

Dear Parishioners,

Spring is here! As you can see there is construction activity all around us. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adjust to a sometime inconvenient environment. It will all be worth the sacrifices once the projects are completed. I will share a more detailed progress report with you in forthcoming bulletin issues.

The pastoral activity is in high gear at this time of year. This weekend and next we are celebrating First Holy Communion. Now that I am in my sixth year as pastor, I know many of the children from the time that they were toddlers. What a special treat it is to celebrate this sacred sacrament with them. I want to thank all parents who have been attending Mass regularly with their children. This makes all the difference in the children being adequately prepared to receive the Eucharist. I also want to thank our religious education teachers who faithfully serve in our CCD and Parochial School programs.

At this time of year, I am led to think about the Sacrament of Holy Orders. This spring we will be celebrating two anniversaries. Father Bill Driscoll has been serving in our parish as a weekend assistant for nearly forty years, and he will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the priesthood. Father John Chadwick, our parish priest, will be celebrating his 10<sup>th</sup> priesthood anniversary this year. I'm sure I speak for the parish community in saying that we are truly grateful for the service of these two fine priests.

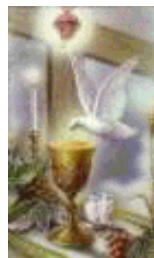
In order to celebrate these milestone anniversary dates with Father Bill and Father John, please save the following dates:



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for  
Father Bill Driscoll

Sunday, 12 Noon Mass  
May 22, 2005

Hot food reception afterwards in gym



10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for  
Father John Chadwick

Friday, 7 p.m. Mass  
May 27, 2005

Lite reception afterwards in gym

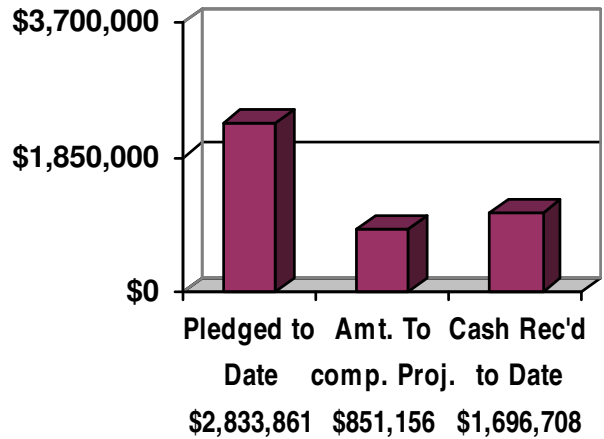
Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**&**  
**FAITH**  
*Time, Talent, Treasure.*  
*Putting God First?*  
 “The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,” Jesus tells his disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

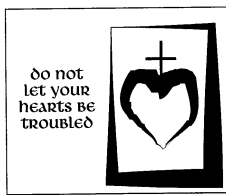
Your Stewardship in Treasure  
 last week was **\$11,586.00.**  
 Thank you.

**Campaign Progress - Phase I**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a



**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.

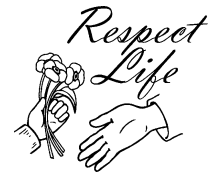
**Lana's**

*fine dining*  
**Hyatt Hills Complex**  
 1300 Raritan 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.*

To build a culture of life, we must also ensure that scientific advances always serve human dignity, not take advantage of some lives for the benefit of others. We should all be able to agree on some clear standards. I will work with Congress to ensure that human embryos are not created for experimentation or grown for body parts, and that human life is never brought and sold as a commodity.



President George W. Bush,  
 State of the Union Address, 2005

**GREAT IDEA FOR**



To honor your mother (living or deceased) this **Mother's Day**, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network will send your mom or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese! Monies received will be used ONLY for the purchase of emergency food supplies for 75 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties. Mail your donation to:

**EFNN, Catholic Charities**  
**37 Evergreen Place**  
**East Orange, NJ 07018**  
**or call (973) 266-7941**

**Please Print:**  
**My Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name to Enroll:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Living**  **Deceased**   
**Telephone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Send to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sign Card FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Your mom will be so proud of you for recognizing her caring!!*



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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**



It is time once again for the Anniversary Celebration of those couples in our Archdiocese who are celebrating 50 years of Christian marriage in 2005. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**Golden Anniversary Couples**  
June 12, 2005  
(due by June 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Please call the rectory at 732-388-7852 to register before the deadline date. All reservations will be acknowledged by the Archdiocese. Directions to the Cathedral Basilica and a seating chart will be mailed to each couple.

