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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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Rev. Patrick Hartin

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24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



HEARING LOOP ENABLED



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FIRST READING

It becomes like fire burning in my heart.
JEREMIAH 20: 7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For You my flesh pines and my soul thirsts.
PSALMS 63

SECOND READING

Do not conform yourselves to this age but
 be transformed by the renewal of your mind.
ROMANS 12: 1-2

GOSPEL

"What profit would there be for one to gain
 the whole world and forfeit his life?"
MATTHEW 16: 21-27



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

03 SEPTEMBER 2017

The Son of Man will come with
 His angels in His Father's glory.

MATTHEW 16: 27

CALENDAR

SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND INTENTIONS WEEK OF 03 - 09 SEP

SAT	05:00 PM	Priest's intentions
SUN	Masses	Priest's intentions
MON	09:00 AM	† JoAnn Bedrossian Conway
TUE	07:30 AM	† Robert Oyster, Sr.
	05:30 PM	† Ira Castain; † Cesar Cabrera; † Elpidio Lambojon; † Julieta Lambojon
WED	07:30 AM	† Harlon Ingvalson
	05:30 PM	† Bill Marques
THU	07:30 AM	† Swede Lenz
	05:30 PM	ICF #351 living and deceased members
FRI	07:30 AM	† Clementina Barajas
	05:30 PM	† Willi Helbig
SAT	08:00 AM	The Hadsall family; Joseph Kaeppler and family; The Parsons family; † Amy Wong

Please pray for those in need of physical or spiritual healing



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

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The *4th Annual Father Davenport Memorial Golf Tournament* will be held on **Saturday, 14 OCT 2017** at the **Golf Club at Moffett Field**, 934 Macon Road, Moffett Field, Mountain View. Registration will begin at **07:00 AM**; **08:10 AM** Opening Ceremony and Prayer; **08:30 AM** Shotgun Start. At **03:00 PM** there will be cocktails, appetizers and awards at Nativity School Sobrato Pavilion. To register and make your payment, please visit <http://fatherdavenportgold.com>. For questions contact **Mike Livingston** at mike@lon1basketball.com.



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)

03 SEP (Sunday)

04 SEP (Monday) *Labor Day*
 07:30 PM Legion of Mary

05 SEP (Tuesday)
 08:00 PM H⁴

06 SEP (Wednesday)
 09:30 AM Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms

07 SEP (Thursday)
 11:00 AM The Thursday Group
 06:00 PM ICF #351 Dinner and Meeting

08 SEP (Friday)
 09:00 AM Nativity School Mass

09 SEP (Saturday)

The parish office will be closed
 on Monday, 04 SEPT 2017
 for Labor Day.

There will be one Mass,
 at 09:00 AM, on Monday.

PARISH OFFERINGS

	WEEK OF 19-20 AUG
TOTAL:	\$12,297
Feast of the Assumption:	\$3,359
ADA Progress:	\$46,530
2017 Archdiocesan Appeal Goal:	\$165,940

Donate online: www.tinyurl.com/sf2017ADA

SAINTS AND OBSERVANCES

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, MEMORIAL • OPTIONAL MEMORIAL • OTHER

04 SEP (Monday):

LABOR DAY

On **05 September 1882**, the first **Labor Day** parade was held in New York City. Twenty thousand workers marched in a parade up Broadway. They carried banners that read *LABOR CREATES ALL WEALTH* and *EIGHT HOURS FOR WORK, EIGHT HOURS FOR REST, EIGHT HOURS FOR RECREATION!* After the parade there were picnics all around the city. At night, fireworks were set off. Within the next few years, the idea spread from coast to coast, and all states celebrated **Labor Day**. In **1894**, Congress voted it a federal holiday.

08 SEP (Friday):

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Birth of St. Mary
Domenico Ghirlandajo

09 SEP (Saturday):

SAINT PETER CLAVER, Priest (1581-1654)

A Jesuit missionary to America, Peter ministered physically and spiritually to the slaves when they arrived in Cartagena. He reportedly converted 300,000, and worked for humane treatment on the plantations for 40 years. He organized charitable societies among the Spanish in America similar to those in Europe by St. Vincent de Paul.

MINISTRY AND GROUP NEWS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

On **Monday evening, 18 SEP 2017**, from **07:00-08:30 PM** in the O'Hare Center, **Fr. Mark Mazza** will begin a series of ten classes on the *Apostles' Creed*. Over the course of these classes Fr. Mazza will cover the twelve articles of the Creed, which is the first pillar in the Faith we profess, live and love. The official Catechism of the Catholic Church will be the text we use. All are welcome to these classes; they are open to non-Catholics as well. These classes are for spiritual enrichment. There is no charge for the course. If you don't have a Catechism, they will be available for purchase. For more information contact Fr. Mark Mazza, **650/323-7914**.

