

Dear Parishioners,

Vacations are coming to an end, schools are preparing to reopen, and Saint Agnes is about to spring back into action – although it has been pretty busy around here all summer long. Before things get too hectic, I want to provide everyone with a parish update report.

Construction is progressing nicely. The church renovations and expansion are coming along. The Archbishop will be celebrating a rededication Mass for us on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 20th, at noon. Mark your calendars – this target date is achievable. The school expansion is also on schedule for completion in early spring (2006). Please continue to pray for the success of our construction projects and fund raising efforts to raise another \$700,000 in pledges.

In June, we shut down the church and relocated to the gymnasium for Mass. I am grateful to Father John and the Parish Liturgical Committee for creating a reverent worship space for us to pray in. Most parishioners have remained very positive toward this temporary arrangement. However, I do beg your patience for the worst has yet to come.

Generally, Mass attendance is down in the summer and tends to boom after Labor Day. Everyone is back from vacations and weekends down the Jersey Shore. CCD also recommences. Therefore, seating for Mass might be a little tighter and parking a bit more chaotic. If you feel inconvenienced at times, please offer it up. We need to maintain that “*pioneering spirit*” until November 20th. Once back in our newly renovated church, the memories of this time of transition will be conditioned by how we cope and respond here and now.

Thank you in advance for demonstrating Christian patience, charity and understanding. Godspeed!

Respectfully yours in Christ,

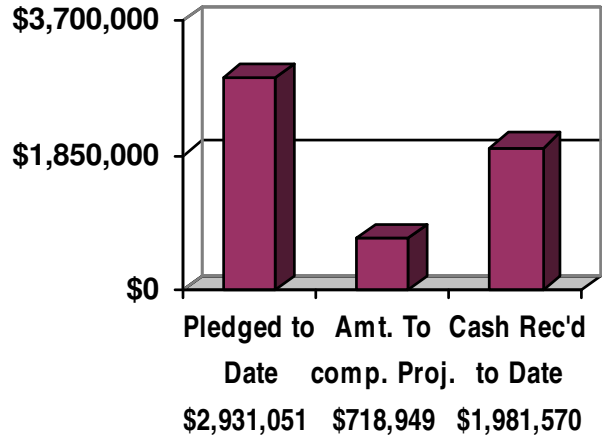
Fr. Jim
Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH
Time, Talent, Treasure.
Putting God First?**

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,192.50.**
Thank you.

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mk 6:17-29
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Total Cost of Project: \$3,700,000

Memorial incentives. Anyone who donates \$3,000 or more will be entitled to one memorial listing, in a decorative display, to be displayed in a public location, at a future date.

The following memorials are available for substantial donations (other larger memorial naming rights have already been secured):

- Church Organ \$100,000
- Tabernacle & Marble Base 50,000
- School Classroom 50,000
- Parish Multi-Purpose Room 100,000
- Parish Conference Room 75,000
- Parish Meeting Room 50,000

Traits of a Teacher

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

— St. Joseph Calasanz



If you are interested in a memorial or would like further information, please contact the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.

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The Elizabeth Ministry



Motherhood is a beautiful and blessed journey. It's not always an easy one. There was a time when women would rely on family to help them through, but today with grandparents working or miles between families, it might not be as available as it once was.

The Elizabeth Ministry of St. Agnes is a caring group of women supporting other women in our parish. It is built on the foundation of Scripture, looking to Mary and Elizabeth as models of how mothers can support one another in their times of need.

Mothers from St. Agnes have formed a network to help other mothers through prayers, phone calls, cards, providing meals, babysitting and other assistance. People are matched up based on their own experiences. We have moms that have had multiple pregnancies, miscarriages, stillborns, fertility issues and adopted children. We are here to listen and talk about our own experiences and share yours with the hopes of providing comfort and friendship.

For support or more information about The Elizabeth Ministry you can contact:

Marianne English 732-382-5221
Linda McKenna 732-382-3007
Cheryl Vargas 732-381-3822
(Or call St. Agnes Rectory at
732-388-7852)

Far from being passive recipients of the Church's pastoral care, older people are irreplaceable apostles, especially among their own age group, because no one is more familiar than they with the problems and the feelings of this phase of life.

Pontifical Council for the Laity, "Dignity of Older People and their Mission in the Church and in the World", Oct. 1, 1998

Coming Soon!!!

St. Agnes School Tricky Tray

Thursday, October 6th, 7:00 p.m.

The Gran Centurions

Tickets go on sale in August

Check the bulletin for information

Now accepting donations

(baskets or monetary)

Mark all donations St. Agnes School Tricky Tray

Drop off at the Rectory

For more information please contact:

Maria O'Connor (732) 882-1893

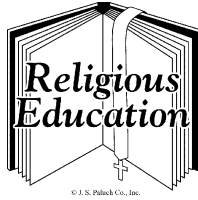


St. Agnes' 6th Annual Golf Outing

Due to a poor response, we regret to announce the cancellation of the 6th Annual St. Agnes Golf Outing, which was scheduled to take place on Monday, September 26, 2005. Thank you for your interest. Payments and donations from those who supported this year's event will be returned promptly. Sorry for our need to cancel. We will keep you advised of future plans for this event. Thank you for your understanding.

