

Habemus Papam

We have a Pope!



Our New Pope

Joseph Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn (on the Inn River), Germany, 16 April 1927, Holy Saturday, and was the first person baptized in the Easter Water blessed at the Easter Vigil. His father, a policeman from a family of farmers in Lower Bavaria, was frequently transferred. In 1929, young Joseph's family moved to Tittmoning, a small town on the Salzach River, on the Austrian border. In 1932 his father's outspoken criticism of the Nazis required the family to relocate to Auschau am Inn, at the foot of the Alps. In 1937 his family moved to Hufschlag, outside of Traunstein. There Joseph began studying classical languages at the local high school. In 1939, Joseph entered the minor seminary in Traunstein, his first step toward the priesthood. On 29 June 1951, both Joseph and his brother were ordained to the priesthood. In 1977 Fr. Ratzinger was ordained to the episcopacy and appointed Archbishop of Munich.

The Conclave

With the announcement of the death of Pope John Paul II, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Dean of the College of Cardinals, undertook the duties special to that office during the Vacancy of the Holy See, convening the General Congregations of the Cardinals, which during the Interregnum are responsible for preserving the spiritual and material patrimony of the Holy See. On Monday morning, 18 April 2005, the Cardinals processed into St. Peter's Basilica at 10 a.m. to celebrate the Mass "For the election of the Supreme Pontiff." As Dean of the College, Cardinal Ratzinger was the principle celebrant and homilist. Later on Monday, at 4:30 p.m. 115 cardinals from 52 countries and five continents, processed from the Hall of Blessings to the Sistine Chapel. The Chapel was closed and the first Conclave of the Third Millennium was begun. After a time the Cardinals took their first vote for the 264th Successor to St. Peter. This single ballot did not result in an election and was therefore announced by black smoke at 8:04 p.m. Monday evening.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 19 April 2005, voting began about 4 p.m. The first ballot, the fourth of the Conclave, elected Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Dean of the College of Cardinals, and Prefect during the pontificate of Pope John Paul II of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Following his acceptance and choice of his name, Benedict XVI, the election was announced to the world at 5:50 p.m. (11:50 a.m. Eastern) by white smoke from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel.

Why the Pope Chose the Name Benedict XVI

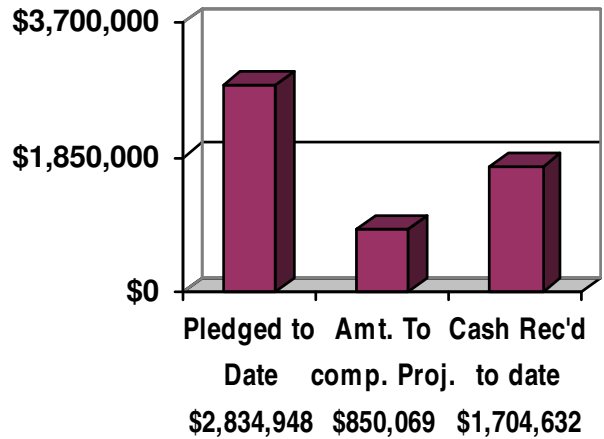
The last pope named Benedict guided the church during the dark years of World War I, espousing a policy of strict neutrality and pushing for peace through negotiations. To honor him, Joseph Ratzinger chose the same name. Ratzinger told the cardinals he wanted to pay homage to Benedict XV, known for tireless efforts to help refugees and reunite a world divided by what was then known as the Great War.

The new pontiff, Benedict XVI, felt his namesake "had done much for reconciliation among peoples," Berlin Cardinal George Maximilian Sterzinsky told reporters Tuesday after attending the conclave. Choosing a new name is a pontiff's first significant act in office, and it provides clues about the kind of leader he aspires to be.

STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH
Time, Talent, Treasure.
Putting God First?
 Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

Your Stewardship in Treasure last week was **\$12,993.00**.
 Thank you.

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

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:

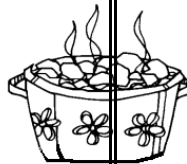
- Expansion and renovation of church;
- Expansion of school;
- Parish meeting center;
- Capital maintenance projects.

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.



SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 7th. 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.

St. Agnes Parish & School Presents
St. Agnes goes Hawaiian
\$10,000.00*Grand Prize!
REVERSE 50/50 Raffle
Drawing and Buffet.
Tickets - \$100 each.



STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER

*Rediscovering God in the Context of
the Universe Story with
Msgr. Edward Ciuba, STL.SSL
May 24-26, 2005 - \$160*

Scientific research on the origins of the universe provides a new and illuminating context for thinking about God. This reflection will continue the dialogue between faith and science and lead to deeper insights about Christian faith. Those who delight in exploring new insights will enjoy this mid week gathering by the sea. Call Stella Maris at (732) 229-0602 for a registration form..

Grand Prize Winner - 40% of Proceeds (up to \$10,000*) Awarded to **LAST Ticket Drawn.**
Runner up Award - 4% of Proceeds (up to \$1000*) Awarded to **NEXT TO LAST Ticket Drawn.** **Five Additional Prizes** totaling 6% of Proceeds (up to \$1500*) to be Awarded.

Winners Need not be Present at Drawing

Act quickly, remember only
250 Tickets will be sold!

