

# From the Pastor



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Dear Parishioners,

It's Labor Day Weekend. Next weekend parishioners return from end of summer vacations and weekends down the shore. The parking and seating in the worship/gym space will be a little tighter. Please exercise Christian patience and charity. The way in which we cope with inconveniences will condition our memories of this historical time of transition.

After this weekend, there are only eleven (11) weeks until we return to our newly renovated church. The Archbishop is scheduled to celebrate a rededication Mass on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Please mark your calendars.

In preparation for the increase in fall activity, please know that your parish staff is prepared to return to full-scale ministry. We are truly blessed because of you – our parishioners! Your love and support are blessings that act as a double-edge sword. You are always there for us, and we feel guilty because at times we are torn into many pastoral and administrative directions. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Christian Stewardship as a way of life has had a tremendously positive impact upon our parish. Many parishioners are committed to offering a percentage of their time, talent and treasure, as a thanksgiving response to the Lord for their blessings in life. Saint Agnes Church has benefited from your thanksgiving responses. In turn, we offer up to God all of our successes for the glory of God, and we acknowledge – *if the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labor!*

Take some time off from labor. Enjoy this extended weekend for rest and relaxation. Take a little time in prayer to reflect upon your blessings and thank God. I thank God every day for the opportunity and privilege to serve as your pastor.

Fondly yours in Christ,

Father Jim  
Pastor



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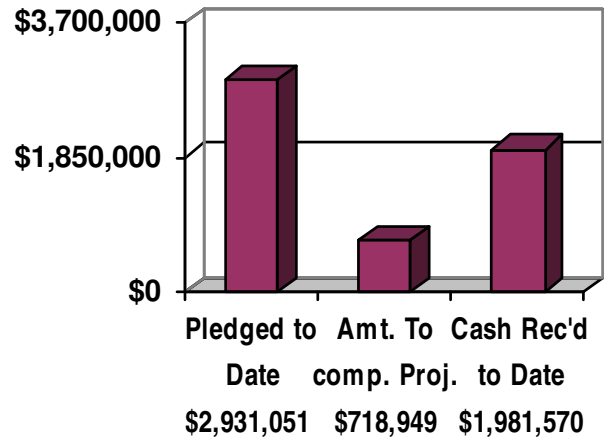
**Time, Talent, Treasure.**

**Putting God First?**

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$10,838.00.**  
Thank you.

**■ Campaign Progress - Phase I**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Lk 6:6-11  
 Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Lk 6:12-19  
 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
 Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Sir 27:30 -- 28:9; Ps 103; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**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.**



**Coming Soon!!!**

**St. Agnes School Tricky Tray**

Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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



## ***Important Religious Education News!!!***

Ah! For the lazy days of summer!  
Sand and Sea give way to pencils and books!

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

Classes begin for Grades K through 2

**Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.**

Classes begin for Grades 3 and 4

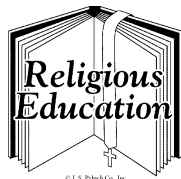
**Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Classes begin for Grades 5 and 8

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Classes begin for Grades 6 and 7

**Please note: Due to the ongoing construction of our church and school, we will follow the same procedure we did in March and April of last year. All children will enter and be released from the back set of school doors adjacent to the trailers. Detailed information has been mailed to parents and children involved in the Religious Education Program.**



## **BACK TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NIGHT**

is

**Wednesday, September 14, 2005**

**7:00 p.m.**

**in the Auditorium**

**AT LEAST ONE PARENT  
MUST ATTEND**



## ***Music Ministry***



Summer is over and our music ministry is ready to resume singing. If you love to sing, and are high school age or older, please consider joining our adult choir. We meet on Thursdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Our first meeting will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom. All are welcome!

The children's choir is open to any parish child in second through eighth grade. Those rehearsals are on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in the temporary church space and begin on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, if you play an instrument and are looking for a chance to share your talent, we would love to have you as part of our music ministry. Think it over and let either Mary Ellen Theel or Kevin Daly know of your interest.

