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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

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



CARNIVAL CORNER
(see back page)

FIRST READING

As they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight.
ACTS 1: 1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.
PSALMS 47

SECOND READING

He put all things beneath His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church.
EPHESIANS 1: 17-23

GOSPEL

The Lord Jesus ... was taken up into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God.
MARK 16: 15-20



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

13 MAY 2018

They went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.

MARK 16: 20

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 13 - 19 MAY

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Shelby Drazan
	05:30 PM	† Adolph Firenzi
TUE	07:30 AM	† Ruth Oniada Marchetti
	05:30 PM	† Nancy Farrar
WED	07:30 AM	† Peter Kolenda
	05:30 PM	All mothers, living and deceased; Frank Rivera; Catherine Ana Williams; † Paul Newman
THU	07:30 AM	The Neylan and Cardine families
	05:30 PM	The Dorman and Tropeano families
FRI	07:30 AM	† John and Virginia Conway
	05:30 PM	† Edward J. Hogan, Jr.
SAT	08:00 AM	All mothers, living and deceased; † Souls in Purgatory; † Jelka Rajkovich; † Muhammad Ali

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



Virgin and Child - Elisabetta Sirani (~1660)



May God Bless All Mothers

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)

13 MAY	(Sunday)	<i>Mothers Day</i>
14 MAY	(Monday)	07:00 PM Fatima Mass and Celebration 07:30 PM Legion of Mary
15 MAY	(Tuesday)	09:30 AM Faith Formation Class 03:15 PM Altar Server Training 07:00 PM Faith Formation Class 07:00 PM H ⁴
16 MAY	(Wednesday)	
17 MAY	(Thursday)	10:00 AM Children's Adoration 11:00 AM The Thursday Group 01:00 PM Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 MAY	(Friday)	
19 MAY	(Saturday)	09:00 AM Natural Family Planning Class

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 28-29 APR
TOTAL:	\$10,363
Catholic Home Missions:	\$3,742
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$41,380
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER



14 MAY (Monday): SAINT MATTHIAS, Apostle

Matthias was "one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which He was taken up from us, become with us a witness to His resurrection" (*Acts 1:21-22*). Matthias was chosen by Peter and the apostles to replace Judas Iscariot.

FATIMA
CELEBRATION

On **Monday, 14 MAY 2018**, we continue with our celebration of Our Lady's Appearances in Fatima, now **101** years ago. It includes Holy Mass, Rosary Procession and Healing Benediction.

This year, the celebrations will start at a **new time: 07:00 PM.**

All are encouraged to attend.

For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

CHILDREN'S ADORATION

We are back! The first **Children's Adoration** was very successful. Please come and bring a friend to make the second Children's Adoration successful, too! **Deacon Dominick** will lead the hour. This is a time for your children to be with Christ and be themselves (sounds and all)! Jesus said, "*Let the children come to Me.*" Adoration will be followed by a pot-luck lunch outside. Deli sandwiches are provided. Please bring a side dish, drink, or dessert to share.

(This event is in place of the Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms meeting previously scheduled for the day before.)

Event: *Children's Adoration*
Date: **Thursday, 17 MAY 2018**
Place: **Church of the Nativity**
Time: **10:00 AM-12:00 PM**
Contact:
Monica Hendricks mmthendricks@gmail.com
650/704-4201
Lindsey Gilmore linz1688@gmail.com
937/329-0414
Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Fr. Mark G. Mazza is conducting 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.

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).

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 MAY 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.

CENACLES OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Our Nativity rosary prayer group continues to pray to end the culture of death. All are invited to come! We pray two rosaries together and offer up a fast each week. We meet at **06:00 PM** in the church each **Tuesday** evening.

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.

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

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 • Elena Elizabeth, daughter of Carlos and Melinda Orozco

MARRIAGES • Brian Solbeck and Marie Piscitello

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Jeanne Lynch
• Haydee Ormeno
• Mary Anne Grandell

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Catholic Charities** of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This annual collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the local Catholic Church. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even the most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities. Together, *we* are Catholic Charities.

IN THE COMMUNITY

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 (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on **Tuesdays** from **07:00-08:00 PM**, followed by drinks at **08:00 PM** at nearby pub or café. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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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

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 19 MAY 2018**. This class will give an overview of the benefits of NFP, which is based on up-to-date science and is individualized for every couple. It works with the body's natural rhythm and increases respect for the couple's fertility as God designed it. NFP is an investment in your marriage which you don't want to be without. Couples who are to be married at Nativity are required to take this class. The class is conducted by **Finola Glassmoyer**, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class is held in the O'Hare Center and begins at **09:00 AM**. For more information and to register for this class, contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or love2pray@gmail.com.

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.altarbreadsbspa.com/

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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: The Mission of the Laity (Evangelization)

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

NATIVITY HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS

Everyone is invited to attend our weekly holy hour for priests each **Sunday** evening at **07:00 PM**. It includes a rosary, chaplet of Divine Mercy, a mediation, brief talk on the spiritual life, and Benediction. Especially at this time, we need to lift up our priests both here in the parish and throughout the world with our prayer. Please join us.

