

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

It's a bittersweet time for our church as we mourn the loss of our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. It is bitter because our loss is felt deeply by Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Television news coverage demonstrates this on a scale beyond compare. Yet, it is sweet because this great and holy man is now celebrating eternal life.

Born on May 18, 1920, Karol Wojtyla grew up in a modest family. His mother died when he was only 9 years old and his father died when Karol was 22 years of age. This young man knew suffering. When the Germans occupied Poland in 1939, his university was closed and he was forced to study underground. In 1942, after his father's death and after recovering from two near-fatal accidents, Karol Wojtyla felt the call to the priesthood. Obviously, God had a plan for him, but little did he know where this calling would lead him.

He was ordained to the priesthood on November 1, 1946. On July 4, 1958, while on a canoeing vacation with students, Father Wojtyla was named an Auxiliary Bishop in Krakow. On December 30, 1963, Pope Paul VI named Bishop Wojtyla Archbishop of Krakow, and a Cardinal on June 26, 1967. During the conclave of October 1978, this Holy and outstanding Cardinal was elected Pope at the relatively youthful age of fifty-eight by an overwhelming majority of the cardinals (103 out of 109 votes).

Immediately after being elected Roman Pontiff, John Paul II addressed the Cardinals. He pledged himself unreservedly to promoting with prudent but encouraging action, the exact fulfillment of the Second Vatican Council. The next day he told his colleagues that he saw his role as witnessing to universal love. And now some twenty-seven years later, we are witnessing the return of that love by people of every race, color and creed.

O Lord, our God,
thank you for blessing your church on earth
with an extraordinary shepherd.

This great and holy servant,
fulfilled the mission you gave him.
May the fruit of his labors
nourish our spiritual gardens
for generations to come.

Rest in peace dear Holy Father.
Job well done!



Fr. Jim
Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

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

The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness *still* reveal the presence of God in our midst.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,780.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

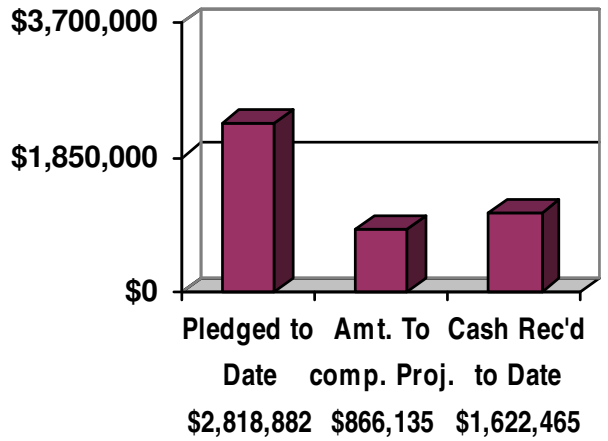


Lana's
fine dining
Hyatt Hills Complex
1300 Ravitan Road, Clark
732-669-9024



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.

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



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
IS FINALLY HERE!!**

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!!

A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION



St. Agnes Holy Name Society is pleased to announce its guest speaker for the **Tuesday, April 12th meeting**, Alan Snyder, who will give a talk about current trends in antiques and do some road show type appraisals. Mr. Snyder has 25 years of experience in the antique business. Each member is invited to bring 1 or 2 items to be appraised. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Our starting time will be 7:30 p.m. Please note that this speaker was rescheduled from last month's meeting.

Easter Flowers



GIFT OF

Mrs. & Mrs. Joseph Torella
Ms. Carole Marie Seib

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**

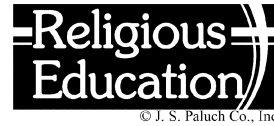
**Tickets available until April 18th
(Tables of 8-10 can be reserved)**

Respect Life News: The 1973 Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, was the event that legalized abortion in the United States. Besides permitting the destruction of innocent life, this decision can also be used as a test case for senators when they are making decisions about confirming judicial nominees for work in our federal court system. In short, if a nominee doesn't support Roe v. Wade (and a pro-choice agenda) he or she would not be confirmed for the job. It is for this reason that the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment and the Secretariat for Pro-life Activities, of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, are sponsoring a Postcard Signing focusing on the U.S. Senate. The purpose of the Postcards is to encourage our Senators, not to require support of Roe v. Wade in determining a nominee's fitness for judicial office.

