

## October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Respect Life Sunday

*“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, ...think about these things...Then the God of peace will be with you.”*

This passage taken from today’s second reading is so readily applied to daily life. Paul is writing to the Church in Phillipi, giving them some excellent pastoral advice. If we can keep the virtues of honor, justice, purity, love and grace in our hearts and minds, then the peace of Christ will dwell within us as well! The challenge is, however, that so often these virtues are not remembered in the world today. So often we pick up the newspaper or face crises in our lives that make us wonder if the peace of Christ is anywhere, let alone in our own hearts! And yet, with faith, the Spirit guides us so that we can know this peace, even in the most trying of circumstances.

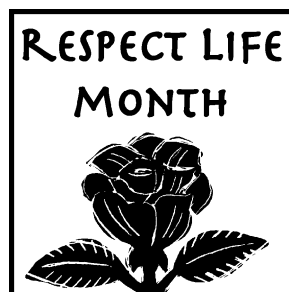
Today is Respect Life Sunday, a day when we try to remember that these virtues should be a part of every person’s life, and not just our own. Whether we talk about the poor, the oppressed, the elderly, the infirmed or the unborn, all are deserving of the respect and dignity that is being a part of our human family. All life is sacred and holy as a creation of God.

And you and I can be an instrument by which that dignity is restored, that respect is re-established. One way that I have found is through the Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats, which occur four times a year through the ministry of our Respect Life Office. Rachel’s Vineyard is a guided retreat, which provides healing and forgiveness to those who have been touched by abortion or miscarriage. Often the candidates on the retreats are women who have had abortions themselves and are carrying the heavy cross of guilt and shame. Sometimes the candidates include fathers, grandparents, even aunts and uncles! These weekend retreats provide an opportunity to know Christ’s forgiving touch, to be healed of past sin and shame, and to allow for grief to give way to hope. As one of several priests in the Archdiocese, who serves as a spiritual director on these weekends, I can only say that it is one place where I have truly seen Christ’s peace restored. The dignity of life

If you or someone you know has been affected by abortion, please know that God’s forgiveness is waiting for you. Please don’t walk alone. You can always contact me at the rectory or contact the Respect Life Office at 732-388-8211. Know that all calls are confidential.

Remember, all life deserves dignity and respect. Let us all keep the virtues in mind, bringing Christ’s love to the world and holding His peace in each of our hearts.

Thanks and God bless,  
Fr. John



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

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$10,751.50.**  
Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



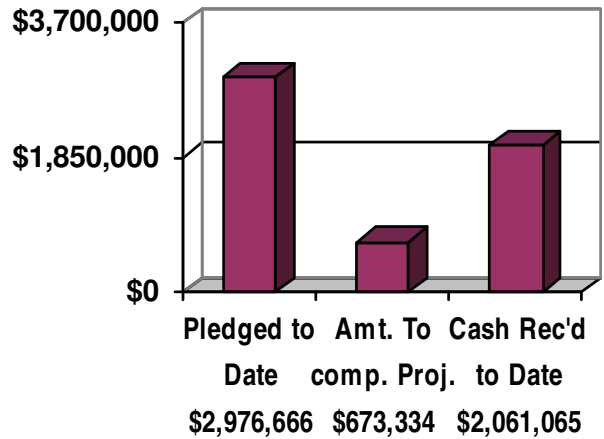
Monday: Jon 1:1 -- 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28  
 Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;  
 Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

**IN THE VINEYARD**

We are clearly the vines planted by Isaiah's vineyard keeper. We have been given every opportunity to love and serve God, but are the grapes of our vines wild or will we yield a good crop?

The vineyard of Matthew's Gospel has been left to us. The owner's son was killed, but new life began with his resurrection. The field has been entrusted to our care—that is the field of the Church and God's world. We are called to continue the care of the vineyard and be faithful to its mission. The fruit we yield must be good. Therefore, we need to work actively in our Church and world to be sure that it is God's will that prevails.

**■ 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.**



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**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.**

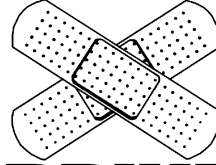
Please keep the items coming because every single one counts. Thank you for all the support. Any questions, please call Jeff Dattilo at (908) 486-4480 (daytime) or email [jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com](mailto:jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com).