Remember what St. Augustine said: "He (or she) who sings, prays twice!"

## **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 # \_\_\_\_\_



## *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.

**Our final Inquiry Session before starting the formal process of initiation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory living room. A short RCIA team meeting will immediately follow. Inquiry Sessions will continue throughout the year for those interested in the Catholic faith.**

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We are in need of volunteers to help in our Ministry to the Sick, both the homebound and those in our Nursing Home. Volunteers in this ministry visit the sick and administer communion. Our ministry to the homebound is in particular need of assistance. One training session is necessary to distribute the Eucharist. If anyone is interested, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.



## **Welcome Back to a New School Year!**

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.****

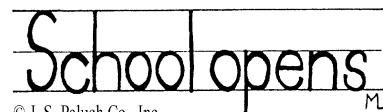
**ALL STUDENTS: Friday, September 9.** Grades K-8 will assemble on the playground by 7:50 a.m. Grades K-3 should bring a healthy snack. **12:00 Dismissal.**

**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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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2005**

5:30 Barbara Pereira - Bernie &amp; Carole Hayden

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005**

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles, Felice  
Perriello - Dolores Clarke

10:30 Charles Vincenti - Jo &amp; Charles Vincenti

12:00 Joseph Kniazynski &amp; Family - Mary Rutkowski

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2005 (LABOR DAY)**

9:00 Anthony G. Pecoraro - The Lyp Family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005**

7:00 Thomas Hickey - Cecilia Cosgrove

9:00 Mary Grace Massarelli - Betty &amp; Dom Massarelli

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005**

7:00 All Souls in Purgatory - Fusco

9:00 Anne Lesko - Harry &amp; Phyllis Moore

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**

7:00 Edward Veltre - Wife, Frances

9:00 Nick Toto - Crescenza Toto

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005**

7:00 Luis Minguenza, Jr. - Charles &amp; Phyllis Strillacci

9:00 Michael Versusky - Family

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2005**8:30 Memorial Mass - Mike Elko, William Giacobbe,  
Thomas McMillan, Libby Fowler, Liam  
Shackleton, Donald McNeil

5:30 Stanley Stefanik - Josephine Stefanik

**MONDAY****SEPTEMBER 5****LABOR DAY****TUESDAY****SEPTEMBER 6****SCHOOL OPENS - FACULTY ONLY**

7:30 PM Rosary Society - Gran Centurions

7:30 PM Liturgy Meeting

**WEDNESDAY****SEPTEMBER 7**

12:00 PM Dismissal - Grades 6-8

8:00 PM RCIA Inquiry - Rectory Living Room

**THURSDAY****SEPTEMBER 8**

12:00 PM Dismissal - Grades K-5

**FRIDAY****SEPTEMBER 9**

11:00 AM Lunch &amp; Playground Volunteer Meeting

12:00 PM Dismissal (Grades K-8)

7:30 PM School Board Meeting

**SATURDAY****SEPTEMBER 10****EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION**

8:30 AM Memorial Mass



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Betty Comer during the week of September 4<sup>th</sup>.

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



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Stanley Stefanik during the week of September 4<sup>th</sup> at the request of Ronald & Joyce Hoehn.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** that decorate our sanctuary this weekend are in memory of Ignatius Kamieniecki at the request of wife, Leona, and sons.

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

***Those Who Have Died***

Victor Rodrigues, George Heindel

***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., Louise Venezia, 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, Michael Newman, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Josephine Pugnet, Florence Kempinski, Bart Zucosky

**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**

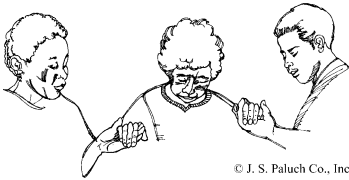
**Joe 381-3395**

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

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 4, 2005**

If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.

*- Matthew 18:19*



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