

MASSES FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY JULY 12th

5:00 Arnold Rhodes
r/b Kathryn Rhodes

SUNDAY JULY 13th

8:00 Jennie Bonasia
r/b Chris & John Terry
10:15 Roy McCullough
r/b Family, Kathy McCullough
12:00 Catherine C. Bello—32nd Anniversary
r/b Julianne & Anthony Medici

MONDAY JULY 14th

12:10 Caroline Spieth
r/b Barbara & Ray Cantwell

TUESDAY JULY 15th

12:10 Joseph A. Brzuchalski
r/b Michael & Denise Pinbell

WEDNESDAY JULY 16th

12:10 Thomas P. Burke
r/b Msgr. James Burke

THURSDAY JULY 17th

12:10 Arlene Mack
r/b Joann & Joe Radigan
Friends of the Suffering Souls
r/b Victor & Judy Bastis

FRIDAY JULY 18th

12:10 Casey Family, Weindorf Family & Harry Arahill
r/b Casey Family

SATURDAY JULY 19th

5:00 Mary C. Burke
r/b Msgr. James Burke

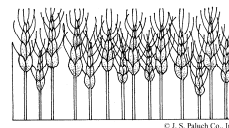
SUNDAY JULY 20th

8:00 George & Barbara Shabet—52th Wedding Anniversary - Special Intention
Michael Kravaty
r/b Janet Nemeč
10:15 Edward J. Daly, Sr.
r/b Sullivan & Balog Families
12:00 John J. Greskowitz—10th Anniversary
r/b Family



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2008



**You have crowned the year with your
bounty, and your paths overflow with a
rich harvest**

- Psalm 65:12



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, July 6, 2008
amounted to \$7,281.00



*As the first time I am writing to all of you, I want to say **THANK YOU** for the warm reception I got this weekend. I also want to Thank Fr. Ray for his guidance. I also want to thank the pastoral and support staffs for making my*

transition a smooth one. Moving is stressful enough, but having the staff you have here at Nativity is very helpful.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the weeks to come. Summer is a slower time in the parish and a time where I can settle in and get my bearings. For those of you who were not around last weekend I am adding my introduction to the parish.

Peace, Fr. Peter

Good Evening/Morning

My name is Fr. Peter Funesti and as you may have heard or read I am the new Pastor assigned to Nativity Parish.

It is a very exciting time for me personally to be assigned to such a wonderful faith community as Nativity Parish. This is my first parish as Pastor. I have been a priest for 19 ½ years. I have had 2 previous Parish experiences my 1st parish was Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange were I served for 6 ½ years then I went to St. Thomas Church in Bloomfield were I have been for the past 13 years . Even though I have a good number of years in pastoral ministry as a first time pastor I know there is a lot for me to learn.

I realize it's a little weird that only last week you said farewell to Fr. Jack and now this week I am here. Unfortunately that is the way we priests are transferred from parish to parish.

*I know how difficult it is for you to switch gears after 14 years with Fr. Jack. I know it will take time to grieve his departure and get used to someone else. **Understand.** It will take time for me to grieve my departure from St Thomas Church and the people I loved there. It was a great home for the past 13 years.*

They say change is a good thing and helps all of us to grow and yet change is also painful; especially when you love someone. I know how much you loved Fr. Jack here at Nativity. I know what a kind and compassionate priest he was. I know how much he loved this Church, all of you .

*My prayer is that I will be able to live up to the standard Fr. Jack set. My prayer is that I will be able to serve you **the Church of the Nativity** with the same kindness, compassion and heart that have long been part of this parish.*

When I told my family and friends that I had been made Pastor of Nativity the first thing anyone said to me (who knew anything about this church) was how good the people were. They said you will love the people in this parish. It is a great community of faith.

When Fr. Jack called to congratulate and welcome me as the new pastor, he told me over and over and over again how elated he was that I was coming to Nativity. He truly made it more exciting for me than I could ever imagine. When we first met he shared with me all the ways in which this faith filled community proclaims the good news of Jesus Christ. I was overwhelmed and humbled that I was coming to such a special place.

I remember coming to this parish as a teenager for search follow-ups. You see I grew up in Montvale and my home parish was Our Lady of Mercy in Park Ridge. I was part of the Bergen county Search program. So in some ways I have come back home to Bergen County. My Parents and my 2 brothers and their families still live in Montvale and it is nice to be a little closer to them.

Even though I knew where Nativity parish was located I really did not know a lot about the community.

So I need your help, I need all of you to teach me about Nativity.

I need you to tell me why you love this church and what makes this community special?

*I also need you to **pray** for me asking God to make me the best pastor I can be. I will in turn keep you in my prayers. I believe together with prayer & the sacraments as our hallmark we can continue to grow as a parish serving God and our neighbors. **Thank you, God bless you, and please be patient with me.***

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!

Summer Schedule



Please note that beginning July 1st; the Center is operating on a summer schedule of reduced hours from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Please CALL before coming. The voice mail will receive your message when no one is in the office and we will call you as soon as possible.

Attention Newcomers!

