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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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 FEBRUARY 2017

Do not worry about tomorrow;
tomorrow will take care of itself.

MATTHEW 6: 34



FIRST READING

I will never forget you.

ISAIAH 49: 14-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Only in God is my soul at rest; from Him comes my salvation.

PSALMS 62

SECOND READING

He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts.

1 CORINTHIANS 4: 1-5

GOSPEL

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.

MATTHEW 6: 24-34

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 26 FEB - 04 MAR

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| SAT | 05:00 PM | Priest's intentions |
| SUN | Masses | Priest's intentions |
| MON | 07:30 AM | Bernice Araujo |
| | 05:30 PM | † Mary Hoyt |
| TUE | 07:30 AM | † Mike Young |
| | 05:30 PM | † Miriam and Rolly Somer; † Tom Del Sarto |
| WED | 07:30 AM | † Ann English |
| | 09:00 AM | † Robert McGirr |
| | 05:30 PM | † Joseph Wynne |
| | 07:30 PM | † Jim Lehmann |
| THU | 07:30 AM | † Lore Araujo |
| | 05:30 PM | † Deirdre O'Sullivan |
| FRI | 07:30 AM | † Felisa De la Rosa |
| | 05:30 PM | † Gertrude Sullivan; † Jose Chanko, Jr.; † Maureen Clarke; † Robert Johnson; † Ed Dikun |
| SAT | 08:00 AM | In thanksgiving - the Acluba family; Kirk and Lauren Andrews; The Janini family; † Francis George Eichler |

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing

ABSTINENCE: Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS** of Lent and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

FAST: Everyone eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of sixty, is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

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| 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) |

26 FEB (Sunday)

27 FEB (Monday)

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| 07:30 PM | Legion of Mary |
| 07:30 PM | RCIA |
| 07:30 PM | St. Vincent de Paul Society |

28 FEB (Tuesday)

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| 09:30 AM | Bible Study |
| 07:30 PM | Bible Study |
| 08:00 PM | H ⁴ |

01 MAR (Wednesday)

Ash Wednesday

07:00 PM Confirmation Class



02 MAR (Thursday)

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| 11:00 PM | The Thursday Group |
| 06:00 PM | ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting |

03 MAR (Friday)

First Friday
Lenten Friday




04 MAR (Saturday)

First Saturday
09:00 AM Baptism Class



We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, following the 05:30 PM Mass

| PARISH OFFERINGS | |
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|  | WEEK OF 11-12 FEB |
| TOTAL: | \$11,424 |

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

03 MAR (Friday):

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL (1858-1955)

Born in 1858 into a prominent Philadelphia family, Katharine became imbued with love for God and neighbor. She took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and a fortune of 20 million dollars to this work. In 1894, Mother Drexel took part in opening the first mission school for Indians, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In 1915 she also founded Xavier University in New Orleans. At her death there were more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country.

04 MAR (Saturday):

SAINT CASIMIR OF POLAND (1458-1484)

Casimir was a 15th-century Polish prince, third in line for the throne. He lived a highly disciplined, often severe, life: sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of each night in prayer, and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy (even under pressure to marry the daughter of the emperor). He had a great devotion to Mary, supported the poor, and lived a virtuous life amid the dis-solute court.

- **What Sacrifices Are You Willing To Make This Lent?**
- **Do You Think You Can Do It For Forty Days?**
- **Do You Think You Can Make It Into a Permanent Offering to Our Lord and Savior?**

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

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.



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**.

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.

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/lowgluten.php



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.

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 • Armando Athayde, son of Robert and Kelly Wirka

MARRIAGES

PARISHIONERS

DEATHS • Raymond Schaaf
• Vincenzo DeGrasso

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 01 MAR 2017 is Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 07:30 and 09:00 AM (Nativity School Mass); 05:30 and 07:30 PM. Ashes will be distributed after each Mass. Ash Wednesday is **not** a Holy Day of Obligation (but attend anyway -- your soul will thank you).

