

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



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

MONDAY MAY 26th—MEMORIAL DAY

9:00 For those who gave their lives in the service of our
Country

THERE IS NO NOON MASS!

TUESDAY MAY 27th

12:10 Thomas Morland
r/b Warren & Linda Chiodo
Friends of the Suffering Souls
r/b Victor & Judy Bastis

WEDNESDAY MAY 28th

12:10 Frank Ferro
r/b Claire Drexler

THURSDAY MAY 29th

12:10 Frank Ferro
r/b Bud & Barbara Wostbrock

FRIDAY MAY 30th

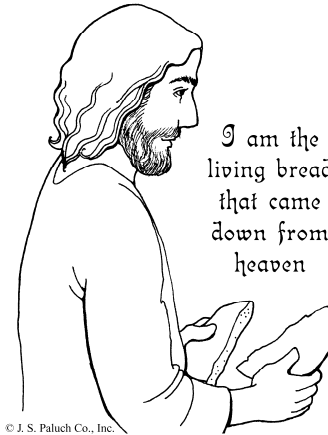
12:10 Nicholas Bologna
r/b Janet Camlin

SATURDAY MAY 31st

5:00 Grace Caldiero—3rd Anniversary
r/b Joseph Caldiero

SUNDAY JUNE 1st

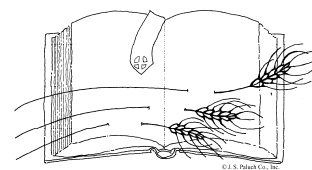
8:00 Anthony Kahwaty—32nd Anniversary
r/b Paula & Vincent Mollica
10:15 Joan Martin
r/b Cummings Family
12:00 George & Margaret Tung
r/b Betty Chan



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

May 25, 2008



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*Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of the Lord.*

- Deuteronomy 8:3b



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 18, 2008
amounted to \$8,125.00

CATECHETICAL CENTER

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!

A special Thank You from the Religious Education Office

We wish to express our thanks to everyone who helped make the celebrations of First Eucharist and Confirmation so meaningful to our young people: To Fr. John O’Connell, our Pastor; Fr. Ray Rodrigue, and Msgr. Jim Burke. In addition, our thanks go to Denis Mullins, our Music Ministry Director and choir members; catechists, lectors, ushers and altar servers, parents and children.

Special thanks to the Bradley family for helping with the First Communion refreshments, and to the eighth grade catechists Sandy Abballe, Denise Connelly and Beth Kasbarian for assisting us with the Confirmation Reception.

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



Can you Help?



Catechists Needed

Our Religious Education Program is once again in need of catechists for grades K-6, for either Sunday morning or Thursday afternoon in our school and/or our summer option program. We are especially in need of catechists to teach a small group (6-8 students) in their home for 7th and 8th grade. The Religious Education Coordinator will provide both group and individual sessions to prepare you for this vital ministry to our young children. If you feel called to this ministry, or even if you’re curious about what is involved, please call the Center @ 201-447-1776 for information.

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

Moving in or out of the parish?

If any parish family has a change of address, please let the Rectory know. This will keep our parish records up to date. Thank you.



Transformation

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

Pope St. Leo the Great

Treasures from our Tradition



At the heart of today’s solemnity is a eucharistic procession, held in many parishes, that calls to mind the procession of Holy Thursday, yet has a purpose different from the somber adoration in the night watch. In the late Middle Ages, a procession through the city with the Blessed Sacrament was an occasion of heartfelt joy and great emotion. In a time when people seldom approached the altar to receive Holy Communion, the procession through the streets, past homes and workplaces, was a vibrant reminder that Christ was with them as a dear companion and guide.

