18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 31, 2016
Please pray for our parishioners who are sick and suffering that they may know the embrace of Christ’s healing love.

Bill Barboni, Betty Burke, Adita Claire, Paula DiStefano, Jesse Fuette, Fr. Dustin Gorell, Pete Hanley, Henry Haase, Reniea Haverluck, Walt Heim, Jean Holt, Johnny Johnston, Sharon Kielty, Marjorie Lane, Julia Matos, Sal Miceli, Wanda Mower, Ray Ostertag, Dalton O’Sullivan, Cindy Paladini, Gabriella Passa, Alice Rosaire, Margarita Ruiz, Louise Shipman, Paula and Dan Stilling, Sarah Stryker, Mary Stryker, Pat U’Ren, Niloo Vahid, Teresa Welsch, Cathy Westover, Dory Wivens

We are updating our prayer list and have removed names which have been on the list for some time. Please call the Rectory to have someone included on the Prayer List.

May all our deceased Parishioners rest in the loving arms of God especially:

Judy Bobbin
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Alphonsus Liguori
Tuesday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard
Thursday: St. John Vianney
Friday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; First Friday
Saturday: The Transfiguration of the Lord; First Saturday

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).
Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).
Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).
Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

HITTING IT BIG
It seems to be commonly accepted nowadays that everyone wants to win the lottery, hit the slots big at the casino, or be a millionaire. This attitude is akin to what the first hearers of the parable of the successful farmer would have thought: Why, of course he’d want to find a way to preserve his good fortune for the future, to secure for himself a life of leisure, eating, drinking, and merriment. It’s exactly the kind of life that the right ticket, hand of cards, or quiz show answer might bring us today. Being surrounded by this “common wisdom” makes the words of Qoheleth, the psalmist, Paul, and Jesus all that much harder to hear today. Perhaps good fortune will be ours, perhaps it will not be. But if we make that fortune or the quest for it the heart, the very center, of our lives, then we will live to regret it. We will not achieve the future security we pursue, and we will lose the present moment in the chase.

PRIEST EMERGENCY NUMBER 415-301-0514
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The peace and grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I would like to introduce myself to you. I am Fr. Juan Manuel Lopez and I arrived at Our Lady of Loretto at the beginning of the month. I am pleased to be here with you again, this time around as a priest. I had been here as a seminarian during Fr. William McCain’s tenure back in 2005-2006. But first, I want to let you know you are a very welcoming community. To me your hospitality is a clear sign of the presence of God’s love in the parish. Now allow me to share something about myself.

I come from Michoacán, a Western-Central State in Mexico. I arrived to the US in late April 1990. I settled in Menlo Park, Ca which is in the Mid-Peninsula of the San Francisco Bay Area. My father and mother and most of my immediate family had already migrated to the US and were living in the Peninsula. Jose, one of my eleven siblings invited me to come over to the US. In the days following his invitation our good Lord guided my thoughts and inspired me to come to the US.

In Mexico, I wanted to become either an engineer or an architect, so when my brother Jose invited me to come to the US I thought I could come to study here and then return to Mexico. I wanted to go back to build houses for the poor and needy that live in the outskirts of the city. To achieve my goal of becoming an architect I began to study. Once I got to the US, I enrolled at the College of San Mateo while I also worked for an architectural firm. After finishing JC I was accepted at the College of Architecture at UC Berkeley. However, during that year I heard the call of the Lord, who was calling me to enter formation to the priesthood. In order to follow Jesus Christ who for me was not just a character or legend or history but a living person who loved me and loved every one in the world, I declined the prospect of becoming an architect. His Eminence William Cardinal Levada, then Archbishop of San Francisco, accepted me to begin formation to the priesthood and sent me to Oregon.

The Benedictine Seminary of Mount Angel in Oregon was my home for my first two years of priestly formation. There I obtained my bachelors in philosophy. Then in the year 2004 I continued my studies at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park Ca, my home town. I lived there until I was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop George Niederauer on June 7, 2008.

I have just completed my eighth year as a priest and I continue to increase my understanding about our living savior Jesus’ Christ love for his people. In this beautiful and challenging life as a priest I have seen how Jesus Christ lovingly cares for the faithful. I saw his graceful work at St. Matthews, Our Lady of the Pillar, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Anne… in all the parishes I have served. Prayer is one of the most important things a priest does so I have prayed for the parishes where I have been assigned; of course I have also included Our Lady of Loretto in my prayers. I would like to ask you for a favor because your prayers for priest are very valuable. I humbly ask you to pray for me and Fr. Brian and for all those who work in the parish and for all the parishioners. Thanks for welcoming me. I trust in Jesus our Great Kind Priest. He will always lead us deeper into his kingdom of Love and Peace.

God bless us all In Jesus and Mary
Fr. Juan Manuel Lopez
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DON’T MISS THIS TRIP OF A LIFETIME!!