Archdiocese of Newark

WE ARE CALLED to be a holy people. Learn more about God's call and discern your response. Courses begin in September at a parish near you and run for eight weeks. Choose *The Old Testament and Spirituality*, *The Church or Spirituality and Ministry*. For information and a brochure, please call (973) 497-4350 or e-mail stantovi@rcan.org.



Welcome Back to a New School Year!

The Religious Education Program begins on September 11th!! If you have not registered or re-registered your child yet, please do so immediately. Classes are reaching capacity. Late registration creates confusion and added work for our office and teachers. Thank you.

Saint Agnes School will open for the 2005-2006 school year on Tuesday, September 6. This day will be for faculty **ONLY**. Students will report in the following manner:

GRADES 6-8: Wednesday, September 7. **Grades K-5 do not report.** Students will assemble on the playground by 7:50 a.m. **12:00 Dismissal.**

GRADES K-5: Thursday, September 8. **Grades 6-8 do not report.** Grades 1-5 will assemble on the playground by 7:50 a.m. Kindergartners are to report directly to the classroom by 7:50 a.m. Students in grades K-3 should bring a healthy snack. **12:00 Dismissal.**

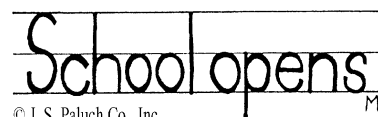
ALL STUDENTS: Friday, September 9. Grades K-8 will assemble on the playground by 7:50 a.m. Grades K-3 should bring a healthy snack. **12:00 Dismissal.**

GRADE K: 12:00 Dismissal, September 12-16.

PRE-K: Monday, September 12

STUDENTS ARE TO BE IN UNIFORM ON THE FIRST DAY THAT THEY REPORT TO SCHOOL. SUMMER UNIFORMS (WALKING SHORTS AND GOLF SHIRT) ARE PERMITTED. BOYS AND GIRLS TIES NOT REQUIRED UNTIL OCTOBER 3.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of the ongoing construction and to ensure the safety of our children, we ask everyone to respect the **DROP-OFF ONLY** policy as described in our September Newsletter.



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Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

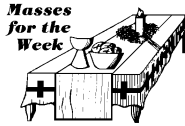
- *Is the Lord calling you to a closer relationship to Him?*
- *Are you interested in formally joining the Catholic faith?*
- *Do you have questions about what it means to be a Catholic?*
- *Do you know anyone who would like to be a Catholic?*
- *Are you presently an adult Catholic who has not received Eucharist or Confirmation?*

If you answered "YES" to any of these, the RCIA process is for you.

New sessions are starting very soon.

Please call St. Agnes Rectory at (732) 388-2560 for further information.

Plan on attending the Inquiry Session on Monday, August 29th, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.. Another Inquiry Session will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7th. Both Inquiry Sessions will be held in the Rectory living room.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 2005**

5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2005

7:30 Evelyn Markowski - Rose & Yolanda Sansone

9:00 Matthew Helminski - Bill & Ronnie Duffy

10:30 Siclari Family - Angela Ciarlone

12:00 Salvatore DeMarco - Jacqueline Gladdis

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2005

7:00 James Murphy - Murphy Family

9:00 Margaret O'Lenick-Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Lenick

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2005

7:00 Elizabeth Cordes - Family

9:00 Charles Memmer - Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2005

7:00 Anna Delmore - Alicia Gregorio & Family

9:00 Kathleen Maurer - Art & Helen Shaffer

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

7:00 Joanne Stumbers - Faith & Velyko Maricic

9:00 Michael Flynn - Daniel Flynn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2005

7:00 Margaret & John Eliff - Phyllis & James Eliff

9:00 Pauline Tavormina - Her Loving Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 20058:30 Memorial Mass - Elizabeth Cordes, Honey
Churpakovich, Michael Kowalczyk

5:30 Barbara Pereira - Bernie & Carole Hayden

**MONDAY****AUGUST 29**

7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry Session

SATURDAY**SEPTEMBER 3**

8:30 AM Memorial Mass - Marian

9:00 AM St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Betty Comer during the week of August 28th.

The first meeting of the new season will be held on Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gran Centurions.



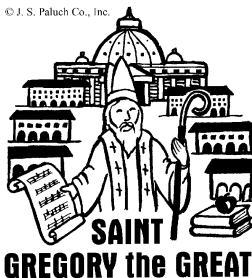
SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Charles Memmer during the week of August 28th at the request of the Family.

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, September 3rd.

Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the St. Agnes kitchen Friday or before 9 a.m. Saturday morning. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.

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**Something Big**

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.

— St. John Chrysostom

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

Dominick Fazio

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, George Heindel, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann & Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Anna Manigold, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Louise Venezio, Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Wayne Trible, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Gene Andre, Henry Latch, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Mary Scott, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Alice Bartlomiejczyk, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Michael Newman, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Richard Palumbo, Josephine Pugnet

Atlantic City Bus Trip

WHEN: September 15, 2005

TO: Caesar's

TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee & Buns

LEAVE: 12:30 PM From Gran Centurions Parking Lot. Please park in back of lot.

COST: \$22.00

For reservations call:

Tony 388-2315

Joe 381-3395

**WE WILL BE RUNNING 2 BUSES.
PLEASE CALL EARLY TO RESERVE
A SEAT. BRING A FRIEND.**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 28, 2005**

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.

- Romans 12:2

