July 27, 2008





Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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All things work for good for those who love God.

- Romans 8:28a

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 20, 2008 amounted to \$8,359.00

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. 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!

Summer Schedule:

Please note that the Religious Education Office 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)

Starting June through September 21st child care will be available in the Upper Room, during the 10:15am Sunday Mass, for children five (5) years of age and under.

Confirmation 2009

Letters regarding details of our program and coming events were 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 did not receive the letter, 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 <u>must have</u> <u>completed Gr. 1</u> of formal catechism.

Can You Help?



Our Parish Catechetical 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.

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.

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Sunday, October 5, 2008 12:00 Mass Installation Mass for Fr. Peter K. Funesti



NEEDED: NEW ALTAR SERVERS



Any boy or girl who is interested in becoming an Altar Server is invited to sign up now to serve starting October 2008. If you have received your First Holy Communion and are in third through eight grades you are eligible. You must be reliable and able to sit quietly throughout the Mass. If you are interested please fill out the form below and have a parent or guardian sign the form.

		
NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
E-MAIL@		
PHONE:		
GRADE		
SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN		
RETURN THE FORM TO THE RELIGIOUS		
EDUCATION OFFICE, THE RECTORY, OR		
IN THE COLLECTION BASKET		



The Church of the Nativity and its Ministries must ensure that children and youth who worship, study or participate in activities sponsored by our parish can do so in the safest and most secure setting possible. Parents and caretakers must have confidence in us before they allow their children to become involved.

As you are probably aware, the Archdiocese of Newark is requiring that <u>all volunteers</u> (age 18 and over) must undergo training relating to prevention, identification, response and reporting sexual abuse. They must also submit to a background check by signing a disclosure form and acknowledge that they will abide by the Archdiocesan policies. Therefore you <u>must attend one</u> of the training sessions scheduled at various churches in the area.

Church of the Nativity	September 11, 2008 7:00 PM
St. Elizabeth's – Wyckoff	September 22, 2008 7:00 PM
St. Catharine's Church – Glen Rock	September 23, 2008 9:00 AM or 7:30 PM
Presentation – USR	October 11, 2008 9:30 AM or 7:30 PM
Church of the Nativity	November 5, 2008 7:00 PM

If you need more information or have questions, please call Olivia Harrington @ 201-447-1776.

Consecration and Feast Day of God the Father of All Mankind

A special Mass with devotions to God the Father of All Mankind will take place on Sunday, August 3, 1:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Victories Church in Harrington Park, N.J. Please join us.

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.

Cooperative Admissions Examination

Eighth Graders and their families interested in attending a Catholic high school in September 2009

The Cooperative Admissions Examination for participating Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, 7 November 2008.

Application forms and Handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from:

-MCS/CTB at their Web site, www.cooopexam.org or e-mail support@coopexam.org

- Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archiocese of Newark
- Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark

QUESTIONS or to obtain registration form, please call 1-888-921-2667 or visit www.coopexam.org







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.







Vocation Reflections

"he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." Just as the man did to buy the pearl, so to does the person with a vocation to the priesthood or religious life sell what they have in its pursuit. As the person finds the value of their vocation, they realize the lack of meaning to their current life, except in light of that vocation. Are you struggling to realize a true meaning to your life? If so, the answer could be rooted in God's Church and a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Pray for the wisdom to know your calling and contact the Vocation Office at 973.497.4365 or email 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:

- Supplement retirement savings
- Provide for children
- Assistance for elderly parents
- Relief from low-interest CDs
- Leave a lasting legacy

Call Anne DeVivo DeMesa in the Office of Gift Planning at the Archdiocese of Newark (973) 497-4048 to learn more about how you can set up a charitable gift annuity to pay you income for life and ultimately benefit our parish. Website: <u>www.rcan.org/plannedgiving</u>

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.

FROM CHURCH 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 tollfree number 410-676-6000 to request a listing of churches and Mass times.



Bible Study Courses

Let God touch your life through prayer, study and reflection. Eightweek 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

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.

