

From the Pastor



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Dear Parishioners,

This pastor's column is dedicated to all fallen away Catholics that came to church on Easter Sunday and returned to celebrate Mass again this weekend. Welcome home! Your presence among us is an indication that the Resurrected Christ continues his Father's mission through the power of the Holy Spirit.

You may or may not know that St. Agnes Parish practices Christian Stewardship as a way of life. This means that we attempt to put God first in our lives. As Christian Stewards, Disciples of Christ, we acknowledge that all who we are and all that we possess are gifts from God. Grateful for these blessings, Christian Stewards make a thanksgiving response, by utilizing a portion of our *time, talent and treasure* for the continuation of Christ's mission.

As you begin to attend Mass on a regular basis again, please explore the numerous opportunities for volunteerism in our parish. If you are not registered in the parish, please contact the parish office and do so. Again, welcome home.

Fr. Jim
Pastor



Responding to a recent question about mass: Many people have been asking about the change in the wine used at mass, noting that the taste leaves something to be desired. I could tell you that this was due to a new mandate by the Vatican, or that the change was made to increase the solemnity of Holy Week. But that wouldn't be true! The actual reason for the change is that the company from whom we order our sacramental wine made a mistake and sent us one case of a different type. Of course we didn't recognize the error until we had opened the first bottle. As a result the wine used at mass will taste a bit different until we get through the case (we're about half way through), then we'll switch back to our usual. Of course, both kinds of wine are approved for use at mass and whatever you think of the taste, remember that partaking of the spiritual food offered to us in the Lord's precious blood is by far the most important thing!

God bless and Happy Easter, - Fr. John

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

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do *I* need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

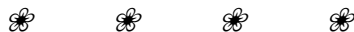
Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$38,332.27**.
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
 Lk 24:13-35

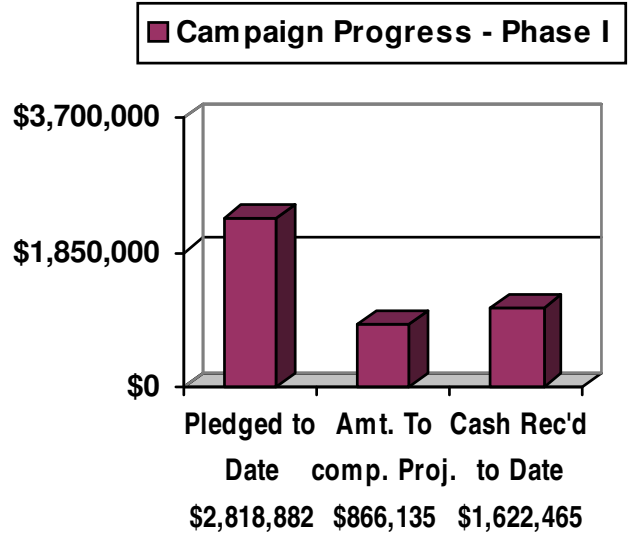


Lana's
fine dining
Hyatt Hills Complex
1300 Ravitan Road, Clark
732-669-9024



Present this coupon while dining at Lana's Restaurant on any Tuesday or Wednesday during April and May (2005), and the establishment will donate 20% of your food bill (excluding alcohol) to the St. Agnes Church building fund. Please share the news with family, friends and neighbors. Thank you.

Total Cost of Project: \$3,685,017



Please help us reach our goal by making a pledge today. Pledge forms can be obtained in church or call the Rectory at 732-388-7852.

Phase I includes:

- Expansion and renovation of church;
- Expansion of school;
- Parish meeting center;
- Capital maintenance projects.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Because of expiring terms, there are presently two openings for election to the St. Agnes School Board. The Board is an advisory body to the principal in matters of budget and policy. Any adult with an active interest in fostering Catholic education is eligible to run for election. Meetings are bi-monthly. School Board members do not have to be parents. The term of office is 3 years beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

Anyone interested should send a letter to the rectory, including phone numbers to Mr. John Ryan's attention, no later than April 13, 2005. Elections will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2005.

