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# From the Pastor



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Dear Parishioners,

In our second reading this weekend, St. Paul tells the Romans that no matter what bad times or experiences he may have to go through, he is undaunted, because he is certain that Christ loves him. Are we certain of God's love for us? It is amazing how much we can endure when we know that we are loved.

God so loved the world that God became human in the person of Jesus Christ, and He died for the forgiveness of our sins. Does this love affect us? How? Do we really embrace and accept God's unconditional love? If we do, we will be changed forever? Like St. Paul, no matter what bad times or experiences we may encounter we, too, will remain undaunted. Love is the strongest of emotions and its power can move mountains! What mountains need to be moved in your life? God really does love you!

Respectfully Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor

## *Further reflection on today's second reading . . .*

Love is supposed to last forever, so it is horrifying when it does not. When we love someone, we offer all we have and are. We give our free time, because love enjoys leisure. We share our money, because love is priceless. We reveal our inmost thoughts, because love grows in intimacy. We take great risks when we love. We risk sharing our goodness and shortcomings. True love accepts what is imperfect because the heart is always good.

Sometimes love fails. We stop loving the person we loved, or the one we loved stops loving us. Imperfections come to light. Differences of opinion cannot be resolved. People who confused the warmth of love with love itself discover deceit in the other person or in the cravings of their own heart. The loss of love is a painful lesson in betrayal, misjudgment, and sorrow.

The question Saint Paul asks the Romans, then, is fraught with risk. "*What will separate us from the love of Christ?*" Is this possible? We know from experience that love may depart. In human love, many things may cause separation: political opinions, selfish actions, lost opportunities for mutual sharing, or the attraction of another person. Love is strong, but other forces can be stronger.

This is not so with Christ. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. God's love remains perfect and lasts forever, no matter where our heart bends. We sometimes love God less, but God never loves us less. God's love last forever.

# STEWARDSHIP

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# FAITH

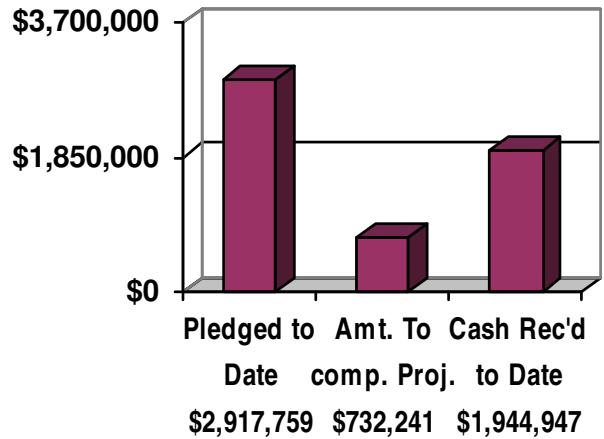
### Time, Talent, Treasure.

### Putting God First?

“The hands of the Lord feeds us,” sings the Psalmist; “He answers all our needs.” Often, though, it is with the open hands of generous stewards willing to share His many gifts that God’s people are fed and their needs met.

Your Stewardship in Treasure last week was **\$10,356.00.**  
Thank you.

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



**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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:22-36
- Tuesday: Nm 12: 1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
- Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

## HAPPINESS

*My children, the three acts of faith, hope, and charity contain all the happiness of humanity upon earth.*

– St. John Mary Vianney



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





## SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</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.

## 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)



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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.

## St. Agnes' 6th Annual Golf Outing



Monday, September 26, 2005  
Echo Lake Country Club  
Springfield Ave.,  
Westfield, N.J.

### Schedule

10:00 a.m. Registration and Brunch  
12:00 PM Shotgun Start  
5:00 PM Reception  
6:00 PM Prize Announcement  
Exciting Prizes - Raffles - 50/50  
Silent Auction

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call the Rectory at 732-388-7852

*Proceeds to help support parish and school expansion.*

## 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

For more information please contact:

Maria O'Connor (732) 882-1893



**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.

**Knights of Columbus  
Council #5503**

27 Westfield Ave., Clark, NJ

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL**

**FAMILY PICNIC  
ALL YOU CAN EAT BBQ  
HELD AT THE AMERICAN LEGION  
PAVILION, WESTFIELD AVE., CLARK**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>  
1 PM TO 5 PM**

**ADULTS \$8.00**

**CHILDREN \$4.00  
UNDER 12 YEARS**

**TOTS 3 YEARS OR LESS  
EAT FREE**

The Church of Saint Mark  
Unmarried Mature Adults (UMA) Social Club

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at St. Mark's Church, 287 Hamilton Street, Rahway. For further information, please call Nina at 732-381-1298.