PRAY THE ROSARY

Observe this special devotion to our Blessed Mother as often as you can. *"I am the Lady of the Rosary, I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask for pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the rosary. Let them continue saying it every day."*

--Our Blessed Mother to Lucia at Fatima
13 October 1917

www.theholyroary.org

www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/how_to.htm

www.savior.org/wwrc/

CONFERENCE ON GRATITUDE

Along with forgiveness, gratitude for all the things of God's Will are the twin towers to live a life of moral holiness with Christ. **Deacon Dominick** will present this topic in a 90-minute talk on **Tuesday, 29 MAY 2018**. It will be at **09:30 AM** and repeated at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. For more information, call **Deacon Peloso, 650/269-6279**.

"CALLS FROM HEAVEN" CLASS

During the history of the church, Our Lord and Our Lady have come to us in special ways in times of ecclesial crisis, worldliness, lukewarmness, infidelity, intellectual confusion, or spiritual anguish. They instruct us in attitudes, virtues, and practices that are forgotten, despised, misunderstood, or poorly cultivated. They are gentle teachers and firm guides, unerring in their counsel which guides us meandering pilgrims through the dead-end paths of our culture. Most are familiar with the major appearances such as *Fatima*, *Guadalupe*, and *Lourdes*. But there are many others which call us back to a life of holiness such as those in Belgium, Egypt, Ireland, Ecuador and more. **Deacon Dominick** will present some of these lesser-known appearances in a way to encourage us along our spiritual path. Both classes will be on **Tuesday, 09:30 AM** and repeated at **07:00 PM, 15 and 22 MAY 2018** in the O'Hare Center. All are encouraged to attend.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

13 MAY (SUN)	Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord THIRD Day: Pentecost
14 MAY (MON)	FOURTH Day: Pentecost
15 MAY (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Pentecost
16 MAY (WED)	SIXTH Day: Pentecost
17 MAY (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Pentecost
18 MAY (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Pentecost FIRST Day: Holy Trinity
19 MAY (SAT)	NINTH Day: Pentecost SECOND Day: Holy Trinity
20 MAY (SUN)	Feast of Pentecost THIRD Day: Holy Trinity
21 MAY (MON)	FOURTH Day: Holy Trinity
22 MAY (TUE)	FIFTH Day: Holy Trinity
23 MAY (WED)	SIXTH Day: Holy Trinity
24 MAY (THU)	SEVENTH Day: Holy Trinity
25 MAY (FRI)	EIGHTH Day: Holy Trinity
26 MAY (SAT)	NINTH Day: Holy Trinity

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Novena for Pentecost (Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit):

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm>

Novena to the Holy Trinity:

http://taigivision.com/trinitarians/devotions/holy_trinity.html



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

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.

CATHOLIC STUDY BIBLE APP

The entire Catholic Bible (RSV-2CE) can be downloaded for free! Packed with additional content from Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and other Catholic apostolates, this app unlocks the beauty and richness of Scripture. This free app will bring the Bible to life. It includes: complete text of the Old and New Testaments; Truth and Life dramatized audio New Testament Gospel of St. John; 10 hours of audio commentary from Dr. Scott Hahn; over 140 Lighthouse Talks; and much more. Download this app by searching *"Catholic Study Bible"* in your App Store.

Young Believers

WORD SEARCH

Can you find the names of these mothers from the Bible?



EVE
ESTHER
ABIGAIL
SARAH
RACHEL
NAOMI
ANN
ELIZABETH
HANNAH
RUTH
MARY
JOCHEBED
REBEKAH
BATHSHEBA

CARNIVAL CORNER

DEAR
NATIVITY
FAMILIES

The 2018 38th Annual Nativity Carnival
June 8th, 9th and 10th, 2018



Order your wristbands and/or game tickets online at the Carnival website.

Nativity Carnival is asking for 2018 Booth Sponsors and continuing to ask for volunteers to work at our booths. Go to www.nativitycarnival.com and click on the Volunteer link.

2018 Sponsorship Opportunities:

- Raffle Sponsor
- Special Sponsor
- Bar Sponsor
- Booth Sponsor
- Feature Booth Sponsor
- Entertainment Sponsor
- Friends and Families Carnival Supporter

Contact Leighton immediately at 650/799-2867

• Class Sponsors

8th Grade
(Class of 2018)

7th Grade
(Class of 2019)

6th Grade
(Class of 2020)

5th Grade
(Class of 2021)

4th Grade
(Class of 2022)

3rd Grade
(Class of 2023)

2nd Grade
(Class of 2024)

1st Grade
(Class of 2025)

K/Pre-K
(Class of 2026+)

For questions or comments, please go to the Carnival website and click on the Got Questions? link at the bottom of the home page.

See all of you at the Carnival!
Leighton and Kevin

For the most up-to-date
information any time!



www.nativitycarnival.com