

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY APRIL 26th

5:00 Carin Cantilina Anderson
r/b Parents

SUNDAY APRIL 27th

8:00 Robert M. Burke
r/b Msgr. J. Burke
Edward Czycz
r/b Christina Rad

10:15 John & Lena Silvestri
r/b Family, Frank & Lynn Bonasia

12:00 Lou Ann Capozzoli
r/b Mother

MONDAY APRIL 28th

12:10 Int. of Josephine & George Thompson
51st Wedding Anniversary
r/b Family

TUESDAY APRIL 29th

12:10 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Burke
r/b Msgr. J. Burke
Florence O'Connell
r/b Son

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30th

12:10 Victoria Zecchino
r/b Steve Dembowski & Robert Tovo

THURSDAY MAY 1st

12:10 Frank Ferro
r/b Ester Vierheilig
7:30 Friends of the Suffering Souls
r/b Victor & Judy Bastis

FRIDAY MAY 2nd

12:10 David E. Jones
r/b Wife

SATURDAY MAY 3rd

5:00 Elizabeth Scaglione
r/b Family
Josephine Aiello
r/b Family

SUNDAY MAY 4th

8:00 Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
r/b Rosary Society
10:15 Stella Gallagher
r/b Legion of Mary
12:00 Charles O'Connor
r/b Judy & Mike Grembowiec

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I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2008



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I will ask the Father,
and he will give you...
the Spirit of Truth."

- Zephaniah 3:15b



P R A Y E R C H A I N

*The Church of the Nativity
Prayer Chain is accepting prayer requests.
Please call the rectory with your request.*



Thank you for your continued support to our Church throughout the year.

Our collection for Sunday, April 20, 2008
amounted to \$9,275

CATECHETICAL CENTER

Catechetical Ministry



- For grades K-1 and 3-8:
 - Remaining Sunday session: Today, April 27th
 - Remaining Thursday session May 1st.
- For our Junior High Students (Gr. 7 – 8) Service Project Forms are due back at the beginning of next school year.

All families presently enrolled in our program will receive re-registration letters for the Fall Program shortly.

We are grateful to the catechists, assistants, students and parents for all they have done to make this year meaningful to so many.

First Eucharist Program:



We are happy to announce that on Sunday April 27th, and May 4th at 12:00 noon, 63 children in our parish family will share in an event of great joy for them and for all of us. They will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. We invite all members of our parish community to celebrate with the children and their families.

Please welcome them and remember them in your prayers.



Confirmation 2008

Just a reminder...

- **Community Service and any other forms** are overdue.
- **Sponsor forms and letters of certification** are overdue

Letters containing important info regarding the practice and celebration will be mailed. Please call the Center (201-447-1776) if you have any further questions. Practice for all candidates will take place on **Wednesday May 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the Church Sanctuary**. All Candidates must be present for practice accompanied by their sponsor if at all possible (if not, parent may attend). The practice will help explain the procedure to be followed at the Confirmation celebration.

Summer Program 2008



Summer Program

Children attend 10 days, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 12:30 noon and must attend Masses during the school year for continued religious education. The program will run from Friday June 27th – Friday, July 11th. Registration forms have been mailed. Our reason for this option is to provide the best quality religious education at the most convenient time for the majority of our families.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents to teach two weeks.

G.R.E.A.T. News!

Eleven children who are participating in the GREAT Program will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 3rd. They and their families have been preparing for this joyous occasion for some time now, learning what the Eucharist is about and what it means to be part of the Eucharist community of people. Please keep them on your prayers.



Let the little children come to me...

LUKE 18:16



**York Street Project's
19th Annual Spring Event**

Sister Helen Prejean to speak at
York Street Project's 19th Annual Spring Event
on Thursday, May 1, 2008
at JP Morgan's Chase's Newport Conference
Center, Jersey City
from 5:30 to 8:00pm.

Sister Helen is the real woman behind Dead Man Walking. She will share the journey of death penalty ministry and work with the poor. Proceeds will benefit The Project's programs that help homeless women and children. For ticket information contact Bonnie Davis at (201) 451-8225 or www.yorkstreetproject.org

Knights of Columbus Scholarship



Any 2008 High School graduate who is a member of The Church of the Nativity is eligible to apply for a \$1000 scholarship awarded by the Knights. Application forms and criteria information may be picked up in the rectory office. Deadline for submission of application is May 2, 2008.

Also, any 2008 8th grade graduate who is a member of The Church of the Nativity Parish and attending a Catholic secondary school in the Fall is eligible to apply for a \$1000 scholarship awarded by the Knights. Application forms and criteria may be picked up in the rectory office. Deadline for submission is May 2.

Bergen Catholic Summer Programs



The following Summer Camp Programs will be held at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, NJ. Basketball School, Football Camp, Lacrosse Camp, Soccer's Edge and Wrestling.

Camp applications are available at www.bergencatholic.org



**Upcoming Dates & Locations for
Inclusive Family Masses**

These Masses are specifically for families with members who are differently-abled. Many people who are challenged behaviorally, mentally or physically may have difficulty in traditional Sunday Mass environments, so the families are unable to worship together and may avoid Mass altogether. These are the families we are welcoming to attend these Masses and celebrate the Eucharist with other members of the surrounding community.

