

***“The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings”***

Often, during the summer months people find it harder to keep to their prayer routines. Summer time brings with it a welcome rest and, of course, the change in our schedules is a good thing. Nonetheless, sometimes we end up taking a vacation from our prayer life as well. Of course, we can change the pattern, but prayer itself should never be completely forgotten. That would be like deciding not to talk to your closest friend for several months...just because your schedule changed!

The following article, based upon our second reading today, provides some helpful insights to prayer. Prayer is what unites us as a family of faith, especially when we are separated by our summer schedules.

Please know of my continued thoughts and prayers for you. And may we all be good pray-ers, in the summer months and throughout the year!

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. John



There are many ways to pray. When alone, we might pray in silence, or meditate on verses from the Bible, or say the rosary, or read from a prayer book. When with others, we may pray before a meal, bow our heads during an invocation, or join in the Mass.

On some days prayer seems less satisfying. It is hard to concentrate. We are distracted by our surroundings or by the affairs of the day, the words don't make much sense, or we are just too tired.

When those troublesome days come, we are comforted to know that there are other days when prayer works. We feel drawn into the presence of God. The songs truly give praise. Our needs prompt us to call upon God more directly. The faith of others inspires us. We may feel discouraged by a lesser prayer once we have experienced all that prayer could be.

Even when we cannot pray the way we wish, our prayer still pleases God. When you do something for someone you love, you may not always have the right words, and you may not always select the perfect gift, but the beloved knows what is in your heart.

Saint Paul tells the Romans, “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” The Spirit intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings.

If we do not feel like prayer, all we have to do is try. The Spirit will take it from there.

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# STEWARDSHIP

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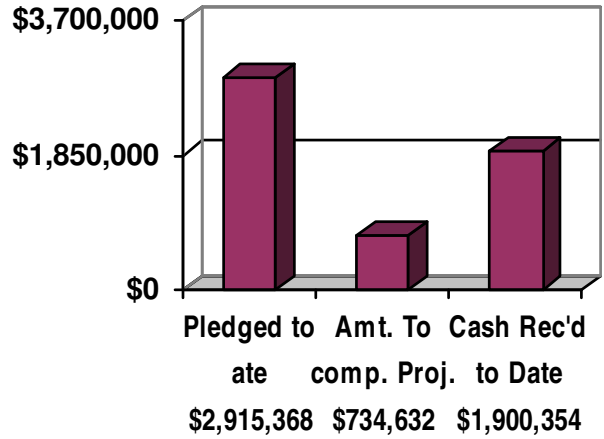
**Time, Talent, Treasure.**

**Putting God First?**

“Those who are just must be kind,” says today’s first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord’s harvest.

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$11,751.00.**  
Thank you.

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



**Total Cost of Project: \$3,700,000**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Ex 14:21 -- 15:1; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

**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.

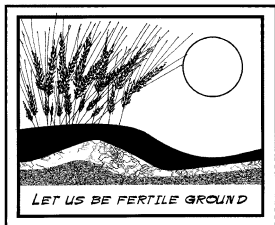
The following memorials are available for substantial donations (other larger memorial naming rights have already been secured):

- 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

## Words and Weeds

*A man of words and not of deeds  
is like a garden full of weeds.*

– Anonymous nursery rhyme



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**If you are interested in a memorial or would like further information, please contact the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.**



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## STEWARDSHIP CLASSIFIED

We are in need of volunteers to make rosary beads to be given to our homebound parishioners, local hospitals and nursing homes and to be sent overseas to our troops. If anyone is interested, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852. Training will be provided. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.



Hurry!!! Time is running out!!!! Registration and re-registration has been in progress since March. Due to the increasing numbers and scheduling of classes, we ask that you register your children as soon as possible. Questions?? Please call the Religious Education Office at (732) 388-2560.

## WE NEED COACHES!!

The St. Agnes Sports Committee is looking for coaches in the following sports:



Fall and Spring Track

Girls Varsity Basketball

Girls JV Basketball

Cheerleading



Anyone interested, please contact Jeff Dattilo at (908) 486-4480 or email [jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com](mailto:jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com)



## Have a Good Summer!

Please remember the needs of your church before you go your way. Your support given before you leave will make this a good summer for everyone!



Thank you and may God Bless you with a Happy and Safe Vacation!

