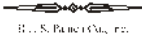


From the Pastor



R. S. P. B. C. M. P. S.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter! I love this church season. Numerous Catholics attend Mass today, even though many are not regular churchgoers – why? What is it about Easter that draws us together in worship? Why is today so different? Intuitively, we know that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ does make a difference. Otherwise, we would not be here. Yet being here is only one step along the spiritual journey to eternal life.

Jesus Christ proved to us that there is no power on this earth that can separate us from the love of God. The love of God will eventually conquer all things, even death itself. This is resurrection power. Faith fueled by this conviction results in miracles that enables ordinary people to do extraordinary things. We have gone to church on Easter. Are we ready for the next step? Do we desire a personal relationship with the Resurrected Christ? Are we willing to put our faith into action?

Let us recommit ourselves as Roman Catholics. Let today be a new beginning. Let us open our hearts to the transforming power of God. Let the Resurrection of Jesus make a difference in our lives, in our homes, in our church, and in the world.

May you and your loved ones enjoy this Easter season, and may you always feel at home here in Saint Agnes Parish. On behalf of the entire staff, I extend to you our heartfelt prayers and best wishes.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim Choma
Pastor

PARISHIONERS OF SAINT AGNES CAN YOU HELP US?

Our Phase I Building project is nearing completion. If you are a parishioner and have not participated in our capital campaign, would you please consider making a financial contribution? We can surely use your help.

Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated and it will be used to reduce our mortgage and to purchase new furnishings for the parish meeting/conference rooms and school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death!
We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share
this good news whenever and wherever we can.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$14,260.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6;
Jn 20:19-31

St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group
1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield, NJ

A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8:00 PM in the parish center of St. Helen's Church. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757. The next meeting is on Monday, May 1st.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration: April 23, 2006, at St. John The Apostle Church, Clark/Linden. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chapel and (limited) confessions, 3:00 p.m. Holy Mass. Refreshments following Mass. Bring your family and friends! Log onto www.sjanj.net for directions or call 908-486-6363.

**THE RETURN OF EASTER**

The return of Easter should be to the Christian life the call of a trumpet. It is the news of great victory. It is the solution of a great perplexity. It is the assurance of a great triumph.
— Frederick Temple

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.*

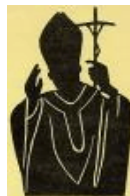
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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.



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**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.

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**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!**

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.

**Nineteenth Annual Liturgy for Those
Whose Children Have Died**

A Mass for Those Whose Children have Died will be offered at Notre Dame R.C. Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell, NJ, on Friday, May 12, 2006 at 7:30 PM. All who grieve the death of a child are invited to attend. This Eucharistic Liturgy can provide another step in the ongoing process of healing after the death of a child. A personal witness will also be offered as the name of each child is read during the liturgy. Pre-registration is requested. Please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327 for information and registration.

***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 dmisidron@comcast.net. We will be having our first meeting on Wednesday, April 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the teachers' lounge.



**Park Performing Arts Center
560 32nd St., Union City, NJ
Presents**

**The Passion Play
Celebrating the 90th Anniversary
Special Offer:**

**Buy one ticket receive one ticket free
April 22nd and April 23rd at 2:00 p.m.**



Please call the box office to confirm your reservation at 201-865-6980 or Smart Tix at 1-877-238-5596. Be sure to mention Discount Code #24 to receive your one complimentary ticket.



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.



Save the date . . .

Sunday, May 21st, 3:00 p.m.
Organ Dedication
More information to follow. . .



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 stagnesccd@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 PRE-K OPENINGS 2006-2007

We have limited openings in our
4-Year Old Program
AM and PM Sessions

(Must be 4 years old by October 1st)

**If you are interested please call the
school at 732-381-0850.**

Great Idea for



To honor your mother (living or deceased) this **Mother's Day**, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network will send your mom or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese! Monies received will be used **ONLY** for the purchase of emergency food supplies for 75 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties. Mail your donation to:

**EFNN, Catholic Charities
37 Evergreen Place
East Orange, NJ 07018
or call (973) 266-7941**

Please Print:

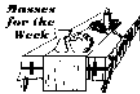
My
Name: _____
Address: _____ **Zip:** _____
Name to Enroll: _____
Living **Deceased**
Telephone
No.: _____
Send

*Your mom will be so proud of you for
recognizing her caring in such a meaningful way!*

High School Open Houses

Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains
April 25th at 7:30 PM for prospective students and parents
For further information call (908) 889-1600, ext. 328

St. Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City
April 30th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
For further information call (201) 547-6389



SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2006

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2006- EASTER

7:30 James P. Scott - Ronnie & Bill Duffy

9:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Fannie & Michael Ricca - Diane & Ed Alfano

12:00 John & Anna Yonco - Kosuch & Yonco Families

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2006

7:00 Joseph & Raymond Szmerda - Sophie Szmerda

9:00 Eleanore Loomis - Lindemann Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006

7:00 Stella & Stanley Zgurzynski - Mary Lou & Don Mortensen

9:00 Elizabeth & George Vanner - Anne Zambolla

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006

7:00 Mauro Pires - Family

9:00 Dianne Guarante - Tom Mercadante

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2006

7:00 Stephen Fiyut - Dave & Betsy Thornton

9:00 George Veiksans

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2006

7:00 Anthony Buhowsky - Jo & Charles Vincenti

9:00 Angelina Julia Palumbo - Jean & Michael Palumbo

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006

8:30 Memorial Mass - Joseph Caruano, David Lopez, Peter Massimo Liberti, Victoria MacBeth, Mark Rhodes, Evelyn Peddie, Joseph Heelan, Mark Albert Costa, Michael Andreano

5:30 Margaret Cerreta - Jim & Nadine Restaino

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Marge Cordes during the week of April 16th

SATURDAYS

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

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

MONDAY APRIL 17

3:30 PM No Religious Education

7:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 2A

7:00 PM No Religious Education

TUESDAY APRIL 18

7:00 PM No Religious Education

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

7:00 PM Bible Camp Meeting - Teachers' Lounge

7:30 PM RCIA

THURSDAY APRIL 20

11:30 AM Holy Name A/C

SATURDAY APRIL 22

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

8:00 AM to 2PM Clothing Drive

11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY APRIL 23

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Mauro Pires during the week of April 16th at the request of the Family.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of April 16th was donated in memory of James P. Scott at the request of Mom and Dad.

Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking. The early Christian communities gathered around the Apostles, seeking more about the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus. Saint Paul told the baptized Colossians to "seek what is above." Mary of Magdala went to the tomb, seeking to find the Lord's body so that she could anoint it. We come to church on Easter Sunday, seeking many things. For some of us, this is a once-a-year journey, when we seek connection with the foundations of the Christian faith. For others, this day is the culmination of a long journey of Lenten repentance. Whatever it is that we seek, let us be inspired by the disciple whom Jesus loved who, when he saw the wrappings of cloth inside the empty tomb, "saw and believed." © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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

Phyllis Pinello, Anthony Iacovantuono,
Frances Latch

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, Patricia Zych, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti

**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.**

Easter Sunday**April 16, 2006**

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.

- Psalm 118:17