RUMMAGE SALE

St. Anthony’s Church in Novato is having its Annual Rummage Sale starting Thursday, August 4th through Sunday, August 7th beginning with a Preview Night on Thursday from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. ($12 admission, adults only). The Sale continues with free admission on Friday from 10-6, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday from 10-3. Thousands of items at great prices!

If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution, items may be taken to the church hall at 1000 Cambridge Street. Please bear in mind that the Sale cannot accept computers, TV’s, mattresses, stuffed animals, magazines, textbooks, exercise equipment, or obsolete sporting goods. All other items in good or workable condition are most welcome.

CONFIRMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

Pray for our pilgrims! 26 members of our high school youth ministry are at Steubenville San Diego this weekend! Please keep them, along with our OLL teens traveling to World Youth Day with the group from Marin Catholic, in your dearest prayers.

Registration is OPEN for 2016-17 Confirmation classes! Forms have been sent by mail to returning families and are available in the church entrances and on the parish website. Opening meetings for parents will be held in the OLL School library on September 12 (Middle School) and September 13 (High School), both at 7pm. Please mark your calendars.

For RCIA:

Are you an adult Catholic who wants to learn more about your Catholic Faith? Perhaps you received your First Communion as a child, but never went on to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Do you know someone who is intrigued by the Catholic Church and would like to better understand her teachings and possibly, one day, choose this Faith for themselves? Our Lady of Loretto will be offering classes through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) process this coming school year and we’d love for you to join us. Watch this space for more information or contact Annie Troy (annie@ollnovato.org, 415-897-2171 x277) to learn more.

PRESENTATION/FUNDRAISER FOR HOSPITAL IN NIGERIA

A presentation will be done by retired nurse, Angela Testani and Fr. Edward Inyanwachi on the life and medical needs of the people in a village in the State of Ebonyi, Nigeria. The fundraiser will be supporting the supply and shipping of medical/surgical supplies and equipment. The following are the dates, times, and locations for the presentations/fundraiser.

AUGUST 21st (Sunday) @ OUR LADY OF LORETTO CHURCH (Novato) following the 10:00AM Mass
AUGUST 27th (Saturday) @ HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH-(S.F.) Flanagan Center from 6:00PM-9:00PM
AUGUST 28th (Sunday) @ St. RAYMOND’S CHURCH (Menlo Park) following the 10:00AM Mass, till 2:00PM
SEPTEMBER 11th (Sunday) @ St. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH (Burlingame) following the 11:30AM Mass till 3:00PM

For further information, you may contact Angela Testani @ 415 586-5754.

COME SEE FATHER EDWARD AND HELP IN THIS WORTHY ENDEAVOR.

WE WILL HAVE REFRESHMENTS AND THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN THE PIAZZA FOLLOWING MASS ON AUGUST 21st.
**This Week at OLL**  
**July 31 — August 7**

**Sun.**  18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**SECOND COLLECTION FOR SVDP**

**Mon.**  SVDP—7pm—Library

**Tue.**  Helping Hands Prayer Group—1pm—Church  
Perpetual Help Prayer Group—6pm—Chapel  
Al-Anon—Convent — 7:15pm

**Wed.**  Our Lady’s Prayer Group—Church—7:30pm  
K of C—Hall—7:30pm

**Thurs.**  Choir—Church—6:30pm

**Fri.**  Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5:00pm

**Sat.**  Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am

**Sun.**  19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The St. Vincent de Paul Pantry is in need of paper towels, toilet paper, re-fried beans (traditional), mayonaise, pork and beans, chili, jam, canned beans and pasta sauce. **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULES. PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.**  
We appreciate and thank you for your continuing support and will keep you in our prayers.

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**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Our Fiscal year has ended and we will forward information to you as soon as we have it assembled and reviewed by the Parish Finance Council.

June Collections:  
**Actual: $42,400**  
**Budget: $53,000**  
**Deficit: <$10,600>**

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**FACILITIES UPDATE**

Work is continuing on our Hall bathrooms. Asbestos work completed.

This is the time of year we get most of our projects completed and we do appreciate your patience with the disruptions that are likely to occur with meetings and other parish gatherings.

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**WORRY**

Don’t tell me that worry doesn’t do any good. I know better. The things I worry about never happen.

—Anonymous

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**Esta semana en OLL**  
**31 Julio —7 Agosto**

**Domingo:** Decimoctavo Domingo Tiempo Ordinario

**Martes:** Helping Hands Grupo de Oración por la Iglesia—1pm  
JPC Discipulados—Capilla del Convento —7pm  
Nuestra Sehora del Perpetuo Socorro-Chapel—6pm  
Al-Anon—Convento —7:15 pm

**Miércoles:** Nuestra Señora Grupo de Oración—Capilla—7:30 pm  
Ensavo del Coro-Espanol—Iglesia—7pm

**Jueves:**

**Viernes:** Adoration—Chapel—9:30pm to 5pm

**Sab:** Cenacle—Chapel—9:30am

**Domingo:** Decimonoveno Domingo Tiempo Ordinario

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**PRESENTACIÓN / recaudación de fondos para HOSPITAL EN NIGERIA**

Una presentación estará a cargo de enfermera jubilada, Angela Testani y el P. Edward Iyanwachi sobre la vida y las necesidades médicas de las personas en un pueblo en el estado de Ebonyi, Nigeria. El evento estará apoyando el abastecimiento y el transporte de suministros médicos / quirúrgicos y equipos. Las siguientes son las fechas, horas y lugares de las presentaciones / recaudación de fondos.

**DE AGOSTO DE 21 de (Domingo) @ VIRGEN DE LA IGLESIA LORETTO (Novato) después de la Misa de 10:00 am**

**DE AGOSTO DE 27 de (sábado) @ SANTO NOMBRE DE JESUS IGLESIA (S.F.) Flanagan Centro de 18:00-21:00**

**AUGUST28th (domingo) @ IGLESIA DE RAYMOND St. (Menlo Park) después de la Misa de 10:00 am, hasta las 14:00**

**DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 11ª (domingo) @ Santa Catalina de Siena IGLESIA (Burlingame) después de la misa de las 11:30 h hasta las 15:00**

Venir a ver PADRE Edward y ayudar en este esfuerzo digno.

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**TENDREMOS refrescos y la información disponible en la plaza luego de la misa el 21 de agosto.**

Para más información, puede comunicarse con Angela Testani @ 415 586—5754.
La carta del Padre regresará la próxima semana. ¡Que tengas una buena semana!!

"Que nadie venga a ti sin salir mejor y más feliz ser la expresión viva de la bondad de Dios:. Bondad en tu cara, bondad en tus ojos, bondad en tu sonrisa."

Bendito (que pronto será santo) Madre Teresa

Estimados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,


Vengo de Michoacán, un estado centro occidental de México. Llegué a los EE.UU. a finales de abril de 1990. Me instale en Menlo Park, Ca, que se encuentra en la región central de la península de la bahía de San Francisco. Mi padre y madre, y la mayor parte de mi familia directa ya habían emigrado a los EE.UU. y vivían en la Península. José, uno de mis once hermanos me invitó a venir a los EE.UU. En los días siguientes a su invitación, nuestro buen Dios guió mis pensamientos y me inspiró a venir a los EE.UU.. En México, quería ser un ingeniero o un arquitecto, así que cuando mi hermano José me invitó a venir a los EE.UU. pensé que podría venir a estudiar aquí y luego regresar a México. Quería volver a construir casas para los pobres y necesitados que viven en las afueras de la ciudad. Para lograr mi objetivo de convertirme en un arquitecto empecé a estudiar. Una vez que llegué a los EE.UU., me inscribí en el Colegio de San Mateo, mientras que también trabajaba para una empresa de arquitectura. Después de terminar mis estudios en el colegio de San Mateo, fui aceptado en la escuela de arquitectura de la Universidad de Berkeley CA. Sin embargo, durante ese año oí la llamada del Señor, que me estaba llamando para entrar en la formación para el sacerdocio. Con el fin de seguir a Jesucristo, que para mí no era sólo un personaje o leyenda o historia, sino una persona viva que me ama y ama a cada uno en el mundo; rechacé la posibilidad de convertirme en un arquitecto. Su Eminencia el cardenal William Levada, entonces Arzobispo de San Francisco, me aceptó para comenzar la formación para el sacerdocio y me envió a Oregón. El Seminario Benedictino de Mount Ángel en Oregón fue mi casa durante mis primeros dos años de la formación sacerdotal. En este seminario obtuve una licenciatura en filosofía. Luego, en el año 2004 continué mis estudios en el Seminario de San Patrick en Menlo Park CA, mi ciudad adoptiva. Viví allí hasta que fui ordenado sacerdote por el arzobispo George Niederauer el día 7 de junio de 2008.

Acabo de completar mi octavo año como sacerdote y sigo aumentando mi entendimiento del amor de nuestro vivo y salvador Jesucristo por su pueblo. En esta hermosa y desafiante vida como sacerdote he visto cómo Jesucristo cuida con amor a los fieles. Vi como trabajaba con su gracia en St. Matthews, Nuestra Señora del Pilar, San Antonio de Padua, Santa Ana ... y en todas las parroquias donde he servido como sacerdote. La oración es una de las cosas más importantes que un sacerdote hace por eso yo he rogado por las parroquias en las que se me ha asignado; por supuesto, también he incluido a Nuestra Señora de Loretto en mis oraciones. Me gustaría pedirle un favor porque sus oraciones por sacerdotes son muy valiosas. Humildemente pido que oren por mí y el Padre Brian y por todos los que trabajan en la parroquia y por todos los feligreses. Gracias por darme la bienvenida. Confío en Jesú nuestro Magno y buen Sacerdote Jesucristo. Él nos conducirá siempre más profundamente en su Reino de Amor y Paz.

Dios nos bendiga a todos en Jesús y María Padre Juan Manuel López