



# *Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity SFO*

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*A very happy and blessed New Year to everyone! May each of us experience Christ's peace and joy throughout the whole year.*

*As we put away the Christmas decorations, finish off the cookies and sweets and return to work, school and our daily lives it is easy to put away the "glow" of Christmas with the decorations. Returning to our daily lives allows us to slowly slip back into our old ways. However, it is important to keep the lesson of the Incarnation always before us. Christ loved us so much He not only wanted to share with us, He wanted to be one of us. Father Murray Bodo writes, "It is Franciscan teaching that Christ would have come and lived among us whether or not we had sinned. The Incarnation was in the Divine Plan from eternity. It was divine love that caused the Incarnation to happen. This is a great mystery that moves Francis to give thanks to God."*

*However, this love carries a commitment on our part. Just as the Magi brought gifts to the Child, we must also bring Him the gift of ourselves and our love and then give that same gift to one another. We may feel our gift is insignificant but it is given to us in love from the Father which transforms it into a communion with the divine and our eternal life. Therefore, our Christmas "glow" is our knowledge that we are loved totally and we give back that love to the Father and one another.*

*This month is also the March For Life on January 22 in Washington, DC. Our nation is the greatest nation on earth and yet we seem to have confused possessions and personal convenience with the reality of other people. Not only is there disrespect for the unborn but also disrespect for the elderly, women and anyone who is different. We need to pray very hard for respect*

*for the family which is so under attack in our society. I encourage all of us to offer up January 22 that respect for all human beings from conception to death once again becomes a stronghold of our society.*

*Pax Bonum,  
Chris Wells  
Minister*

### Epiphany Party:

*Our next meeting is Sunday, January 19 at 1:30 at St. Michael's Place. We will have our Epiphany party at this meeting and everyone is asked to bring a gift to share in a Yankee Swap. The gift should be for either men or ladies and should not be over \$10.00. It is very important that each person bring a gift in order for the "swap" to work! Also, since we will have a party that day, please bring a dish to share.*

### Agenda For Meeting:

*1:00 Gathering  
1:30 Opening Prayer  
Imitation of Christ  
Reflection from Sister Agnes  
2:00 Yankee Swap followed by party and fellowship*

### Council Meeting:

*The Council will meet on Saturday, January 11 at 10:30 at St. Michael's Place.*

### Condolences:

*Please keep Barbara Massey and her family in your prayers. Her husband, Marlin, passed away before Christmas.*

### Fraternity Email:

*Deanne has created a fraternity email for people who do not wish to send information where the sender's address can be seen. If you wish to use this email form the address is <ourladyofrosary88@yahoo.com>*

### March For Life:

*The March for Life is Wednesday, January 22 in Washington, DC. The K of C with Diocesan Office is organizing busses to take marchers to DC and back. Please check your parish bulletin to see what is being planned for your parish. Rick Churray is looking to put a group together from our fraternity for people interested in going privately to the March. Please email Rick [bberjc@gmail.com](mailto:bberjc@gmail.com) if you would like to join this group.*

*If you are not able to attend the March, please consider attending Mass that day. Most parishes will have a Mass for the March. As Franciscans we need to storm heaven for Life!*

*The Virginia Catholic Conference with other state and national pro life organizations is hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Virginia Stands for Life Rally on Wednesday, January 8at the Capitol in Richmond. The event begins at 9:00 with a prayer walk on the Capitol grounds and coincides with the opening of the General Assembly and the upcoming Inauguration of the new governor. For more information please contact Virginia Podboy at [virginia@vacatholic.org](mailto:virginia@vacatholic.org) or call 804-225-8565.*

### Peninsula Pet Pantry:

*The Peninsula Pet Pantry is a nonprofit organization providing temporary pet food, supplies, and veterinarian care to pet owners who are facing financial difficulties. Many of these pet owners are elderly or disabled and their pet is an emotional support to them. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, contact Carol Folsom [carolfolsom@cox.net](mailto:carolfolsom@cox.net)*

### Weekend of Recollection:

*St. Joan of Arc Parish is hosting a weekend of spirituality on April 4 and 5. The guest speaker will be Ruanda who has also appeared on public television. For more information please contact St. Joan of Arc Parish.*

### Prayer List:

- *Joan Buehler*
- *Marlin Massey and Massey family*
- *Healing of cracked ribs for Margaret Davis*
- *PFC Joey who is recovering from serious injuries sustained in Afghanistan*
- *Pro Life March*
- *Students returning to school*
- *Our Franciscan Family*
- *The unspoken intentions of our hearts*

### January Dates to Remember:

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| <i>1</i>  | <i>Solemnity of the Mother of God</i>  |
| <i>3</i>  | <i>Holy Name of Jesus</i>              |
| <i>5</i>  | <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>                 |
| <i>7</i>  | <i>Bl Angela of Foligno</i>            |
| <i>12</i> | <i>Bl. Bernard of Corleone</i>         |
| <i>14</i> | <i>Bl Odoric of Pordenone</i>          |
| <i>16</i> | <i>Bernard and Companions, martyrs</i> |
| <i>30</i> | <i>Hyacinth of Mariscotti</i>          |

*Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this. Frequently, as a way of ridiculing the Church's effort to defend their lives, attempts are made to present her position as ideological, obscurantist, and conservative. Yet this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. (213)*

*~ Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium*