## 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 July

Check the bulletin for information

**Now accepting donations**

(baskets or monetary)

Mark all donations St. Agnes School Tricky Tray

Drop off at the Rectory

## Weekend Retreat for Separated and Divorced

A weekend retreat for separated or divorced will be given on September 16, 17, 18, 2005 in Newton, New Jersey by a Franciscan Retreat team. For more information, please call Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM at (973) 985-9736 or Deacon Milt at (973) 271-5097.

For more information please contact:

Maria O'Connor (732) 882-1893



## Coming Events

**St. Agnes 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing** - Monday, September 26, 2005, Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, N.J. . Proceeds to help support parish and school expansion. More information to follow.

## Baptisms

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

**THOMAS BRIAN CLANCY**  
Son of Brian and Jo-Ellen

**DYLAN KENNETH CONKLIN**  
Son of Kenneth and Kim

**THOMAS FERNANDO CARTAXO SABATES**  
Son of Mark and Cristina



### ST. AGNES SCHOOL EXTENDED CARE AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Volunteering is a wonderful way to share your time and skills with others. St. Agnes School is seeking volunteer counselors for its newly structured Extended Care and Enrichment Program (aftercare program). Please consider joining our dedicated staff of counselors in September. Alumni welcomed. For more information, please contact Lance Steinberg @ (732) 381-8964 or Gina Behrend @ (732) 340-9621. Thank you.



In today's society, a priest is like the wheat among the weeds. He can not be seen fully until the fulfillment of God is made manifest in Him. Are you interested in being this wheat that the Lord so beautifully speaks of? Do you know you have a divine call to do something more but are too tempted by the "weeds" of the world to do something with it? Allow the Vocations Office to help. Pray for Vocations (either yours, or someone in your family, especially), then contact the Vocation Office for the Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org).



### St. Agnes Rectory Summer Hours

Effective the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>, St. Agnes Rectory will be open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12 noon to 1 p.m.), Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12 noon to 1 p.m.) and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you.



**Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following program. To register please call (908) 753-2091 or email: [msmhope@att.net](mailto:msmhope@att.net)**

### CREATIVE JOURNALING

A creative process to explore holistic growth.  
Sat., Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (\$12)  
Theresina Flannery, RSM

### DO

Do what you can, with what you have,  
where you are.  
- Theodore Roosevelt



**SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2005**

5:30 Salvatore DeMarco - John & Lynette Gladdis

**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005**

7:30 Angelina Scaturro - Mary & Gerard Christensen

9:00 Dominic Velard - Wife

10:30 Vita Loria - Jo & Charles Vincenti

12:00 People of the Parish

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005**

7:00 James Murphy - Murphy Family

9:00 Sonny Brattole - Lillian & Dick Medway

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2005**

7:00 Kathleen Clancy - Tom Canadan

9:00 Norma Zubak - Jim & Judy Heller

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005**

7:00 Robin Helminski - Mary Tevis

9:00 Joseph N. Sinoradzki

**THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2005**

7:00 Eileen Titone - Cathy & Ray Thek

9:00 Gisela Thiel

**FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2005**

7:00 Giuseppe Ferrigno - The Ferrigno Family

9:00 Sadie Lagattuta - Mr. & Mrs. John Cieslukowski

**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2005**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Robin Helminski

5:30 People of the Parish

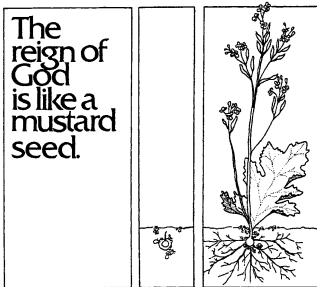
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 16</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 17</b>
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<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JULY 21</b>
11:30 AM	Holy Name A/C
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 23</b>
8:30 AM	Memorial Mass
9:00 AM	St. John's Soup Kitchen



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Elaine Mastropasqua during the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Joseph Leggieri during the week of July 17<sup>th</sup> at the request of Anthony and Angie Plesh.



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**SOUP KITCHEN**

Volunteers will be going to St. John's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

***Those Who Have Died***

Marie Ferrara, Josephine Pappadakis

***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 Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Gene Andre, Henry Latch, Nora Coletta, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Mary Scott, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Alice Bartlomiejczyk, Ronald Francisco, John Cardoso, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Barbara Steinberg, Hank Kaczka, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Michael Newman, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski

**Atlantic City Bus Trip**

**WHEN: July 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.**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 17, 2005**

The righteous will shine like the sun.

- *Matthew 13:43*

