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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

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Msgr. James Kelly

Rev. Patrick Hartin

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

15 APRIL 2018

Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of bread.

LUKE 24: 35



The Supper at Emmaus - Salomon de Bray (1650s)

FIRST READING

The Author of life you put to death, but God raised Him from the dead.

ACTS 3: 13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

You alone, O Lord, bring security to my dwelling.

PSALMS 4

SECOND READING

The way we may be sure that we know Him is to keep His commandments.

1 JOHN 2: 1-5

GOSPEL

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

LUKE 24: 35-48

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 15 -21 APR

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Arthur Bellaire
	05:30 PM	† Patricia and Gene Winnike
TUE	07:30 AM	† Lisa Paff
	05:30 PM	† Alida Moore
WED	07:30 AM	† Joni Carter
	05:30 PM	Rebecca Aguayo; † Esther O'Neill; † Garth Stevick; † Maria Goretti Ermang
THU	07:30 AM	Mirna Skrachich
	05:30 PM	† Jim and Terry Young
FRI	07:30 AM	Sheela Zavala
	05:30 PM	† John and Florence Whelan
SAT	08:00 AM	† Danny Olin; † Katherine Eastman; † Grace and Richard Hughes; † Clyde Larsen

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR LOURDES

Monsignor Otellini will be leaving on **Sunday, 29 APR 2018** for his annual pilgrimage to **Lourdes, France**, with the Order of Malta. If you have any prayer intentions that you would like Monsignor to take with him, please seal them in an envelope, and bring them to the rectory by **Friday, 27 APR 2018**. These intentions will be put into the grotto at Lourdes where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette.

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)

15 APR (Sunday) **Nativity Feeds**
03:00 PM RCIA

16 APR (Monday)
07:30 PM Legion of Mary
07:30 PM Prayer Group


17 APR (Tuesday)
01:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society
07:00 PM H⁴

18 APR (Wednesday)
09:30 AM Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms
07:00 PM Confirmation Class

19 APR (Thursday)
11:00 AM The Thursday Group

20 APR (Friday)
08:30 AM 1st Communion Retreat/Practice

21 APR (Saturday)
10:00 AM First Holy Communion

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 31 MAR-01 APR
TOTAL:	\$27,380
Holy Thursday:	\$2,200
Good Friday (Holy Land):	\$5,780
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$21,315
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

Donate online: <http://www.sfarch.org/aaa#DonateForm>

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

21 APR (Saturday):

SAINT CONRAD OF PARZHAM, Religious (1818-1894)

Conrad spent most of his life as porter in Altoetting, Bavaria, letting people into the Capuchin friary and indirectly encouraging them to let God into their lives. He was a lover of solitary prayer, and a peacemaker.



SAINT ANSELM OF CANTERBURY, Priest (1033-1109)

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Anselm was a counsellor to Pope Gregory VII, Pope Urban II and William the Conqueror.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE PRAYER SOCIETY

NOVENA, LITANY, PRAYER INTENTIONS/THANKSGIVING, AND ADORATION

The **Infant Jesus of Prague Prayer Society** invites parishioners and guests to join in prayer before our Infant Jesus shrine on **17 APR 2018** at **01:00 PM**. Each month, on the 17th day, we begin the first day of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena, a litany, prayer intentions/thanksgivings, and conclude with adoration.



Our Lord answers all prayers. It is *how* God answers that is most compelling. Let the Word made flesh, the Infant Jesus, open your heart, mind, and soul to receive and trust in His Divine Plan for your life.

Our 24-hour Infant Jesus Prayer Line is always open to receive any prayer request and thanksgivings. Please call **650/281-3339**, contact **Anne Delaney, O.F.S.**, or write to pray2infantjesus@aol.com. *We give glory to God through our gratitude.*

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

We welcome young children and mothers of all stages and ages. Bring a toy to share. At this meeting we will share ideas of imparting the faith to our children.

Topic: *The Truth and Beauty of the Catholic Faith: Sharing It With Our Children*

Date: **Wednesday, 18 APR 2018**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

Time: **09:30-11:30 AM**

Contact:

Monica Hendricks mmthendricks@gmail.com
650/704-4201

Christina Lee mpcatholic@groups.facebook.com
650/450-8498 (text best)

Online: www.facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic
or www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day is **13 MAY 2018**. What could be a better gift to your mother, wife, mother-in-law, grandmother, godmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, daughter, or friend then to be remembered in a novena of Masses in observance of Mother's Day at the Church of the Nativity? Mother's Day Cards are available at the entrances to the church. Put the name(s) of your loved ones who are mothers, living or deceased, on the larger envelope and return it to the parish office or put it into the collection. Send the card to your favorite mother. These names will be placed on the altar during May so that they will be remembered in a novena of Masses that will be said in their honor.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr. Mark G. Mazza will be having training for new Altar Servers for boys and girls in Grades 5 and above on five consecutive **Tuesday** afternoons from **03:15-04:15 PM**, beginning **17 APR 2018**. The dates for the training are **17 and 24 APR, 01, 08 and 15 MAY 2018**. There will be a mandatory practice on **Friday, 18 MAY 2018** from **03:15-04:15 PM**. Installation of the new Altar



Servers will be on **Sunday, 20 MAY 2018** at the **09:30 AM** Mass. For more information see the letter and application from **Fr. Mazza** in the vestibule of the church, or call him at **650/323-7914**. Applications may be turned in to the parish office.

