

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK



## 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

## MONDAY JUNE 30th

12:10 Esther Cottrell  
r/b Amby & Catherine McGarry

## TUESDAY JULY 1st

12:10 Gary De Boer—14th Anniversary  
r/b Claire & Stan Laikowski

## WEDNESDAY JULY 2nd

12:10 Pasquale, Giovannina & Dec. Members of the  
Biele Family  
r/b Carmela Biele

## THURSDAY JULY 3rd

12:10 Robert Drexler, Sr.  
r/b Claire Drexler

## FRIDAY JULY 4th

12:10 Thomas Jordan  
r/b Nan Alessio

## SATURDAY JULY 5th

5:00 William & Carol Dobson  
r/b Claire & Stan Laikowski

## SUNDAY JULY 6th

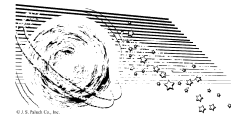
8:00 Beverly Lena  
r/b Thomas & Stephanie Healy  
10:15 Peter Inguanta  
r/b Moran Family  
12:00 Angelo Cacciola  
r/b Chris Finno

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## Saint Peter and Paul June 29, 2008



**Through all the earth their voice resounds,  
and to the ends of the world, their message.**

**- Psalm 19:5**



## 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 22, 2008  
amounted to \$10,653.00

## CATECHETICAL CENTER



The Religious Education Office offers their most heartfelt thank you to our pastor Rev. John O'Connell for his 15 years of faithful and unselfish commitment, leadership and loving service he has shown to the children of Nativity. You will be missed!

*"We give thanks to God always for you, remembering you in our prayers, calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of God and Father"* *Thessalonians 1:2-3*



### Summer Program 2008



Summer Program

We are happy to announce that our classes are off to a wonderful start, thanks to the most generous efforts of our volunteer staff of catechists, young teenage assistants and parents. We are all

very happy to be able to share our faith with the young children of Nativity.

### 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 July, 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

### Word of Life

*The Church ... is called to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life, and to promote a culture of life. ... The proclamation of life, life in abundance, must be the heart of the new evangelization. For true life – our salvation – can only be found in the reconciliation, freedom and love which are God's gracious gift.*

Pope Benedict XVI, homily at Votive Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, April 19, 2008

### Peter and Paul

Today is something of a rarity: the celebration of a saint's day that replaces the Sunday liturgy. Only a handful of these days, given the official rank of "solemnity," are considered so foundational and primal to the mission of the Church that they can interrupt the Sunday sequence. And so it is with Peter and Paul today.

In a way, they each have personality traits with which we can identify. They are both impetuous, sometimes acting or speaking thoughtlessly, contradicting the spiritual gifts given to them by God. At such times, they might receive a nudge from God, much the same as many of us experience. On the positive side, these men were deeply rooted in their faith in Christ, tireless and fearless in living out their call to spread the Good News of his death and resurrection. Perhaps we might identify more with one or the other, but the essential truth we celebrate today is this: Through the Spirit, Christ built and continues to build the Church and make the kingdom known through fragile, remarkable human beings, each graced in a particular way for the work of the reign of God.

### 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

Today is an exceptional event on our calendar: the Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is eclipsed by a solemnity honoring two saints who didn't spend much time together in their earthly ministry, and who have distinct feasts so they probably don't mind sharing this one. Yet each suffered a similar fate in the same city, Rome, during the persecution of the Emperor Nero. Nero probably ordered the destruction of many of the residential neighborhoods in service to his building projects, and when the homeless began to look for someone to blame for the fires, Nero targeted the Christians. Soon, Peter was crucified, upside down, on the Vatican hill. Excavations (called *scavi*) under the Vatican basilica have proven the authenticity of his burial place near the place of his death. Paul, a Roman citizen, was later granted a swifter execution by sword, and is remembered at a vast basilica on the city's outskirts.

Peter and Paul were just about polar opposites. Peter rough and ready, Paul poetic and polished. Peter carried a burden of regret for his denials, Paul had his own issues with which he struggled. Peter leapt over barriers to go to the Gentiles, Paul strove with and surrendered to the same call. True, they spent very little time together in this life, but the same Spirit filled their hearts and by their witness changed the face of the earth.