Every year on this day, a joyful procession winds through the streets of Rome from the Lateran cathedral. A few years ago, Pope John Paul II, deeply moved at the sight of the throng accompanying the sacred host, said that we ought to feel profoundly united with the faithful everywhere in the world at such a moment. “Before our mind’s eye all the Churches of the world, from East to West, from North to South, are present.” Originally this feast was on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but after the calendar reform of 1970, its title was expanded from “Corpus Christi” to “The Body and Blood of Christ” and in the United States it was moved to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Even though Easter season ended two weeks ago, this beautiful feast is aglow with Easter light.

Thank you from the Nurturing Place

Thank you for your generosity to all the moms in residence at the Nurturing Place. These moms, who are so often forgotten, were delighted that there were special packages for each of them on Mother’s Day. How thoughtful of the people of the Church of the Nativity to remember our moms.

Thank you to all the parishioners who made this a special Mother’s Day.

Come one, come all !!!

To Saint Anthony’s Feast
 Diamond Bridge Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ
 June 11th through June 14th
 Starts 6:00pm each evening
 Rides, Games, Home Cooked Food
 For discount ride tickets contact:
 Julie 973-423-5129



Trust in Jesus

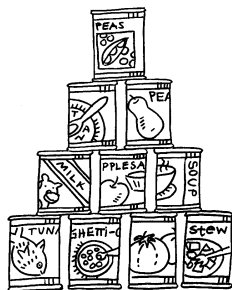
Today’s feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith—the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God’s word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today’s Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.



The **Pastoral Council liaisons** at the **Church of the Nativity** will gladly listen to your questions/ comments or direct you to the appropriate chairperson for the ministry. The members are:

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| Sean Conyngham | 201-444-6362 |
| Cherrie Cruz | 201-445-5372 |
| Michael Daly | 201-560-9796 |
| John Herron | 201-512-1582 |
| Ruth Major | 201-447-6235 |
| Dave Wostbrock | 201-444-5572 |
| Jim Szydlik | 201-670-6998 |
| Janet Nemec | 201-670-1871 |
| Fr. Jack O’Connell | 201-444-6362 |

Food Drive for the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation



The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation will be conducting a food drive at all the 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.

FOOD DRIVE

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



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

Summer is Here



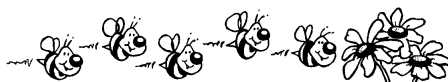
As we welcome the summer season and enjoy beautiful flowers, warm weather and time spent with treasured friends, take a minute to have lemonade and pastries prepared by the Hospitality Ministry members. Please join us and all Nativity parishioners after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, June 7th and after all masses on Sunday, June 8th.

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.

Would you like to increase the spiritual atmosphere of your home?

The Legion of Mary offers a great opportunity for prayerful enhancement. They would be happy to bring the Pilgrim Virgin Statue to your home where it remains for two weeks providing a visual incentive to promote increased prayer and meditation. Reserve a place in your home for the Blessed Mother by calling Steve Maher, 201-652-4196





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.

Word of Life

A society unable to accept its suffering members and incapable of helping to share their suffering and to bear it inwardly through “com-*passion*” is a cruel and inhuman society” (Spe salvi, 38). ... More and more lonely elderly people exist in big cities, even in situations of serious illness and close to death. In such situations, the pressure of euthanasia is felt, especially when a utilitarian vision of the person creeps in. In this regard, I take this opportunity to reaffirm once again the firm and constant ethical condemnation of every form of direct euthanasia, in accordance with the Church’s centuries-old teaching.

Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Congress
Organized by the Pontifical Academy for Life, Feb 25, 2008



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day May 26

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The Collection for Disabled veterans and widows of veterans has been rescheduled to June 14/15.



This Week at Nativity

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

10:15AM Children’s Liturgy—McGrath

MONDAY, MAY 26th—MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 27th

1:15PM Legion of Mary—Chapel

6:00PM Men’s Basketball—Kennedy Hall

7:30PM Choir Practice—Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th

9:30AM Mom’s Group—Upper Room

THURSDAY, MAY 29th

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Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mat 25:40).



If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. Remember that God has entrusted His gifts to us so that we may share it with others. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office.

For those who have already made a contribution, thank you for your support.