

From the Pastor



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Dear Friends,

The countdown continues – only six more weeks until we are in our renovated church. This is an intense time of excitement and challenge. Nowadays, I feel more like a construction manager than a priest. To pacify my guilt, in prayer I find myself meditating upon “*Jesus – the carpenter’s son.*”

I wonder if Saint Joseph encountered all of the headaches and pressures that are all too common with modern day construction? I wonder if Saint Joseph had sleepless nights worrying about deadlines? I wonder if Saint Joseph was concerned about project funds? I wonder if Saint Joseph was apprehensive as to whether people like his work? I find myself wondering a lot in prayer.

I can imagine the Blessed Mother being a source of strength for Saint Joseph. I can see the child Jesus jumping onto his father’s lap when he comes home from a hard day’s work. I sense Saint Joseph’s contentment as his family surrounds him. I also experience this consolation here at St. Agnes. Thank you making our parish community a part of your families. And thank you for your support and commitment to making Saint Agnes the best that we can be.

Saint Joseph the Carpenter, pray for us!

Fondly yours in Christ,

Father Jim
Pastor



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. Inquiry Sessions are held monthly. Our next Inquiry Session is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the teachers’ lounge. If you need any additional information, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul thanks the Philippians for being willing to share in his hardships and promises that God, in turn, will fully supply all their needs. Our God truly cannot be outdone in generosity!

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,631.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



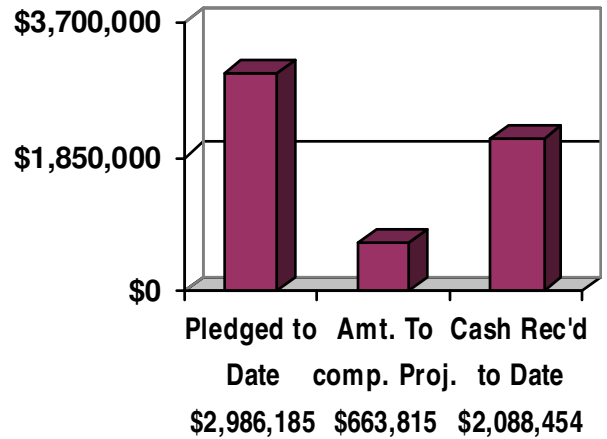
Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96; 1 Thes 1:1-5b;
Mt 22:15-21

DIVINE MERCY PRESENTATION

"There is nothing man needs more than Divine Mercy,"
Pope John Paul II

Are you searching for peace? Are you suffering in any way? Having a hard time being able to forgive? Know someone who is dying? Don't miss the dramatic, prayerful reflections of God's mercy being brought to St. John the Apostle Church, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden on Friday, October 21 - Mass: 7PM; Presentation: 7:30 PM by Mother of Mercy Messengers, an outreach of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy. Set to music and light this incredible event touches hearts of all ages. Special guest: Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC. Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Benediction. For directions to St. John's, log onto www.sjanj.net

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



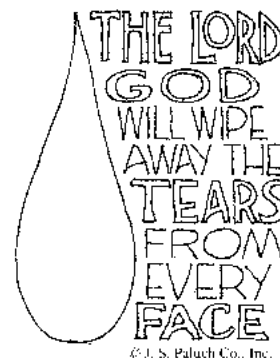
Total Cost of Project: \$3,700,000

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

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





RECYCLE!

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Our collection drive is off and running for the third year. The success has been better than expected. Remember, this is a fund raiser that does not cost anything . . .

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO? Simply collect any used inkjet/laser print cartridges, copier toner containers, and cell phones from your house, from your place of business, and from your family/friends.

WHERE DO YOU BRING THEM? Any school, Religious Education day, send them to St. Agnes with your son or daughter and your child can simply drop them in the specially marked container located in the gym, next to the stage on the window side. (PLEASE REALIZE THAT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION GOING ON, THE COLLECTION BOX MAY BE RELOCATED AT ANY TIME.)

CAN YOUR COMPANY PARTICIPATE? Yes, we can also arrange for you to bring a specially marked box to your place of business and have the cartridges shipped "PREPAID UPS" directly to the recycling company. **IF YOU WANT TO USE YOUR OWN BOX FOR SHIPPING, WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH JUST THE PREPAID SHIPPING LABELS.**

Please keep the items coming because every single one counts. Thank you for all the support. Any questions, please call Jeff Dattilo at (908) 486-4480 (daytime) or email jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com.

VISIT OUR RECYCLE WEBSITE

www.stagnesschool.com/PrintCartridgeRecycle.htm

HERE I AM

Lord, here I am. What would you have me do?

– St. Francis Xavier



ATTENTION ST. AGNES PARISHIONERS!

Let's do something for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Blood drives are held every fourth Thursday of the month at the Clark First Aid Squad, Raritan Rd., Clark. I am making an urgent call to all St. Agnes' Parishioners who have donated blood at our drive, and to all others who have not donated, try to make an effort to come out to one of the drives. Hours are from 3 PM to 8:30 PM. Platelets are also done at these drives with an appointment, which I can schedule. Their next drive is scheduled for October 27th. Thank you.

