

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

These words from today’s Gospel are ones that we often take for granted, without realizing just how challenging they can be. The Risen Savior indeed offers us his peace. His peace goes far beyond any earthly peace we may find. His is a divine peace, a peace that unites us to Him and to one another as a single family of faith. The challenging part comes with the second sentence of the phrase. Jesus “sends” his disciples. For the twelve being “sent” meant all sorts of paths. For some great travels, for others staying closer to home. Regardless, the message is the same. Proclaim the Gospel! Tell others who Jesus is! Help them to know divine peace as well! It is with this in mind that I make this announcement, one of the most difficult I’ve had to make here at St. Agnes.

I am being “sent.”

Archbishop Myers has released me from my responsibilities to the Archdiocese so that I may minister on the faculty of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Now I know what you’re thinking... “OHIO?!” It’s the same reaction most have had! The Josephinum is a seminary that prepares men for the priesthood much like the seminary at Seton Hall. The difference is that it is not directly affiliated with any one diocese. Consequently, the staff comes from all over the country, and my academic degree and parish experience will help me in teaching and preparing seminarians for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To be honest I never imagined myself working and living in a seminary in Ohio, but after much prayer and discernment I know that this is of God. The thing to remember in all of this is that the “Peace” that Jesus offers us is not based in a particular place or person, but in allowing his will to work in one’s life...in allowing one’s self to be “sent.”

I will be leaving St. Agnes in mid-June with the standard transfer cycle and begin my work at the Josephinum beginning July 1. Don’t worry. We still have some time to share the Eucharist, prayer...and a laugh or two! St. Agnes is a wonderful parish, full of the life and love of Jesus Christ. All you have to do is welcome whomever is “sent” here. I assure you whoever it is will be a blessed priest indeed!

One final note... Many of you might be wondering about the impact upon my family, given my father’s ongoing battle with cancer. The Rector of the Josephinum has been extremely understanding in this regard, creating a schedule whereby I’ll be able to get home regularly and stay with them should his condition take a sudden turn. Right now, Dad is doing pretty well, thank God. Thanks for all your thoughts and prayers. Please continue to remember him to the Lord. May God bless you all that you know is peace, wherever you are sent to live and proclaim that Jesus is risen!

In Christ, Fr. John



Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio

STEWARDSHIP

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

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$36,097.50.**

Thank you.

BUILDING FUND

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

\$584,634.00

*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.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;
Lk 24:35-48

***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.

***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.



***Right of Christian
Initiation of Adults***

- *Is the Lord calling you to a closer relationship to Him?*
- *Are you interested in formally joining the Catholic faith?*
- *Do you have questions about what it means to be a Catholic?*
- *Do you know anyone who would like to be a Catholic?*
- *Are you presently an adult Catholic who has not received Eucharist or Confirmation?*

If you answered "YES" to any of these, the RCIA process is for you. Inquiry Sessions are held monthly. Our next Inquiry Session is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the teachers' lounge. If you need any additional information, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.

OF ONE HEART AND MIND

Reading about the faith of the early Christian believers can be a real inspiration to those of us who have been Christians for a long time, as well as for those who are newly baptized. Can you imagine people of this world being "of one heart and mind" as was the first community of believers? Today's first letter of John seems to hold the key to how this can be accomplished. Keeping God's commandments and loving all of God's children seems to be the start of being "of one heart and mind." We live in a world that stresses differences--differences among religions, among races, between genders, and among economic classes. Today we are summoned to focus on what we all share in common on this fragile planet of ours. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**Saint Agnes Parish & School Presents
Celebrity Night**

\$10,000.00* Grand Prize!

REVERSE 50/50 Raffle Drawing and Buffet.

Tickets - \$100 each. Only 95 Left!



**New Jersey Catholic Charismatic
Conference, Inc.**

**Follow the Spirit Conference 2006
Let the Fire Fall - Again!**

The annual **Follow the Spirit Conference 2006** will be held at St. Peter's High School, 175 Somerset St. in New Brunswick, on **Saturday, May 6, 2006**, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with light breakfast refreshments available.

This year our exciting speakers include: **Patrick Madrid**, editor of *Surprised by Truth* and *Envoy Magazine*; **Sr. Nancy Kellar**, known worldwide as a leader in the Charismatic Renewal; and Fr. Bill Halbing, internationally known Bible teacher and Pastor. Come celebrate the gift of the Spirit with Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and uplifting, Spirit-filled music provided by **Refuge**. For more info please call: (732) 495-4561.


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.

To benefit Saint 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:

**"Celebrity Night" Party on Saturday, May 27th, 2006
At the Saint Agnes Auditorium, Clark, NJ at 7 PM.
You are the Stars of this Event !**

**See you on the Red Carpet
For more information call - (732) 574-3011**



If anyone is interested in chairing the Palm Cross Sale next year, please contact the Rectory at 732-388-7852. The job requires collecting order forms and money, ordering palms and bows and coordinating volunteers to cover the masses usually the week before Palm Sunday. Thank you.

