

From the Pastor



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Dear Parishioners,

Palm Sunday is here and Easter is around the corner! Are we ready? This is a very spiritual week within our Church. It's not too late to immerse one's self into Holy Week prayer and liturgical services. Holy Week has as its purpose the remembrance of Christ's passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

As pastor of St. Agnes Parish, I invite every parishioner to slow down, reflect upon scripture, pray a little more and worship in Church - especially at the Easter Triduum. What is the Easter Triduum? It's the culmination of the entire liturgical year. The Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is one continuous worship experience that begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (7:30 pm), continues with Good Friday of the Lord's Passion (7:30 pm), and climaxes at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday Night (8:00 pm). I assure you, anyone attending the Easter Triduum will be abundantly blessed.

I would also like to highlight the Seven Last Words Service on Good Friday, noon to 3:00 pm. Parishioners can attend church for the entire time, or any part of the service. Father Michael Andreano, Vice-Chancellor & Assistant to the Vicar General of the Archdiocese, will be our guest preacher. Father will be preaching on the seven last words of Christ as he hung upon the cross. Scripture, hymns, and silent time for reflection will accompany each sermon. We hope that many parishioners will be able to attend this beautiful devotion service. However, it should be noted that the main liturgy on Good Friday is celebrated at 7:30 pm. This is the service that all Catholics are encouraged to attend. The Seven Last Words Service is a bonus experience here at St. Agnes.

Please share our schedule of events with family, friends and neighbors. Perhaps God will use you as an ambassador to draw fallen away Catholics back home to our worshiping community. Thank you.

Fr. Jim
Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

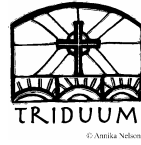
***Time, Talent, Treasure.
Putting God First?***

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May *we* be always ready to share our blessings when *we* are sent in His name!

Your Stewardship in Treasure last week was \$11,502.83.
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Gospel at the Procession with Palms -- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).
 First Reading -- In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
 Psalm -- My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)
 Second Reading -- Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).
 Gospel -- The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 -- 27:66 [27:11-54]).



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

Please help us reach our goal by making a pledge today. Pledge forms can be obtained in church or call the Rectory at 732-388-7852.

Phase I includes:

- Expansion and renovation of church;
 - Expansion of school;
 - Parish meeting center;
- Capital maintenance projects.

CYO will resume on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!

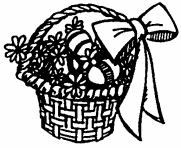
The past two Saturdays 106 children made their First Penance. We wish to thank their teachers for preparing the girls and boys. Thanks to Sister Margaret, Mrs. Rossana Stawinski, Miss Jennifer Hampp, Mrs. Anna Maria Nenortas, Miss Cristina Guarraci, Miss Monica De Carvalho and Mrs. Judith Rowlands.

Lana's
fine dining
 Hyatt Hills Complex
 1300 Ravitan Road, Clark
 732-669-9024

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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.





EASTER EGG HUNT

For several years now the young people of the parish have enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt. This year the hunt will be held on the **SATURDAY** after **EASTER, APRIL 2nd**, at 11:00 AM weather permitting. There are two prizes available, in addition the wonderful various plastic eggs filled with goodies and pennies.

Requirement to be part of the Easter Egg Hunt: submit half dozen or one dozen colored **PLASTIC** eggs at the rectory entrance by Friday, April 1st.



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



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 - 11:00 a.m.

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



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**

**PLEASE HELP US TO
FEED THE HUNGRY**



"In this richest of nations, it is difficult to grasp that millions of Americans experience hunger every day."

These are the words of Alan Shawn Feinstein, a philanthropist dedicated to fighting hunger in the United States. He has established the Feinstein Foundation in Rhode Island for this purpose. For the past six years, Mr. Feinstein has donated one million dollars a year to non-profit agencies throughout the country that are dealing with hunger issues.

