

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for your patience as we adjust to reduced parking lot space, due to the newly created construction site. I realize that it may take us a little longer to enter and exit church grounds. School and Religious Education drop off and pick up of children may be inconvenient compared to the normal routine. Please be assured that all of our sacrifices will be well worth it when the building projects are completed.

Human nature is funny! Most people are making the best of the new routines and are demonstrating a beautiful Christian attitude, while others are obviously irritated. I am sorry that some feel this way, and I am open to recommendations to improve our ways of operation. However, I am not naive in thinking that business can proceed as usual. I would be most grateful if we would spiritualize our daily existence while construction commences. Let us keep in mind:

***There would be no Easter Sunday without Good Friday.
Sacrifice for a greater good may be difficult, but worth the effort.***

I have a favor to ask of all parishioners. Please do not park in front of the rectory when you have to stop in for parish-related business. This has always been a NO STOPPING OR STANDING restricted area. However we have been lax in enforcing this restriction. Now that construction is underway, truck and machinery traffic will be increasing. Parking in front of the rectory will create unsafe conditions and traffic jams. Please park in the spaces closest to back of the rectory and enter through the back rectory door, or walk around to the front of the rectory. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Please join me in praying for building project success and capital campaign needs. Peace!

Fr. Jim
Pastor



A TRUCKFUL of "THANKS" is here for all who helped make the **Groundbreaking Reception** such a special event. Your wonderful efforts to help our Parish Family celebrate this milestone are truly appreciated.

VERY special thanks go to:

THANKS

KATHY BARONE
GINA BEHREND
HANK BEHREND
CHRIS BONNER
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ANN SZIPSZKY
CAROL SZIPSZKY
MAUREEN TERESHKO
TOMMY MERCADANTE
JACQUELINE BEHREND
ARLINE LOTANO

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Cahill
Donna Bonavitacola

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

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,801.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18,
22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14 -- 27:66 [27:11-54]

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our campaign goal is \$2.6 million. The actual costs for Phase I projects in our Ten-Year-Plan is \$3,685,017. Over the past several months, we have been inching toward this initial campaign goal, but remained substantially short of goal.

AS OF TODAY WE ARE OVER GOAL! A friend from outside the parish sent us a check for \$250,000. They believe in our dream and want to ease the burden of parish debt. In addition to this extraordinary gift, a few parishioners are coming forward and donating over and beyond their original pledge. Also, numerous parishioners who did not make a pledge are now doing so. Therefore, we are proud to announce that pledged funds total **\$2,794,962.**

Although we have exceeded the original goal, the campaign will continue. Every dollar raised from this point on will reduce the amount that the parish will have to borrow. We are praying that parishioners who have not supported the campaign will make a pledge. We are also soliciting some parishioners who have been financially blessed by the Lord to consider larger donations for memorial opportunities. Seeking grant funds from foundations is also an avenue that we are pursuing. Anyone who fulfills a pledge of \$1,000 or more will be included in a memorial display listing, some time in the future. Dreams are coming true because of you who believe. Thank you!

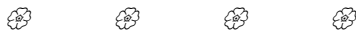
Lana's

fine dining

Hyatt Hills Complex

1300 Ravitan Road, Clark

732-669-9024



Present this coupon while dining at Lana's Restaurant on any Tuesday or Wednesday during April and May (2005), and the establishment will donate 20% of your food bill (excluding alcohol) to the St. Agnes Church building fund. Please share the news with family, friends and neighbors. Thank you.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES


It is time once again for the Anniversary Celebration of those couples in our Archdiocese who are celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of Christian marriage in 2005. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

Silver and Fifth Anniversary Couples
Sunday, April 17, 2005 - 3:00 p.m.
 (due by April 7th)

Golden Anniversary Couples
June 12, 2005 - 3:00 p.m.
 (due by June 2nd)

It is our desire that every couple in the archdiocese, deserving of such recognition, be present at the appropriate Liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in our society today.

Please call the rectory at 732-388-7852 to register before the deadline date. All reservations will be acknowledged by the Archdiocese. Directions to the Cathedral Basilica and a seating chart will be mailed to each couple.



**SPIRITUAL
BOOK CLUB**

The next meeting of the Spiritual Book Club will be Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sacristy. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please call Marian Heelan at 732-499-0195. The book of discussion will be Swimming in the Sun by Albert Haase.

***Please Note: Women's Prayer Group
 scheduled for March 15th is cancelled
 due to St. Joseph Novena.***

ST. AGNES



SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2005
RAIN OR SHINE
8:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

ALL CLOTHES MUST BE BAGGED OR BOXED.
NO HANGERS PLEASE.

