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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. Patrick J. Driscoll

PERMANENT DEACONS

Rev. Mr. Dominick Peloso

Rev. Mr. Thomas Kelly

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Rev. Reginald Martin, O.P.

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!

ISAIAH 35: 4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

the Lord raises up those who were bowed down. The Lord loves the just.

PSALMS 146

SECOND READING

Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith.

JAMES 2: 1-5

GOSPEL

He took him off by himself away from the crowd.

MARK 7: 31-37

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09 SEPTEMBER 2018



Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

JAMES 2: 5

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 09 - 15 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Ricky Torres
	05:30 PM	Vanessa and Brian Giannetti
TUE	07:30 AM	Barbara Sonsini
	05:30 PM	Cora Hussey; The Zappettini family; † Arthur Bellaire; † Jim Krahenbuhl
WED	07:30 AM	† Avelino and Loreta Reyes
	05:30 PM	† Adolph Firenze
THU	07:30 AM	† Calvin Joe
	05:30 PM	Colette Chiamparino
FRI	07:30 AM	The Micheletti, Rueq and Colombetti families, living and deceased
	05:30 PM	† Shelby Drazan
SAT	08:00 AM	Special intention; † Alexander Martynov; † Nicholai Martynov; † Ivan Martynov

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

FACING THE ABUSE CRISIS

Many parishioners have asked about help in dealing with the sexual abuse crisis in the Church, especially in the light of the most recent news emerging from Pennsylvania and Rome.

Bishop Robert Barron's website, www.wordonfire.org, has many good articles and interviews which can be easily accessed by the search button on the site.

I am also working to arrange a prayer service/discussion with competent professionals for the parish. I will keep you informed about this.

Please continue to pray for our Church, for all victims of abuse, for those whose Faith is challenged by these events, and especially for our young people.

Mmgr. Steven Otellini

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)
09 SEP	(Sunday)	Guatemalan Mission Sales
10 SEP	(Monday)	
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary
11 SEP	(Tuesday)	
	07:00 PM	H ⁴
12 SEP	(Wednesday)	
13 SEP	(Thursday)	
	11:00 AM	The Thursday Group
	07:00 PM	Fatima Mass and Celebration
	07:30 PM	Legion of Mary District Mtg
14 SEP	(Friday)	
15 SEP	(Saturday)	



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

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 25-26 AUG
	TOTAL: \$8,256
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress:	\$73,438
2018 ADA Goal:	\$152,524

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

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

11 SEP (Tuesday):

PATRIOT DAY: SEVENTEENTH ANNIVERSARY of the WORLD TRADE CENTER BOMBING

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

12 SEP (Wednesday):

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

13 SEP (Thursday):

SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (349-407)

It was for his sermons that John earned the title "Chrysostom" (golden-mouthed). They were always on point, they explained the Scriptures with clarity, and they sometimes went on for hours. He criticized the rich for not sharing their wealth, fought to reform the clergy, prevented the sale of ecclesiastical offices, called for fidelity in marriage, and encouraged practices of justice and charity.

14 SEP (Friday):

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The feast was celebrated in Rome before the end of the 7th century. Its purpose is to commemorate the recovering of that portion of the **Holy Cross** which was preserved at Jerusalem, and which had fallen into the hands of the Persians. **Emperor Heraclius** recovered this precious relic and brought it back to Jerusalem on **03 May 629**.

15 SEP (Saturday):

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

A feast in honor of the *Mater Dolorosa* (Mother of Sorrows) was granted to the **Servite** order in **1667**, and Pope Pius VII placed it on the Roman calendar of saints (third Sunday of September). Pope Pius X moved the feast to the current date of 15 September. The **Seven Sorrows of Mary** are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin which are a popular devotion and are frequently depicted in art: (1) the prophecy of Simeon over the Infant Jesus, (2) the flight into Egypt, (3) the loss of Jesus for three days, (4) the meeting of Jesus and Mary along the Way of the Cross, (5) the Crucifixion, (6) the descent from the cross, and (7) the burial of Jesus.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

NATIVITY RESPECT LIFE: FIND OUT MORE

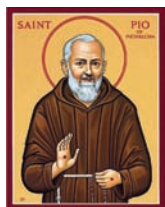
Interested in learning more about the **Nativity Respect Life** team? Please join us for a meeting on **Wednesday, 19 SEP 2018**, at **07:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center. We will discuss our current pro-life activities, share ideas and plan upcoming events to celebrate October as *Respect Life* month. For more information call **Laura** at **650/257-7780** or **Mary Ellen** at **650/269-7794**.

