

Even More words on our return to the Church!

“You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery.”

I know that Paul’s “toil and drudgery” refers to the hard work of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ, but I couldn’t help but think of those working in our Church! Please be sure to keep in prayer the electricians, carpenters, masons, plumbers, floor tilers and all who have been working extra hard to get our Church ready on schedule.

It’s time for me to give you part III of the “preparation for our return to Church series.” So far I’ve shared some thoughts on a variety of topics with the idea of helping us all to adjust to our new spiritual home. These topics have included new liturgical ministers, new items for use at mass, our new baptismal font and tabernacle, and the location of our stations and statues. Now let’s talk about some practical aspects of the space and how it will improve the worship experience of our community.

Regarding the cry room:

Some of you may remember that in the plans for the church renovation, the cry room was removed to make space for a sacristy and a rest room near the front doors of the church. Some of you may be asking, “Where am I to take my little one when he/she starts to cry?” Don’t worry! We have a plan. First of all don’t forget that we do love your children. Neither Fr. Jim nor I are the “cranky old priest” types who hate to have kids around. We certainly do understand, however, your desire to be considerate of your fellow parishioners by taking your child out of the main church when they start to act up. In the vestibule, opposite where the cry room was, there will be a small number of chairs to take your little one in these circumstances. The walls are glass and the sound system will be audible, so you can still pray the mass. Then, as soon as your son/daughter has calmed down, you can return to the pews and re-join the family of faith. Please note that this space will be strictly for those moments when the little ones need some calming down. We noticed in the past that some were using the cry room more as a play room for the little ones, or that there were those who – for what ever reason – opted not to enter the main part of the church. This new space will not accommodate that many people and as such needs to be strictly for use when noise (or some other circumstance) prevents the person from joining the congregation. In the future, as we settle into our newly renovated space, I plan on writing more extensively on how to handle disruptions in church. In the meantime know that our new sound system and space for the elderly/disabled will prevent the need for the use of this space for anything other than having a place to take a cranky (and yes lovable) little one. Which brings me to our next topic.

Regarding assistance for the elderly and disabled:

Our parish’s ability to help those who are elderly or disabled has been greatly enhanced by the changes to our worship space. First, you’ll note that there is now a handicap accessible rest room by the front doors of the church. In addition, there is ramp accessibility to the altar area. This should allow those disabled individuals, who wish to minister at mass or other liturgy the ability to do so. We will also have a place up front set aside for those in wheelchairs or who have difficulty walking, so that they can see and participate fully in the mass. Of course those who are unable to make the trip to the area around the altar may sit in the back of the church. Our extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist will still bring Communion to you, guided by our ushers.

That pretty much covers it for this week. Know of my continued thoughts and prayers for you today and always. I look forward to worshipping God with you in our new space, one which better reflects the love of Christ that I see in all of your hearts. Until then...

Thanks and God bless!

Fr. John

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

“The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time to service to others!

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$11,755.00.**

Thank you.

READINGS FOR**THE WEEK**

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Wednesday: Suggested: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings from no. 668 or the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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Ministry of Motherhood

The MOM Group at St. Michael’s Church in Cranford will host a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria of the School at 100 Alden Street, Fun for the whole family!

The event will benefit St. Michael’s Parish, Rafael’s Life House, Family Care and MOM. Thank you for your support!

**BUILDING FUND**

To complete Phase I projects,
we still need to raise –

\$659,077.00

*If you would like to make a donation,
please make check payable to
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectory
attention Building Fund,
or drop in the collection basket.*

*Thank you for your continued
support.*



***Catholic Women’s
Bible Study***

CWBS is pursuing the study of courageous women in the Bible complemented by the work of former Cardinal Ratzinger’s *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church in Collaboration of Men and Women in the Church and in the World*. **CWBS** will sponsor a talk given by popular and nationally known Catholic psychotherapist, Dr. Philip Mango, founder of the St. Michael’s Institute in New York City. Dr. Mango has also spent 12 years working with Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Everyone is welcome to attend this presentation in

**Memorial Hall
St. Teresa of Avila, Summit, NJ**

**THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF
GENDER DIFFERENCES**

**Presented by
Dr. Philip Mango**

Continental breakfast will be served.
Free will donations appreciated.

St. Agnes 5th Annual Wine Tasting



By
Rotundo's Deli & Fine Wines, Clark

*What wines to serve and give for the holidays
Vendors will help with shopping
and decorating ideas.*

Thursday, November 10th
Gran Centurions
Madison Hill Rd., Clark - 7:00 PM

\$35.00 Per Person
Includes wine tasting, fruit, cheese, pasta stations,
coffee and dessert

For ticket information call the Rectory
at (732) 388-7852

A selection of premium wines.

