

# ST. SEBASTIAN CHURCH

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 24, 2016



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening.....5 PM  
Sundays .....7AM, 9AM, & 11AM  
Monday - Saturday ..7AM & 9AM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays .....3:30 - 4:30PM

## EXPOSITION & ADORATION

Mon-Fri 7:30-8:55am, 9:30-10:30, 3-4pm

Pastor ..... Rev. Mark Taheny  
Parochial Vicar .... Rev. Paul Perry  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. Bill Turrentine  
Deacon ..... Rev. Mr. David Previtali  
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 25 - 30

- Mon 7AM Carina Estera Bday Thanksgiving  
9AM Barbara Tolin
- Tue 7AM Injured & Dec'd Dallas Policemen  
9AM Alice Ford
- Wed 7AM Archbishop Cordileone, *living*  
9AM Killed & Injured in France
- Thu 7AM Patrick Whitty  
9AM Killed & Injured in France
- Fri 7AM Carmella Kramer  
9AM Killed & Injured in France
- Sat 7AM Souls in Purgatory  
9AM Elizabeth Manning

## PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Angela, Joe, Kristen, Mary, Milton & Ivette, Monica, Patrick, Sandra L., Stephanie, Tim, Ann Boeri, Judy Christadore, Cathy Connor, Elizabeth Cook, Tony Gallagher, Nancy Lampe, Monte Maroevich, Chris Matthew, Mark Piatti, Rose Tannlund, & Sherry Willis.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC

Come celebrate the US Bishops' National NFP Awareness week by joining us for a bilingual Mass and picnic on July 30 at St Raymond's parish in Menlo Park (1100 Santa Cruz Avenue). Mass is at 10am with Fr Francis Goode, and will be followed by a potluck picnic. The Archdiocese, will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates, utensils... please bring drinks and a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to Ed Hopfner at HopfnerE@SFArch.org or (415) 614-5547 so we know how much food to purchase.

## BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study led by Deacon Bill Turrentine meets on Sundays after the 9am Mass, down in the Parish Hall.

*Drop in and take part!*



## SUNDAY COLLECTION

**Weekly Goal** \$ 4,200.  
**Last Weekend** \$ 3,920.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING



LOVE MERCY LIFE

*Opening the Heart of Marriage*

## NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS WEEK JULY 24 - JULY 30, 2016

*"Celebrate and reverence  
God's vision of human sexuality."*

## PRAYER

You don't know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and as soon as you have said, "Lord, I don't know how to pray!" you can be sure you've already begun.

—*Saint Josemaría Escrivá*

All my sermons are prepared in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament... The most brilliant ideas come from meeting God face to face... Pope John Paul II keeps a small desk or writing pad near him whenever he is in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament; and I have done this all my life — I am sure for the same reason he does, because a lover always works better when the beloved is with him.

—*Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before the play and the opera, and grace before the concert and pantomime, and grace before I open a book, and grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing; And grace before I dip the pen in the ink.

—*G.K. Chesterton*

You have prayed for patience, and I have multiplied the opportunities in which you could be patient.

—*God (speaking to Saint Philip Neri)*

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

In 1981, the Catholic Church in the United States heightened efforts to make the natural methods of family planning (NFP) and Church teaching which support the use of those methods in marriage, both more widely known and used. To pursue these ends, the Administrative Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (now United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, or “USCCB”) approved the establishment of the Diocesan Development Program for Natural Family Planning (now NFP Program) as a program of the bishop’s committee for Pro-Life Activities.

Terence Cardinal Cooke, then Chairman of the bishops’ Committee for Pro-Life Activities, was the moving force behind this effort. During the Synod of Bishops in October 1980, Cardinal Cooke became convinced that priority must be given to the family apostolate: “At that world Synod, I was impressed with the variety of family structures in the different nations and cultures, with the similarity of problems that families face, with the contributions that families can make in ministering to one another, and with the importance of the Church’s teaching and its pastoral care of families.”

Acting upon this inspiration, Cardinal Cooke asked Msgr. James T. McHugh, former director of the bishops’ Family Life Bureau and Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, to direct and devise a pastoral plan for NFP ministry. Msgr. McHugh was the logical choice for this work since he had extensive knowledge about the modern methods of NFP. In the past, he had been involved in organizing or taking part in the early conferences on the Rhythm Method. In addition, Msgr. McHugh knew about many diocesan and grass roots NFP organizations and had established relationships with national and international NFP leaders.

The bishops’ NFP ministry was established as the Diocesan Development Program for NFP (or DDPNFP). Cardinal Cooke and Msgr. McHugh collaborated on the mission, goals and objectives of the DDPNFP. As a first step in the planning stage, Msgr. McHugh consulted with various NFP diocesan, regional and national leaders as well as with the Knights of Columbus. The NFP community had been hard at work building education programs from the late 1960s. By 1981 these early efforts were organized into diocesan programs (e.g., St. Cloud, Cleveland, Boston), regional associations (e.g., The New England Association) and national organizations (e.g., Couple to Couple League, Family of the Americas Foundation, and Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction). The Knights of Columbus had a long term commitment to Pro-Life and Family Life issues. It was to them that Msgr. McHugh discussed conditions of funding the bishops’ NFP efforts. The Supreme Knight, Virgil Dechant, agreed to award an annual grant. The bishops are grateful to the Knights for their continued generosity in funding the NFPP to the current day. With regard to the mission, goals and objectives of the DDPNFP, Cardinal Cooke and Msgr. McHugh proposed a plan that was approved by the Bishops’ Committee for Pro-Life Activities in 1981 and continues to guide the activities of the bishops’ NFP Program.

In 2008, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reorganized and moved the NFP Program from the Committee for Pro-Life Activities to that of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. This move underscores the role of Natural Family Planning ministry in the strengthening of marriage.

### Mission

Rooted in Catholic teaching on God’s design for human sexuality, marriage and family life, conjugal love and responsible parenthood, the Natural Family Planning Program (NFPP) of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops seeks to assist the Catholic dioceses in conducting “a broader, more decisive and more systematic effort to make the natural methods of regulating fertility known, respected and applied” (Familiaris consortio, no. 35).

### Goals

- To support and strengthen diocesan NFP ministry.
- To promote education in NFP and Catholic teaching which support the use of the natural methods of family planning in marriage, especially to engaged and married couples.
- To evangelize about the truth of Catholic teaching on human sexuality, the virtue of chastity, the sacrament of marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood.

## JULY 29 — ST. MARTHA



Martha, Mary and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner like Zacchaeus or one unceremoniously received by a suspicious Pharisee. The sisters feel free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seems almost certain death.

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion (Luke 10:38-42) she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the dinner.

Yet, as biblical scholar Father John McKenzie points out, she need not be rated as an "unrecollected activist." The evangelist is emphasizing what our Lord said on several occasions about the primacy of the spiritual: "...[D]o not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear.... But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:25b, 33a); "One does not live by bread alone" (Luke 4:4b); "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." (Matthew 5:6a).

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

—*americancatholic.org*