

## **Pitching Camp! (Renovations Part IV)**

*“In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. (Exodus 19:2)*

Sunday’s first reading speaks about the Israelites pitching camp in the desert after God led them out of captivity in Egypt. Although they were initially happy to be set free, the people of Israel needed to be reminded by Moses of God’s goodness to them, especially when they confronted hardships in the desert. The promise land sounded good, but it seemed too far off and many began to grumble against Moses. It was not until they reached the Promised Land some forty years later, did the journey seem worth the effort.

As we move worship from the church into the gymnasium, as pastor, I feel a little like Moses. I know that it is natural for us to miss our comfortable surroundings and that change can be unnerving. And this is OK, but please do not grumble – ha! You have my word that our desert experience will not last forty years. We will be back in church by November. Please join me in prayer that everybody will be happy, as were the Israelites when they reached the Promised Land.

The following information is provided to help you to prepare for the transition from the church to gymnasium:

- YES! The air-conditioner will be operable in the gymnasium.
- YES! We will have a shrine and devotional candles in the gym, but it will be limited. We do not have space for a large devotional area. We need the space for seating.
- ENTRANCES TO THE GYM FOR MASS:

The main entrance will be from the back parking lot. Follow the concrete path up to the door leading into the building.

The front school doors may be used for those who park on the street.

- Parking:

All parishioners are encouraged to park in the lot around back, or on the street. The spaces along the driveway in front of the church are for **HANDICAP PARKING ONLY**.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Father Jim  
Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP  
&  
FAITH**

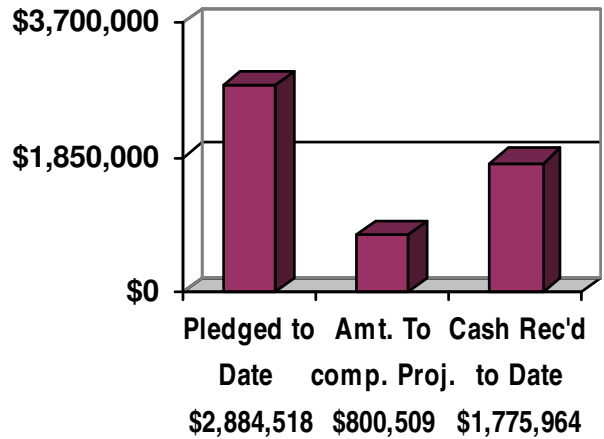
***Time, Talent, Treasure.  
Putting God First?***

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge he makes to us: "The gift you have received, give as a gift."

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Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$11,715.00.**  
Thank you.

**Campaign Progress - Phase I**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Mt 6:24-34
- Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

**GIFT**

We all know how it feels to give someone a gift, only to learn later that it is gathering dust on a closet shelf. How much more gratifying it is to see the gifts we have given proudly displayed or used regularly by those we give them to.

"Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Matthew 10:8). These words of Jesus run the risk of getting lost in today's Gospel. We are certainly more familiar with his statement about the harvest, or are more likely intrigued by the power to expel spirits and cure diseases or raise the dead. It is the last phrase of the Gospel passage that is the most potent call to discipleship. Our discipleship is a gift from God, and the way we show God our gratitude for that gift is to use it constantly. We can't just take it off the closet shelf on Sunday morning, dust it off for an hour or two, and then return it. Rather, those who come in contact with us throughout the week have to know how much we love the gift of our discipleship by the way we are continually giving it to others as a gift.

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**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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## 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.



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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Christians have no sacrament of "confirmation," but they have always had the custom of richly anointing the newly baptized in *myron*, or sacred chrism. They also give even infants a taste of the Precious Blood, thereby doing away with any notion of "First Communion" in later childhood.

In the West, although we too have an anointing with chrism for the newly baptized, for centuries we have normally reserved a second anointing for the bishop, sometimes many years after baptism. There are many reasons for this, not the least of which is the fact that in early times the bishop was the ordinary person to officiate at baptism, not the presbyter (priest). The bishop did it all, from plunging the catechumens into the font, to pouring chrism over them, to immediately celebrating the Eucharist. When bishops began to cede some of their ministry to the ranks of presbyters, they desired to maintain a strong relationship with baptism. Thus it was decided that the solemn post-baptismal anointing, the laying on of hands, and the prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit were to be detached from infant baptism. So, to the present day, we have two anointings after baptism: one by the priest, and the other normally by the bishop. By the fifth century, the word "confirmation" had surfaced to refer to this second anointing.

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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.

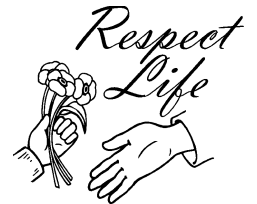
## Have a Good Summer!

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!

The handicapped person who accepts his handicap shows me the difficulty I have in accepting my own weaknesses, in a similar way as people who are dying, who accept their death, reveal to those who are looking after them their own fear of dying. It is undeniable that the person who is different bothers us, and many handle this by putting such people in institutions or killing them before they are born.