Saint Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth is one of the many agencies that Mr. Feinstein has donated to throughout the years and will continue to do so this year with your kind assistance. Any donation received by the Saint Joseph Center between the period March 1st and April 30th will be matched/increased by the Feinstein Foundation according to the number of agencies participating and the amount that each raises.

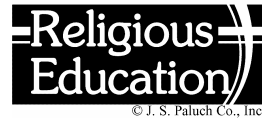
Checks should be made out to:
Saint Joseph Service Center
They should be mailed to:
Sister Jacinta Fernandes
Saint Joseph Social Service Center
118 Division Street
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

"Thank you for sharing my heart, and the hope that - someday - no one will ever go hungry."

Alan Shawn Feinstein

Sister Fernandes sends her "loving gratitude and prayers" to all who can help with this worthy cause.

For additional information, please contact Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956. Thank you.



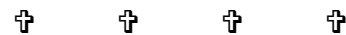
Registration for New Students

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 \$100.00 per child.**

IMPORTANT RE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION!!

Family re-registration fees are as follows:
First child - \$100
Second and third children - \$50
Fees will not exceed \$200 per family.

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



**CONGRATULATIONS!!
St. Agnes Religious Education
Finalists**



On Saturday, March 12th, two students from the St. Agnes Religious Education Program competed in the first Catholic Challenge contest run by the Archdiocese of Newark. St. Agnes Parish congratulates Christopher Rodrigues and Kevin Walsh. The boys will compete at the Diocesan Center as finalists on Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

Sister Margaret



SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2005	
5:30	James P. Scott - Ronnie & Bill Duffy
SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005	
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Family Members Living & Deceased - Lois & Ray Kolibas
10:30	Salvatore DeMarco - Charlotte & John Gladdis
12:00	George J. Christensen, Jr. - Family
MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2005	
7:00	James Murphy - Murphy Family
9:00	Rhoda Nanartowicz - Nancy Nanartowicz & Brian Gross
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2005	
7:00	Matthew Helminski - Jean & Fred Asal
9:00	Donato & Nick Toto - Crescenza Toto
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2005	
7:00	Karyn Monahan - Lisa Compton
9:00	Dominick Bucca - Antoinette Bucca
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2005	
NO MORNING MASSES	
7:30 PM	Lord's Supper (No Intentions) - Adoration Concluding with Night Prayer at 10:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2005	
12-3 PM	Seven Last Words Service
7:30 PM	Good Friday Liturgy (No Intentions)
SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2005	
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass (No Intentions)

7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice
7:30 PM	HSA Meeting
7:30 PM	Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge
8:00 PM	Chrism Mass - Basilica in Newark
TUESDAY MARCH 22	
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Easter Vigil Rehearsal
THURSDAY MARCH 24	
7:30 PM	Lord's Supper Adoration w/Adult & Children's Choir
10:00 PM	Night Prayer
FRIDAY MARCH 25	
12-3 PM	Seven Last Words Service
7:30 PM	Good Friday Liturgy
SATURDAY MARCH 26	
9:00 AM	Art & Environment - Church Decorating
11:00 AM	Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 PM	Easter Vigil Mass

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Charlene and Chris Gessler during the week of March 20th.

*St. Agnes Rosary Society
Spring Luncheon
Fashions by: Dress Barn*

*Date: Sunday, April 24th
For ticket information call
Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Rose at 732-574-0023 or
Place: Gran Centurions
the Rectory at 732-388-7852
Amount: \$23 Per Person
Tickets available until April
18th*



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of George J. Christensen, Jr., during the week of March 20th at the request of Faith, George, Gerard and Marylou.

SUNDAY	MARCH 20
9:00 AM	Religious Education
MONDAY	MARCH 21
3:30 PM	Religious Education
6:00 PM	Sandwiches Group II

(Tables of 8-10 can be reserved)

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

Madison Guillen

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, Ronald Francisco

Atlantic City Bus Trip**WHEN: April 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.**



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**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
March 20, 2005**

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

– *Philippians 2:9*