SCHOLA SERAPHICA: MALE VOICES NEEDED

Schola Seraphica has already begun rehearsing for our December concert. *We are in need of tenor and bass voices*. Practices are on **Monday** evenings. Please join us if you are able. We are looking forward to a wonderful concert season. For more information please contact **Margaret Durando**, **650/322-2789**.

RELIQS OF SAINT PIO TO VISIT THE BAY AREA

Relics of **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina** – better known as *Padre Pio* – will be at **Our Lady of Peace** church in **Santa Clara** for a full day of veneration on **Monday, 10 SEP 2018**.



The relics of Saint Pio available for public veneration will be his glove; crusts of the wounds; cotton-gauze with his blood stains; a lock of his hair; his mantle; and a handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died.

<https://www.olop-shrine.org/event/st-pio-relics-visit/>



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

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

PARISH CONSECRATION

On **Saturday, 13 OCT 2018** at the **05:00 PM** Mass, we will be renewing our parish consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It will be followed by a rosary procession and Benediction. To better prepare for it, we encourage everyone to get **Father Gaitley's** book, "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" (many of you have that book from last year). We will also be placing a beautiful memorial plaque generously donated by parishioners to commemorate the parish consecration. Please join us for this special time in our parish history.

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):

Wednesday: 03:00 PM

Friday: 01:00 AM, 02:00 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.

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 • Robert La Rue and Michelle Benevento

PARISHIONERS • Erin and Christopher Eidam (*Jacob*)
• Daisy and Kevin Gross (*Gianna*)

DEATHS

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND: • white and grey diaper bag

Call 650/323-7914.

FR. DAVENPORT MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Calling all golfers (and people who like to hang out with golfers). The **5th Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament** will take place on **Saturday, 13 OCT 2018** at The Golf Club at Moffett Field. This event is hosted by the **Nativity Men's Club** and features an **08:30 AM** shotgun start followed by a reception back at the school. All skill levels are encouraged to play, even those who haven't touched a golf club in years. Register at www.fatherdavenportgolf.com. For questions, please contact Chairperson **Mike Livingston** at **650/804-5226** or mike@lon1basketball.com. We hope to see everyone on the course!



IN THE COMMUNITY

GUATEMALAN MISSION SALES

On **09 SEP 2018**, **Kay Sweeney** will be at Nativity once again to sell Guatemalan handicrafts. These crafts are made by indigenous women in Guatemala, who are part of the Kateri Tekakwitha Fund. The sales of these handicrafts help support and educate these women. There will be information available on how to support a scholarship for a young indigenous woman. Visit their website for more information at www.kateri-fund.org. The crafts will be available in the **O'Hare Center** after the **Sunday morning** Masses only.



STANFORD HOSPITAL SPIRITUAL CARE

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathetic, well-grounded in your faith, and open to serving a couple of hours per week, then becoming a *Spiritual Care Service Volunteer* at Stanford might be the right opportunity for you. Stanford Health Care is offering its next training class for new volunteers on **Saturday, 06 OCT 2018**, at Stanford Hospital. To learn more about this special ministry and request an application, please contact **Raksha Patel** at **650/723-5101** or spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org. The deadline for submitting applications is **22 SEP 2018**.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT LUNCHEON

The annual *St. John Vianney Luncheon* for the benefit of the **Priests Retirement Fund**, will be held on **Friday, 26 OCT 2018** at **11:30 AM** at St. Mary's Cathedral (Patrons Hall). These funds cover medical expenses, assisted living, and nursing care for retired priests of the archdiocese. Since the first Luncheon in 2011, more than \$1.8 million has been raised, providing invaluable financial assistance to our retired priests.

You can support our retired priests by attending the Luncheon or by making a donation directly to the Retirement Fund at the Priests Retirement Luncheon webpage:

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/prflunch>

SAVE THE DATE: CELEBRANT AND SPEAKER

Thursday, 25 OCT 2018 at the **05:30 PM** Mass, noted Catholic priest and speaker **Fr. Michael Barry, SS.CC.** will be the celebrant. A conference on "*Healing the Family Tree*" is to follow Mass. More info forthcoming.