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**

SPECIAL NEEDS SUNDAY Sunday, November 6, 2005

12:00 Noon Mass with Archbishop John J. Myers
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Newark, N.J.

*All are welcome to come honor and celebrate the
unique spiritual gifts of people with disabilities.*

**Sponsored by: Catholic Charities' Division of
Pastoral and Social Ministry**

Wheelchair-accessible
American Sign Language (A.S.L.) Interpreted
Contact Deacon Thomas Smith (Deaf Ministry)
at (973) 266-7961 or Anne Masters
(Apostolate - People with Disabilities) at (973) 266-7971



**Help is available for
your heating bills!**

NJ Shares is a non-profit organization that helps pay the
gas and electric bills of households that are experiencing a
temporary financial crisis. One-time grants of up to
\$500.00 are available to eligible households.

For further information or to apply for a NJ Shares grant,
please call the Catholic Charities Cranford Office at (908)
497-3966.

Annulment Information Evening

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for
Wednesday, November 9, 2005. A canon lawyer from the
Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent
theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a
Church annulment. The information will be presented in
terms that all can understand. A question and answer
period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not
necessary. This evening of information will be held at:

**Our Lady of Mercy RC Church
(Fairly Center)
40 Sullivan Drive
Jersey City, NJ - 7:30 PM**

For additional information, please contact the
Office of Family Life at (973) 497-4327



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

TRUE VOCATION

The vocation of every man and woman is to serve other people.

— Leo Tolstoy

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

for Post Abortion Healing
NOVEMBER 11-13, 2005

WHEN: Friday, November 11, 2005
Thru Sunday, November 13, 2005

TIME: Friday 7:00 PM - Sunday 5:00 PM

PLACE: St. John the Apostle
McGuiness Center/Old Convent
Ridgeview Terrace, Clark, NJ

SPONSORED BY: Respect Life Office
Archdiocese of Newark
(732) 388-8211

COST: \$100 (includes all retreat materials,
Room, meals and registration)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT: THE RESPECT LIFE OFFICE, MON-FRI 8:30AM-4:30PM (732) 388-8211
THINGS TO BRING: Comfortable clothes, all bed linens, towels, toiletries, pillow and blanket
THE RETREAT AND REGISTRATION IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

----- RACHEL VINEYARD REGISTRATION 11/11/05

___ Yes, I would like to register for the retreat. Enclosed please find my check or money order of \$100.

___ I can't make this retreat but I am interested in the next one.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

**Make checks payable to:
The Respect Life Office
1805 Penbrook Terrace
Linden, NJ 07036**





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2005

5:30 Loretta Mosso - Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2005

7:30 Natale Cannao - Jeffrey & Concetta Sinoradzki
 9:00 Angelina Scaturro - Ginny & George Christensen
 10:30 Michael & Stella Carr - Marie & Richard Carr
 12:00 People of the Parish

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2005 - VIGIL

7:00 AM John DeFilippo - Evelyn & Karen Magee
 9:00 AM John Yonco - Aldo & Gloria Kosuch
 7:00 PM Gus Granrath - Josephine Kane

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005 - ALL SAINTS

7:00 AM Michael Mega, Sr. - Mr. & Mrs. M. Mega
 9:00 AM Antoinette & Salvatore Canzonieri -
 Mary Bove
 7:00 PM Mary Mroczek - Lynne & Roy Nunes

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2005

7:00 AM All Souls
 9:00 AM All Souls
 7:00 PM Recently Deceased of Parish

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2005

7:00 All Souls
 9:00 Josephine & Francis Fascella - Jo & Charles
 Vincenti

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2005

7:00 Helen McSorley - James McSorley
 9:00 All Souls

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005

8:30 All Souls - No Memorials Today
 5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

9:00 AM Religious Education
 7:00 PM CYO - Gymnasium

MONDAY OCTOBER 31

3:30 PM No Religious Education
 7:00 PM No Religious Education
 7:00 PM All Saints Vigil Mass

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS DAY - NO SCHOOL

7:00 PM Religious Education
 8:00 PM Rosary Society - Church/Gym

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2

4:30 PM Brownies - Kindergarten
 7:00 PM All Souls Day Mass
 7:30 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3

7:30 PM HSA Executive Board Meeting

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

8:30 AM Marian



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Peggy Phelan during the week of October 30th.

The monthly meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH AUDITORIUM.** Members are asked to bring a holiday item. Christmas party tickets will be sold that evening.



SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, October 5th. 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.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Lisa Martin during the week of October 30th at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Plesh, Sr.

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

**Atlantic City Bus Trip**

WHEN: November 17, 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.**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30, 2005**

The greatest among you must be your servant.

– Matthew 23:11