

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK



## SATURDAY JUNE 21st

5:00 Dominick Romano Jr.  
r/b Janet & Andrew Nemeč  
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

## MONDAY JUNE 23rd

12:10 Joan Casey  
r/b Jim Collins, Jr.

## TUESDAY JUNE 24th

12:10 Albert Smagawicz  
r/b John & Florence Grober

## WEDNESDAY JUNE 25th

12:10 Joan & Frank Tucker  
r/b Family

## THURSDAY JUNE 26th

12:10 Carl Noller  
r/b Joanne & Joe Radigan  
Friends of the Suffering Souls  
r/b Victor & Judy Bastis

## FRIDAY JUNE 27th

12:10 Norma Nargiso  
r/b Pamela & Frank Grosso

## SATURDAY JUNE 28th

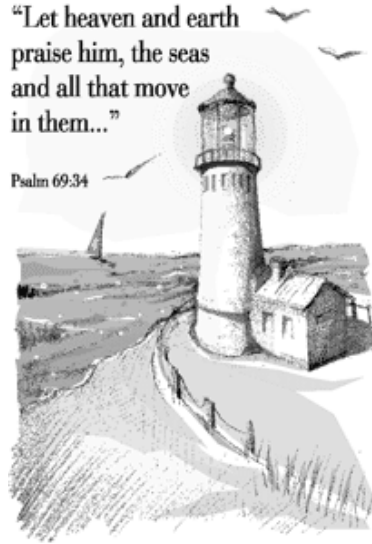
5:00 Peter Cantilina III  
r/b Parents

## SUNDAY JUNE 29th

8:00 Angela Mollica—19th Anniversary  
r/b Paula & Vincent Mollica  
10:15 Ann Wrenn  
r/b Eileen Etna  
12:00 Mary & Edward Fetkowitz  
r/b Family

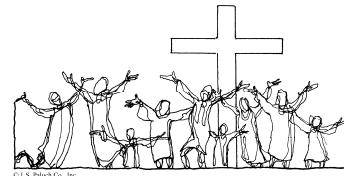
“Let heaven and earth  
praise him, the seas  
and all that move  
in them...”

Psalm 69:34



## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 22, 2008



**Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
For he has rescued the life of the poor.**

*- Jeremiah 20:13*



## 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 15, 2008  
amounted to \$11,099.00

**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:**



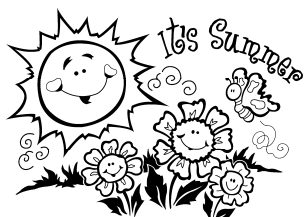
Re-registration letters have been mailed to all families presently enrolled. Re-registration may be done

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

### An Old English Prayer

Give us, Lord,  
 a bit of sun  
 a bit of work and  
 a bit of fun.  
 Give us in all the struggle and sputter  
 Our daily bread and a bit of butter;  
 Give us health and our keep to make,  
 And a bit to spare for others' sake;  
 Give us, too, a bit of song,  
 And a tale, and a book to help us along.  
 Give us, Lord, a chance to be  
 Our goodly best, brave, wise and free.

### June 24: Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

#### His Name is

**John**

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The Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the oldest festivals of the Christian church, being listed by the Council of Agde in 506 as one of that region's principal festivals, where it was a day of rest and, like Christmas, was celebrated with three masses: a vigil, at dawn, and at midday.

The Nativity of John the Baptist on 24 June comes three months after the celebration on 25 March of the Annunciation, when Gabriel said John's mother Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy,[1] and six months before the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus. The purpose of these festivals is not to commemorate the exact dates of the events, but simply to commemorate them in an interlinking way.



### Word of Life



*Children deserve to grow up with a healthy understanding of sexuality and its proper place in human relationships. They should be spared the degrading manifestations and the crude manipulation of sexuality so prevalent today. They have a right to be educated in authentic moral values rooted in the dignity of the human person. This brings us back to our consideration of the centrality of the family and the need to promote the Gospel of life. What does it mean to speak of child protection when pornography and violence can be viewed in so many homes through media widely available today? We need to reassess urgently the values underpinning society, so that a sound moral formation can be offered to young people and adults alike.'*

Pope Benedict XVI, Celebration of Vespers and Meeting with the Bishops of the United States of America, April 16, 2008

### Fear Not

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

### Helpful Literature Available

Please check the literature rack in the back of the church. You will find some new booklets regarding help for yourself, your friends, and family. Please help yourselves to these booklets.

