

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY MAY 3rd

5:00 Elizabeth Scaglione
r/b Family
Josephine Aiello
r/b Family

SUNDAY MAY 4th

8:00 Deceased Members of the Rosary Society
r/b Rosary Society
Jennie Bonasia
r/b Marilyn Brechbiel
10:15 Stella Gallagher
r/b Legion of Mary
12:00 Charles O'Connor
r/b Judy & Mike Grembowiec

MONDAY MAY 5th

12:10 Harry Lasher
r/b Margaret Laterner

TUESDAY MAY 6th

12:10 William Hurrell
r/b Christopher & Nicole Tolon

WEDNESDAY MAY 7th

12:10 Frederick Eid
r/b Katharine Dunworth

THURSDAY MAY 8th

12:10 Charles & Ellen Reilly
r/b Matt Reilly

FRIDAY MAY 9th

12:10 Julia Marie Bommer
r/b Steve Maher

SATURDAY MAY 10th

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

SUNDAY MAY 11th—PENTECOST—MOTHER'S DAY

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

They devoted themselves to prayer



Seventh Sunday of Easter May 4, 2008



“They have kept your word.”

- John 17:6b



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, April 27, 2008 amounted to \$10,353. 00

CATECHETICAL CENTER

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 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!

First Eucharist Program



First Communion

with the children and their families.

We are happy to announce that on Sunday April 27th, and May 4th at 12:00 noon, 63 children in our parish family will share in an event of great joy for them and for all of us. They will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. We invite all members of our parish community to celebrate with the children and their families.

Please welcome them and remember them in your prayers.



Confirmation Program

Just a reminder...

- **Community Service and any other forms** are overdue.
- **Sponsor forms and letters of certification** are overdue

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

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.

G.R.E.A.T. News!



Eleven children who participated in the GREAT Program received their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 3rd. They and their families have prepared for this joyous occasion for some time now,

learned what the Eucharist is about and what it means to be part of the Eucharist community of people. Please keep them on your prayers.

Pastoral Council Corner

A number of months ago, we conducted a parish survey to get a pulse check of our parishioners of how our parish is meeting their needs. As we continue to address the questions and comments from the survey we thought we would begin with two frequently asked questions, “What is happening to the school?” and “What are we doing for the youth of our parish?”.

We are currently looking to lease the school. We have one organization that is interested in using a large part of the school. We will keep you posted. When we do lease the school we will still have use of the classrooms for CCD and use of Kennedy Hall.

There are many activities available for the youth. Youth Cares is a great opportunity for young people to feel they are giving back to the community through volunteering opportunities. We will also have a youth mass for 7th – 12th graders in June 22nd at 6:30 pm. We will keep posted on any other activities that we are planning for the upcoming year.

Please check the bulletin for other updates and comments from the parish survey.

Peace,
The Pastoral Council

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus



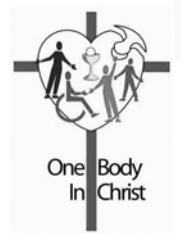
The Knights of Columbus extends a thank you to all our friends and parishioners who donated to our Developmentally Disabled Drive the weekend of April 19th and 20th.

Due to your generosity we had a very successful drive. The check will be given to the Eastern Christian Children’s Retreat in Wyckoff at our community night on Thursday, June 5, 2008.

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.



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

The Calm before the Storm

This seventh Sunday of Easter is somewhat like the proverbial “calm before the storm.” The Lord Jesus has ascended into heaven and Pentecost has not yet occurred. Rather than immediately taking up Jesus’ command to go out to all the nations, the disciples gather in the upper room “with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers” (Acts 1:14). There they all devote themselves to prayer. The Gospel recounts the great prayer for the disciples that Jesus offered to his Father in heaven. If the words of Jesus while he was on earth finally began to sink in for the disciples, then gathering to pray was certainly the right choice, for the second reading lets us all know that to follow Christ means to have a share in his sufferings.



Rosary Society

May Crowning

The May Crowning will take place:
on Thursday May 8.

It will start outside at 7 PM weather permitting
at "Lady of the Highway Shrine"
on the back road by the Chapel.

If it rains, it will take place in the Church.

After the crowning, refreshments will be served in the McGrath Room and
a Rosary Society meeting will follow.

All are welcome.



The Pastoral Council liaisons at
the Church of the Nativity will
gladly listen to your questions/

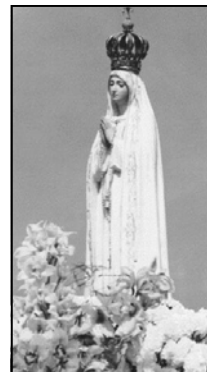
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| Sean Conyngham | 201-444-6362 |
| Cherrie Cruz | 201-445-5372 |
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| John Herron | 201-512-1582 |
| Ruth Major | 201-447-6235 |
| Dave Wostbrock | 201-444-5572 |
| Jim Szydlik | 201-670-6998 |
| Janet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

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.

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.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the Legion of Mary, please contact Steve Maher 201-652-3521 or Vince Gallagher 201-447-1369. New members are always welcome.





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.

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 4th

8:00AM Rosary Society Mass—Church
10:15AM Children's Liturgy—McGrath Room
12:00PM **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**—Church, School

MONDAY, MAY 5th

7:30PM Cornerstone 2 meeting—McGrath Room

TUESDAY, MAY 6th

1:15PM Legion of Mary—Chapel
6:00PM Men's Basketball—Kennedy Hall
7:30PM Choir Practice—Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7th

9:30AM Mom's Group—Upper Room
2:00PM CARE seminar—Kennedy Hall

THURSDAY, MAY 8th

7:00PM Rosary Society May Crowning—Church
7:30PM Knights of Columbus—Youth Center

FRIDAY, MAY 9th

8:30PM Men's Basketball—Kennedy Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 10th

8:00AM Baseball Plant Sale — Chapel, Parking Lot
11:00AM Parish Baptisms—Church

SUNDAY, MAY 11th

9:00AM Mass for differently abled—Church
10:15AM CLOW—McGrath Room

Adorno Fathers Spring Fair

The Friends of the Adornos will hold their annual Spring Fair on the grounds of St. Michael Seminary, 575 Darlington Ave. Ramsey, NJ on Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 10:00AM to 6:00PM (Rain Date: Sunday, May 25, 2008). Admission is free—ample parking—refreshments and food sold on premises—kiddie rides. The Fair will feature 200 booths offering bargains in antiques, jewelry, paintings, ceramics, collectibles, crafts, clothing, toys, house wares, leather goods, and general merchandise. Treat your family to an “old fashioned experience: spend a day at the Adorno Fathers Spring Fair—NO PETS PLEASE—For further information call 201-327-7375.