

From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Palm Sunday is here and the holiest week in our liturgical life is upon us. This is truly a time of grace and renewal.

Before going to the cross, Jesus commissioned numerous disciples to carry out his mission to build the Kingdom of God. Nowadays, our parish is in the midst of building with brick and mortar. However, the greater responsibility is to accept the invitation to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Please reach out to family members, friends, and neighbors to join us for our Holy Week services and together may we be strengthened to continue Jesus' mission. (Please see bulletin for schedule.)

May God continue to bless you, your loved ones and our parish community here at St. Agnes.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor



PROPHETIC ANOINTING

The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing.

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

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,116.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Gospel at the Procession with Palms -- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

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 Mark (Mark 14:1 -- 15:47 [15:1-39]).

Lenten Schedule 2006

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 8th Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9th Masses

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.(w/Palm

Procession) & 12 Noon

Holy Thursday, April 13th

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

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament concluding with Night Prayer Service at 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14th

Seven Last Words Service - 12 Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Main Service - 7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday April 15th

Blessing of the Food - 11:00 a.m.

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

Easter Sunday, April 16th Masses

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

BUILDING FUND

*To complete Phase I projects
we still need to raise –*

\$585,723.00

*If you would like to make a donation,
please make check payable to
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectory
attention Building Fund,
or drop in the collection basket.
Thank you for your continued support.*

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 2006. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

**50 Years
Sunday, April 30, 2006 - 3:00 PM
(Reservation Deadline April 20th)**

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.



**Roman Catholic
Archdiocese of Newark**

**Mass to Commemorate the Death of
Pope John Paul II and the
Election of Pope Benedict XVI**

To commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI, Archbishop John Myers will celebrate the 6 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 22nd at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please call the Rectory if interested at (732) 388-7852.

FOOD CERTIFICATES The Perfect Fund Raiser



No extra money out of your pocket

We all need groceries each week anyway

*Shoprite, A&P, Foodtown, Pathmark
all participate*

*Our personal family food shopping will
strongly benefit St. Agnes Community's
financial need, since 5% goes back to St. Agnes*

***PLEASE HELP US BY PURCHASING
FOOD CERTIFICATES BEFORE OR
AFTER MASS***

***Call the Rectory office for more
information (732) 388-7852*
Thank you for your support!**



St. Agnes Holy Name Society is pleased to announce its guest speaker for the **Tuesday, April 11th** meeting, HolyName President Robert Smith, owner of Westfield Antiques. He will give free appraisals for your antiques and collectibles and will answer any related questions. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

It's Back . . .and it's a FIESTA!! Where kids are fired up about Jesus!

Our St. Agnes Bible Camp for 2006 will be July 24th to July 28th. If you would like to volunteer to help that week, please contact Donna Isidron at 732-499-0454 or email dmsidron@comcast.net.



SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.

– Paul Claudel

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 19, 2006**. 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. Theresa's R.C. Church (School Auditorium), 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.



Attention 5th, 6th, and 7th graders and parents! Looking for a high school? The Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor six High School Information Nights this spring. They will be held on: April 25 (Our Lady of Sorrows School, South Orange), April 26 (Marist High School, Bayonne), April 27 (St. Michael School, Union), May 2 (Archdiocesan Center, Newark), May 3 (Annunciation Parish, Paramus), and May 4 (Queen of Peace School, North Arlington). All nights are held from 7 PM until 9PM, no pre-registration is required, and siblings are welcome. Admissions Directors and high school student-ambassadors will answer your questions in an informal setting. For direction and further information visit our website www.rcan.org/schools or call (973) 497-4258.

Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday

Since 1342, the Franciscans were entrusted by the Holy See as Custodians of the Holy Places – living and praying there, caring for the needs, material and spiritual, of the people now dwelling where Christ lived, worked and died. The Franciscans are charged with rendering the Sacred Shrines accessible to Christians the world over. The Franciscans cannot perform this missionary activity and preserve the “Christian Presence” in the Holy Land without the spiritual assistance and material support of our people here in the United States. This year your help is especially needed for the urgent needs of our church in the Holy Land. You already know, from the daily news reports, of the challengers and problems in the Middle East. Archbishop Myers thanks you for your support for this important **Good Friday Collection**.



RE-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Religious Education re-registration has begun!! Early registration avoids a lot of chaos and confusion at the last moment. Please mail in your forms as soon as possible. Due to the increasing number of students, we need teachers and substitutes. If you are faith-filled and unselfish, willing to give an hour of your time weekly, please call or e-mail the Religious Education Office (732-388-2560 or stagnescd@comcast.net).

New student registration takes place in the Religious Education Office at the Rectory.

ST. AGNES



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006

RAIN OR SHINE

8:00 AM TO 2:00 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
(INCLUDING BABY ITEMS)

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

ST. AGNES SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Because of expiring terms, there are presently two openings for election to the St. Agnes School Board. The Board is an advisory body to the principal in matters of budget and policy. Any adult with an active interest in fostering Catholic education is eligible to run for election. Meetings are bi-monthly. School Board members do not have to be parents. The term of office is 3 years beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

Anyone interested should send a letter to the rectory, including phone numbers to Mr. Christopher Bonner's attention, no later than April 16, 2006. Elections will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2006.



