

A Reflection on our Renovation

*“Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of peace and love will be with you.”*

What beautiful words we hear from today’s second reading. Paul reminds us on this Feast of the Holy Trinity, to live in a relationship of love and peace, just as the three persons of the Trinity shine divine love and peace upon us all.

These words from Scripture really point to the heart of what our entire building project is all about. As the project moves forward, we’ve had changes in traffic flow and parking, stained glass windows and statues stored for protection, noise during the weekday masses, a warmer church in which to pray, and on and on. So what do we do? We “encourage one another.” We “live in peace.” The heart of our building project is about improving our facilities so that we can continue to grow in the light of God’s love! And so even during these temporary challenges, we strive to be sure that the God of peace and love can be felt in our community.

Last week, the Pastor’s column dealt with some practical questions that one might have as we approach the date when the church will be closed for renovations, and mass will be celebrated in the gym. But Fr. Jim and myself are also very much aware that spiritual and “heart” concerns abound as well. Let’s face it. The Church is our Spiritual Home. When someone decides to renovate their home, they know that there is a whole list of practical matters that have to be dealt with. Then, especially while the work is being done, the house is a little different. Things aren’t quite settled and the “day to day” operations of the home are affected. But then, once the work is completed, the family is more settled and in an improved home. The inconvenience was worth it.

Well, if this is true for a family at home, the same is true for our family of faith. As our project continues, we know that it might feel a bit “out of sorts” as we deal with the inconveniences. Mass in the gym might feel a bit strange at first. Or not having the usual place to pray before the Blessed Mother might seem odd. In these situations, trust that the Lord understands, that the Blessed Mother and all the saints can hear our prayers wherever we are. This way we can “encourage one another” in the months ahead, and the peace of God will be with us, even as we progress through the challenges of renovating our Church, our Spiritual Home. Keep an eye on future bulletins to get an idea of how Sunday Mass will be celebrated in the gym. Remember that, despite the inconveniences, we can still make the gym, our spiritual “home away from home,” a place where the Love of God and each other is still felt.

Deep down we know that what makes “church” is far more than the building...it’s the people who sit in those pews! And our new church when finished will beautifully reflect the God of peace and love, the God whose presence Fr. Jim and I see in your hearts each time we gather for prayer, worship and fellowship. God bless You All!

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. John

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

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

The Gospel today is sometimes called “the Gospel in miniature” because it so concisely sums up the Gospel message. In even more condensed form, “God loved . . . God gave . . .,” it is the paradigm for stewardship – we give because we love.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,097.50**.
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



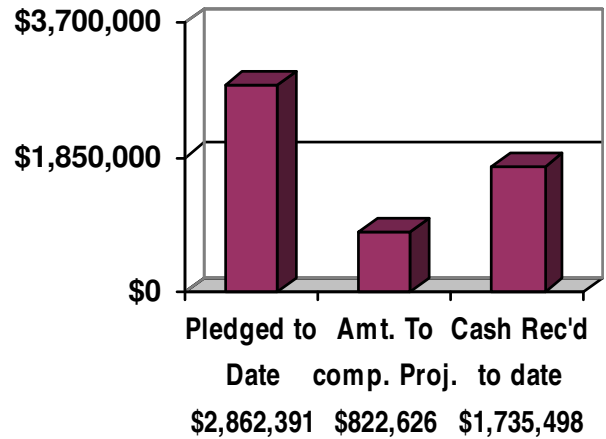
Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Mk 10:32-45
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Mk 11:11-26
 Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Mk 11:27-33
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Lana's
fine dining
 Hyatt Hills Complex
 1300 Raritan 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.

■ 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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THE TRINITY

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



Religious Education registration and re-registration is in progress. Early registration avoids a lot of chaos and confusion at the last moment. Please mail in your re-registration forms as soon as possible. New student registration takes place in the Religious Education Office at the Rectory. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate is required. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the Spiritual Book Club will be Monday, May 23rd 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 Hear and Now by Henri Nouwen.

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.
 For more information call (732) 382-5398



Catholic Cemeteries
 ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

The Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 30, 2005 at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington; St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia; Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City; Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Orange.

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

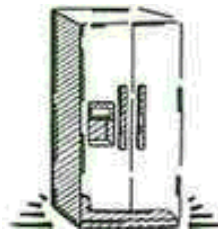
Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____
Phone: (_____) _____
Number of Tickets: _____ **Check Amt:** _____
X \$100

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

CLASSIFIEDS



Parish/School Kitchen in need of new or used refrigerator. If anyone could help acquire one for us, please contact the Rectory at (732) 388-7852 or the school at (732) 381-0850. Thanks!



SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. John's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 28th. 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.