NATIVITY LADIES DINNER

On **11 SEP 2017** please join the **Nativity Ladies** for dinner at **06:00 PM** at the **Palo Alto Elks Club**, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. For information call **Bonnie Neylan** at **650/269-4635**.

MYSTERY OF LOVE

Do you want the keys to the Mystery of Love and Relationship? Everyone has a driving desire to love and be loved. So why do we seem to miss the mark so often? We invite you to join us in discovering the keys to the mystery of love and relationships! The Dominican cloistered nuns of **Corpus Christi Monastery** and guest **Jim Brady** will be unraveling this mystery in a five-session series based on the ground-breaking "*Love and Responsibility*" by Karol Wojtyla (Pope St. John Paul II). Join us every **second Saturday** morning beginning **09 SEP 2017** from **09:15-11:30 AM** (Mass at **08:00 AM**) Join us on **09 SEP, 14 OCT, 11 NOV, 09 DEC, and 13 JAN**. The cost is **\$45** and includes books and materials. Corpus Christi Monastery, 215 Oak Grove Ave. Menlo Park.

For more information or to register, visit www.nunsmenlo.org or contact **Sr. Joseph Marie, O.P.** dominicannuns@nunsmenlo.org.

THE THURSDAY GROUP RESUMES

After a summer break the **Thursday Group** will resume meeting on **07 SEP 2017** at **12:00 PM** with a Rosary in the Church and our lunch social in the **O'Hare Center**. Bring your lunch (dessert, coffee and tea are provided). New members are welcome to our senior group. Those interested in our Scripture Study come to the O'Hare Center at **11:00 AM** (optional).



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):

Monday: 08:00 AM

Tuesday: 01:00 AM

Thursday: 02:00 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.

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).

FATIMA CELEBRATION

On **Wednesday, 13 SEP 2017**, we will have our next celebration of the Blessed Mother's apparition at Fatima, Portugal. We will have a Mass at **07:30 PM**, followed by a talk on the message of Fatima, rosary candlelight procession around the church grounds, and healing Benediction. Please join us and bring your family. For questions, contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279**.



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**
- Calen Rivers, son of Daniel and Corrine Cristiani
 - Camryn Stephanie Euguné, daughter of Jermaine and Elyssa Edwards
 - Zamyra Isabel, daughter of Jorge Rodriguez and Isabel Mulero
 - Kelsey Marie, daughter of Richard and Tracy McVey

- MARRIAGES**
- Alejandro Arreguin and Mayra Lua
 - Stewart Fielding and Brittany Nguyen

- PARISHIONERS**
- Holly Shipley
 - Lori and Patrick Williams (*Beckett, Paxton, Keaton*)

- DEATHS**
- Allis Marie McCormack

PARISH CONSECRATION

On **Friday, 13 OCT 2017**, **Monsignor Otellini** will be consecrating our Nativity Parish to the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**. It will be during the **07:30 PM** Mass that day celebrating the 100th year of the great Fatima Miracle. We encourage you to put it on your calendar now so that you can participate first hand. NOTE: In preparation for the Consecration, we have copies of Fr. Gaitley's book "*33 Days to Morning Glory*" available for purchase. This book provides meditations and prayers for us to methodically get ourselves ready for the consecration. We anticipate great spiritual benefit for the parish and for those who seriously participate. Contact **Deacon Dominick Peloso** at **650/269-6279** or the rectory to purchase one of these books (\$10 donation).

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOLA SERAPHICA

Rehearsals are underway for **Schola Seraphica's** 11th Annual Christmas Concert on **03 DEC 2017** at **02:30 PM**. The concert will once again be at the beautiful **St. Patrick's Seminary Chapel**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park.

IN THE COMMUNITY

HEALING MASS AND LITURGY

Parents, families and all interested persons are invited to a **Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy** in memory of babies and young children who have died before, during, or shortly after birth from any cause. This Mass will be at Holy Cross Mausoleum in **Holy Cross Cemetery**, Colma, near Rachel Knoll, **Saturday, 16 SEP 2017** at **11:00 AM**. **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** will be the principal celebrant of the bilingual Spanish and English Mass and will be joined by other priests of the Archdiocese. A Healing Liturgy will follow at the nearby Rachel Shrine. The liturgy is a touching and spiritual experience for those who are the parents of your children, as well as family and friends. All are welcome to a gathering and a light luncheon following the ceremony, which is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Post Abortion Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery. For further information please call the Respect Life Program, **415/614-5570** or Project Rachel, **415/717-6428**. Holy Cross Cemetery, 1500 Mission Road, Colma.