We are accepting registration of new students for K-8 in the Center during office hours. A certificate of Baptism and a registration fee are required. Please call the center (201-447-1776) before coming to register, since we are on a summer work schedule of reduced hours.

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

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.



First Penance and First Communion Programs



To enroll in the second grade Reconciliation & Eucharist programs, it is necessary that a child must have completed Gr. 1 of formal catechism.



The Healing Power of Forgiveness

Join us for an evening of spiritual enrichment with internationally known motivational and inspirational speaker, Janet Pfeiffer.

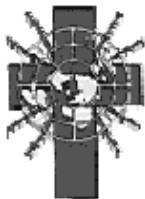
Using a blend of scripture, lecture, personal stories and examples of forgiveness, Janet will share with you the necessity of forgiving as well as a step-by-step guide to healing the pain and creating lasting peace within your heart.

“WE CANNOT BE A WORLD AT PEACE UNTIL WE ARE FIRST A PEOPLE OF PEACE.” - Janet Pfeiffer.

**Wednesday, July 16th at 7:00 pm
Most Blessed Sacrament**

For more information, please call Sister Rose Marie at (201) 891-4200.

Propagation of the Faith



Every year, the Archdiocese of Newark invites a missionary group to come to the parish and speak about their particular missionary outreach. On the weekend of July 19th and 20th, Father Melvin from the Adorno fathers will speak at all masses about their missions in Africa, India and the Phillipines. We kindly ask you to respond to this appeal in the spirit of generosity.

“Music for a Summer Night III”



Saturday – July 26, 2008
@ 8:00 PM
Songs of Broadway & Hollywood
Drama Ministry
St. Anthony’s Parish
199 Walnut Street - Northvale, NJ – (201) 768-1177
FREE ADMISSION

**NEW VOLUNTEER
POSSIBILITIES**

Church Cleaning Ministry

The **Church Cleaning Ministry** is inviting the parishioners to really consider signing up for this essential ministry.

Joining this ministry is such an easy way to contribute to our parish. It offers so much flexibility to fit into anyone’s schedule. You can be put on the schedule as infrequently as once a month and at a time convenient to your timetable.

The tasks include dusting the church window sills, candle area, altar area and the lobby. Other tasks involve cleaning and refilling the Holy Water fonts, straightening the books in the pews and cleaning the cry room window; that’s it.

Completing all the work will take one person only one hour. If you come with your friend, sister, brother, grandchild, husband or wife it will only take 30 minutes. If you come with your husband or wife and your two children, your family can complete all the work in only 15 minutes.

This ministry offers us all the opportunity to something good for our parish either solo, with a partner or with our whole family. We hope that you might think about giving this ministry a try.

For more information or to sign up please call Laura Kallenberg, Ministry leader at 201-445-1288.





From the Archdiocese...

Bible Study Courses

Let God touch your life through prayer, study and reflection. Eight-week courses in spirituality are offered at a parish near you beginning the week of September 15. Register for a course: The Old Testament and Spirituality; The Church; Spirituality and Ministry. For information and a brochure, call 973 497 4350 or e-mail stantovi@rcan.org

Bereavement Support Group

On July 17th, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Franklin Lakes will have a Bereavement Support Group meeting at the Parish Center from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. It will be a support group for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. All are welcome. For more information please contact Sr. Rose Marie at (201) 891-4200

Vocation Reflections



COME,
FOLLOW ME,
AND I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS OF
MEN.

MARK 1:17

Today's Gospel gives opportunity to reflect upon the Parable of the Sower in light of vocations and vocation awareness. The seed that is being spread is that of Faith—as each priest or religious preaches the Word of God and the Church's teachings it is Faith that is spread through the world. In a similar manner, as seed fell on various types of ground, so too does the preaching of these holy priests and religious. Some people will hear you, others will ignore you, still others will be discouraged and the faith will be lost. Yet, as Christ concludes in the Gospel, the production ratio is one-hundred, sixty or thirty fold. Are you willing to spread the seed of faith in Christ as He encourages in the Gospel? If so, you may have a vocation. Pray for perseverance in following vocation you may possess and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.

Masstimes.org



For those travelers who would like to know what time Mass is in the area they are visiting, please check out the Catholic website: masstimes.org.

You can locate a Catholic Church anywhere in the US and view a listing of Mass times, address, and phone number for every church in the area. You can search for churches in a variety of ways including zip code, name, or city/state. If you're away from the computer, you can call the toll-free number 410-676-6000 to request a listing of churches and Mass times.

Attention Students who will apply to Catholic High School this Fall!

In order to apply to the 32 Catholic high schools in the four counties within the Archdiocese of Newark, students in the 8th grade must take the 2008 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 7, 2008. For more information, visit www.coopexam.org or call 1-888-921-COOP.

Weekend Retreat for Separated or Divorced

A weekend retreat for separated or divorced will be given on September 12, 13, 14, 2008, in Newton, N.J. by a Franciscan Retreat Team. For more information call Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM (973) 985-9736 or Deacon Milt (973) 271-5097.

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.