PAULINE BOOKSTORE

The **Daughters of St. Paul** have a brand new Book Center! **Pauline Books and Media** (*The Miracle on Middlefield*) is now open at their new location: 3250 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. **650/562-7060**. It is on the corner of Middlefield Road and 6th Avenue, with parking behind the store. Store hours are **Mon.-Fri. 10:00 AM-06:00 PM** and **Sat. 10:00 AM-05:00 PM**. If you are looking for Bibles, books, DVDs, religious gifts, and a Eucharistic chapel, the Pauline Books and Media Center will be one of your favorite places to visit.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY

Beginning **19 SEP 2018**, *New Beginnings: a Catholic Divorce Ministry* will offer a support group in San Francisco, meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, **07:00 PM** at the Parish Center, **St. Brendan Church** (29 Rockaway Ave, SF). Please go to www.newbeginningssf.info or contact **Diana** (415/929-0999 / dianamwild@gmail.com) or **Martin** (650/739-6446) for more information.

ST. PATRICK'S 11TH ANNUAL GALA (SAVE THE DATE)

On **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, **St. Patrick's Seminary** will be having their **11th Annual Gala**. This is the premier fundraising event for St. Patrick's, which this year is honoring the Archdiocese for the Military Services, with **Archbishop Timothy Broglio, JCD**, accepting the honors. The evening's program includes vespers; tours of the seminary and cocktails; dinner; and a live and silent auction.

For more information visit www.stpsu.edu, or contact **John Callan** at **650/325-5621** or advancement@stpsu.edu.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: Young People in Africa
(Universal)

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

PART-TIME EXTENDED CARE POSITION AVAILABLE

Nativity Catholic School, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025, is accepting applicants for part-time extended care supervisors for the 2018-2019 school year. Candidates should be practicing Catholics in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. Salary is commensurate with experience. Hours are **M-F** from **03:00-05:00 PM**. Contact **Ms. Patti**, Principal, via email jpatti@nativityschool.com or call: **650/325-7304**.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS: CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The **Archdiocese of San Francisco** and the **St. John Paul II Foundation** present the *Together in Holiness Conference* on **Saturday, 29 SEP 2018**, from **09:00 AM-03:45 PM** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church**, 1040 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont. The day includes Mass celebrated by **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone**, Eucharistic Adoration, and Reconciliation. Child care (2-12 years) is available, space limited. Cost is **\$59** a couple, or **\$35** individual (early bird costs until **20 AUG** are **\$49/29**).

Visit: www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th18-sfca/ to learn more and register, or contact **Ed Hopfner 415/614-5547** or hopfnere@sfarch.org.

Presentations by national experts include:

"Learning to Pray Together as Spouses: Three Simple Steps"

Christopher J. Stravitsch, D.Min., LPC, LMFT, Co-founder, St. John Paul II Foundation

Pope Saint John Paul II taught that families have a "priestly mission" which includes living a life of prayer together in the home—husband and wife together, parents and children together. Dr. Chris Stravitsch will share three simple steps couples can follow to begin or to deepen their prayer life together.

"Prayer as the Basis of Family Unity"

Fr. Joseph Illo, Pastor, Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco

All spouses want a peaceful home where they can flourish and, if they are blessed with children, where their children can grow and flourish. Fr. Illo draws on his 27 years of experience as a parish priest to share his insights on making a home a true refuge that is welcoming to family and friends.

"Discovering the Domestic Church"

Dr. John and Mrs. Claire Grabowski.

Pope Saint John Paul II called the Christian family a miniature church. John and Claire Grabowski (Catholic spouses, parents, and grandparents) explore practical ways to make this beautiful vision of family more of a reality in daily life and experience.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

09 SEP (SUN)

10 SEP (MON)

11 SEP (TUE)

12 SEP (WED)

13 SEP (THU)

14 SEP (FRI) FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

15 SEP (SAT) SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

16 SEP (SUN) THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

17 SEP (MON) FOURTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

18 SEP (TUE) FIFTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
FIRST DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

19 SEP (WED) SIXTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
SECOND DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

20 SEP (THU) SEVENTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
THIRD DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

21 SEP (FRI) EIGHTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
FOURTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

22 SEP (SAT) NINTH DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
FIFTH DAY: St. Vincent de Paul

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-padre-pio/

St. Vincent de Paul:

www.liturgies.net/saints/vincentdepaul/novena.htm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The **Youth Club** at **St. Francis Assisi Parish** is in need of volunteers for after-school tutoring for underserved students in grades 3 to 5. They are looking for volunteers to tutor students in Reading/Literacy or Math. The hours are **04:00-06:00 PM, Monday** through **Friday**. Volunteers can work one day a week up to five days a week.

