

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK



## SATURDAY MAY 10th

5:00 Jennie Bonasia  
r/b Phil McGovern  
Frederick Eid  
r/b De Luca Family

## SUNDAY MAY 11th—PENTECOST

8:00 Carolyn Spaeth  
r/b Anne & Bob Greer  
Frederick Eid  
r/b Frank & Lynn Bonasia  
10:15 Maria Cristina Rovetto  
r/b Phyllis & Tony Veli  
12:00 Walter Baumann—1st Anniversary  
r/b Hope & Charles Smith

## MONDAY MAY 12th

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

## TUESDAY MAY 13th

12:10 Ben Scott  
r/b Vincent & Mary Gallagher  
Friends of the Suffering Souls  
r/b Victor & Judy Bastis

## WEDNESDAY MAY 14th

12:10 Rosalia Veli  
r/b Gaetano & Vita Russo

## THURSDAY MAY 15th

12:10 Louis Confrancisco  
r/b Marcella McGarr

## FRIDAY MAY 16th

12:10 Martha Troncone—32nd Anniversary  
r/b Son, Bill

## SATURDAY MAY 17th

5:00 Jerome Dobson — 45th Anniversary  
r/b Claire & Stan Laikowski

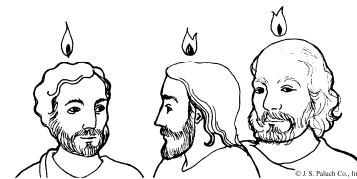
## SUNDAY MAY 18th

8:00 Jennie Bonasia  
r/b Madeline & Frank Aponte  
Helen & Peter Dahlinger  
r/b Peter Dahlinger  
Dolores Ravine  
r/b Judy & Fred Giannetto  
10:15 Kathleen Maher —8th Anniversary  
r/b Husband  
12:00 Steve Balog  
r/b Sullivan & Balog Families



## Pentecost Sunday

May 11, 2008



**There appeared to them tongues as of fire,  
which parted and came to rest  
on each one of them.**

- Acts 2:3



## 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, May 4, 2008  
amounted to \$11,729.00

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## CATECHETICAL CENTER

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



Re-registration letters will be mailed shortly 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!

### Summer Program 2008

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 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Confirmation Program

Letters containing important information regarding the practice and celebration have been mailed. Please call the Center (201-447-1776) if you have any further questions. Practice for all candidates will take place on **Wednesday May 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### Send out Your Spirit



Last week we heard that, following the Ascension, the disciples, Mary, and other followers of the Lord retreated to the upper room in prayer. This week we hear that, while praying in that room, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Jesus' post-Resurrection promise, recounted in today's Gospel, is fulfilled: the power of the Holy Spirit comes upon Jesus' followers. Saint Paul tells us that all of us, in some way, are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, gifts that can be used to spread the Good News. Today is one of the Church's greatest festivals. Let us carry the refrain of the responsorial psalm with us throughout the coming week: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" (Psalm 104:30).

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### Affected by Alcoholism?



A special Mass and Support Group Meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at St. Paul Church, 200 Wyckoff Avenue, Ramsey, New Jersey on Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 12:00 Noon.

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*Happy Mother's Day!*



**When God created Moms  
In honor of all moms on Mother's Day**

When the good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of overtime, when an angel appeared and said,

"You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the spec on this one? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic; have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable; run on black coffee and leftovers; have a lap that disappears when she stands up; a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair; and six pair of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands...no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. The Lord nodded.

"One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, "What are you kids doing in there?" when she already knows. Another here, in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, "I understand and I love you," without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching his sleeve gently, "Rest for now. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick, can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly. "She's too soft," she sighed.

"But tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what the mother can do or endure."

"Can she think?"

"Not only think, but she can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told you, you were trying to put too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness and pride."

"You're a genius," said the angel.



**Sport Camps**



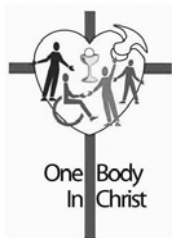
**Bergen Catholic** will hold the following Summer Camp Programs will be held at Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, NJ. Basketball School, Football Camp, Lacrosse Camp, Soccer's Edge and Wrestling.

Camp applications are available at [www.bergencatholic.org](http://www.bergencatholic.org)

**St. Joseph Regional High School** in Montvale, NJ will offer sports camps in football and basketball for area youths this summer. Please call (201) 391-3300 for camp applications and further information.

**Mom's Group Garage Sale  
is Saturday, June 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Spring Cleaning? Want to clean out the junk and make some cash? The Nativity Mom's Group will be having their annual garage sale on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. The sale will be held rain or shine. Purchase a table for \$15 and get rid of some of those items that have been taking up space in your home. We supply the set up, clean up, and advertising. You can keep your proceeds or donate them to the Mom's Group. For more information please contact Tiffany Gallagher at (201) 689-6823.



**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*



**Midland Park Knights of Columbus**

**Community Night 2008**

At this time, the Community Night committee is seeking nominations of great community people of Midland Park, who deserve recognition. The Knights are especially looking to recognize at least one adult from our community, one from the Nativity Church community, one outstanding Midland Park youth, and an Outstanding Neighbor Award.

So as not to overlook individuals, we are asking individuals to please nominate candidates for recognition. Nominations are being accepted until May 22nd. Contact the committee chairmen at the phone number below.

During this Community Night event the Knights distribute donations to various local charities, as well as present several student scholarships, and recognize outstanding teachers and community active individuals. The public is welcome to attend this event.

Please contact Ken Gubala, K. of C. Community Night chairmen, at (201) 310-9919 with nominations for the service awards listed above.

**Rosary Rings**

Knights of Columbus Pope John XXIII Council 5498 will be giving out rosary rings at all Masses on May 10 and May 11, Saturday and Sunday. These rings are spiritual objects and blessed so please treat them as such. Please keep the rosary rings on you at all times as a reminder to say a prayer or the rosary for peace and for our troops.

**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.



**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 [sylviav12@aol.com](mailto:sylviav12@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, MAY 11th - MOTHER’S DAY

9:00AM Mass for differently abled—Church

10:15AM Children’s Liturgy—McGrath

MONDAY, MAY 12th

TUESDAY, MAY 13th

1:15PM Legion of Mary—Chapel

6:00PM Men’s Basketball—Kennedy Hall

7:30PM Choir Practice—Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14th

9:30AM Mom’s Group—Upper Room

7:30PM Confirmation Practice—Church

THURSDAY, MAY 15th

FRIDAY, MAY 16th

SATURDAY, MAY 17th

4:00PM Confirmation Celebration—Church

**NO 5:00PM MASS!!**

SUNDAY, MAY 18th

10:15AM Children’s Liturgy—McGrath

