

The Humble

*This weekend, we in the United States celebrate our Independence Day.
Perhaps during the celebration one may hear all or part of the poem
inscribed on the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses yearning to breathe free ...
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me ..."
Interestingly, these words echo those of Jesus in today's Gospel.
Both speak of welcoming the humble.*

Reflection of today's readings . . .

Sometimes it seems that the more material possessions we have the more we are a slave to them. Think of your car. If it's an old beater, it takes just enough maintenance to keep it running. It requires minimal insurance, not much soap and polish, and theft protection is unnecessary. But, if you just purchased a car that cost more than your first house, you can bet it will be in a garage, insured extensively, equipped with anti-theft devices, and cleaned and polished often. Easier than any of this would be to ride a horse . . . or a donkey colt.

Zechariah shows us that the king will come victoriously in peace riding humbly on a donkey colt. He has no need to flaunt his greatness. As a matter of fact, this king will do away with all that the world has come to know as greatness. He will do away with chariots and war horses.

So what does it mean for us to serve this king? He demands one thing of us: love. We must love God, our neighbors, and our enemies. This is not a crushingly heavy load for those with humble hearts. Jesus gives us a yoke of constraint, but also gives us the grace to carry it. We are never alone with the burden of Jesus.

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Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself
our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.
Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters.
May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all.

– Pope John Paul II



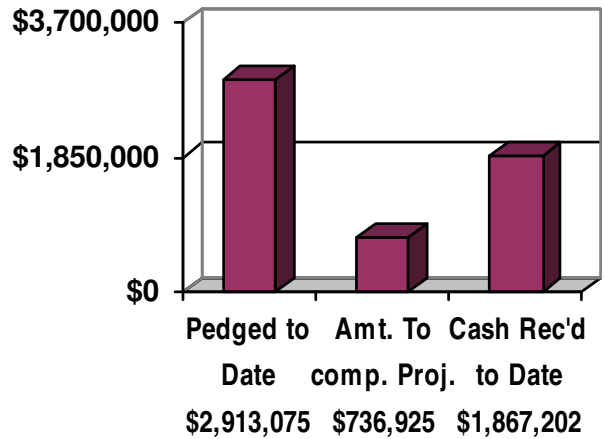
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STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH
Time, Talent, Treasure.
Putting God First?

“Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You,” says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this “attitude of gratitude” for the many gifts God has given us.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
 last week was **\$10,269.00.**
 Thank you.

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Mt 9:18-26
- Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9:32-38
- Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Mt 10:1-7
- Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65; Rom 8:18-23;
 Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

Freedom

*Those who deny freedom to others
 deserve it not for themselves and under a
 just God cannot long retain it.*

– Abraham Lincoln



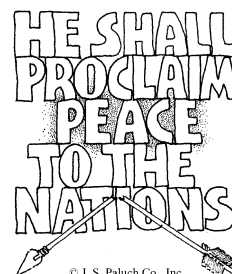
Total Cost of Project: \$3,700,000

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.



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.

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



Caldwell College Graduate Division Open House

A Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry is among many graduate programs offered at Caldwell. Summer information sessions for all Caldwell College Graduate Programs will be held on Tuesday, July 12th and Tuesday, August 2nd at 6:30 in the Academic Building. For further information, call the Graduate Office at (973) 618-3408 or the Pastoral Ministry coordinator at (973) 618-3519.



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.

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 6th, 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

For more information please contact:

Maria O'Connor (732) 882-1893



Coming Events

St. Agnes 6th 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.



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.



St. Agnes Rectory Summer Hours

Effective the week of June 27th, 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.

Father's Day Flowers



In Memory

of

Gift of

Albert Spino & Matthew
Helminski
William Roesch
John Slifko

M/M Robert Helminski
Mrs. Shirley Roesch
M/M Joseph Margeton

In Honor of

Gift of

Frank Loria, Sr.

Ms. Lisa Loria-Michaels

Gift of

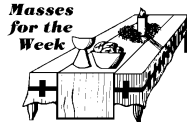
Mr. & Mrs. Damiano Gerardi
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Maertz
Mr. & Mrs. James Bantin



St. Michael's Church, Cranford, NJ

Triduum Services in honor of St. Anne and St. Joachim, Saturday, July 23 through July 26

St. Michael Parish in Cranford will be conducting the annual Triduum in honor of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the parents of Mary and Grandparents of Jesus. On Saturday, July 23 at 7 p.m. there will be a candlelight procession with the Icon of these saints proceeding the Evening Prayer Service in their honor. On Sunday & Monday (July 24 & 25) the Triduum will continue with a Prayer Service on each of these evenings celebrated at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, July 26, the feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, Masses will be celebrated at 7 a.m. & 12 Noon with a festival Liturgy celebrated at 7 p.m. followed by light refreshments. Candles are available at the Parish Center. If you would like to obtain one or for more information about the above-listed services, please call the parish office at (908) 276-0360.



SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2005

5:30 Deceased Members of Sulek Family - Family

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2005

7:30 Lontka Family - Gessler Family

9:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Sarah & Anthony Lombino - Rose Brinker, Jeanne Danatzko

12:00 Margaret Della Ragione - Daughter, Livia

MONDAY, JULY 4, 2005

7:00 James & Mary Lawn - Cecilia Cosgrove

9:00 Helen Capozzi - Leona Kamieniecki

TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2005

7:00 Elizabeth Cordes - Family

9:00 Rose Mangiavillano - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Palumbo

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2005

7:00 Lois Thompson - Brian & Lynn Smith

9:00 Dorothy & Harold Ortiz - Dolores Memmer

THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2005

7:00 Stanley Stefanik - Josephine Stefanik

9:00 Dolores Choma - Fr. Jim Choma

FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2005

7:00 Margaret Tamburino - Tamburino Family

9:00 Joanne Stumbers - Shirley & Richard Gamble

SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2005

8:30 Memorial Mass - Joseph T. Soja, Margaret Cafiero, Grace Biglasco, Walter Pearson

5:30 Dorothy Hampson - Mary Beth Hampson

WEDNESDAY JULY 6

7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - Teachers' Lounge

SATURDAY JULY 9

5:30 PM Anniversary of 1st Mass Celebrated in St. Agnes Church - July 9, 1961

SUNDAY JULY 10

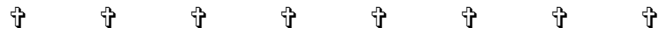
1:30 PM Baptism



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Angie Plesh during the week of July 3rd.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Stanley Stefanik during the week of July 3rd at the request of Ronald & Joyce Hoehn.



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

Rosemarie Hillebrand, Lucy A. Capuano

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, George Finger, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Michael Newman, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski

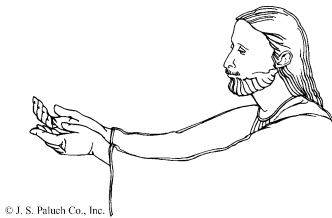
Atlantic City Bus Trip**WHEN: July 21, 2005****TO: Caesar's****TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee & Buns****LEAVE: 12:30 PM From Gran Centurions Parking Lot. Please park in back of lot.****COST: \$22.00****For reservations call:****Tony 388-2315****Joe 381-3395**

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

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 3, 2005**

Come to me all you who labor and are
burdened, and I will give you rest.

– *Matthew 11:28*



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