

**MASSES
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY MAY 17th

4:00 CONFIRMATION

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
 Josephine Spirito
 r/b Mr. and Mrs. P. Liccardi
 12:00 Steve Balog
 r/b Sullivan & Balog Families

MONDAY MAY 19th

12:10 Gerardo Veliz
 r/b Roma & Schuster Families

TUESDAY MAY 20th

12:10 Mary & Edward Fetkowitz
 r/b Family

WEDNESDAY MAY 21st

12:10 Jim Berry
 r/b Bert Bersch

THURSDAY MAY 22nd

12:10 Thomas McGarr
 r/b Marcella McGarr

FRIDAY MAY 23rd

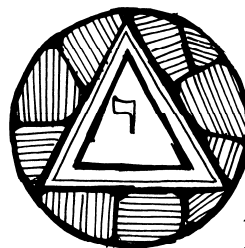
12:10 Ida Connolly
 r/b Kathleen & Mike Grifone

SATURDAY MAY 24th

5:00 Mary Gassih
 r/b Robert & Edith Skudera
 Arthur & Jeanette Paladino
 r/b Mullins Family

SUNDAY MAY 25th

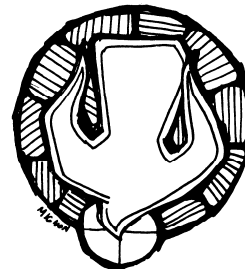
8:00 Michael Daly
 r/b Bergen Catholic Parents Club
 10:15 Jeffrey Krumm
 r/b Eleanor McCabe
 12:00 Helen & Jim Moran
 r/b Viviani Family



Glory
to the Father



the
Son



and
the Holy Spirit

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The Most Holy Trinity

May 18, 2008

**God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son**

- John 3:16a

This week, a special collection
will be held for

"Communicating God's Word"

Thank you for your generosity!



MEMORIAL DAY:

On Monday May 26

The Mass will be at 9 AM

There will be no noon Mass.

Thank You!

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

Our collection for Sunday, May 2, 2008
amounted to \$10,787.00

CATECHETICAL CENTER

Thank You!

**A special "Thank You" from the religious
Education Office**

We would like to express our thanks:

- To the newly confirmed and to all who brought them to this moment – their parents, sponsors, friends, group leaders, parish staff, Bishop da Cunha, especially our Pastor Rev. John O'Connell and of course the Lord, Who guides us in all we do.
- To the Sacramental Preparation Team: Mrs. Monica Adametz, Mrs. Andrea Moraski, Mrs. Jean Pennington; Mr. Michael Vrtis, and Ms. Janice Wehrle.
- To the Greeters, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, to the Choir under the direction of Denis Mullins; for their assistance in making this Liturgy so beautiful.

It has been a joy for us to share these wonderful moments of grace with you.

**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:

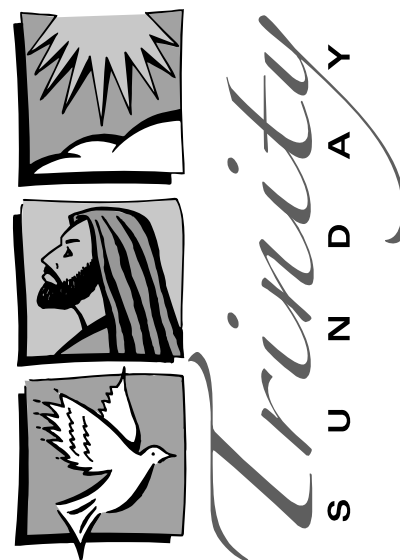
- Registered members of the parish
- Present a certificate of Baptism for the child/ren and
- Registration fee.

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 13th. 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 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.





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.

Mom's Group Garage Sale is Saturday, June 14TH

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 14th 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.

Treasures from our Tradition

It is often heard that today's observance is an "idea feast," and that it is somewhat difficult to grasp its meaning. Other great solemnities, such as Christmas and Easter, have an easily grasped core. Yet, even though the Trinity is at the heart of our faith, firmly declared in the Creed since the Council of Nicea in 325, we are used to having people shrug and say, "Well, it's a mystery."

Perhaps it is more helpful to think of this as a "relationship feast," since it unveils our deepest identity. Dorothy Day was a great social reformer, pacifist, and ardent lover of the Trinity. When people told her that she would certainly be canonized one day (the process is indeed underway), she protested dismissively by remarking that people were raising a fuss just because she was not afraid to talk about God. She loved the Trinity, and treasured the traditional icon for the feast, also known as "The Hospitality of Abraham," depicting the three angelic beings seated at a table tilted toward the viewer and laden with bread and wine. For her, the Trinity revealed the heart of the Catholic life, three C's if you will: community, communication, and communion. That was not an "idea" for her, but what it means to be created in the image of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Catholic War Veterans



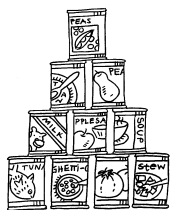
The Catholic War Veterans will be outside Church after all Masses on May 24/25 collecting for veterans and widows.

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.

**Food Drive for the
EMMANUEL CANCER FOUNDATION**

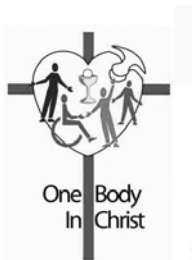


FOOD DRIVE

The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation will be conducting a food drive after all Masses on Saturday and Sunday, May 31st and June 1st. The Foundation, located in Midland Park, serves families who have a child diagnosed with cancer.

The items most needed are cereal, pasta, rice, instant potatoes, canned foods, juices, crackers, toiletries, paper products, and any other non-perishables. Please leave your donations in the vestibule of the church. For more information, call Bert at 201-652-8957.

Food Drop off—May 31—June 1st.



**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 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

Great idea for Father's Day

To honor your father (living or deceased) this Father's Day, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network will send your father 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 father will be so proud of you for recognizing her caring in such a meaningful way.

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus



You are cordially invited to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Ridgewood, NJ on May 25, 2008 for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus.

There will be a 12:30 Mass followed by Procession of the Holy Eucharist. Reception follows at the Parish Center in celebration of 6th year anniversary of OLMC Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

For more information please call 201-447-3150.



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 for more info.

The Inexpressible Mystery

The God of the universe is mysterious. Science has not been able to solve the mystery of how the universe came into being or explain exactly what continues to give it creative energy and masterful design. No religion asserts that it has found words to name fully the ineffable mystery of God, for no matter what name we use, God always transcends our limited ability to understand. God is a mystery to be believed, not known. And yet, we Christians believe that our name for God best expresses that inexpressible mystery: God is the Most Holy Trinity of three persons united in a communion of love, pouring forth that creative, saving, sanctifying love into the world. Today’s scriptures celebrate the mystery of the Trinity and give us clues for living that mystery in our lives.

Word of Life

The use society hopes to make of biomedical science must constantly be measured against robust and firm ethical standards. ... Foremost among these is the dignity of human life, for under no circumstances may a human being be manipulated or treated as a mere instrument for experimentation.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Holy See, Oct. 11, 2007



This Week at Nativity

SUNDAY, MAY 18th

10:15AM Children’s Liturgy—McGrath

MONDAY, MAY 19th

7:30PM Ministry Leader Workshop—Kennedy Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 20th

1:15PM Legion of Mary—Chapel

6:00PM Men’s Basketball—Kennedy Hall

7:30PM Choir Practice—Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st

9:30AM Mom’s Group—Upper Room

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

THURSDAY, MAY 22nd

FRIDAY, MAY 21st

8:30PM Men’s Basketball—Kennedy Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd

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