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 22nd** at 11:00 AM weather permitting. There are two prizes available, in addition to the wonderful various plastic eggs filled with goodies and pennies.

Please note: Since we have plenty of eggs for this year's hunt, we will not need any donations. However, donations of goodies and pennies will be appreciated.

FILIPPINI SISTERS OF VILLA WALSH PRESENTS

HOLY WEEK DISCERNMENT RETREAT

For single women ages 18-35

APRIL 13-15, 2006



An opportunity to interact with the Filippini Sisters of Villa Walsh for Holy Week Services. You will also enjoy other young women interested in learning more about religious life through discussion, prayer experience, and visits with women in formation. Stipend of \$60 includes two overnights and six meals. Please bring towels & personal items.

**For more information please call
Sr. Claire Ouimet at (732) 381-0850.**



Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following program. To register please call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@att.net.

HOLY WEEK RETREAT DAYS

Personal, quiet days during the Holy Triduum.

April 13, 14, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. (**each day**)

Bring bag lunch (Donation)



The new Pascal Candle lit at our Easter Vigil and used throughout the year has been donated by Phyllis Cupo and Family in memory of her husband, Pete Cupo and her son, Nunzie Cupo.



<p>SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006 5:30 Frank Elischberger - Susan Delaney</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006 7:30 People of the Parish 9:00 Antonio Senra - Sister 10:30 Andrew Balak - Marge Elko 12:00 John & Lucia Zambolla - Anne Zambolla</p> <p>MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006 7:00 Angelo Bonavitacola - Campanella Family 9:00 Earl Hassler - Hassler Family 8 PM Chrism Mass at Basilica in Newark</p> <p>TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2006 7:00 Pearl Rossi - Linda Spadafino 9:00 Joan Ladines - Sandy & Cindy McQuaid</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2006 7:00 Frank F. Lotano - Children 9:00 Marguerite Stringer-Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Lenick</p> <p>THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2006 - HOLY THURSDAY (No Morning Masses) 7:30 Mass of The Lord's Supper Adoration Concluding with Night Prayer at 10 PM</p> <p>FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2006 - GOOD FRIDAY (No Morning Masses) 12-3 PM 7 Last Words Service 7:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy - (Main Service)</p> <p>SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2006 (No Memorial Mass) 11:00 AM Blessing of Food 8:00 PM Easter Vigil</p>
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<p>SUNDAY APRIL 9 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 AM Religious Education 10:30 AM Mass - Procession with Palms</p> <hr/> <p>MONDAY APRIL 10 3:30 PM No Religious Education 6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1A 7:00 PM No Religious Education 7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge 7:39 PM Adult Choir</p> <hr/> <p>TUESDAY APRIL 11 7:00 PM No Religious Education 7:00 PM Holy Name Society - Gymnasium</p> <hr/> <p>WEDNESDAY APRIL 12 12:00 PM Dismissal - Easter Vacation Begins 4:30 PM Brownies - Kindergarten 5:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6th Grade 7:30 PM RCIA - Sacristy</p> <hr/> <p>THURSDAY HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 13 7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper - Adoration Concluding with Night Prayer at 10 PM</p> <hr/> <p>FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 14 12:00-3:00 PM 7 Last Words Service 7:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy</p> <hr/> <p>SATURDAY APRIL 15 11:00 AM Blessing of Food 8:00 PM Easter Vigil</p> <hr/> <p>SUNDAY EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 16 7:30 AM Mass 9:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass with Adult Choir 12:00 PM Mass with Bell Choir</p>
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SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Stanley Stefanik during the week of April 9th at the request of Josephine Stefanik.



For the week of April 9th were donated in memory of Frank Elischberger, a gift from Susan, Matt and Eric.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of April 9th was donated in memory of Joseph Heelan at the request of Terry and Joe Segreto.

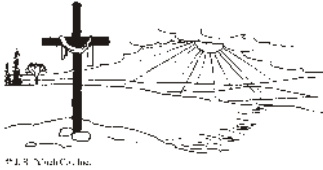
TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Paulkowitz during the week of April 9th.

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

Angelina Buckalo

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, 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., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Henry Latch, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Florence Kempinski, Bart Zucosky, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Mary Lou Loffa, Craig Allen, James MacConchie, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Frances Latch, Patricia Zych, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti



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Atlantic City Bus Trip**WHEN: April 20, 2006****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: \$23.00****For reservations call:****Tony (732) 388-2315****Joe (732) 381-3395**

**WE WILL BE RUNNING 1 BUS.
PLEASE CALL EARLY TO RESERVE
A SEAT. BRING A FRIEND.**

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**April 9, 2006**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient
to the point of death, even death on a cross.

– *Philippians 2:8*