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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 07:00 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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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

Thus says the Lord: Here is My servant whom I uphold.

ISAIAH 42: 1-4, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

PSALMS 29

SECOND READING

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power.

ACTS 10: 34-38

GOSPEL

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

LUKE 3: 15-16, 21-22



The Baptism of Christ - Francesco Albani

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

13 JANUARY 2019

A voice came from heaven, "You are My Beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

LUKE 3: 22

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 13 - 19 JAN

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	07:30 AM	† Virginia Munk
	05:30 PM	† Marie Soley-Jenkins
TUE	07:30 AM	† Calvin Joe
	05:30 PM	Anna Zappettini; † Paula Zappettini
WED	07:30 AM	† Fulgencia Rodriguez
	05:30 PM	Crishia Beltran; † Richard Krueger; † Robert Tan Winstin; † Marjorie Murdock
THU	07:30 AM	Greg Piccinini
	05:30 PM	† Arthur Bellaire
FRI	07:30 AM	† Sally O'Hare
	05:30 PM	† Vicki MacDonald
SAT	08:00 AM	† Robin McGlohn; † Norbert Nolden; † William Roe; † Fred Fifield; † Arthur Bellaire


Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

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 JAN	(Sunday)	03:00 PM	RCIA
14 JAN	(Monday)	06:15 PM	Legion of Mary
15 JAN	(Tuesday)	07:00 PM	H ⁴
16 JAN	(Wednesday)	06:00 PM 07:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena Confirmation Class (school)
17 JAN	(Thursday)	11:00 AM 01:00 PM	The Thursday Group Infant Jesus of Prague Society
18 JAN	(Friday)		
19 JAN	(Saturday)	09:00 AM	Natural Family Planning Class

WALK FOR LIFE BUS

This year's *Walk for Life* is on **Saturday, 26 JAN 2019**. For anyone who would like to ride the bus, please call **Mary Ellen Peloso, 650/269-7794** for a reservation. The cost is **\$10** per person and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. The bus will leave Nativity at **10:30 AM** and return at **05:00 PM**. This "show of force" for the weakest and most marginalized in our society is something all people of good will should participate in if at all possible. By this march, we again become a sign of God's love for everyone, even the smallest among us. Please join us.

PARISH OFFERINGS	
	WEEK OF 29-30 DEC
TOTAL:	\$16,931
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:	\$5,552
Annual Diocesan Appeal Progress: 2018 ADA Goal:	GOAL MET! \$152,524

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

16 JAN (Wednesday):

SAINT BERARD, Priest, and COMPANIONS, Protomartyrs (d. 16 JAN 1220)

The first martyrs of the Franciscan order, **Berard** and four companions had been sent by **St. Francis** himself to preach the gospel in Morocco. When they would not denounce their religion and continued to preach against Mohammed, the Moorish king killed them himself.

18-25 JAN 2019
is the
Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity



Justice and Only Justice You Shall Pursue

17 JAN (Thursday):

SAINT ANTHONY (OF THE DESERT), Abbot (251-356)

St. Anthony is known as the **patriarch of the monastic life**, for he founded the first two monasteries. Following the direction to “sell what you have and give to the poor”, he gave away all his vast possessions and retired to the desert in solitude, where he lived an extremely austere and punishing life. He was assaulted mercilessly by demons, but his faith never wavered. He was persuaded to establish two monasteries and a rule only after great numbers of people sought him out for the life he led and example he provided.



MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

Motherhood is one of the greatest joys of our lives, but we all go through periods when that joy seems rather distant. When we're in a slump, or struggling with “mom burnout,” how can we get back to having fun with our kids and enjoying our vocation as a mom? We'll share experiences and trade tips and encouragement at this week's meeting.

We're also having a baby goods swap at this meeting! Bring your unwanted toys, clothes, or other baby/toddler items, and swap them for items from other moms!

Topic: *Re-Claiming the Joys of Motherhood plus Baby Goods Swap*

Date: **Wednesday, 16 JAN 2019**

Place: **O'Hare Center**

Time: **10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Contact: **Katie Froula or Christina Lee**
midpencatholicmoms+managers@googlegroups.com

Online: www.meetup.com/Catholic-Moms

NFP OVERVIEW CLASS

Our next Natural Family Planning (NFP) class will be on **Saturday, 19 JAN 2019**. 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. 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.

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 JAN 2019** 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):

Saturday: 03:00 PM

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.