**VISIT OUR RECYCLE WEBSITE**

[www.stagnesschool.com/PrintCartridgeRecycle.htm](http://www.stagnesschool.com/PrintCartridgeRecycle.htm)



**BLOOD**



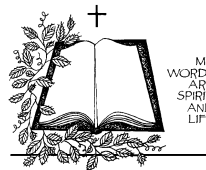
**DRIVE**

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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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 # \_\_\_\_\_



### **Tricky Tray Gift Auction**

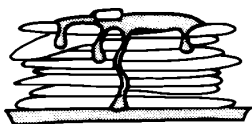
*will be sponsored by Cub Scout 30 on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium of St. John the Apostle Church on Valley Road in Clark near Stiles Street. Grand Prize is a new computer system. Kitchen opens at 5:30, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and drawings will begin at 8:00 p.m. Donation is \$6 in advance/\$8 at the door and refreshments will be available. For ticket information please call (908) 925-1099. Proceeds from this event support Scouting activities throughout the year and your support is greatly appreciated. Adults over 18, please.*

### **BLESSING OF ANIMALS**



Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis had a great love and respect for all of God's creation, especially animals. It has become a tradition in the church that on the feast of St.

Francis we bless animals. Here at St. Agnes Parish we will bless the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 PM outside the front doors of the Church.



### **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

### **ATTENTION ALL "CLARK" SENIOR CITIZENS!**

*On behalf of the Clark P.B.A. Local 125 and the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, we cordially invite all the Clark Senior Citizens to our FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST.*

*The breakfast will be held on  
Sunday, October 9, 2005  
from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon  
at the Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad Building  
875 Raritan Road, Clark*

*We look forward to having you all attend  
again this year!*

### **Archdiocese of Newark Office of the Archbishop**

#### **SOLEMN OBSERVANCE OF THE . . .**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pastoral Visit of Pope John Paul II and the Designation of the Metropolitan Cathedral as a Minor Basilica**

#### **Closing of the "Year of the Eucharist"**

**October 9, 2005**

On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, Archbishop John J. Myers will be celebrating mass at the Cathedral Basilica at noon in joyful observance of this anniversary. Everyone is invited to participate in all or in part of the liturgical commemoration of these historic events. Following the "prayer after communion" at the 12 noon Mass, there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to Saint Lucy Church. Eucharistic Benediction will take place on the plaza in front of the church at about 1:45 p.m.

*"May Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, be an occasion for us all to remember the visit of the late Holy Father and to express corporately the grateful love and devotion of this local church for the wondrous mystery of Christ's presence in our midst."*

**– Most Reverend John J. Myers  
Archdiocese of Newark**

*The freedom to kill is not true freedom,  
but a tyranny that reduces the human  
being to slavery.*

*Pope Benedict XVI, homily, May 7, 2005*



### **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.*

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2005**

5:30 Geno Cicchetti - Angela Cicchetti &amp; Family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005**

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Pauline Tavormina - Marilyn Tavormina

10:30 Donato &amp; Nick Toto - Crescenza Toto

12:00 Toni Carlino - Arlene &amp; Tom Foster

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2005**

7:00 Michael A. Versusky - Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Helanko

9:00 Richard Sinoradzki - Jeffrey & Concetta  
Sinoradzki**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005**

7:00 Mary &amp; James Lawn - Cecilia Cosgrove

9:00 Frank Della Ragione - Sister, Livia Kelemen

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2005**

7:00 Keith Dolan - King Family

9:00 Toni Visconti - Les &amp; Kit Harnett

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2005**

7:00 William Trembulak - King Family

9:00 Kathleen Maurer - Judy Rowlands

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2005**

7:00 All Souls in Purgatory

9:00 James Curry - Mr. &amp; Mrs. F. Lubniewski

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 2005**8:30 Memorial Mass - Philip Badalamenti, Charles  
Stecher, John Brennan

5:30 Earl Hassler - Helen Hassler

**SUNDAY****OCTOBER 2****RESPECT LIFE WEEKEND**

9:00 AM Religious Education

10:00 AM Rosary Society Communion Breakfast

1:30 PM Baptism

**MONDAY****OCTOBER 3**

3:30 PM Religious Education Conf. - Grades 3-4

7:00 PM Religious Education Conf. - Grades 5-8

7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge

**TUESDAY****OCTOBER 4**

3:30 PM Blessing of Animals

7:00 PM Religious Education Conf. - Grades 6 &amp; 7

7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting - Gran Centurions

**THURSDAY****OCTOBER 6**

7:00 PM St. Agnes Tricky Tray - Gran Centurions

7:30 PM Adult Choir

7:30 PM Bereavement - Rectory Living Room

**FRIDAY****OCTOBER 7**

10:00 AM Class Mothers' Meeting

12:00 PM Dismissal - Faculty Meeting

**SATURDAY****OCTOBER 8**

8:30 AM Memorial Mass



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Barbara Morahan during the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The next monthly meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. at the Gran Centurions.



MAY  
GOD'S  
PEACE  
GUARD  
YOUR HEARTS  
AND MINDS

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**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Salvatore Gualtieri during the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the request of Catherine & Ray Giacobbe.

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

Concetta Della Sebastian, Joseph Mlynarski

**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

**Atlantic City Bus Trip**

WHEN: October 20, 2005

TO: Caesar's

TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee &amp; 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.**

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 2, 2005**

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,  
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,  
make your requests known to God

– Philippians 4:6