Jean Vanier, Talk given at a retreat in Barcelona, Spain, January 22, 2005



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# Baptisms

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

**ANTHONY MICHAEL CURCIO**

Son of Anthony and Nicolina

**RYAN JOSEPH ECONOMOU**

Son of Sean and Cynthia

**JACKSON COLE GULBIN**

Son of Vincent and Lisa

**ANGELINA ROSE JACOBS**

Daughter of Richard and Charise

**ANTHONY VITO JACOBS**

Son of Richard and Charise

**PATRICK JOSEPH LELIEVRE**

Son of Tom and Jennifer



*They pray best who do not know  
that they are praying.*

– St. Anthony of Padua

## *St. Mark's Social Club (UMA)*

On April 17, 2005, a new club was formed, and on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., the St. Mark's Social Club, Unmarried Mature Adults (UMA) will hold its second meeting.

We are fortunate to have Colonel Peter O'Hagen, Consultant for the New Jersey Automobile Club and former Director of New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety, give a presentation on Safe Driving with an emphasis on Distracted Driving.

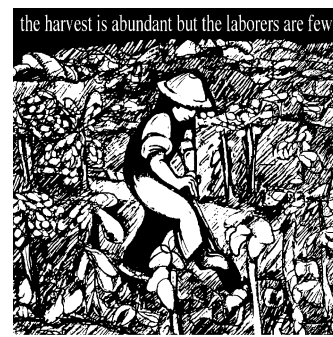
Colonel O'Hagen is retired from the Marine Corps Reserves, having served in Viet Nam in 1969/1970 and recalled for active duty during "Operation Desert Storm" in 1991, serving as the casualty assistance officer for the Marine Corps for the State of New Jersey.

We are planning a picnic at the Gran Centurions Pool at 440 Madison Hill Road in Clark on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. with great food, music and use of the pool at a cost of \$25. Please call Nina at 732-381-1298 or Anne at 908-272-8796 for reservations. Payment is due by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

A trip is scheduled for Saturday or Sunday, October 1 or 2 to Sleepy Hollow, New York. The cost would be \$82 including lunch, leaving from St. Mark's at 9:00 a.m. and returning at 4:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and be a part of this new and exciting Social Club. Refreshments will be served and a donation of \$3 is requested.

For any questions or additional information, please call Nina at 732-381-1298.





<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2005</b>	
5:30	Walter Hurley - Bernice Hurley
<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2005</b>	
7:30	Rhoda Nanartowicz - Gloria & Vincent Corsentino
9:00	John & Anna Mauriello - Family
10:30	Shirley Wentzek - Women's Commission
12:00	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005</b>	
7:00	Charles & Ann Bauer - Murphy Family
9:00	Pat Castellano - Mom & Dad
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2005</b>	
7:00	Jamie Theel - Mary Ellen, Bill & Michael Theel
9:00	Antoinette Visconti - Son
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005</b>	
7:00	Joseph & Anna Bogar - Gus Granrath
9:00	Joanne Stumbers - Spiritual Book Club
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2005</b>	
7:00	Anna & Ethel Murphy - Murphy Family
9:00	Joe Cistrelli - Maria & Damiano Gerardi
<b>FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2005</b>	
7:00	Elizabeth Cordes - Family
9:00	George & Elizabeth Vanner - Sister Anne Zambolla
<b>SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2005</b>	
8:30	Memorial Mass - James Curry, Elizabeth Cordes, Catherine Cardillo
5:30	Elizabeth Cordes

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 12</b>
12:00 PM	Mass - Procession and Blessing
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 13</b>
11:00 AM	Volunteer Luncheon
12:00 PM	Dismissal
6:00 PM	Sandwiches - Group I
6:30 PM	Holy Name Dinner - Gran Centurions
7:30 PM	Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 14</b>
12:00 PM	Dismissal
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 15</b>
12:00 PM	Dismissal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 16</b>
11:30 AM	Holy Name A/C
12:00 PM	Dismissal
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 17</b>
12:00 PM	Dismissal - School Closes
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 18</b>
	<b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>
8:30 AM	Mass - Memorial
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 19</b>
	<b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>
	<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Zucosky during the week of June 12<sup>th</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Pat Castellano during the week of June 12<sup>th</sup> at the request of Mom and Dad.



**ALTAR FLOWERS** that decorate our sanctuary this weekend are in memory of Pat Castellano at the request of Mom and Dad.



**BREAD & WINE** will be offered in honor of St. Anthony at the request of Angie Plesh.

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

Louise M. Roes

***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

**Atlantic City Bus Trip**

WHEN: June 16, 2005

TO: Caesar's

TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee &amp; 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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**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 12, 2005**

Without cost you have received;  
without cost you are to give.

– *Matthew 10:8b*