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 • David Powell
• Jeanne Scherba

NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Every **Wednesday** evening after the **05:30 PM** Mass there will be a novena to St. Joseph. This novena will take about 20 minutes. In addition to the novena, once a month the **05:30 PM** Mass will be in honor of St. Joseph. All are welcome to join in this celebration in honor of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



IN THE COMMUNITY

OPEN HOUSE

Nativity School invites you to a special *Open House* for families interested in joining the Nativity community (grades PreSchool-7) on **Sunday, 27 JAN 2019**, from **11:00 AM-01:00 PM** at the school, 1250 Laurel Street, Menlo Park. Come to see the creative displays and exhibits and meet our faculty and staff. If you are interested in a private tour prior to the Open House, please contact the Nativity School office at **650/325-7304**. Please visit our website for more information about Nativity School, www.nativityschool.com.

ST. ANTHONY'S PADUA DINING ROOM

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park is in great need of donations of food and clothing "*We prepare about 500 meals a day, our needs are large quantities of items.*" Your help will be much appreciated. They need the following food: **meats** -- frozen turkeys; ham (whole or canned); frozen whole chickens; beef (bulk); **canned foods** -- cranberry sauce; pasta sauce (#10 can); tomato sauce (#10 can); juices, olives; **dry goods** -- pinto beans and long grain white rice (25 lb. bags); **pasta** -- penne, elbow macaroni, spaghetti, egg noodles; instant potatoes (10 lb. size); salad dressing; cooking oil; olive oil; butter (salted, whipped, or unsalted); sugar; coffee; ground pepper; garlic powder; **fresh fruit and vegetables** in bulk amounts -- onions, carrots, celery, potatoes, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini, summer squash, yams, apples lemons, oranges. **Cash donations** are always appreciated. Cash donations can also be made to [St. Anthony's Vegetable Account](#) at **Sigona's Market**, 2345 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, **650/368-6993**.

St. Anthony's is located at 3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, **650/365-9664**.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer its annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on **09 FEB 2019** at **10:00 AM** at the Cathedral. All couples who in 2019 will celebrate anniversaries ending in 5 or 0 (5 years, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40) and all couples married more than 40 years, are invited to celebrate with us. **Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P.** will be the principal celebrant. Register at www.anniversarymass.info or call **415/614-5547**. St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco. For more information contact **Ed Hopfner**, Office of Marriage and Family Life hopfnere@sfarch.org

NATIVITY AUCTION 2019! SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendars to join us at this year's annual fundraising auction, *Mardi Gras, Masquerade Ball*, on **Saturday, 02 MAR 2019**. There will be hors d'oeuvres with a *LIVE* jazz band, dinner and dancing, and of course both a silent auction and live auction. This event is a success due to the generous participation and donations of our parishioners and school community. Please help us to make this year's event the best yet!



Looking to get involved? We have two simple opportunities leading up to the event where we could use some help:

1. Help us in promoting the event following Mass.
2. Help us fill out our Silent Auction offerings (available in the church office).

Please send your completed donation form to:

nativityauction@yahoo.com or place it in the Auction mailbox in the School Office no later than **20 DEC 2018**.

If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to **Lindsey Brill** (lindseydrill@yahoo.com) or **Melissa Fedoronko** (mfedoronko@hotmail.com) for more information. Feel free to send us any questions you may have, and thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of Nativity School!

ST. ANTHONY'S CLOTHES CLOSET

St. Anthony's Clothes Closet is also in need of new or gently used clothing for men, women and children, including warm coats and sweaters, sweatshirts and shoes; New athletic socks, new sleeping bags; disposable diapers of all sizes; ball caps; toiletries. Anything you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. St. Anthony's is located at 3500 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, **650/365-9664**.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The **Archdiocesan Office of Vocations** offers a weekend vocation discernment retreat for men who wish to explore a possible call to the priesthood. The retreat will be held at **St. Patrick's Seminary and University**, **18-20 JAN 2019**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. For information on this mid-January event, visit the website www.sfpriest.org or contact **Fr. Patrick Summerhays**, Vocation Director, **415/614-5684** or summerhays.patrick@sfarch.org.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTIONS

Each month His Holiness asks for prayer intentions. For **January 2019**, the Holy Father's intention is:

Intention: Young People and
the Example of Mary

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to our Celebration of the *World Day of the Sick* at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption on **Saturday, 02 FEB 2019 at 11:00 AM**. Please come and bring a friend who is sick for a "special time of prayer and sharing..." (St. John Paul II). Contact **Kenneth Ryan**, kennryan@aol.com, 415/613-0395 for more information.