### Church of the Nativity Parish Community Joyfully Welcomes

Madison Skye Baumgardt

Andrea Elizabeth Casale

Sara Elizabeth Deak

Peter Frank Gizzi

Jack William Hanson

Jason Daniel McKenna-Applestein

Connor Stephen Rice

Michael Christopher Tarleton, Jr.



### July 1: Feast of Blessed Junipero Serra



Junipero Serra was a Franciscan priest who founded nine missions in what is today the state of California. He is buried in the Basilica in Carmel, California

Miguel Serra y Abram was born in Spain in 1713. When he was

sixteen, he joined the Franciscan Order and took the name Junipero, after the colorful companion of St. Francis of Assisi. In 1749, he felt called to leave his professorship of philosophy in Spain -- a comfortable life that brought him no little honor -- to become a missionary in what is now Mexico.

The Jesuits were banned from Spanish territories in 1767, and Bl. Junipero was chosen to take over their missions in Baja California. Two years later, he was appointed padre president of the whole of California. He founded his first mission on what would be United States soil in San Diego on July 16, 1769, effectively beginning the European colonization of California.

His second mission, San Carlos Borromeo in Monterey (later moved to Carmel), was established in 1770. Subsequent missions, around which grew up cities that still exist, included San Gabriel Arcangel (1771), San Luis Obispo de Tolosa (1772), San Francisco de Asis (1776), San Juan Capistrano (1776), Santa Clara (1777), and San Buenaventura (1782, now in the city of Ventura).

Estimates are that Bl. Junipero traveled more than 5,500 miles between the missions he founded along the California coast. In keeping with his vow of poverty, and despite chronic pain in one leg, he always traveled on foot. He was passionately devoted to the care of the Indians, which often put him in conflict with the Spanish government. By virtue of his commitment to evangelization over domination, he baptized some 6,000 Indians, or about ten percent of the entire native population.

Bl. Junipero is the one man most responsible for bringing the Spanish culture and the Catholic faith 500 miles deep into the Californian frontier. He died peacefully in Carmel on August 28, 1784, and was beatified in 1988.

*Father Jack,*

*Best wishes to you as you end your service to Nativity. Your smile, warmth, compassion and all around good nature will be missed by everyone.*



*We say "Bye for now" with sadness at your leaving, and fondness from our hearts.*

*The Rector's Staff*

### Virtue

Wisdom is knowing what to do next.

Skill is knowing how to do it.

Virtue is doing it.

Thomas Jefferson

### Vocation Reflections Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

"...you are Peter." In today's Gospel, and uniquely on today's feast, the Church is reminded of the supremacy of Saint Peter. There are hints spread throughout the Gospel, but none is as determinative as this Gospel. The power Christ bestows on Peter is unique to him, and Saint Peter becomes the human foundation of the Church based on Christ's gift. Are you willing to follow the successor of Saint Peter as he guides us to Christ's eternal Kingdom? If so, you may have a priestly or religious vocation. Pray for the intercession of the canonized/beatified popes, as well as the health of long life of our current Holy Father and contact the Office of Vocations at [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org) or 973.497.4365.

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## 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.

### Gaining the Pauline Plenary Indulgence on June 28/29

The Holy Father has granted an opportunity for the faithful to gain a Plenary Indulgence on this Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul in observance of The Pauline Year. The Indulgence may be gained once a day under the usual conditions (i.e. sacramental Confession, freedom from all attachment to sin, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father), if one participates in a religious function or in a pious exercise (*viz.* Mass) held publicly in honor of the Apostle of the Gentiles, concluding with the recitation of The Lord's Prayer, The Profession of Faith (i.e. Creed), and an Invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Paul the Apostle, closely linking such acts of devotion to the memory of the Prince of the Apostles, Saint Peter (e.g. *Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*

### What is an Indulgence?

The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* tells us, "Every sin has consequences. It disrupts our communion with God and the Church, weakens our ability to resist temptation and hurts others. The necessity of healing these consequences, once the sin itself has been forgiven, is called temporal punishment. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other works of charity can take away entirely or diminish this temporal punishment. Because of the fullness of redemption obtained for us by Christ, the Church attaches to certain prayers and actions an *indulgence* or pardon, that is, the full or partial remission of temporal punishment due to sin. Christ, acting through the Church, brings about the healing of the consequences of sin when an individual uses such a prayer or engages in such an action." (*Chapter 18*)

### Marriage Encounter



"...we also boast of God through 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

### July 4: Happy Independence Day!

