

# MASSES FOR THE WEEK



## SATURDAY JULY 19th

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

## SUNDAY JULY 20th

8:00 George & Barbara Shabet—52nd Wedding Anniversary - Special Intention

Michael Kravatz  
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

## MONDAY JULY 21st

12:10 Teresa Higgins  
r/b Cameron Family

## TUESDAY JULY 22nd

12:10 Antoni Wolodkowicz  
r/b Cameron Family

## WEDNESDAY JULY 23rd

12:10 Mary Ellen Colina  
r/b Nan Alessio

## THURSDAY JULY 24th

12:10 Sister Ann Marie Conway  
r/b Anne & Bob Greer

## FRIDAY JULY 25th

12:10 Christopher Vidio  
r/b Christina Rad

## SATURDAY JULY 26th

5:00 Norbert Baillie—11th Anniversary  
r/b Laura Kallenberg

Clara Rossano  
r/b Peter & Jean Rossano

## SUNDAY JULY 27th

8:00 Catherine Collins  
r/b Daughter

10:15 Sophie Sondey  
r/b John, Brendan & Danielle Sondey

12:00 George Rennison—32nd Anniversary  
r/b Joanne Gentile

The kingdom of heaven is like  
a farmer who sowed good seed



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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2008



Those who are just must be kind

- Wisdom 12:19



## 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 13, 2008  
amounted to \$7,150.00

### 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 ASAP!. 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 1<sup>st</sup>; 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



First Communion

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



*Thank You!*

Thank you

I would like to thank the Church of the Nativity CCD Summer program children for their gracious donation of food for the York Street Project facility. (Nurturing Place)

The food that was collected will go a long way for the children and I know that they appreciate it too. Your generosity throughout the year has been greatly received by everyone and for that we thank you. Keep up the good work!

Lynn Bonasia

**Cenacle for Right to Life & World Peace**



On Thursday, August 7th, a Cenacle will be held in the Chapel at 10:45am, followed by the Noon Mass. Cenacle is the word that is used to identify the “Upper Room” where our Blessed Lord instituted the Eucharist. The Apostles and

Mary assembled in this room to await the coming of the Holy Spirit after Jesus ascended into heaven. This was the first novena. In recent times the word “Cenacle” is being used to identify a prayer group that is dedicated to our Blessed Mother.

This will be an opportunity to gather together and pray for respect for life from conception to natural death and for world peace. With the world on the brink of war, Mary’s intercession is greatly needed. Join us as we pray the rosary, sing a Marian hymn and listen to spiritual readings.



It’s that time of the year again when school supplies need to be purchased. We would like to think of our friends at the York Street Project and give them some school items to get them on their way.

We will be collecting the following items the weekend of August 9th / 10th, and August 16th / 17th.

**Items needed:**

- Glue Sticks
- Jumbo Crayons
- Watercolor Paints
- Fiskers Brand Safety Scissors
- Colored Tissue Paper
- Construction Paper
- Popsicle Sticks/Craft sticks
- Assorted Stickers
- Play-dough
- Pencils

**Teacher Supplies**

- Pens
- Pencils
- Name Labels
- Pads
- Tape
- Staples
- Folders
- Single hole punchers



They can also use holiday decorations for the classroom and children’s wrapping paper and bows.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Bonasia at the rectory.

Thank you again for your continued support.

**The Mercy, Power, and Love of God**

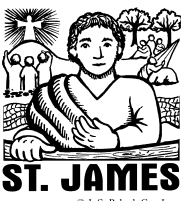
The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God’s power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God’s people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God’s might, but is a direct result of God’s primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God’s mercy, power, and love.



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:

- 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. Peter K. Funesti                201-444-6362



July 25th:  
Saint James

**Treasures from our Tradition**

For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest’s position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.

The kingdom  
of heaven  
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mustard  
seed





**From the Archdiocese...**

**Vocation Reflections**

The Gospel today is one of patience. Christ is explaining the patience God has with humanity by using the parable of the man who sowed good seed in a field. The duty of the priest and religious is to demonstrate that same patience to the flock entrusted to his pastoral care. Are you willing to become a priest or religious of patience, just as Christ is? If so, you may have a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Pray for the patience Christ demonstrated, even from the cross, and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org).

**“Financial Planning for a Lasting Legacy  
Do Good by Doing Well”**

Charitable Gift Annuities provide relief from some of the most common financial problems as well as help us reach financial goals for ourselves and our families:

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**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.

**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](http://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.

**Bible Study Courses**



**BIBLE STUDY**

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](mailto:stantovi@rcan.org)

**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.

**FREE WILL**

We have nothing of our own but our will. It is the one thing that God has so placed in our own power that we can make an offering of

—St. John Vianney