

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK



## SATURDAY JUNE 14th

5:00 Joyce Rockwell  
r/b Steve Maher  
Joseph Lawler  
r/b Joan & Ken Fitzpatrick

## SUNDAY JUNE 15th

8:00 Walter Auguste & Frank Tucker  
r/b Family  
10:15 Salvatore Rovetto  
r/b Phyllis & Tony Veli  
12:00 Maureen Boyle  
r/b Kathy & Paul McCullough

## MONDAY JUNE 16th

12:10 Vito Damiano  
r/b Josephine & George Thompson

## TUESDAY JUNE 17th

12:10 Irene Bakah  
r/b Michael & Kathleen Grifone

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 18th

12:10 Thomas O'Connor  
r/b Joe & Hilda Nolan

## THURSDAY JUNE 19th

12:10 James Murtagh  
r/b James & Mary Parker  
Friends of the Suffering Souls  
r/b Victor and Judy Bastis

## FRIDAY JUNE 20th

12:10 Paul Brechbiel  
r/b Wife

## SATURDAY JUNE 21st

5:00 Dominick Romano Jr.  
r/b Janet & Andrew Nemic  
Jerome Dobson  
r/b Claire & Stan Laikowski

## SUNDAY JUNE 22nd

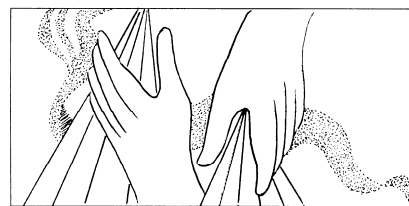
8:00 Joseph Giannetto, Jr.  
r/b Fred & Judy Giannetto  
10:15 Joan Casey  
r/b Stix Family  
12:00 Susan Allyn  
r/b Steve Maher

*The harvest is abundant  
but the laborers are few*



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## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 15, 2008



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**“Without cost you have received;  
without cost you are to give.”**

**- Matthew 10:8b**



## 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, June 8, 2008  
amounted to \$10,039.00

### CATECHETICAL CENTER

#### Summer Program 2008



Classes for the Summer Program 2008 will start on Friday, June 27. All families whose children are registered in this program will receive instructions and forms. Please give your immediate attention to this mailing. If you need more information, please call the Center at 201-447-1776.

#### Religious Education Fall Program for Grades K-8:

Re-registration letters have been mailed to all families presently enrolled. Re-registration may be done either by mail or in person. Beginning June 1, 2008, NEW registration will be taken at the Center during office hours.

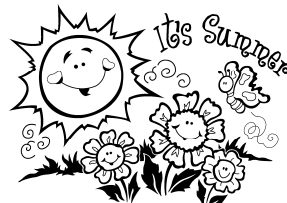
To complete registration for our Parish Catechetical Program, a family must be:

- Registered members of the parish
- Present a certificate of Baptism for the child/ren and
- Registration fee.

To ensure that we make adequate provision for all planning to attend in the fall, we ask that ALL NEW REGISTRATION be completed by July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please relay this information to prospective new registrants who might not receive this bulletin, especially those planning to enroll first graders who have not been in our kindergarten this year. Thank you!

#### Confirmation 2009

Letters regarding details of our program and coming events will be mailed to all students who will be in freshman year of high school by the Fall of 2008 and who are considering taking part in next year's Confirmation program. If you do not receive a letter by the end of June, and wish information, please call the Center at 201-447-1776.



#### Good News for Little Ones Program: Going on Vacation!

We will reopen in the Fall 2008  
We will like to thank our fine staff of catechists and assistants for their service and dedication to the little ones of our parish.

#### Babysitting Available – LiOnSS Group (Little Ones Summer Sundays)

During the summer months, we will offer child care for children ages 2 to 5 in the Upper Room at the 10:15 AM Mass

#### Camp Acorn Volunteer Opportunities Available

Camp Acorn, Inc. is a winter/summer recreational program for children and young adults with multiple disabilities. Our program is in need of volunteer counselors to work with our campers, helping to make this experience an unforgettable and fulfilling one. We have a shortage of counselors. The Camp runs from June 23rd through August 22nd and is held at the Immaculate Conception Church, 900 Darlington Avenue in Mahwah.

For more information, please contact:  
(973) 471-2911 or [campacorn01@aol.com](mailto:campacorn01@aol.com)



### Laborers Needed



Today's scriptures employ mixed metaphors—images of sheep and shepherds, priests and people, harvest and laborers—all of which intermingle to create a web of meaning on which we have based our understanding of Christian vocations. Above all, these images help us see Christian vocations as an extension and expression of Jesus' own ministry in the world. They lend themselves especially well to a reflection on the vocation to ordained priesthood. The scriptures for today

help us understand the role of the ordained in the life of the Church. They also encourage us to pray for an increase in the number of candidates for priestly ordination, for "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few" (Matthew 9:37).