BUTTE COUNTY FIRE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento, which includes **Butte County**, has established a Fire Assistance Fund. The diocesan website says, "In light of the Northern California fires that have devastated various parts of our Diocese, Bishop Jaime Soto has asked the faithful to remember in their prayers all those affected, especially the firefighters and emergency personnel, as well as residents who have been displaced, lost their residences or evacuated." To donate to the diocesan Fire Assistance Fund go to: www.scd.org/catholicfoundation/giving.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

13 JAN (SUN)	SECOND Day: St. Agnes
14 JAN (MON)	THIRD Day: St. Agnes
15 JAN (TUE)	FOURTH Day: St. Agnes
16 JAN (WED)	FIFTH Day: St. Agnes
17 JAN (THU)	SIXTH Day: St. Agnes
18 JAN (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: St. Agnes
19 JAN (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: St. Agnes FIRST Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
20 JAN (SUN)	NINTH Day: St. Agnes SECOND Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
21 JAN (MON)	Feast of Saint Agnes THIRD Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
22 JAN (TUE)	FOURTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
23 JAN (WED)	FIFTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
24 JAN (THU)	SIXTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
25 JAN (FRI)	SEVENTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas
26 JAN (SAT)	EIGHTH Day: St. Thomas Aquinas

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Saint Agnes:

<http://svfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Novena-St-Agnes.pdf>

Saint Thomas Aquinas:

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/prayers/english5/p03449.htm>

NATIVITY SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL: HELP NEEDED

Attention -- CCD/School of Religion Families: Calling out to CCD families with **4th grade girls**. Nativity School is looking for additional players to complete their 4th Basketball Team. We would love to have you be a part of the Nativity School team. Great teammates, great coaches and great fun.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact **Bill Loftus** at billloftus@rocketmail.com or you may contact the Nativity School office at 650/325-7304. Thank you.



DISCERNMENT DAY WITH DOMINICAN SISTERS. MENLO PARK

Are you seeking for truth? Yearning for the infinite? Wanting true happiness? Christ is the Answer. The **Dominican nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery** host a *Come and See Day* for single, Catholic women aged 18-38 on **Saturday, 19 JAN 2019** at Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park. For those outside the Bay Area, the nuns have limited accommodations for overnight guests. The day begins with Mass at **08:00 AM**, followed by Divine Office, Rosary, conferences on discernment, recreation with the nuns, Eucharistic Adoration, and more. The event is free and all meals will be provided.

For information and to register, visit the website or contact **Sister Joseph Marie, O.P.** (vocations@opnunsmenlo.org) www.opnunsmenlo.org/upcoming-events

Because Women Deserve Better than Abortion.™

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

15TH ANNUAL

Saturday, January 26 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • San Francisco

Rally: 12:30PM
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 26, 2019

Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Ends at Embarcadero Plaza/Ferry Building.
BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.

Register and info:
415/658-1793 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com WalkforLifeWC.com

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYERS

The **1962 Sunday Missal** contains a wonderful set of prayers and meditations in addition to the texts for the Sacrifice of the Mass in Latin and English (get your own copy at www.neumannpress.com). Here are some simple prayers to start and end each day.

MORNING PRAYERS

† *In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Our Father, ...

Hail, Mary ...

Glory be to the Father, ...

O Lord God Almighty, Who has safely brought us to the beginning of a new day, defend us this day by Your Power, so that we may not only turn away from all sin, but also that our every thought, word and deed may proceed from and be directed according to Your Will. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

(Renewal of Baptismal Vows)

I renew my baptismal vows, I renounce Satan and all his works and all his pomps, I take Jesus Christ for my Model and my Guide and I promise to be faithful to Him unto the end of my life. Amen.

(Renewal of Confirmation Graces)

O My God, I thank You for all Your infinite goodness in sending down upon my soul Your Holy Spirit, with all His gifts and graces. O, may He take full possession of me forever. May His heavenly Wisdom reign in my heart; His Understanding enlighten my darkness; His Counsel guide me; His Fortitude strengthen me; His Knowledge instruct me; His Piety make me fervent; His divine Fear keep me from all evil. Give me grace to be Your faithful soldier, so that by fighting the good fight of faith, I may be brought to the crown of eternal life by the merits of Your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



EVENING PRAYERS

Eternal Father, I offer You the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all Its Love, all Its sufferings and all Its merits: to expiate all the sins I have committed this day, and during all my life.

Glory be to the Father, ...

To purify the good I have done in my poor way this day, and during all my life.

Glory be to the Father, ...

To make up for the good I ought to have done and that I neglected this day, and during all my life.

Glory be to the Father, ...

(Acts of Faith, Hope and Love)

O My God, I firmly believe that You are one God in three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; I believe that Your Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches, because You have revealed them, Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

O My God, relying on Your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Your grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

O My God, I love You above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have injured.

(An Act of Resignation)

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with You. Amen.

(Protection During the Night)

Visit, we beseech You, O Lord, this house, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. May Your holy Angels dwell herein to keep us in peace, and may Your blessing be on us always. Amen.