Dear Msgr. Otellini,

It is with pleasure that I send my warmest thanks to you and Church of the Nativity. We received your gift of \$6,262. Please let your parishioners know how much their generosity means to the people we serve each day. Church of the Nativity has been a great blessing to all those served by Catholic Charities, and we look forward to working with you and your parish again in May to strengthen families and reduce poverty in our Archdiocese. I pray that God will refresh and bless you in all the challenges and joys of our ministry this year. Again, I am most grateful for the direct impact your parish has made in the lives of people from all walks of life.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bialik, Executive Director

IN THE COMMUNITY

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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES: LENTEN ACTIVITIES

"Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly"

We invite you to join **Catholic Charities** to experience Lent in these concrete ways:

- Tour one of our programs to grow in awareness about the needs in our community
- Share your time by becoming a volunteer
- Make a difference by donating to those in need.

Visit our website <https://catholiccharitiessf.org/all-opportunities/> to sign up for a Lenten opportunity, or for more information please contact **Diana Contreras**, Volunteer Manager at **415/972-1227** or volunteer@catholiccharitiessf.org.

"When anyone reposes all his confidence in God, God continually exercises a special protection over him, and in this state of things he can be assured that no evil will happen to him."

-- St. Vincent de Paul

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.

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.

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Support for Persecuted Christians*

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

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.

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our mother; to you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your infinite mercy, hear and answer us.

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

26 FEB (SUN)

27 FEB (MON)

28 FEB (TUE)

01 MAR (WED) Ash Wednesday

02 MAR (THU)

03 MAR (FRI) Lenten Friday

04 MAR (SAT)

05 MAR (SUN)

06 MAR (MON)

07 MAR (TUE)

08 MAR (WED)

09 MAR (THU)

10 MAR (FRI) Lenten Friday

11 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



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



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

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**.



STREET LIFE MINISTRIES

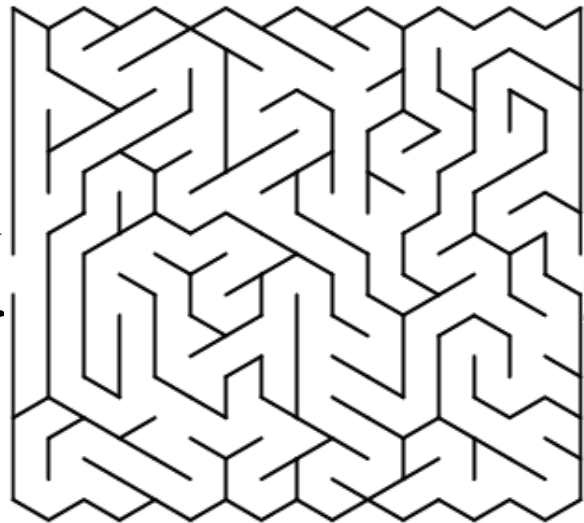
Street Life Ministries is a community-based non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk population of Menlo Park and Redwood City. We build environments and relationships where community volunteers can provide food, clothing, housing referral, addiction recovery, and other personal support. For over 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

"Seek first the kingdom of God..."



LENTEN, HOLY WEEK and EASTER SERVICES

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| 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 06:30 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only) |
| 14 APR | (Friday) | Good Friday 12:00 PM Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM - Reflections 02:00 PM (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 - Reconciliation 12:00 PM - 02:00 PM - Reconciliation 04:00 PM 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) | 09:00 AM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (one Mass only) |



Nativity's Day is Sunday, 12 MAR 2017

March 1 - April 9

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Help save lives in San Mateo!

During this Lent,
(Ash) Wednesday, March 1, to (Palm) Sunday, April 9, 2017
7am - 7pm daily

40 Days for Life will be held at:
Planned Parenthood, 35 Baywood Ave, San Mateo

Please join us!

40 Days for Life is a nationwide, peaceful, prayerful, life-saving effort to compassionately share the love of Christ with women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Visit: www.40daysforlife.com/sanmateo

Email : themunns@yahoo.com

Phone: 650-572-1468