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):

Tuesday: 01:00 PM, 02:00 PM

Thursday: 12:00 PM, 01:00 PM

Friday: 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.



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

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

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

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE GLUTEN-INTOLERANT

We now have available low-gluten altar bread for those who are gluten-intolerant. These hosts contain **less than 0.01%** gluten and are approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you wish to receive Holy Communion with this special host please get at the end of the Communion line and let the priest know that you would like to receive the low-gluten host. If you have any questions please call the parish office, **650/323-7914**.



If you would like to learn more about this altar bread, visit

www.altarbreadsbpa.com/

NATIVITY FEEDS: A VOICE FOR OTHERS

This weekend there will be a second collection for *Nativity Feeds*. **Alexander** and **Luke Edward Harding Bradley** will be speaking at all Masses and will once again ask you to contribute to *Nativity Feeds*, which has been providing lunches of corn, beans and rice for over 1000 children in **Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia**. Through your generosity they were also able to provide food for senior citizens who would otherwise go hungry. Because the funding for this program has been raised by young people for the benefit of young people and senior citizens, every cent you donate is guaranteed to go directly to feeding these people. Thank you so much for your continued support to this important program and your amazing generosity.

Checks for all special collections should be made out to the **Church of the Nativity**. In the memo line write the appropriate reference for your donation, for example: *Nativity Feeds*.



IN THE COMMUNITY

DAY OF RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN (CORPUS CHRISTI MONASTERY)

Are you a single Catholic young women between the ages of 18 and 38 and not actively discerning a vocation, yet still want to know more about growing in your relationship with God and others in today's culture? *Janua Caeli* is for you! The theme of the **April 21st Janua Caeli Retreat Day** is "*Fullness of Grace: How to Receive an Overabundance of God's Gifts.*" Our retreat master is **Rev. Quan Tran**, a priest for the Diocese of Orange and founder of *Fullness of Grace*, a ministry aimed at helping Catholics and other Christians grow in the spiritual life by better understanding supernatural grace and how to gain an abundance of God's gifts by imitating the qualities of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day of retreat will include talks, confessions and opportunities for one-on-one spiritual guidance, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, the Divine Office prayed with the Dominican nuns, and more! Lunch will be provided. The suggested donation is **\$20**. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.opnunsmenlo.org or contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org.

BENEDICT XVI INSTITUTE PRESENTATION

The **Benedict XVI Institute of the Archdiocese of San Francisco** presents: **Anthony Esolen** and **Dana Gioia** discussing *The Christian Imagination*, on **05 MAY 2018, 12:30-02:00 PM** in the Ballroom at the Asian American Activities Center (A³C), 524 Lasuen Mall, Stanford, CA 94305. **Anthony Esolen** is a Dante Scholar and **Dana Gioia** is California's Poet Laureate. More information and to register for this free event visit benedictinstitute.org/featured-events/.

ST. RAYMOND: RUMMAGE SALE

Mark your calendars for the **7th Annual St. Raymond Parish Rummage Sale** on **Saturday, 28 APR 2018** from **08:00 AM-02:00 PM** and **Sunday, 29 APR 2018** from **11:00 AM-03:00 PM**. This **huge** sale is located in the school gym at 1211 Arbor Road, Menlo Park, and is brimming with furniture, designer clothing and accessories, artwork, toys, sports equipment, housewares, antiques, collectibles, and so much more. Proceeds benefit our parish outreach programs and a new sound system. If you have items you wish to donate, you can drop them off directly in our school gym on **Super Donation Weekend 21-22 APR 2018 (10:00 AM-03:00 PM both days)**. Please: No sofas, mattresses, cribs, or large pieces of furniture. If you have any questions, please contact **Karyn Leahy: leahyfamily@msn.com**.

EVENTS AT VALLOMBROSA CENTER

- Our beloved **Mother's Day Lunch and Mass** returns **Sunday, 13 MAY 2018**. Mass will be celebrated in our chapel at **11:00 AM** with a gourmet lunch served afterwards. Single tickets, multiple tickets, and entire tables are available.
- **Mother Mary's Love** silent retreat for men and women from **11 MAY 2018 (01:00 PM)** to **13 MAY 2018 (04:00 PM)** will be conducted by **Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P.** Fr. Brian examines grace and growth in prayer after the heart and example of the Blessed Mother. Guests have multiple attendance options of the full weekend in a private room, or a shared bedroom. A commuter option for Saturday is also available.



Please visit www.vallobrosa.org/calendar to register for either event and see our growing calendar of events. Vallobrosa Center is located at 250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park. **650/325-5614**.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **April 2018**, the Holy Father's prayer intention is:

Intention: For Those who have Responsibility in (Universal) Economic Matters

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

HOW DID THE HOLY FATHER SPEND HOLY WEEK?

