend any workshop. The workshops are free, but please register to attend. For reservations or information, contact **Fr. Anthony Giampietro** at **415/614-5580** or development@sfarch.org.

The workshops will be held:

- **Saturday, 04 MAR 2017 10:00-11:30 AM** at **St. Bartholomew Church** 600 Columbia Dr., San Mateo
- **Saturday, 01 APR 2017 10:00-11:30 AM** at **St. Hilary Church** 761 Hilary Dr., Tiburon.

BEST. LENT. EVER.

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. Don't give up chocolate for Lent! This year we invite you to do something different. Join **Dynamic Catholic** for the *Best Lent Ever*, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Based on Matthew Kelly's latest book, *Resisting Happiness*, this year's program will help you identify what stands between you and happiness, and what to do about it. Beginning **Ash Wednesday, 01 MAR 2017**, participants will receive a daily email with practical tips, a short inspirational video from Matthew Kelly, and personal reflections from Dynamic Catholic team members. To sign up go to bestlentever.com.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE CONFERENCE

Nativity will be hosting the **9th Annual Spiritual Warfare Conference** on **Saturday, 25 FEB 2017** from **08:00 AM-04:00 PM**. It starts with Mass at Nativity Church, followed by a continental breakfast, lunch and speakers. Giving conferences this year will be **Father Gary Thomas**, Exorcist of the Diocese of San Jose, **Jim Burnham**, a popular Catholic apologist, and **Dr. Paul Thigpen**, author of the books "*The Manual for Spiritual Warfare*" and "*Saints Who Battled Satan*." It will be a full day of recharging our spiritual energy with about 500 other committed Christians. For more information, call **Deacon Dominick Peloso** **650/269-6279**. To register, go online to www.heartsoflove.biz. It must be postmarked by **15 FEB 2017**. Don't miss it!!!



SAINT MICHAEL DEFEATS THE DEVIL - EUGENE DELACROIX

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month **His Holiness** asks for prayer intentions. For **February 2017**, the Holy Father's prayer intentions are:

Intention: *Comfort for the Afflicted*

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

BOOKLET: PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THE WORLD

The *Praying the Rosary for the World: God's Power is in our Hands When We Pray the Rosary* booklet was compiled by the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park. It includes a prayer for each mystery of the Rosary, and a special intention for each "Hail Mary" related to the mystery



being said. Using this booklet while saying the Rosary will not only be helpful to you, but also for the world. You may purchase these booklets in the parish office during regular office hours, **Monday-Friday, 09:00 AM-04:00 PM**. The booklets are **\$2.00** apiece. All money will go directly to Corpus Christi Monastery.

H4: HOLY HOUR-HAPPY HOUR

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at the Church of the Nativity on **Tuesdays** from **08:00-09:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **09:00 PM** at a nearby pub or café.

All are welcome. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.



MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Peninsula Volunteers Meals on Wheels is **urgently** looking for volunteers to help deliver hot meals prepared by Peninsula Volunteers to a growing group of homebound seniors. The delivery routes are in San Mateo County from Daly City to Menlo Park and East Palo Alto, **Monday through Friday**, from about **10:00 AM-01:00 PM, once a week**, or you can be **on call**. It requires a minimum of a six-month commitment, a car, valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and a background and DMV check. Contact **Victoria Cormack** at vcormack@penvol.org or **650/272-5108** with questions.

Peninsula Volunteers, Inc. Meals on Wheels,
800 Middle Avenue, Menlo Park.



CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

19 FEB (SUN)

20 FEB (MON)

21 FEB (TUE)

22 FEB (WED)

23 FEB (THU)

24 FEB (FRI)

25 FEB (SAT)

26 FEB (SUN)

27 FEB (MON)

28 FEB (TUE)

01 MAR (WED) Ash Wednesday

02 MAR (THU)

03 MAR (FRI)

04 MAR (SAT)

OTHER NOVENA PRAYERS

Infant Jesus of Prague (nine-hour):

www.ewtn.com/library/PRAYER/PRAGNOV.TXT

St. Therese "24 Glory Be's" Novena:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/24_glory.htm

Novena for Priests:

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/priests.htm

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/sh_novena.htm

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BIBLE STUDY

Please join our weekly **Young Professionals' Bible Study** on **Sunday** afternoons. We began our study with the "Epistle to the Romans." Join us at **01:30 PM** for lunch, followed by discussion at **02:30 PM**. We meet at **Hirav** and **Jordan Gandhi's** place at 1466 San Antonio Ave #8, Menlo Park. Please bring \$5 to chip in for lunch! You can RSVP by calling or texting **Jordan** at **949/310-1393**.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Peninsula Food Runners is a volunteer organization dedicated to alleviating hunger and reducing food waste. They are building their volunteer base in the Menlo Park/Palo Alto area and invite you to join them. The volunteers pick up excess perishable and prepared food from participating donors (restaurants, caterers, corporate cafeterias, etc.) and then deliver the food directly to the recipients (shelters, day centers for the elderly, Boys and Girls Clubs, etc.). They are in urgent need of drivers in this area. Surplus food is available, but they have too few drivers to transport the food to local non-profits which feed the hungry. Shifts usually take less than 90 minutes and can work around your schedule.

Go to www.peninsulafoodrunners.org to register under "Volunteer Sign-up" or contact **Maria Yap** at maria_yap@yahoo.com or **415/826-6903**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Spending time with our Lord in a Holy Hour has benefits of which most of us are not aware:

- Our Lord revealed to **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** how to make a Holy Hour. In 1674, Our Lord appeared to her and complained of the indifference with which mankind treated His Love for them and asked her to make atonement for this ingratitude. He said: *“I will make you a partaker of that sorrow unto death which it was My will to suffer in the Garden of Olives. To join with Me in the humble prayer which I then offered to My Divine Father in agony, you shall rise before midnight, and remain with Me upon your knees prostrate for one hour, with your face to the ground, to appease the anger of My Eternal Father and ask of Him pardon for sinners.”*
- In an Apostolic Letter on 30 MAR 1886, Pope Leo XIII allowed the faithful to make their Holy Hour on any hour and day of the week.
- *“Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!”* -- **Saint Teresa of Calcutta**
- Our Lord revealed to **Blessed Dina Belanger** that a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important that *“a multitude of souls go to heaven that had been destined for hell”*.
- *“You can come to Me (in Eucharistic Adoration) at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and I desire to grant you grace.”* -- Our Lord to **Saint Faustina**



STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

Street Life Ministries is a community-based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk population of **Menlo Park** and **Redwood City**. We build environments and relationships where community volunteers can provide food, clothing, housing referral, addiction recovery, and other personal support. For over ten years, Street Life volunteers have met on the streets for people on the streets. Street Life Ministries is operated by passionate people of different Christian traditions who share a common desire to see the message of Jesus lived out in tangible ways. We meet together on the street and believe in helping those in need with the Word of God and a plate of hot food. We need volunteers who are willing to serve, cook meals, or drive our van to deliver to street locations. Our ministry is on **Monday** and **Wednesday** in **Redwood City**, and **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at the **Menlo Park Train Station** from **07:30-09:00 PM** each night. Please visit our website, www.streetlifeministries.org, to get descriptions of the services needed, or if you want to contact our volunteer leaders directly please email them:

cooking: veo@streetlifeministries.org
 driving: bruce@streetlifeministries.org
 serving: emily@streetlifeministries.org

ONLINE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY: EVERGIVE

The Church of the Nativity invites you to join our online community on [evergive](http://www.evergive.com).

[evergive](http://www.evergive.com) is an online home, supported by the Archdiocese, for parish communities to connect beyond Sunday Mass.

www.evergive.com



LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

01 MAR	(Wednesday)	Ash Wednesday
	07:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	09:00 AM	Nativity School Mass
	05:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	07:30 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Fridays	06:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
10 APR	(Monday)	Communal Penance Service: St. Raymond Church (1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park)
13 APR	(Thursday)	Maundy Thursday
	07:00 PM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)
14 APR	(Friday)	Good Friday
	12:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
	12:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Reflections (Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, OSA)
	02:00 PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	07:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
15 APR	(Saturday)	Holy Saturday
	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Reconciliation
	02:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Reconciliation
	08:00 PM	Easter Vigil (no other Masses)
16 APR	(Sunday)	Easter Sunday
	08:00 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	09:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
	11:30 AM	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (no 05:00 PM Mass)
17 APR	(Monday)	Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only)