**ITEMS - CLOTHES, SHOES, HATS, BELTS,
 POCKETBOOKS, STUFFED ANIMALS, ALL
 HOUSEHOLD LINENS,
 BLANKETS, ETC.**

**NO TOYS, APPLIANCES OR FURNITURE
 (INCL. BABY ITEMS)**

**Any questions please call Adele
 at 732-382-8332**

Lenten Schedule 2005

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 19th Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20th Masses

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12 noon

Holy Thursday, March 24th

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 p.m.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament concluding with Night Prayer Service at 10 p.m.

Good Friday, March 25th

Seven Last Words Service - 12 Noon to 3 p.m.

Main Service - 7:30 p.m.

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday March 26th

Blessing of the Food - following 9:00 a.m. Mass

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27th Masses

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 12 noon

St. Agnes Rosary Society Spring



Luncheon

Fashions by: Dress Barn

*Date: Sunday, April 24th
Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Place: Gran Centurions
Amount: \$23 Per Person*

*For ticket information call
Rose at 732-574-0023 or
the Rectory at 732-388-7852*

*Tickets available until April 18th
(Tables of 8-10 can be reserved)*



Registration for New Students

Registration for new students (including Kindergarten) will begin **Monday, March 28th** and will conclude **Thursday, April 14th**. You may register anytime between **9:00 a.m.**

and **12:00 noon**, or **1:00 p.m.** and **4:00 p.m.** in the **Religious Education Office in the Rectory** (the office is closed on Fridays). Evening registration will take place in the School Office April 4th and April 5th 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please try to register early; classes reach their quota rapidly.

You must bring a copy of your child's **baptismal certificate**. **Registration fee is \$125.00 per child.**

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at (732) 388-2560.



CANCELLED

If you are interested in donating blood at this time, there is a blood drive scheduled at the First Aid Squad, Raritan Road, on Thursday, March 24th from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



ST. AGNES SPRING BOARDWALK 2005

TAXES ARE DONE!!!

Now it's time for fun!
St. Agnes Boardwalk has just begun!
Popcorn, games & prizes to be won!
Free tattoos, food & cookies too!
Fun for all ages, hope to see you!

April 15th - 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
April 16th - 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
April 17th - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Food specials all weekend!!
Volunteers always welcome.
Please call Carol Bottitta at
732-388-5595

A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND

FREE ADMISSION





SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2005	
5:30	People of the Parish
SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005	
7:30	Rhoda Nanartowicz - Linda & Tom Bowen
9:00	Susan Whitehead - The Mitchell Family
10:30	Thomas Brennan - Charlotte & Colette
12:00	Peter & Jeanette Ciavarella -Anthony& Anglie Plesh
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2005	
7:00	Dominick Piiizi - Joe Leotta
9:00	Rhoda Nanartowicz - Marian Walko & Family
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005	
7:00	Ray Granrath - Friends at 7:00 Mass
9:00	Rhoda Nanartowicz - Tom Mercadante
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005	
7:00	Pauline Gessler - Gessler Family
9:00	Thomas Long - Family
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2005	
7:00	Catherine & Charles McNeil – Judy & Bill Shackleton
9:00	Pat & Minnie Castellano – Joseph & Adele Castellano
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2005	
7:00	Toni Visconti - Christine & Brian Thornton
9:00	Paul Lontka - Gessler Family
SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2005	
8:30	People of Parish - St. Joseph Mass
5:30	James P. Scott - Ronnie & Bill Duffy

SUNDAY	MARCH 13
PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION	
9:00 AM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	CYO
7:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
MONDAY	MARCH 14
3:30 PM	Religious Education
6:00 PM	Sandwiches Group I
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
7:30 PM	Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge
TUESDAY	MARCH 15
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
8:00 PM	Palm Sunday Rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 16
4:30 PM	Brownies Meeting - Kindergarten
7:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
7:30 PM	RCIA - Sacristy
THURSDAY	MARCH 17
11:30 AM	Holy Name A/C
3:30 PM	Children's Choir
7:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
	Adult Choir Practice Following Novena
7:30 PM	Bereavement
FRIDAY	MARCH 18
5:30 PM	Girl Scouts - 6 th Grade
7:00 PM	St. Joseph Novena
	Collection & Social
SATURDAY	MARCH 19
8:30 AM	Feast of St. Joseph Mass
11:00 AM	Holy Thursday Rehearsal
12:00 PM	Good Friday Rehearsal



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Madeline Ciorra & Carmela Tavormina during the week of March 13th at the request of Marilyn Tavormina



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Peggy Phelan during the week of March 13th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

Regina Bladzinski Helen P. Gladysz

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, Anne Marie Ricci, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Louise Venezio, Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Wayne Tribble, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara & Leon Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Gene Andre, Henry Latch, Nora Coletta, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., John Frantantoni, Vickie Tomasco, Tracy Duliban, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Mary Scott, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Alice Bartlomiejczyk

Atlantic City Bus Trip

WHEN: March 17, 2005

TO: Caesar's

TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee & Buns in Auditorium

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.**



**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2005**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!

- Psalm 130:1