For more information, please call Sister Claire or John Ryan at 732-381-0850.



ST. AGNES SPRING BOARDWALK 2005

TAXES ARE DONE!!!

Now it's time for fun!
St. Agnes Boardwalk has just begun!
Popcorn, games & prizes to be won!
Free tattoos, food & cookies too!
Fun for all ages, hope to see you!

April 15th - 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
April 16th - 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
April 17th - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Food specials all weekend!!
Volunteers always welcome.
Please call Carol Bottitta at
732-388-5595

A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND
FREE ADMISSION

St. Agnes Rosary Society Spring



Luncheon

Fashions by: Dress Barn

Date: Sunday, April 24th
Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Place: Gran Centurions
Amount: \$23 Per Person

For ticket information call
Rose at 732-574-0023 or
the Rectory at 732-388-7852

Tickets available until April 18th
(Tables of 8-10 can be reserved)

Easter Flowers



IN MEMORY OF

Maria Luisa da Silva, Joaquin
Oliveira, Irene Sandovkas,
Da Silva Family
Husband, Frank Pugliese
Jennie Klopf, Dorothy Kirsch,
Bruno Zampaglione, Frank
Zampaglione
Ann Ruth, Ed Ruth, Bart
Herzog, Theresa Herzog,
Mike Citreno
Downey & Langstaff Families
Joyce Ponik
Francis Cahill
Mr. & Mrs. A. Chabak, Sr.

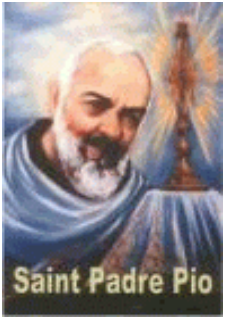
GIFT OF

M/M Charles Gomez
Mrs. Phyllis Pugliese
M/M Thomas Kaczan
M/M Edward J. Ruth
M/M Wm. Langstaff
M/M Frank Ponik
M/M Brian Cahill
Anna Reichenstein

Easter Flowers

GIFT OF

Mr. & Mrs. James Purcell
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bowen
Mr. & Mrs. Benito Vazquez
Mr. & Mrs. Juanito Libunao
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Russo
Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Gosda
Mr. & Mrs. David Taylor
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Iaccarino
Mr. & Mrs. Harold H. Schneider
Mr. William Ambrose
Mr. Francis Ambrose
Mr. & Mrs. Frank La Verda
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sevell
Mr. & Mrs. Craig Karpinski
Mr. Frank Klett
Mrs. Shirley Roesch
Mr. & Mrs. John Kolibas
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Torella



ST. AGNES ROSARY SOCIETY BUS TRIP TO

SAINT PADRE PIO MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER AT OUR LADY OF GRACE CHAPEL, PARTO, PA

- Includes visit to Padre Pio Museum
- Tour the Cultural Center
- Visit New Gift Shop
- Movie of Padre Pio's Life
- Prayer Service

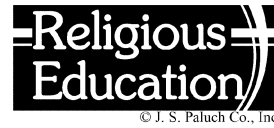
Buffet Lunch at Bonanza Steakhouse

Friday, May 6, 2005
Departing: 8:00 AM
Returning: 6:00 PM

COST FOR TRIP & LUNCHEON \$35.00

PLEASE CALL MARIE AT
(908) 862-0787
TO RESERVE A SEAT

THE NEW MUSEUM WILL PROVIDE A BREATHTAKING ENVIRONMENT FOR HONORING ST. PIO AND TELLING HIS STORY.



Registration for New Students

Registration for new students (including Kindergarten) will begin **Monday, March 28th** and will conclude **Thursday, April 14th**. You may register anytime between **9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Religious Education Office in the Rectory (the office is closed on Fridays)**. Evening registration will take place in the School Office April 4th and April 5th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please try to register early; classes reach their quota rapidly. You must bring a copy of your child's **baptismal certificate**. **Registration fee is \$100.00 per child.**

IMPORTANT RE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION!!