To benefit St. Agnes Parish & School:
* Complete the form below
* Mail it with a check (\$100 per ticket) to the _____ address on the form.
* You will be mailed your Raffle Ticket and Invitation for *two* to the:

**St. Agnes goes Hawaiian party on Saturday,
May 28, 2005
in the St. Agnes Auditorium, Clark, NJ
at 7PM.**

Don't forget your hula skirts and Hawaiian shirts!

For more information call (732) 382-5398

YES! I want to support the St. Agnes Parish & School. (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Number of Tickets: _____ Check Amt: _____

X \$100

Mail to: St. Agnes Parish
332 Madison Hill Road
Clark, NJ 07066

PRINCIPAL'S AUCTION

Principal's Auction at Roselle Catholic High School, Friday, May 13, 2005, 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the school (908-245-2350). Cost of ticket is \$10 which includes hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, cake and coffee. Auction items include: sports memorabilia, sports tickets, overnights, theatre tickets, jewelry, as well as many other valuable items.

Please join us for a fun night!

LIGHT OF BELIEF

Every believer in this world must become a spark of light.

- Blessed Pope John XXIII



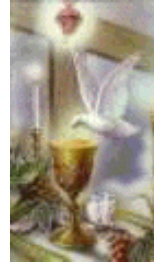
BOARDWALK 2005

A special thank you to all our parishioners and friends who supported our Boardwalk Weekend in spite of the gorgeous weather!!! Thank you to

those who continue to volunteer year after year and some even doing two days! It's nice to see all of us work together. Everyone's continued support is truly appreciated.

- The Boardwalk Committee

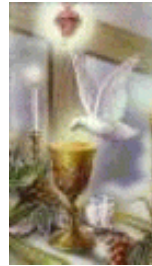
Please save the following dates:



50th Anniversary Mass for Father Bill Driscoll

Sunday, 12 Noon Mass
May 22, 2005

Hot food reception afterwards in gym



10th Anniversary Mass for Father John Chadwick

Friday, 7 p.m. Mass
May 27, 2005

Lite reception afterwards in gym

STEWARDSHIP CLASSIFIED



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Track coach for St. Agnes School for running and/or field events. If interested, please call Sue Delaney at (908) 447-8989.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL PRE-K OPENINGS 2005-2006

Openings are still available in our **Three half day 4-Year Old Program**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday

12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(Must be 4 years old by October 1st)

If you are interested, please call 732-381-0850.

Mount Saint Mary Academy



Summer Academy at the Mount - 7th Grade Girls
Two week enrichment program . . . July 11-22,
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. . . literature, history, marine science, drama, crafts, lunch included. Registration limited. For more information, please contact Donna Venezia Toryak, Director of Admissions at (908) 757-0108, ext. 4506.



**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005**

5:30 Emilio Volpe - Anita & John Christiano

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2005

7:30 Rosaria & Vincent Barilla - Peter & Lucy Koscica

9:00 Philip Loria - Jo & Charles Vincenti

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Catherine Cardillo - Sally & Michael Cardillo

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005

7:00 Mike Elko - Rosary Society

9:00 Matthew Helminski - Mary Tevis & Family

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2005

7:00 Ann Petrone - Jim Zazzali & Sherry Fletcher

9:00 Rocco Colleli - Barbara Karczewski

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2005

7:00 James & Mary Lawn - Cecilia Cosgrove

9:00 Bernard & Helene Vale - Vale Family

7 PM Anthony G. Pecoraro - Vera Pecoraro & Family

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2005 (Ascension of the Lord)

7:00 Virginia & Savino Bucci - Fierro Family

9:00 Adam Plawischak - Wife, Betty

7 PM Shirley Wentzek - Marylou Christensen

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005

7:00 Mike Elko - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Jergens

9:00 Luigina Nufrio - Angela & Family

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 20058:30 Memorial Mass - Crescenza Toto, Jean Falkowski,
Hugh Boyle, Frank Adams, Mary Pisani

5:30 Gerard Corrado - Rita Ann Corrado

SUNDAY MAY 1

9:00 AM First Eucharist Celebration with Bell Choir

12:00 PM First Eucharist Celebration with Bell Choir

1:30 PM Baptism

7:00 PM CYO

MONDAY MAY 2

7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge

TUESDAY MAY 3

6:30 PM Welcome Committee - Sacristy

7:30 PM Rosary Society

7:30 PM Liturgy Committee - Sacristy

WEDNESDAY MAY 4

7:00 PM Vigil - Ascension of the Lord

7:30 PM RCIA - Sacristy

7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - Chapel

THURSDAY MAY 5**ASCENSION THURSDAY - NO SCHOOL**

7:00 PM Ascension of the Lord

7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY MAY 6**NO SCHOOL**5:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6th Grade

7:30 PM School Board Meeting

SATURDAY MAY 7

8:30 AM Memorial Mass - Marian

9:00 AM St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Gerard Corrado during the week of May 1st at the request of Rita Ann Corrado.



BREAD & WINE will be offered in memory of Rev. Alan F. Lyman, OFM at the request of the Howell Family.



The monthly meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30 p.m. We will be honoring our Blessed Mother Mary.

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Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Elaine Mastropasqua during the week of May 1st.

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

Juris "George" Veiksanas

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., John Frantantoni, 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

Atlantic City Bus Trip**WHEN: May 19, 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.**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter****May 1, 2005**

I will ask the Father and he will give you
. . . the Spirit of truth.

— John 14:16-17