Emmanuel  
Cancer  
Foundation

*Dear Father:*

*We appreciate your congregation's effort once again as we move into our slowest time of support, which are the summer months! Your food collection at this time is a huge help and we always appreciate the ongoing help. It seems now with high gas prices driving everything else up, that everyone's pockets go a little thinner. For that reason we appreciate even in a greater way your work with us. The families that we serve are struggling even more financially as their budgets grow and grow.*

*Thank you once again. Your contribution makes a big difference to our families and to the ongoing work of this non-profit agency!*

*Sincerely,  
David Johnson  
Northern Regional Director*



## Ministry Musings

Look what we have to offer!

Mom's Group  
Parish Newsletter  
Welcoming  
Hospitality  
Parish Social Events  
Publicity

Bereavement  
Care Ministries  
Youth Cares  
Right to Life  
Office Workers

Baptismal Prep  
Good News for Little Ones  
Religious Education, CCD  
RENEW  
Adult Religious Education

Women's Cornerstone  
Men's Cornerstone

RCIA

Adult Choir / Musicians  
Altar Servers  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Greeters  
Lectors  
Ushers  
Church Cleaning  
Church Decorating  
Communal Anointing of the Sick  
Legion of Mary  
Parish Prayer Chain  
Rosary Society

***Please call Janet Nemecek at the Rectory  
for more information***

**Treasures from our Tradition**



If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal or sacramentary, that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set “formulas” for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our “bookishness” since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included.

By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider “gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying ‘Amen.’ ” In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

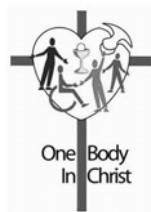
**Bereavement Support Group**

On July 19th, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Franklin Lakes will have a Bereavement Support Group meeting at the Parish Center from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. It will be a support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one in the past couple of years. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Sr. Rose Marie at (201) 891-4200.

**Father’s Day Blessing**



God our Father,  
 in your wisdom and love you  
 made all things.  
 Bless these men,  
 that they may be strengthened  
 as Christian fathers.  
 Let the example of their faith  
 and love shine forth.  
 Grant that we, their sons and  
 daughters,  
 may honor them always  
 with a spirit of profound  
 respect.



**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.

**June 22—9:00AM**      **Church of the Nativity  
 Midland Park  
 Reception after Mass**

June 29—1:30PM      Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Mountainside

**Priest Retirement Collection—June 14/15**

Please support this annual appeal as a way of showing our gratitude for the years the priests have given of themselves in service to the Lord.



**From the Archdiocese...**

**Supplementing Retirement Income with a Planned Gift**

Are you between 40 and 55 or between 55 and 85? Are you looking towards retirement or already retired and looking for a way to supplement retirement income with additional cash?

Would you like to do this while helping our parish? Life income gifts, which can be set up for you through the office of planned giving at the Archdiocese of Newark, can help you accomplish your goals and help our parish at the same time!

Charitable Gift Annuities for donors over 60, and for younger donors, Deferred Gift Annuities can provide you with additional cash flow to meet your expenses when you retire and at the end of your lifetime, provide our parish with a wonderful legacy gift!

For more information, please contact Anne DeVivo DeMesa at the Archdiocese of Newark's Gift Planning Office: (973) 497-4048 or by email: demesaan@rcan.org. She would be pleased to speak with you and to also help you become a member of the Legacy Society.

**Marriage Encounter**



"...we also boast of God though our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Second Reading)

How loudly does your marriage witness to God's love? Come and

renew your sacrament.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is...July 11-13 for more information please go to [www.geocities.com/wwme.newarknj](http://www.geocities.com/wwme.newarknj) or 800-823-5683



**This Week at Nativity**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17th**

- 1:15PM Legion of Mary—Chapel
- 6:00PM Men's Basketball—Kennedy Hall
- 7:30PM Choir Practice—Church

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18th**

- 7:30PM Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting—McGrath Room

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21st**

- 11:00AM Parish Baptisms

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd**

- 9:00AM Mass for Differently Abled + Reception—Church
- 10:15AM Children's Liturgy—McGrath



**Vocation reflections**

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"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Each person in the church universal is bound toward vocations. Today's

Gospel reminds us of the duty held by those who do not have a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life: prayer that more young people respond to that blessed call. Christ does not stop calling people when there is a shortage—people stop responding. Prayer to the master of the harvest is one sure point in eliminating this shortage. If you would like to assist in any way—whether your vocation is religious, single or married—volunteers and donors are always need. Contact the Office of Vocations at [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org) or 973.497.4365.