

Ready, Set, MOVE! (Renovations Part II)
*“Remember how for forty years now the Lord, your God,
has directed all your journeying in the desert...”*

OK. I know that our journey is not in the desert. In fact, it only goes from the Church to the gym. And I know that it won't last for forty years, but only for a few months. But the key is to see who is doing the directing! Just as God directed the Israelites, so does he guide our journey through the building project and making the gym a temporary worship space. Last week we reflected on the challenges of shifting our “spiritual home.” What we didn't talk about is just what our “church” will look like. The liturgy committee (the committee in charge of planning all of our worship services) has been working on this for some time. Let's start with the basics...

The altar, pulpit, etc., will be placed on a platform against the “blue wall,” or the wall that is shared with the church. We will use the same altar and pulpit that we have in the church now. Many of you might wonder why we don't put the altar up on the stage. There are two reasons for this. First, the half of the gym closer to the school must be able to be used during the week for school purposes. Second, our Eucharistic Ministers who are older might find it difficult to navigate a series of stairs with communion cups, etc. We want to keep things safe for them and for the Eucharist. This also frees up some of the stage area for use as a sacristy, the place where all the supplies used for the mass are kept.

The Music ministry will be to one side of the altar (closer to the window) and the altar servers and other ministers will be on the other side, with space to use the doorway that we come through now. We will be moving the piano in from the church, so that we can still sing, praising God as one family of faith.

The main part of the gym will be filled with chairs in the same configuration as what we have with the pews in the church. Unfortunately, space will not permit us to provide kneelers; therefore, the assembly should stand during the Eucharistic Prayer and bow when the priest genuflects. Receiving communion will happen much like it does in the church now, with people moving up in the center aisle and return via the side aisles.

In addition, we will include the baptismal font along the center aisle, and we are hoping to find a spot for the statue of our Blessed Mother, along with some votive candles. The Baptismal Font reminds us all of our unity as brothers and sisters in Christ. The Blessed Mother holds us all close and will allow the devotional life of the parish to continue throughout the building project.

The Tabernacle will also be placed in a reverent location, separate but not too far from the altar area. Right now, we anticipate reserving the Eucharist in the gym on the weekends and moving it to the chapel in the rectory during the week. This may have to be done for security reasons as well as to be sure that we honor the Eucharist appropriately.

Finally, you may want to ask about when all this will happen. Our final mass to be celebrated in our Church will be the noon on June 12. Immediately following that mass, we will begin to move chairs, etc., into the gym, so that we can celebrate the weekday mass at 7:00 a.m. on Monday in our temporary home. That means we need some able-bodied individuals to assist us. If you are free to assist with the move, please contact the rectory at (732) 388-7852 and let us know that you intend to help. Remember many hands make light work, and if the hands are of those who gather around the altar here at St. Agnes, it will be that much more meaningful. May God bless you all as we move forward in our project...just as God directs us!

In Christ's Peace,

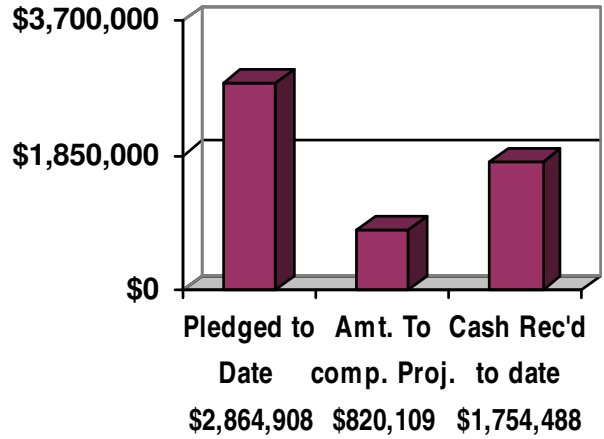
Fr. John

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

The Scriptures today remind us that “we, many though we are, are one body for we all partake of the one loaf.” How are we using our gifts of time and talent to build up the body of Christ?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
 last week was **\$11,913.00.**
 Thank you.

Campaign Progress - Phase I



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Lk 2:41-51
- Sunday: Hos 6:3-6; Ps 50; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13

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.

Lana's

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



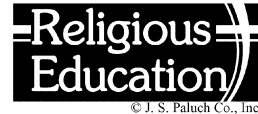
Present this coupon while dining at Lana's Restaurant on any Tuesday or Wednesday during April and May (2005), and the establishment will donate 20% of your food bill (excluding alcohol) to the St. Agnes Church building fund. Please share the news with family, friends and neighbors. Thank you.

We all
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 the one
 loaf



ANNULMENT INFORMATION EVENING

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 8, 2005**. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. The information will be presented in terms that all can understand. A question and answer period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not necessary. This evening of information will be held at St. Peter and Paul RC Church (Parish Hall), 404 Hudson Street, Hoboken, at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.



Religious registration

Education 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.

STEWARDSHIP CLASSIFIED



We are in need of someone to take sandwiches to the Soup Kitchen on the 3rd Tuesday of every month beginning June 21st. If anyone is interested, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852 or Jane DeVito at (908) 654-1432. Thank you.



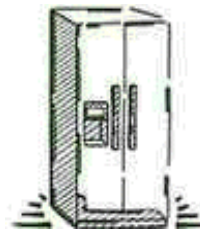
Catholic Cemeteries
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

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 Sepulcher Cemetery, East Orange.



The needs of fathers who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter are unique. The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark invites all grieving fathers to a morning of prayer, sharing, and discussion, away from societal expectations, in the hope it will provide a special place of understanding and healing. The Support Group for Fathers Whose Children Have Died will meet on **Saturday, June 18, 2005**, at Notre Dame RC Church (Parish Center), 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell, at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration is requested. Please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327 for information, direction and registration.

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!

STAFF OF LIFE

Bread is the staff of life.

- English saying

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Ordinary Time beckons, and so on this Sunday we surrender the last glimmers of paschal joy as we celebrate the renewal of our life around the table of the Eucharist. This feast reminds us that the goal of the catechumen's journey through Lent is not the baptismal font at Easter, but rather the experience of Pentecost. It is all about life lived in the Spirit's embrace in relationship to the Body of Christ, which is found both "on the table" and "at the table."

The season of confirmation is also drawing to a close, and this feast serves as a reminder that this sacrament, a solemn sending from font to table, is keyed to renewed vigor. Confirmation has sometimes been sadly misunderstood as a kind of graduation from religious formation, but it is nothing of the sort. It is about being led by the Lord Jesus to the place where the Spirit flourishes, and where the gifts of the Spirit are most easily detectable. In the next several weeks we will consider the sacrament of confirmation, its rich and somewhat tangled history, its challenging theology, and its changing celebration.

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*Thanks for what you've given
No one could ask for more.
May you rest with God in heaven
From now through evermore.*

– author unknown



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**



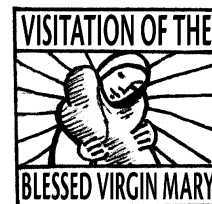
*We walked among the crosses
Where our fallen soldiers lay.
And listened to the bugle
As taps began to play.*

*The Chaplain led a prayer
We stood with heads bowed low.
And I thought of fallen comrades
I had known so long ago.*

*They came from every city
Across this fertile land.
That we might live in freedom.
They lie here 'neath the sand.*

*I felt a little guilty
My sacrifice was small.
I only lost a little time
But these men lost their all.*

*Now the services are over
For this Memorial Day.
To the names upon these crosses
I just want to say,*



**SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2005**

5:30 Special Intention 50th Wedding Anniversary -
Gloria & Aldo Kosuch

SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2005

7:30 Deceased Members of the Gessler Family - Gessler
Family

9:00 Mary Guancione - Arlene & Tom Foster

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Gregorio Sedillo - Sedillo Family

1:00 Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 Evening Prayer

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2005

7:00 No 7 a.m. Mass

9:00 Joseph Gessler - Gessler Family

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2005

7:00 Dino Marciani - The Kotiks

9:00 Frances Samperi - Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Fuzy, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2005

7:00 Ludwik Deren - Anna Deren & Family

9:00 Elizabeth Magerkurth - The McKenna Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2005

7:00 Joseph Jazwick - Michael Cistrelli

9:00 John Hladinec - Maria & Damiano Gerardi

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2005

7:00 George & Betty Capozzi - Family

9:00 Helen Parrillo - Anthony Parrillo

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2005

8:30 Herbert Pereira, Angelo Gencarelli, Anthony Braco,
Benedetto J. Mirto, Elizabeth Cordes, Grace
Biglasco

5:30 Angelina & Alexander Blumette - Dorinda &
Joseph Loprete

SATURDAY MAY 28

7:00 PM Reverse 50/50 Raffle - Gym

SUNDAY MAY 29

12:00 PM Mass - Eucharistic Adoration until 6 p.m.
Followed by evening prayer

MONDAY MAY 30

**MEMORIAL DAY
NO SCHOOL**

THURSDAY JUNE 2

7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY JUNE 3

12:00 PM Dismissal - Faculty Meeting

6:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6th Grade

SATURDAY JUNE 4

8:30 AM Mass - Marian

SUNDAY JUNE 5

1:30 PM Baptism



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Maria Yost during the week of May 29th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Walter Hurley during the week of May 29th at the request of Bernice Hurley.



Jesus said to them, "Amen I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you." And how else can the flesh of the Son of Man come to mankind to eat, but through the hands and prayers of the priest at the Altar! Are you willing to undertake the great Sacrifice through the grace of God? If so, call the Vocation Office at (973) 497-4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.

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

Everardus van der Putten, Dayle L. Pluta

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

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.**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
May 29, 2005**

Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of the LORD.

– *Deuteronomy 8:3b*



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