The Year of the Eucharist

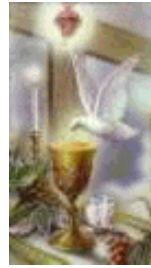
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"They set out immediately." – Lk. 24:33

The two disciples of Emmaus, upon recognizing the Lord, "set out immediately" (cf. Lk 24:33), in order to report what they had seen and heard. Once we have truly met the Risen One by partaking of his body and blood, we cannot keep to ourselves the joy we have experienced. The encounter with Christ, constantly intensified and deepened in the Eucharist, issues in the Church and in every Christian an urgent summons to testimony and evangelization. I wished to emphasize this in my homily announcing the Year of the Eucharist, based on the words of Saint Paul: "As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor 11:26). The Apostle closely relates meal and proclamation: entering into communion with Christ in the memorial of his Pasch also means sensing the duty to be a missionary of the event made present in that rite. The dismissal at the end of each Mass is a charge given to Christians, inviting them to work for the spread of the Gospel and the imbuing of society with Christian values.

– Pope John Paul II

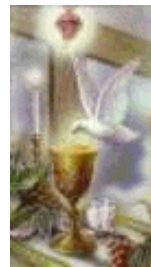
Please save the following dates:



**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

St. Agnes Rosary Society June Party



Date: Thursday, June 9, 2005

Location: Gran Centurions

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Amount: \$20.00

**Tickets are available at the Rectory
or by calling Rose at (732) 574-0023**

**DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING
TICKETS IS JUNE 3RD**



SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2005

5:30 James P. Scott - Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2005

7:30 Stella Miller - Borowski Family
 9:00 People of the Parish
 10:30 Martin Hanselman - Theresa Hanselman
 12:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice Perriello, Pat Bodner, Anna Johnson - Dolores Clarke

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005

7:00 Robert Art, Jr. - Gary & Maryann Maertz
 9:00 James & Rose LaStella - Teresa & Vincent LaStella

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005

7:00 Giovanna & Gerardo Fierro - Fierro Family
 9:00 Joseph Corrigan - Ann Corrigan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005

7:00 James & Anna Walsh - Gus Granrath
 9:00 Helen & Christopher Koscica - Peter & Lucy Koscica

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005

7:00 James P. Scott - Bill & Ronnie Duffy
 9:00 Dominick Piizzi - Andrea Watt

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2005

7:00 Mike Elko - Mrs. Anna Andreoni
 9:00 John & Lucia Zambolla - Daughter, Mary Turi

SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2005

8:30 Mary Reilly, Michael Versusky, Geraldine Nowag, Elizabeth Cordes
 5:30 Special Intention 50th Wedding Anniversary - Gloria & Aldo Kosuch



**SATURDAY
 MAY 21**

MAINTENANCE

5:30 PM Poppy Drive after Mass

SUNDAY

MAY 22

MAINTENANCE

Poppy Drive after all masses
 12:00 PM Mass followed by Fr. Bill's 50th Anniversary Celebration
 7:00 PM CYO

MONDAY

MAY 23

7:00 PM Spiritual Book Club - Sacristy
 7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge

WEDNESDAY

MAY 25

4:30 PM Brownies Meeting - Kindergarten
 7:30 PM RCIA - Sacristy

THURSDAY

MAY 26

7:30 PM Adult Choir
 7:30 PM HSA Meeting

FRIDAY

MAY 27

5:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6th Grade Classroom
 7:00 PM Fr. John's 10th Year Anniversary Celebration

SATURDAY

MAY 28

8:30 AM Memorial Mass
 9:00 AM St. John's Soup Kitchen
 7:00 PM Reverse 50/50 Raffle - Gym



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Stanley Stefanik during the week of May 22nd at the request of Ronald & Joyce Hoehn.



BREAD & WINE will be offered as a Special 50th Anniversary Intention for Gloria & Aldo Kosuch at the request of the Kosuch Family.



ALTAR FLOWERS that decorate our sanctuary this weekend are donated as a Special 50th Anniversary Intention for Gloria & Aldo Kosuch at the request of the Kosuch Family.



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Garra during the week of May 22nd.

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

Doris Kopil, Grace Biglasco

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

Atlantic City Bus Trip

WHEN: June 16, 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.

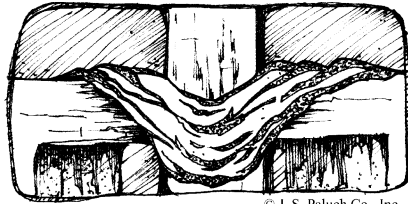
COST: \$22.00

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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The Most Holy Trinity**May 22, 2005**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

– *John 3:16a*