Family re-registration fees are as follows:
First child - \$100
Siblings - \$50 per child
Fees will not exceed \$200 per family.

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at (732) 388-2560.



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Jesus, I trust in Thee! Sr. Faustina was given a great revelation in knowing how much God wants to share his mercy with us. Did you ever think that the Sacrament of Marriage is the primary place where God bestows his grace on married couples? Would you like to experience the power of that grace blessing and strengthening your marriage? You can, and that will make all the difference between a good marriage and a great one. Trust that God has great things in store for you as you deepen your awareness of your sacrament and your spouse. Register now for a Marriage Encounter Weekend to be held on April 8-10, 2005.

For more information, please call Sal and Sylvia Vassallo at (973) 857-8184 or (800) 823-5683. Additional dates for 2005 are: July 15-17 and October 7-9.



The new Pascal Candle lit at our Easter Vigil and used throughout the year has been donated by Phyllis Cupo and Family in memory of her husband, Pete Cupo and her son, Nunzie Cupo.





SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2005	
5:30	Mike Elko - Elko Family
SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2005	
7:30	Mary Cinkala - Bob & Rosalie McKeon
9:00	John & Anna Mauriello - Family
10:30	Salvatore Canzonieri - Mary Bove
12:00	John & Adaline Cuomo - Teresa & Vincent Stella
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005	
7:00	Jack Farmer - Cecilia Cosgrove
9:00	Michael Elko - Dolores Memmer
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005	
7:00	Nunzio Garra - Daughter
9:00	Jean Rosato - John & Shirley Hoelzer
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005	
7:00	Norine Stetler - Sam & Mary Gianti
9:00	Anna Murphy - Betty & Dom Massarelli
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2005	
7:00	Kathleen Maurer - The Kraus Family
9:00	Mike Elko - Elaine Litchfield
FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005	
7:00	Philip Cocco, Jr. - Bernie & Carole Hayden
9:00	Frank Elischberger - The Delaney Family
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2005	
8:30	Memorial Mass - Joao Barreto, Aldo Fores, Joseph Pecca, Margaret Maggio, Catherine DePaul, Robert T. Noonan, Emanuel Spiteri, Jean Falkowski, Regina Bladzinski, Joseph A. LeFano, Sr., Ruth Bielecki
5:30	People of the Parish

SUNDAY		APRIL 3
9:00 AM	Religious Education	
1:30 PM	Baptism	
7:00 PM	CYO	
MONDAY		APRIL 4
3:30 PM	Religious Education	
7:00 PM	Religious Education	
7:00 PM	Marketing Meeting - Teachers' Lounge	
7:00 PM	Spiritual Book Club - Sacristy	
TUESDAY		APRIL 5
7:00 PM	Religious Education	
7:30 PM	Rosary Society	
7:30 PM	Liturgy Meeting - Sacristy	
WEDNESDAY		APRIL 6
7:30 PM	RCIA - Sacristy	
7:30 PM	RCIA Inquiry - Chapel	
THURSDAY		APRIL 7
3:30 PM	Children's Choir	
7:30 PM	Adult Choir	
7:30 PM	Bereavement	
SATURDAY		APRIL 9
8:30 AM	Memorial Mass	



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Marge Cordes during the week of April 3rd.

The monthly meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society will be held on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Joanne Stumbers during the week of April 3rd at the request of Rose Brinker.



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

Anne Marie Ricci

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, George Heindel, 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 & Leon Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Gene Andre, Henry Latch, Nora Coletta, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., John Frantantoni, Vickie Tomasco, Tracy Duliban, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Mary Scott, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Alice Bartlomiejczyk, Ronald Francisco, John Cardoso



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Atlantic City Bus Trip**WHEN: April 21, 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.**

Second Sunday of Easter**(Divine Mercy Sunday)****April 3, 2005**

Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed.

– *John 20:29b*