Lee Kelemen
732-713-0951

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!!



The Saint Agnes Women's Commission will be sponsoring a Women's Mini Retreat on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The retreat will take place at

Saint Joseph's Convent in Roselle, N.J. The theme will be "God's Mercy as seen Through the Eyes of Women." Sister Margaret will direct us through this prayerful experience. The cost of the retreat will be \$20.00. Lunch will be provided. Please respond as early as possible to insure a place. The deadline is October 8th. If you are interested, fill out the bottom portion and mail with your \$20 check made out to "Cash" to:

Arlene Firestone
51 Lexington Boulevard
Clark, N.J.

Any questions please call (732) 388-2560, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Women's Retreat, October 15th

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____



We wish to **WELCOME** the following who have entered into the faith community through the sacrament of Baptism:

TIMOTHY CONNOR FORD

Son of Michael and Siobhan

DEAN MARK PONIK

Son of Mark and Suzete

EMMA RUELA

Daughter of Eddie and Teresa

MARINA JEAN DENEZZA

Daughter of Anthony and Michele

**ARCHDIOCESAN
PRO-LIFE SEMINAR
OCTOBER 15, 2005**

“Help build a world where human life is always loved and defended, every form of violence banished”

WHERE: St. John the Apostle Auditorium, Linden

**11 AM Mass with Archbishop Myers
Lunch will be served - no charge**

SPEAKERS:

Cathy Cleaver-Ruse, Esq.
Former Director of Planning and Information - Pro-Life Secretariat - USCCB

Msgr. William F. Smith
Academic Dean, St. Joseph's Seminary,
Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York
and

Discussion/Panel - Various Topics and Political Campaign Guidelines for Parishes

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Registration Required

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REGISTRATION FOR PRO-LIFE SEMINAR


NAME: _____

PARISH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: ____ **PHONE:** _____

**Send to:
RESPECT LIFE OFFICE
1805 Penbrook Terrace
Linden, NJ 07036**

Pro-Life 



Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Second Annual Women's Health Awareness Day, sponsored by The Connie Dwyer Breast Center at St. Michael's Medical Center, will be held on Saturday, October 22, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the

New Jersey Performing Arts Center at 1 Center Street in Newark. This free event will include lectures and discussions presented by some of the region's leading doctors and health experts. The event will be hosted by Rene Syler, who co-anchors "The Early Show" on CBS.



St. Agnes Holy Name Society is pleased to announce its guest speaker for the **October 11th meeting**, Father Donald Hummel, our priest-in-residence. Please note that this meeting will be held at the **Gran Centurions**, beginning at 7:30 PM. Refreshments will be served. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2005

5:30 Earl Hassler - Helen Hassler

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2005

7:30 People of the Parish
 9:00 Angelina Scaturro - Faith & Veljko Maricic
 10:30 Frank Della Ragione - Livia Kelemen
 12:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles, Felice Perriello - Dolores Clarke

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005 (COLUMBUS DAY)

One Mass Only

9:00 Robin Helminski - Rose Brinker

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005

7:00 Keith Dolan - Maureen Dougherty (CGSB)
 9:00 Joseph & Jennie Szmerda - Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2005

7:00 Boyd & Frederica Sutherland - Rosa Iannone
 9:00 Luigina Nufrio - Angela Cicchetti & Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2005

7:00 Frank Bizzoco - Rosa Iannone
 9:00 Pasquale Saracino - Donna Saracino

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2005

7:00 Salvatore Spaduro - Joe & Cecilia DeBella
 9:00 Antoinette Visconti - Daughter

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005

5:30 James P. Scott - Mom & Dad

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9

9:00 AM Religious Education

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

**COLUMBUS DAY - NO SCHOOL
 NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1B

TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:30 PM Holy Name Society Meeting - Gran Centurions
 7:30 PM Liturgy Meeting

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

4:30 PM Brownies - Kindergarten
 5:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6th Grade

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13

3:30 PM Children's Choir
 7:30 PM Adult Choir
 7:30 PM Bereavement - Rectory Living Room

SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

9:00 AM Women's Retreat - St. Joseph Convent



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Elaine Mastropasqua during the week of October 9th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Angelina Scaturro during the week of October 9th at the request of Marylou Christensen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR***Those Who Have Died***

May They Rest in Peace

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, 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., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Wayne Tribble, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Gene Andre, Henry Latch, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Alice Bartlomiejczyk, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Josephine Pugnet, Florence Kempinski, Bart Zucosky, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, John Swintek, Leon Orshak

**Atlantic City Bus Trip**

WHEN: October 20, 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: \$23.00

For reservations call:

Tony 388-2315

Joe 381-3395

**WE WILL BE RUNNING 1 BUS.
PLEASE CALL EARLY TO RESERVE
A SEAT. BRING A FRIEND.**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 9, 2005**

I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

– *Phillippians 4:13*