If you are interested in helping, contact **Sarah Burton** at **415/972-1226** or sburton@catholiccharitiessf.org. St. Francis is located at 1425 Bay Road, East Palo Alto.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

ST. FRANCIS CENTER OF REDWOOD CITY

The **St. Francis Center of Redwood City** is currently looking for volunteer tutors for ESL adult students at our center. Starting immediately, English tutor/teachers are needed **Monday** through **Friday** at various times during the day. No knowledge of Spanish is necessary. It is a wonderful ministry. If you can commit to an hour or an hour and half one day a week, you would be making a huge difference in the life of your future students. Please contact **Tess** at the St. Francis Center at **650/365-7829** for more information and to sign up. Thank you!

WHAT EXACTLY IS A "NOVENA"?

Every week the bulletin lists **novena** (the proper plural of the word "**novena**") that would be appropriate to pray, given the current calendar (usually in anticipation of a feast day). **Novena** comes from the Latin word *novem*, which means "nine". It is a nine days' private or public devotion to obtain special graces. Unlike an *octave*, which has a more festive character, a novena has often a tone of mourning, yearning or prayer. In fact, the first novena were *novena of the dead*. Next came a *novena of preparation*, which during the Middle Ages was celebrated only before **Christmas** and only in **Spain** and **France**. This novena was in remembrance of the **nine months** Our Lord was in the womb of the Blessed Mother. At about the same time, the *novena of prayer* arose in certain parts of Europe, with nine days of prayer to a particular saint for their intercession.

A *novena of mourning* is said to remember that Jesus gave up His Spirit "**at the ninth hour**" (**MARK 15:34** and **MATTHEW 27:46**), but generally all novena are considered to be based on the example of Jesus' instructions to His apostles (at the Ascension), to return to the upper room and remain there in prayer until the Feast of Pentecost: a period of **nine days**.

THE OLDEST NOVENA: NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS

The novena in honor of the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord Himself when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light and strength and love so sorely needed by every Christian.

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

THE LONGEST NOVENA

Okay, so technically these are not *novena*, but there are two devotions attributed to **Saint Birgitta (Bridget) of Sweden** that are plenty long. The first one is to be said daily for **one year**, and the other one is to be said daily for **twelve years** (yes ... **12** ...).

The first devotion, known as the **Holy Wounds Devotion** or the **Fifteen Prayers of St. Bridget**, came about many years after St. Birgitta, as a child, had a vision of Christ scourged and hanging on the cross. In prayer she asked Our Lord how many times He had been struck during His Passion, and He replied: "I received **5480** blows upon My Body.

If you wish to honor them in some way, recite fifteen *Our Fathers* and fifteen *Hail, Marys* with the following Prayers, which I Myself shall teach you, for an entire year. When the year is finished, you will have honored each of My Wounds."

The second devotion is a meditation on the **Seven Bloodsheds**: the seven times that Our Lord shed His Precious Blood on our account. To anyone who says these daily for twelve years, the following graces have been promised:

1. The soul who prays them suffers no Purgatory.
2. The soul who prays them will be accepted among the Martyrs as though he had spilled his blood for his faith.
3. The soul who prays them can choose three others whom Jesus will then keep in a state of grace sufficient to become holy.
4. No one in the four successive generations of the soul who prays them will be lost.
5. The soul who prays them will be made conscious of his death one month in advance.

If the supplicant should die before the allotted span, God the Father will accept them as having been prayed in their entirety, as the genuine intention was there. If a day or a few days are missed for a valid reason, they can be made up later.

Search online for "*prayers of St. Bridget of Sweden*" to find the prayers and more details of the devotions.

ALL ABOUT 9 THE NOVENA

... in piercing cold ...

BEST-KNOWN NOVENA:

THE "CHRISTMAS" NOVENA

This novena is often prayed in one of two forms. In the traditional nine-day form, it begins on **16 DEC**. But a longer devotion recites this prayer every day beginning on the day after the **Feast of St. Andrew (01 DEC)**. In this form, the prayers are recited **15** times each day up through **Christmas Eve**.

<https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/novena/christmas.htm>

THE SHORTEST NOVENA

The **Powerful Novena in Urgent Need** is a novena to the **Infant Jesus of Prague**, and it is recited in a single day, over **nine hours** (instead of nine days).

www.ewtn.com/library/prayer/pragnov.txt

Even shorter is the "**Flying Novena**" of **Saint Theresa of Calcutta**, in which the *Memorare* prayer is recited nine times in succession, followed by a tenth *Memorare* in thanksgiving for the petitions having been heard by Our Blessed Mother.

<https://tinyurl.com/flyingNovena>