The postcards are available at the doors of the church. All parishioners are encouraged to take a postcard home with you, fill it out and mail it with proper postage. It is in making our voices heard that our system of government can work on behalf of the dignity of all human life.

And as always pray for the protection of innocent, and for all who are affected by abortion.





We wish to **WELCOME** the following who have entered into the faith community through the sacrament of Baptism:

ANTONIO APRILE
Son of Gioacchino and Rita

ALESSIA NOELLE COUZZI
Daughter of Anthony and Mary

BRIANNA HODAVANCE
Daughter of John and Maritza

AMELIA BARBARA MORAGHAN
Daughter of Edward and Susan

JACK RYAN SACHEWICZ
Son of Gerard and Karen

JOSEPH MICHAEL WALSH
Son of Joseph and Bria

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Archbishop Myers will celebrate the annual Saint Florian Mass, honoring all fire service personnel, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 p.m. (all are to be seated by 2:45 p.m. for the Presentation of Colors and the National Anthem). Both active and retired firefighters and their families are invited to attend the Mass.



Archbishop Myers will celebrate the Annual Mass for EMS Workers at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, April 24th at 12:00 noon (all are to be seated by 11:45 a.m. for the procession). Monsignor Richard Arnhols will give the homily. All active and retired EMS workers and their families are invited to attend the Mass.

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.

A Reminder
The Parish 50/50 Raffle drawing is rapidly approaching. Please return all raffle books to the Rectory as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!!

Thank You!

A very special **thank you** to Mrs. Adele Castellano, St. Agnes HSA and all the volunteers who helped make this event very successful. Our drive brought in a total of \$1,517.80.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2005**

5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2005

7:30 Deceased Members of Memmer, Florek & Sedillo Families - Dolores Memmer

9:00 Antoinette Visconti - The Cutro Family

10:30 Joao Barreto & Gloria Nogueira - Leonor & Family

12:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles, Felice Perriello, Pat Bodner, Anna Johnson - Dolores Clarke

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005

7:00 Andrew McNerney - John & Bridie Smith

9:00 Casey Aklonis - Jean & Lorraine

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2005

7:00 James Murphy - Murphy Family

9:00 Ada Reminger - Mary Rutkowski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2005

7:00 Mike Elko - Andrew Balek

9:00 Marguerite Stringer-Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Lenick

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2005

7:00 Elizabeth & James Donovan - Gus Granrath

9:00 Mike Elko - Margaret & Bill Draghi

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2005

7:00 Joseph & Isadore Pampalone - Family

9:00 Stanley Stefanik - Josephine Stefanik

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2005

8:30 Memorial Mass - George Nucera, Gerard Kerwin, Jean Falkowski, Madison Guillen, Earl Hassler, Elizabeth Brindley

5:30 Antoinette Visconti - Mr. & Mrs. Mark Davey & Family

SUNDAY APRIL 10

9:00 AM Religious Education

7:00 PM CYO

MONDAY APRIL 11

3:30 PM Religious Education

6:00 PM Sandwiches Group I

7:00 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge

TUESDAY APRIL 12

7:00 PM Religious Education

7:30 PM Holy Name Society

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

4:30 PM Brownies Meeting - Kindergarten

7:30 PM RCIA - Sacristy

THURSDAY APRIL 14

3:30 PM Children's Choir

7:30 PM Adult Choir

7:30 PM Bereavement

FRIDAY APRIL 155:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6th Grade

6:30 PM Boardwalk Weekend

SATURDAY APRIL 16**MAINTENANCE**

8:30 AM Memorial Mass

6:30 PM Boardwalk Weekend



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Elaine Mastropasqua during the week of April 10th.



ALTAR FLOWERS that decorate our sanctuary this weekend are in memory of Joseph Lefano, Sr. at the request of his daughter, Mary Jane.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of William Kelemen during the week of April 10th at the request of Wife, Livia.

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

May They Rest in Peace

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, George Stanka

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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.**

Third Sunday of Easter**April 10, 2005**

You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

– Acts 2:28