  
**Bishop Ahr Boys Basketball Camp**  
**July 18-22**  
  
Grades 5 through 9  
For more information, please call  
Dennis O'Keefe at  
(732) 549-1108, ext. 573 or  
(973) 543-9582

**Just a reminder...**



We all know that time in Church is a time of prayer. But sometimes, in our busy lives, we forget that we are connected to the outside world, even when we are trying to separate ourselves from it. So don't forget to turn off all cell phones and pagers during the celebration of mass. It's guaranteed that you'll focus better on the Lord and his love. . . and you'll be more at peace as you handle the messages!



**St. Agnes  
50/50 Raffle Winners**

The winners of the 50/50 Raffle were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$6,050.00 - 35%  
**Linda McKenna**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$1,730.00 - 10%  
**Kaldawi Family**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$860.00 - 5%  
**Sabates Family**

Congratulations to all of our winners! Thank you to all parishioners who participated in our annual 50/50.



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL  
PRE-K OPENINGS  
2005-2006**

Openings are still available in our **Three half day 4-Year Old Program**  
Monday - Wednesday - Friday  
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(Must be 4 years old by October 1<sup>st</sup>)

**If you are interested, please call  
732-381-0850.**



**Baptisms**

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

**EMILIE JUDE COMPTON**  
Daughter of Robert and Desirae

**BRAEDEN PATRICK DOWNEY**  
Son of Brian and Gina Rose

**STEWARDSHIP  
CLASSIFIED**



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Track coach for St. Agnes School for running and/or field events. If interested, please call Sue Delaney at (908) 447-8989.

**Did you know...**

The Legal Center for Defense of Life, Inc., located in Morristown, has been serving New Jersey citizens pro bono since 1989 in defense of their pro-life activities. If you are in need of legal services, are an attorney interested in becoming involved or would like to support our work, please contact us at (973) 984-0725. Thank you.

**Heaven**

*The goal of religion  
is not to get us  
into heaven but to get  
heaven into us.*



*- Anonymous*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2005**

5:30 John &amp; Lucia Zabolla - Daughter, Mary Turi

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2005**

7:30 Margaret &amp; John Eliff - Phyllis &amp; James Eliff

9:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Rudy Garon - Charlotte &amp; Colette

12:00 Helene Vale - Vale Family

**MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005**

7:00 Raymond Szmarda - Family

9:00 Dominic Piizzi - Janine Matthews &amp; Girls

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2005**

7:00 Rose, Tony, Mike Fusco - Family

9:00 Joanne Stumbers - Anne Korn

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2005**

7:00 Flora Latsko - Sr. Claire Ouimet

9:00 Nick Toto - Rose &amp; Vito Toto

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2005**

7:00 Jean Stefanelli - Sandy &amp; Dina Neger

9:00 Elizabeth &amp; George Vanner - Anne Zambolla

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2005**

7:00 Joanne Stumbers - Marylou Christensen

9:00 John Yonco - Aldo &amp; Gloria Kosuch &amp; Anna Yonco

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005**

8:30 Memorial Mass - George Nucera, Walter Spencer

5:30 Emilio Volpe - Anita &amp; John Christiano

**SUNDAY****APRIL 24****CATHOLIC HOME MISSION COLLECTION**

9:00 AM First Eucharist Celebration with Bell Choir

12:00 AM First Eucharist Celebration with Bell Choir

7:00 PM CYO

**MONDAY****APRIL 25**

3:30 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge

**TUESDAY****APRIL 26**

7:00 PM Religious Education

**WEDNESDAY****APRIL 27**

3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church

4:30 PM Brownies Meeting - Kindergarten

7:30 PM RCIA - Sacristy

**THURSDAY****APRIL 28**

3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church

7:30 PM Adult Choir

7:30 PM Bereavement

**FRIDAY****APRIL 29**

3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church

**SATURDAY****APRIL 30**

8:30 AM Memorial Mass

5:30 PM First Eucharist Celebration with Bell Choir



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Blanche Wolchik during the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> at the request of Valerie & George Geiger.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** that decorate our sanctuary this weekend are in memory of Cindy Rasmus at the request of Paul, Justin, Alex and Miranda.



**BREAD & WINE** will be offered in memory of Valerie Geiger at the request of George and Irene Finger.

**Altar & Rosary Society**

**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Betty Flanagan during the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

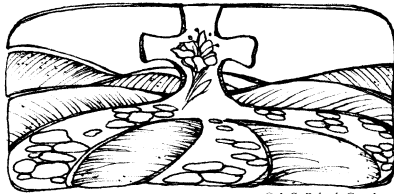
Mary Pino, Lucy Robertazzi

***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 Venezio, Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Wayne Tribble, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Gene Andre, Henry Latch, Nora Coletta, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., John Frantantoni, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Mary Scott, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Alice Bartlomiejczyk, Ronald Francisco, John Cardoso, George Stanka, Earl Miller

**Atlantic City Bus Trip****WHEN: May 19, 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.**



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**Fifth Sunday of Easter****April 24, 2005**

I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me.

– *John 14:6*