DAUGHTERS OF CARMEL: COME AND SEE

Are you looking for an open contemplative way of life? Come and see. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to come and see the life of the nuns of the **Daughters of Carmel** on **Friday, 08 SEP 2017** between **10:00 AM-02:00 PM** at **St. Patrick's Seminary**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Their convent is located on the grounds of the Seminary. Their way of life is rooted in Carmelite spirituality. The event is free, but space is limited. To register for the event call **650/329-8518**. For more information email daughtersofcarmel@gmail.com or visit www.daughtersofcarmel.org.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN/YOUNG ADULTS

St. Charles Parish is starting a new sacramental preparation ministry for children/young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other special needs in **September 2017**. Sacramental preparation will cover the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation and also provide modified services that help them participate in the Mass and the Sacraments. Those eligible will be children/young adults who have been diagnosed with developmental disabilities. That is, any young person who requires assistance to perform ordinary daily tasks, whether intellectual, physical and/or psychological impairment.

If you are interested either as a parent interested for your child, or in becoming a special needs catechist, please contact **Ana Uribe-Ruiz** (acuriberuiz@hotmail.com) or **Monica Miller** (mmiller@stcharlesparish.org). Please contact them as soon as possible so they may begin working on the necessary accommodations for each individual.

CURSILLO WOMEN'S WEEKEND

A *Cursillo* (a short course in Christian living) weekend is scheduled for **28 SEP-01 OCT 2017**. It will be held at **Holy Redeemer Retreat Center** in Oakland. Christians of all denominations are welcome. If you are interested in attending, call **Corie Duffey** at **650/704-1256** or you can obtain an application via the website at www.cantaelgallo.com/resources.html.

"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

FROM THE HOLY SEE

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

Intention: *Parishes*

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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.

NATIVITY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: 2017-2018

Registration has begun for Nativity's **Children's Faith Formation Program**. Children who attend public or independent schools in 1st through 8th grades should be enrolled in Nativity's School of Religion for ongoing faith formation.

Registration forms and information packets are available online (www.nativitymenlo.org) under the *School of Religion* link. We encourage all children to continue on in the School of Religion after receiving First Communion, through all grade levels until the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mrs. Hickam will be available after Masses on **09-10 SEP 2017** to register your children and answer any questions about the program. **Sacrament Class** and **Classes for grades 1-6** are held on **Sundays** from **08:15-09:15 AM** at Nativity School and continue on into our **09:30 AM** Mass with our *Children's Liturgy of the Word* (beginning **24 SEP 2017**) Confirmation Preparation Classes are held on **Wednesday** evenings from **07:00-08:00 PM** in the O'Hare Center beginning **11 OCT 2017**.

First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion requires 2 years of instruction before a child is eligible to receive these Sacraments. Children should be enrolled in 1st grade.

Confirmation Preparation is also a 2-year program as required by the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children should be enrolled as they enter 7th grade, but will include older students who have not yet been confirmed.

A kick-off celebration will be held on **17 SEP 2017** (Catechetical Sunday), after the **09:30AM** Mass. Classes begin on **Sunday, 24 SEP 2017** and the Confirmation Classes begin on **11 OCT 2017**.

Catechist Openings:

Help our children be all they can be! Become a catechist and use the talents God has given you to help teach our faith. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. Our program is in need of the following:

Substitute Catechists

Assistants for Grade 1 to 4

For questions or information please contact **Mrs. Monica Hicham** at **650/853-1009** or mon.hicham@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF NOVENAE

03 SEP (SUN)	FIFTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
04 SEP (MON)	SIXTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
05 SEP (TUE)	SEVENTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
06 SEP (WED)	EIGHTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
07 SEP (THU)	NINTH DAY: Nativity of the BVM
08 SEP (FRI)	The Nativity of the BVM
09 SEP (SAT)	
10 SEP (SUN)	
11 SEP (MON)	
12 SEP (TUE)	
13 SEP (WED)	
14 SEP (THU)	FIRST DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
15 SEP (FRI)	SECOND DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina
16 SEP (SAT)	THIRD DAY: St. Pio of Pietrelcina

FIND THE NOVENA PRAYERS

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

www.dailycatholic.org/sepdevo.htm

St. Pio of Pietrelcina:

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

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_glorie.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

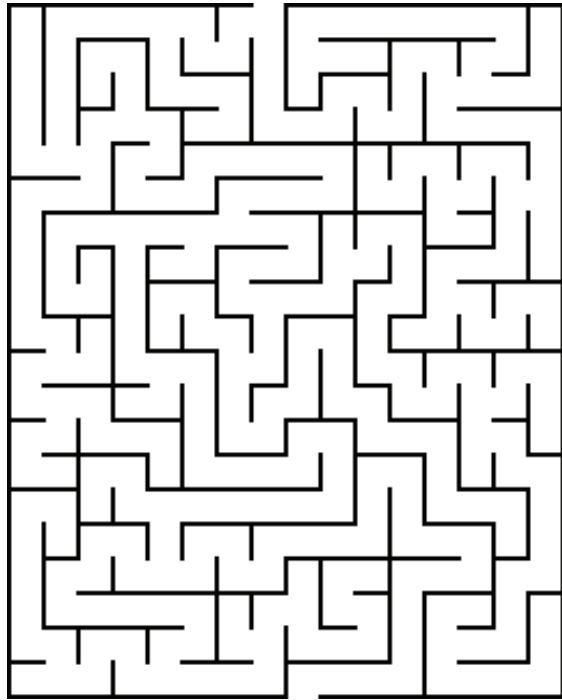
RCIA FOR 2017-18 BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** at Nativity. We will meet **Sundays, 03:00-04:30 PM** in the O'Hare Center, beginning **10 SEP 2017**. This faith formation series is for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith, and are now considering becoming Catholic, and for Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation. The classes are led by **Deacon Tom Kelly**, parishioner **Charlotte Pace**, and two seminarians. After a few weeks of informal inquiry, we will embark on several months of classes, prayer and discussion in preparation for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday** evening, **31 MAR 2018**. We will accept new participants throughout **SEP** and **OCT**. Please see the brochures in the vestibule for more detailed information. Contact **Charlotte Pace** (**650/325-6978**, cpace@stanford.edu) or the rectory (**650/323-7914**). We look forward to welcoming you.



Catholic adults who need **Confirmation only** are prepared by the archdiocese in a separate program. Please contact Charlotte for more info.

Take up your cross
and follow Jesus.



DID YOU KNOW?

Spending time with our Lord in a Holy Hour has benefits of which most of us are not aware:

- Our Lord revealed to **Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque** how to make a Holy Hour. In 1674, Our Lord appeared to her and complained of the indifference with which mankind treated His Love for them and asked her to make atonement for this ingratitude. He said: *"I will make you a partaker of that sorrow unto death which it was My will to suffer in the Garden of Olives. To join with Me in the humble prayer which I then offered to My Divine Father in agony, you shall rise before midnight, and remain with Me upon your knees prostrate for one hour, with your face to the ground, to appease the anger of My Eternal Father and ask of Him pardon for sinners."*
- In an Apostolic Letter on 30 MAR 1886, Pope Leo XIII allowed the faithful to make their Holy Hour on any hour and day of the week.
- "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!" -- **Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta**
- Our Lord revealed to **Blessed Dina Belanger** that a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so important that *"a multitude of souls go to heaven that had been destined for hell"*.
- *"You can come to Me (in Eucharistic Adoration) at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and I desire to grant you grace."* -- Our Lord to **Saint Faustina**

MID-PENINSULA CATHOLIC MOMS

Mid-Peninsula Catholic Moms, formerly **Nativity Mother's Group**, is starting this week. We welcome any mother, grandmother, or caretaker from any parish. We will be hosting meetings on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays** of the month. Children up to school age are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Meetings will consist of short presentations to instigate conversations relevant to Catholic motherhood. MPCM will also be offering quarterly family events on the weekends.

Our first topic will be *Children at Mass: The Beauty and the Challenge*.

Date: Wednesday, 06 SEP 2017

Place: O'Hare Center

Time: 09:30-11:30 AM

Family Event: *Pizza and Family Rosary*

Date: Saturday, 07 OCT 2017, *Feast of the Holy Rosary*

Place: TBA - outdoors

Time: 04:00 PM

To RSVP contact **Monica Hendricks**,

mmhendricks@gmail.com, home phone 650/367-4944

or Christina Lee, lee.christina.s@gmail.com, 650/450-8498

facebook.com/groups/mpcatholic or

meetup.com/Catholic-Moms



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

servicing: emily@streetlifeministries.org