SUN	10:00 AM	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Mass for 33rd World Youth Day
WED	10:00 AM	<i>Spy Wednesday</i> General Audience
THU	09:00 AM 04:00 PM	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> Holy Chrism Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper
FRI	05:00 PM 09:15 PM	<i>Good Friday</i> Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Way of the Cross (Roman Colosseum)
SAT	08:30 PM	<i>Holy Saturday</i> Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter



TAIZÉ RETREAT FOR YOUTH

"*Taizé for Youth: Inexhaustible Joy*" is a weekend of prayer and reflection with the **Brothers of Taizé** for young people 16 to 35. Dig deeper into the wellsprings of joy! Join us for a weekend of community prayer, reflection, workshops, and sharing led by the Brothers of Taizé. This is an exciting opportunity for young people to join in a community of faith. This weekend is to be held on **18-19 MAY 2018** at the **Mercy Center**, 2300 Adeline Drive, Burlingame.

For more information and to register visit

www.mercy-center.org/Flyers_2018/0518TaizeRetreat/retreat.html

or email bsoracco@mercywmw.org.

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.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

15 APR (SUN)	SECOND Day: St. George
16 APR (MON)	THIRD Day: St. George
17 APR (TUE)	FOURTH Day: St. George
18 APR (WED)	FIFTH Day: St. George
19 APR (THU)	SIXTH Day: St. George FIRST Day: St. Louis de Montfort
20 APR (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: St. George SECOND Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIRST Day: St. Catherine of Siena
21 APR (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: St. George THIRD Day: St. Louis de Montfort SECOND Day: St. Catherine of Siena
22 APR (SUN)	NINTH Day: St. George FOURTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort THIRD Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIRST Day: St. Joseph the Worker
23 APR (MON)	Feast of Saint George FIFTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FOURTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SECOND Day: St. Joseph the Worker
24 APR (TUE)	SIXTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort FIFTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena THIRD Day: St. Joseph the Worker
25 APR (WED)	SEVENTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort SIXTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena FOURTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
26 APR (THU)	EIGHTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort SEVENTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena FIFTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
27 APR (FRI)	NINTH Day: St. Louis de Montfort EIGHTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SIXTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker
28 APR (SAT)	Feast of Saint Louis de Montfort NINTH Day: St. Catherine of Siena SEVENTH Day: St. Joseph the Worker

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint George Novena:

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

Saint Louis de Montfort:

novena.com/2011/04/26/novena-for-april-3/

Saint Catherine of Siena:

www.praymorenovenas.com/st-catherine-of-siena-novena/

Saint Joseph the Worker:

www.stjosephshrine.org/about-the-shrine/prayers-to-saint-joseph/

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

Effecacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus:

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

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
AND NATIVITY PARISH
(31 MARCH 2018)

Please pray for those who participated in our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) program who were Baptized or made a Profession of Faith and received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, 31 March 2018:

- LAURA LAZZERONI
- MICHELLE MARTIN
- SANDRA McMASTERS
- CHISANUDET "DASH" SAMITTIWUTTIKUL
- AYARI TATENO
- LISA UITHOVEN
- JEFFREY YANO



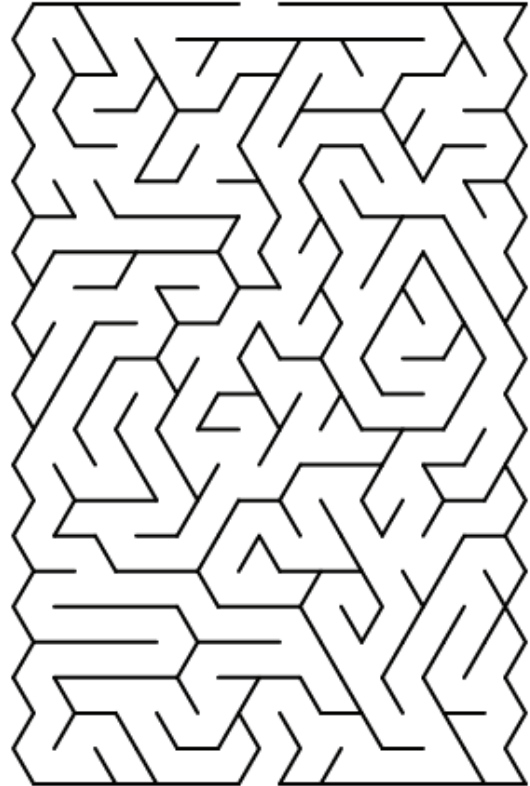
STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

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
- erving: emily@streetlifeministries.org

Young Believers

Help Our Risen Lord appear in the locked upper room.



MEDITATE ON THE WORD

We are told: *"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night"* (Joshua 1:8). Read about God's promises, then really think about them.

Meditation: (Psalms 91: 14-16):

"Because he loves Me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name. He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation."

PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Our Lord revealed to St. Gertrude that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from Purgatory each time it was said.

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."