**ARCHDIOCESAN  
PRO-LIFE SEMINAR  
OCTOBER 15, 2005**

*"Help build a world where human life is  
always loved and defended, every  
form of violence banished"*

**WHERE: St. John the Apostle  
Auditorium, Linden**

**WHEN: Saturday, 11 AM Mass - 3:00 PM  
Lunch will be served**

**SPEAKERS:**

Cathy Cleaver-Ruse, Esq.  
Former Director of Planning and  
Information - Pro-Life Secretariat - USCCB

Msgr. William F. Smith  
Academic Dean, St. Joseph's Seminary,  
Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York  
and  
Discussion/Panel - Various Topics and  
Political Campaign Guidelines for Parishes

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Registration Required**

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**REGISTRATION FOR PRO-LIFE SEMINAR**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
**RESPECT LIFE OFFICE  
1805 Penbrook Terrace  
Linden, NJ 07036**

*Pro-Life* 



**SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2005**

5:30 Carlo Denora - Sam & Mary

**SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2005**

7:30 People of the Parish  
 9:00 Siclari Family - Rose & Ed Zukowski  
 10:30 Stephen J. Stanizone - Ronnie Duffy  
 12:00 Maria Almeida - Mary Morelli

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005**

7:00 Robin Helminski - John & Barbara Greve  
 9:00 Joseph & Claire Churla - Anne Marie

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005**

7:00 John & Helen Murphy - Murphy Family  
 9:00 Earl Hassler - Helen Hassler

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2005**

7:00 Helen Capozzi - Henry Varriano  
 9:00 Vincent & Rosaria Barilla - Peter & Lucy Kosca

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2005**

7:00 Patrick & Cecilia Cosgrove - Cecilia Cosgrove  
 9:00 Special Intention - Theresa Hanselman

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2005**

7:00 Robin Helminski - Ronnie & Bill Duffy  
 9:00 Roman Granrath

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2005**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Elizabeth Cordes, Charles & Esther Ziobro  
 5:30 Deceased Members of the Kenely Family - Beth Hampson

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 30</b>
<b>PROPAGATION OF FAITH SPEAKER SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 31</b>
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<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 6</b>
8:30 AM	Memorial Mass
9:00 AM	St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 7</b>
1:30 PM	Baptism



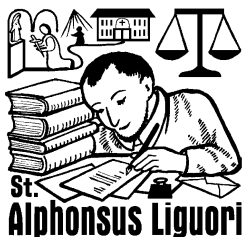
**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Suszko during the week of July 31<sup>st</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Joseph, Jennie & Raymond Szmarda during the week of July 31<sup>st</sup> at the request of the Family.



**BREAD & WINE** will be offered in memory of John Delaney at the request of Rose and Mike Brinker.



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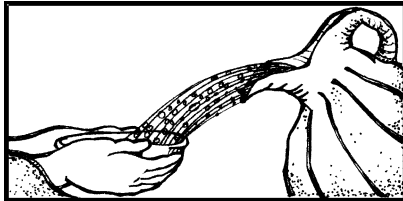
**A Free Lunch** *There is no such thing as a free lunch. At least this is the unchanging principle of the commercial world. Somewhere along the chain of buying and selling, someone will have to pay. God's ways are different, of course. Grace is free. God's life is freely given. The readings today reiterate this revelation. We are told this in the poetry of Isaiah, a letter from Paul, and a story from Matthew. Copyright © 2004, World Library Publications.*

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

Frank Lotano, William Giacobbe

***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, 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, Wendy Sullivan



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**Atlantic City Bus Trip****WHEN: August 18, 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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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 31, 2005**

All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!

– *Isaiah 55:1a*