### Treasures from our Tradition

The Eucharistic Prayers at the heart of our liturgy have a long history, beginning with the extemporaneous prayers of the early Christians. The presiders gave thanks from their hearts, not from any prearranged text, over the gifts of bread and wine. When the assembly had the sense that enough was said, someone would call out “Amen!” and that was that. For the most part, the plan flowed directly from Jewish meal prayers, which always recalled God’s mighty deeds. Some other markers and signposts were added almost everywhere fairly early, like the presider’s call to attention: “Lift up your hearts!”

Scholars have provided us with translations of many early texts. These have actually helped us craft new liturgical prayers, because until the liturgical reforms of forty years ago, no one could recall any prayer but the Roman Canon, now called Eucharistic Prayer I. For hundreds of years in the West, it was our only Eucharistic Prayer, and it was only in Latin. But the history of our Eucharistic Prayers is amazingly fruitful, and models have come down to us that have yielded new insights and expressions. The old custom of improvising texts according to a master plan has not endured, but we have now rediscovered a plan of standardizing the text while allowing for a great variety.

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### Masstimes.org

For those travelers who would like to know what time Mass is in the area they are visiting, please check out the Catholic website: [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org).

You can locate a Catholic Church anywhere in the US and view a listing of Mass times, address, and phone number for every church in the area. You can search for churches in a variety of ways including zip code, name, or city/state. If you’re away from the computer, you can call the toll-free number 410-676-6000 to request a listing of churches and Mass times.

## NEW VOLUNTEER POSSIBILITIES

### Church Cleaning Ministry

The **Church Cleaning Ministry** is inviting the parishioners to really consider signing up for this essential ministry.

Joining this ministry is such an easy way to contribute to our parish. It offers so much flexibility to fit into anyone’s schedule. You can be put on the schedule as infrequently as once a month and at a time convenient to your timetable.

The tasks include dusting the church window sills, candle area, altar area and the lobby. Other tasks involve cleaning and refilling the Holy Water fonts, straightening the books in the pews and cleaning the cry room window; that’s it.

Completing all the work will take one person only one hour. If you come with your friend, sister, brother, grandchild, husband or wife it will only take 30 minutes. If you come with your husband or wife and your two children, your family can complete all the work in only 15 minutes.

This ministry offers us all the opportunity to something good for our parish either solo, with a partner or with our whole family. We hope that you might think about giving this ministry a try.

For more information or to sign up please call Laura Kallenberg, Ministry leader at 201-445-1288.





## From the Archdiocese...

### Archdiocesan Opening of Pauline Year

In preparation for the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of the Apostle Paul, Pope Benedict XVI has decreed a Pauline Year beginning with the Vigil of the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 28, 2008, and continuing through June 29, 2009. To ensure an authentic archdiocesan opening of this Jubilee Year, Archbishop John J. Myers extends an invitation to everyone to participate in the noon Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Sunday, June 29, 2008. This celebration in honor of the Apostle of the Gentiles will include the opportunity to gain the Plenary Indulgence approved by the Holy See. The homily at the Mass will be delivered by Father Christopher Ciccarino, Professor of Pauline Literature at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, South Orange.

### Vocation Reflections

Christ reminds us in the Gospel that the value of a person is in their very personhood—not wealth, looks or intelligence, as valuable and good as these things are. The role of the priest, religious and deacon, while assisting in those areas, is also to ensure the realization of the value of the human soul. Are you interested in assisting humankind realize its full potential—spiritually, and otherwise? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray to the God who found us worthy enough to send His very Son for our salvation and contact the Office of Vocations at [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org) or 973.497.4365.

### 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

SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd

9:00AM Mass for Differently Able + Reception  
(Church, McGrath Room)

10:15AM Children’s Liturgy—McGrath

TUESDAY, JUNE 24th

1:15PM Legion of Mary—Chapel

### 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 legacygift!

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](mailto:demesaan@rcan.org). She would be pleased to speak with you and to also help you become a member of the Legacy Society.