- May 11—9:00AM Church of the Nativity
Midland Park
- May 25-1:30PM Our Lady of Lourdes
Mountainside
- June 1—1:30PM St. John the Evangelist
Bergenfield
- June 22—9:00AM Church of the Nativity
Midland Park
- June 29—1:30PM Our Lady of Lourdes
Mountainside

Vocation Reflections

“...and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows Him.” This Advocate and Spirit of truth, which is the Holy Spirit, dwells in the hearts of each baptized Christian. The world cannot accept, and even at times rejects, the Truth that this Spirit has given in the form of the Catholic faith. As a priest, deacon or religious, it is the duty of those in the consecrated or ordained life to recall and remind the faithful to follow the guidance of this Spirit, not of the world. Are you willing to seek the faithful out and assist them in following the Holy Spirit as He dwells in the Church and in their hearts? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray for the wisdom, truth and strength of the Triune God and contact the Office of Vocations at kellybar@rcan.org or 973.497.4365.

Rosary Society May Crowning



Thursday May 8 is our May Crowning. We will have it outside at 7 PM weather permitting at "Lady of the Highway Shrine" on the back road by the Chapel. If it rains, we will have it in the Church. We will then go to the McGrath Room

and have refreshments followed by our meeting. All are welcome.

May 4 is the Rosary Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. for the deceased members of the Rosary Society. All are welcome.

Midland Park PBA Holding Pasta Dinner



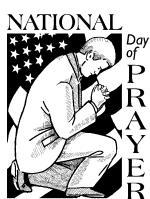
The Midland Park Policemen's Benevolent Association will hold a pasta dinner on **Saturday, May 3, 2008.** The

dinner will be held at Kennedy Hall and will include bread, salad, pasta, soda, coffee and dessert.

There will be continuous open seatings from **5:00pm until 8:00pm.**

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children, 10 and under, and children under the age of four are free. Tickets are available from any PBA member, or at the door.

National Day of Prayer



The 57th Annual National Day of Prayer will be observed in Waldwick on Thursday, May 1st, at the Public Safety Building on East Prospect Street from 12:15 to 12:45 pm. Concerned individuals are asked to unite at the flagpole and pray for America and its leaders.

Save the Date—Mom's Group Garage Sale is Saturday, June 14TH!

The Nativity Mom's Group will be having their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 14th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. More information to follow!

Springtime



It is always springtime in the heart that loves God.

—St. John Vianney

Great idea for Mother's Day

To honor your mother (living or deceased) this Mother's Day, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network will send your mom or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese. Monies received will be used ONLY for the purchase of emergency food supplies for 75 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties. Mail your donation to:

EFNN, Catholic Charities
37 Evergreen Place
East Orange, NJ 07018
or call (973) 266-7941

Please Print:

My Name: _____
Address: _____
Name to Enroll: _____
Living Deceased .
Telephone #: _____
Send to: _____
Street: _____
City: _____

Your mom will be so proud of you for recognizing her caring in such a meaningful way.



From the Archdiocese...

Marriage Encounter

“Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” Jesus asks us to love Him and one another. Make the choice to love your spouse even more by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend July 11-13, 2008 Please call 1-800-823-5683 or email sylvia12@aol.com for more info.

Annulment Information Evening

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. The information will be presented in terms that all can understand. A question and answer period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not necessary. This evening of information will be held at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament RC Church, (Founders’ Hall), 28 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, at 7:30 PM. For additional information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327.

Tricky Tray

Sponsored by the Young Adult Council
Archdiocese of Newark

When: Friday, May 16th, 2008
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Archdiocesan Retreat Center
499 Belgrove Drive
Kearny, New Jersey 07032
201-998-0088 x4147

The Grand Prize is \$1,000 travel voucher anywhere/anytime.

For tickets or more information, call Sr. Loretta DeDomenicis at 201-998-0088 x 4147.



This Week at Nativity

- SUNDAY, APRIL 27th—1st Communion
 - 9:00AM Religious Education— School
 - 9:30AM GREAT—McGrath Room
 - 10:15AM Children’s Liturgy—McGrath Room
 - 12:00PM First Holy Communion —Church, School
- MONDAY, APRIL 28th
 - 7:00PM Religious Education—Youth Center
- TUESDAY, APRIL 29th
 - 1:15PM Legion of Mary—Chapel
 - 6:00PM Religious Education—Bishop’s House
 - 6:00PM Men’s Basketball—Kennedy Hall
 - 7:00PM Religious Education—Youth Center
 - 7:30PM Choir Practice—Church
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30th
 - 9:30AM Mom’s Group—Upper Room
 - 11:00AM Communion Rehearsal —McGrath Room
- THURSDAY, MAY 1st
 - 3:30PM Religious Education—School
- FRIDAY, MAY 2nd
 - 8:30PM Men’s Basketball—Kennedy Hall
- SATURDAY, MAY 3rd—
 - 11:00AM GREAT Communion—Church, McGrath Room
 - 5:00PM MP Police Dinner —Kennedy Hall
- SUNDAY, MAY 4th—1st Communion
 - 8:00AM Rosary Society Mass—Church
 - 10:15AM Children’s Liturgy—McGrath
 - 12:00PM First Holy Communion—Church, School

Saint Paul’s Carnival



Saint Paul Interparochial School in Ramsey will be sponsoring its annual carnival on May 14—May 18. This fun filled event will feature many rides, games, and food.

The Carnival will be held on the grounds of the school at 187 Wyckoff Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey.