

Some words on our upcoming return to the Church.

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love...”

These words, which begin the Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (and our second reading today), really capture the sentiments of Fr. Jim and myself, especially during this time of construction and renovation. You all have been so loyal and patient during this time and no doubt are looking forward to returning to our worship space. I know I can hardly wait for November 20th to get here! With each step of the process, we move closer to returning to our “new and improved” spiritual home...a place where we will be able to worship and praise God even stronger than we do now! With this in mind I want to start preparing our parish family for the big move. This and future articles will be placed in the bulletin to make the transition as smooth as possible. Let’s begin with a few of the basic items:

Regarding liturgical ministers:

Recently, I invited parishioners to consider becoming involved in various liturgical ministries here at St. Agnes. After writing an article in the bulletin and making a verbal invitation at each of the masses, I am proud to say that many of you stepped up and volunteered. I now have approximately 50 people interested in assisting at Sunday Mass as Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Usher/Greeters and Music Ministers. Thanks to all of you who have offered your time and talent! You will be contacted within the next month or so with information on training etc. It is my hope to do the new training in the newly renovated church, and that of course depends upon the construction schedule. Even with this terrific response, I could still use some more volunteers for these important ministries, (especially for lectors). If you feel that you have the gift for any of these ministries please don’t hesitate to contact me at the rectory. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Regarding liturgical items:

There are additional items that I am looking into purchasing for use at Sunday Mass. These include new Altar cloths and hangings that will fit our new and larger altar, new vestments for use by our Altar Servers (Parents of servers: you will receive information on this in the mail soon.) and other items. I have already received some donations, which I am using to purchase new communion cups among other things. If anybody would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, please contact me.

Regarding the First day:

The first time you walk into the new Church, there will be some things that are familiar (e.g. same crucifix, same statues, stations and windows) and some things that are new (e.g. new altar, baptismal font, tabernacle). Of course there will be an adjustment period as we get accustomed to the new space. One example is when you first walk in through the front doors of the Church. One thing you’ll notice is that the Holy Water Stoop is gone. This is because you’ll be able to bless yourself directly from the baptismal font which will be located near the front doors of the church. What a perfect way to be reminded of the gift of our baptism! I’ll be sure to call your attention to other changes as we get closer to moving day.

One final note: If you attend a mass in the new space before the noon mass on November 20th, you’ll see that the old altar is placed in front of the new one. That’s because we never use the new altar for consecrating the Eucharist until the Archbishop has dedicated it, and that will happen at that mass. The same is true for our new Tabernacle. The old tabernacle will be used until the new one has been inaugurated at the noon mass on 11/20.

That’s about it for now. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for future information about this exciting time in our parish’s history. And know that Fr. Jim and myself really do thank God for all of you and pray for you regularly.

Thanks and God bless! Fr. John

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

**Time, Talent, Treasure.
Putting God First?**

Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give “to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.” Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving “to God what belongs to God”?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,504.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



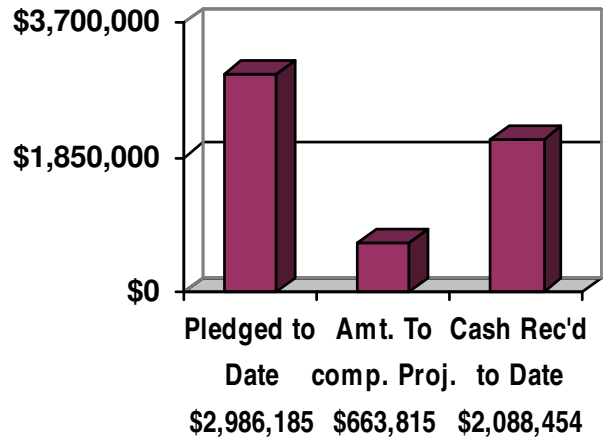
Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
 Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10;
 Mt 22:34-40

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.

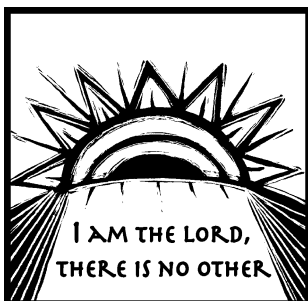
WHERE DO YOU BRING THEM? Any school, Religious Education day, send them to St. Agnes with your son or daughter and your child can simply drop them in the specially marked container located in the gym, next to the stage on the window side. (PLEASE REALIZE THAT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION GOING ON, THE COLLECTION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



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**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

HELP THE SISTERS!



Religious

Teachers

*Filippini Senior Sisters'
Christmas Bazaar*

**Villa Walsh Auditorium
455 Western Ave., Morristown**

Sunday, November 6, 2005 - 12 PM to 5 PM

Selections include handmade crafts, novelties, plants, paintings, baked goods, great raffles and good food

Villa Walsh is opposite The National Armory - about two miles from the business area of Morristown

**Proceeds are Used for the Senior Sisters'
Retirement Fund**

GOD'S GOODNESS

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.

– St. Paul of the Cross



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.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Mount St. Dominic Academy 3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell

Open Houses for 7th & 8th Grade girls and families
Sunday, October 16th and 30th at 1:30 p.m.
Any questions call (973) 226-0660, ext. 22

Oratory Preparatory School One Beverly Rd., Summit Catholic college preparatory day school for boys in grades 7-12

Open House Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00 p.m.
Any questions call (908) 273-5771, ext. 11

Seton Hall Preparatory School 120 Northfield Ave., W. Orange

Open House for 7th & 8th Grade boys and families
Sunday, October 30th from 1 to 4 p.m.
Any questions call Matthew Cannizzo,
Admission Office at (973) 325-6632



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.

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!



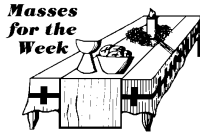
CYO begins this Sunday, October 16th.
Come join the fun.
All are welcome.

7 to 8:30 PM
St. Agnes Gymnasium

Holy Spirit's Respect for Life Ministry announces "Holy Hour for Life" as we pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us as we pray the "Rosary for Life" on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at Holy Spirit Church, Suburban Rd., Union.

The "Holy Hour for Life" will commence on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30 PM.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005
5:30 James P. Scott - Mom and Dad
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2005
7:30 Emery O'Lenick - Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Lenick
9:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Bernard Vale - Vale Family
12:00 Gustave Scocca - Anita Scocca
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2005
7:00 Charles Emanuel - John & Barbara Greve
9:00 Casey Aklonis - Jean & Lorraine
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2005
7:00 Christine Valenza - Jennifer & Matt Biondi
9:00 Joanne Stumbers - Scripture Sharing Group
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2005
7:00 Al Swist - Ted Kumor
9:00 Sadie Lagattuta - Tony & Casey Urbanowicz
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2005
7:00 Anthony Tamburino - Tamburino Family
9:00 Helen Pilny - Jean Subliskey
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2005
7:00 Mr. & Mrs. J. Gigantino - Ted Kumor
9:00 Brian Subliskey - Mom, Eric & Cheryl
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005
8:30 Memorial Mass - Jean Falkowski, William Giacobbe, Julia Evers, Virginia Wojcik
5:30 Nancy Bucca - Antoinette Bucca

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16
9:00 AM Religious Education
7:00 PM CYO - Gymnasium
MONDAY OCTOBER 17
3:30 PM Religious Education
7:00 PM Religious Education
7:00 PM Elizabeth Ministry Meeting
7:00 PM Sandwiches Team 2B
TUESDAY OCTOBER 18
7:00 PM Religious Education
7:30 PM Sports Committee Meeting - Gymnasium
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19
6:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - Teachers' Lounge
7:00 PM 1 st Penance Meeting - Gymnasium
THURSDAY OCTOBER 20
11:30 AM Holy Name A/C - Gran Centurions
3:30 PM Children's Choir
7:00 PM Protecting God's Children Wkshp.- Gym
7:30 PM Adult Choir
7:30 PM Bereavement - Rectory Living Room
SATURDAY OCTOBER 22
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION
8:30 AM Memorial Mass
SUNDAY OCTOBER 23
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION
9:00 AM Religious Education
7:00 PM CYO



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Irene Finger during the week of October 16th.



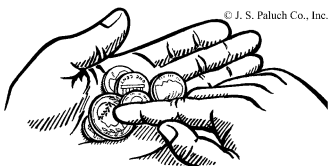
SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Robin Helminski during the week of October 16th at the request of Jo and Tom Evans.

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

Anna Spisak

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 Pugno, Florence Kempinski, Bart Zucosky, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, John Swintek, Leon Orshak, Annette Drake



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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2005**

Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and to God what belongs to God.

– Matthew 22:21