

From the Pastor



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for being so supportive during this time of transition. If you are reading this bulletin article, you are among the faithful who did not abandon us to attend Mass elsewhere. I know that celebrating Mass in a gymnasium is not the ideal environment, but church is much more than brick and mortar. The church that Christ established is made of flesh and blood. We are the members that make up the body of Christ. As long as we gather as a worshiping community, the church remains very much alive and well.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that worked hard to set up our new worship space. Many people came together in a stewardship spirit and helped create a reverent environment for us. I also want to publicly acknowledge Father John and Mary Ellen for walking the extra mile for us.

God's chosen people wandered forty years and worship in the desert. Jesus celebrated the first Eucharist in an upper room. As we worship outside of our church, be assured that Jesus remains with us and our time of transition will not last forty years. We will be back in a newly renovated church in November.

As summer approaches many parishioners head south to the shore for weekends and vacation travel increases. We all need a break. This has been a busy year for us here in the parish. Father John and I are looking forward to some rest and relaxation time. On June 28th, I will be flying to Rome for a week's vacation. After experiencing all that is required to create a worship environment, I will look at all of the beautiful churches through different eyes. And when I am in the Church of St. Agnes (the church that is built over the spot where she was martyred), know that I will be praying for all of you, and the success of our building projects and capital campaign.

God Bless!

Fr. Jim
Pastor



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

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,991.50.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



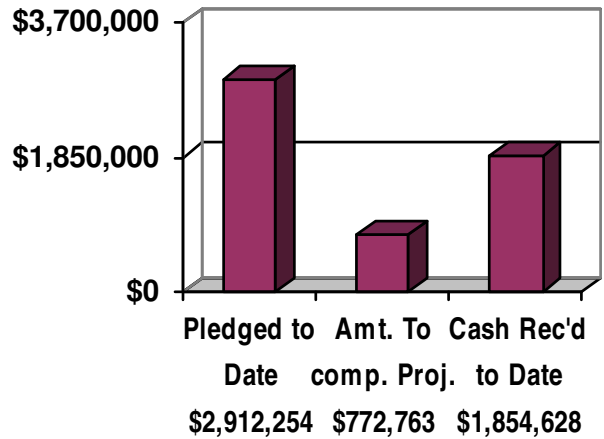
Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20;
 Jn 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
 Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13;
 Mt 11:25-30

What we Love

We cannot help conforming ourselves
to what we love.

– St. Francis de Sales

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



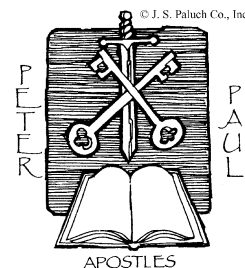
Total Cost of Project: \$3,685,017

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
- Marble Baptismal Font 50,000
- Marble Pulpit 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.



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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.

The Richness of Life in Christ

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

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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.

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.

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark

New Scholarship Available for Elizabeth Students

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children has opened a new four year scholarship program for elementary school students living in Elizabeth who currently attend public school and wish to attend a private or parochial school. Public school students living in other cities who wish to attend a private or parochial school in Elizabeth may also apply. This is a need-based scholarship program being offered to low-income families. Students need not be Catholic to apply. To obtain an application, parents or guardians may go to the school of their choice to call the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children at (973) 497-4279.

Holy Hour for Life

Come join us for a Holy Hour for Life Praying before the Blessed Sacrament, on Wednesday, July 6, 2005, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church, Suburban Avenue, Union, N.J.



Sponsored by
Holy Spirit Respect Life Ministry

Summer Institute at the



The Center for Theological and Spiritual Development at the College of Saint Elizabeth will be holding its Eighth Annual Summer Institute from July 10-21, 2005. The Institute will kick off with the Opening Event on July 10th featuring Prof. Philip Sheldrake. Two weeks of classes on spirituality, scripture and meditation can be taken for credit or personal enrichment. The Spirituality Festival, on July 16th, features world renowned speaker Rev. Jerome Murphy-O'Connor.

For more information please call (973) 290-4300 or visit our website at www.csespirit.org.

ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER



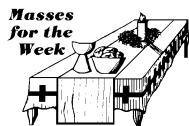
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for our computer training and job readiness program. We especially are in need of instructors and instructor aides to teach EXCEL, WORD, and INTERNET. A few morning hours each month can help an inner city resident find employment and a stable life. Please call Jim McGurty at (908) 353-1045 or (908) 486-6926.



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.) and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (with a lunch break from 12 noon to 1 p.m.) Thank you.



SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2005

5:30 James P. Scott - Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2005

7:30 People of the Parish
 9:00 Flora Visconti - Mr. & Mrs. George Visconti
 10:30 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles, Felice Perriello - Dolores Clarke
 12:00 Antoinette Visconti - The Frodelly Family

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2005

7:00 Mike Elko - Mrs. Anna Krentar
 9:00 Francis P. Brattole, Sr. - Emily Engwall

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2005

7:00 Frances Minnino - Andy Babinski & Sonja
 9:00 John & Anna Mauriello - Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2005

7:00 Anna Korytko - Dolores & Vince Piacente
 9:00 Tony Migliore - Shirley Migliore

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2005

7:00 Betty Kordowski - Mike & Rose Brinker
 9:00 Margerita & Vito Toto and Isabella & Nicola Fanelli - Crescenza Toto

FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2005

7:00 Mary Segreto - Terry & Joe Segreto
 9:00 Frank Comer - Betty Comer

SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2005

8:30 Memorial Mass - Anna Yonco, Elizabeth Cordes, Gregory Prisco
 5:30 Deceased Members of Sulek Family - Family

SATURDAY **JULY 2**
 8:30 AM Memorial Mass - Marian
 9:00 AM St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Garra during the week of June 26th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of John Ciuba during the week of June 26th at the request of Valerie & George Geiger.



SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, July 2nd. 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.



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Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.



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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 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

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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 26, 2005

Think of yourselves as dead to sin
and living for God in Christ Jesus.

– *Romans 6:11*