Yes! I want to support St. Agnes Parish & School.
(Please print)

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone:(____) _____

Number of Tickets _____
x \$100

Check Amount: _____

**Mail to: St. Agnes Rectory
332 Madison Hill Road
Clark, NJ 07066
Attn: "Celebrity Night"**

Just a reminder...



We all know that time in Church is a time of prayer. But sometimes, in our busy lives, we forget that we are connected to the outside world, even when we are trying to separate ourselves from it. So don't forget to turn off all cell phones and pagers during the celebration of mass. It's guaranteed that you'll focus better on the Lord and his love...and you'll be more at peace as you handle the messages!



**IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION
NOTICE!! HURRY!!!**

Time is running out! Registration and re-registration has been in progress for a month already. Please mail in your re-registration forms as soon as possible. New student registration takes place in the Religious Education Office at the Rectory. Due to increasing numbers and scheduling of classes, your cooperation would be greatly. Any questions please call or e-mail the Religious Education Office (732-388-2560 or stagnescdd@comcast.net)



***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.

Assisi Retreat 2006

***Religious Retreat in Assisi, Italy
July 4-14
9 Glorious Days in Italy***



6 day religious retreat in the city of St. Francis
Masses at the Basilica of St. Francis
Santa Maria Maggiore
Msgr. Paul Bochicchio, Spiritual Director

Plus

3 days Sightseeing in Rome
Mass at the Vatican
Attend Concerts at

The Assisi Music Festival
\$2275

Plus Tax of Approximately \$180.00
This price includes airfare and meals
Contact: Select Travel 800-752-6787

This retreat is sponsored by the Assisi Music Festival and is open to all Catholics and Christians of other denominations.

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:

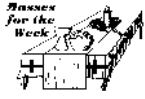
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Address: _____ **Zip:** _____
Name to Enroll: _____
Living **Deceased**
Telephone No.: _____
Send

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



**BISHOP AHR BOYS
BASKETBALL CAMP**
July 24-28
Grades 5-6-7-8-9

**If interested please call
Dennis O'Keefe at 732-549-1108, ext. 573
or 973-543-9582**



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006
5:30 Margaret Cerreta - Jim & Nadine Restaino
SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2006
7:30 Margaret & John Eliff - Mr. & Mrs. James Eliff
9:00 Richard McCormick
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Deceased Members of Memmer, Florek And Sedillo Families - Dolores Memmer
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2006
7:00 James Breslin - Judy & Bill Shackleton
9:00 Peter Restaino - Jim & Nadine Restaino
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006
7:00 Elizabeth Shine - Robert M. Vislocky
9:00 Alice White - Lil & Ben Scerbo
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2006
7:00 Clara Baillargeon - Helen & Art Shaffer
9:00 Joan Perrini - Sam & Janet Gianti
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006
7:00 Mildred Mazza - Maureen Marcavage & Family
9:00 Geraldine Litterio - Jim & Nadine Restaino
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2006
7:00 Mary Cantalupe - Tom Moore
9:00 John Yonco - Yonco & Kosuch Families
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006
8:30 Memorial Mass - Joseph Cistrelli, Margaret Firestone, Kenneth Rauth, Margaret Keaveney, Evelyn Peddie, Mark Albert Costa, Stella Spond
5:30 Edward Veltre - Fran Veltre

SATURDAY 22	MAINTENANCE COLLECTION
SUNDAY	APRIL 23
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	
9:00 AM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	CYO
MONDAY	APRIL 24
3:30 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Pastoral Council Meeting
7:30 PM	Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge
TUESDAY	APRIL 25
7:00 PM	Religious Education
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 26
3:30 PM	First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church & School
4:30 PM	Brownies Meeting - Kindergarten
5:30 PM	Girl Scouts - 6 th Grade
7:30 PM	RCIA
THURSDAY	APRIL 27
3:30 PM	Children's Choir
3:30 PM	First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church & School
7:30 PM	Adult Choir
7:30 PM	RCIA Inquiry - Teachers' Lounge
FRIDAY	APRIL 28
3:30 PM	First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church & School
7:00 PM	St. Agnes HSA Parent's Appreciation Night
SATURDAY	APRIL 29
8:30 AM	Memorial Mass
5:30 PM	Mass - First Eucharist with Bell Choir



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Helen Marie Hassett during the week of April 23rd at the request of Vincent & Betty Flanagan.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of April 23rd was donated in memory of Joseph Heelan at the request of Mr. & Mrs. A. Giacobbe and Mr. & Mrs. J. Sciacchitano.



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Zucosky during the week of April 23rd.



Save the date . . .

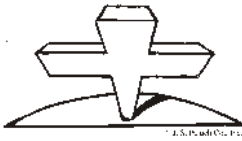
Sunday, May 21st, 3:00 p.m.
Organ Dedication
More information to follow . . .

PLEASE PRAY FOR*Those Who Have Died*

Phyllis Alibrandi, Frank Santos

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 Giunta, 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, Marie Cerone, Josephine Stefanik



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Atlantic City Bus Trip**WHEN: May 18, 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.**

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)
April 23, 2006**

Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is
the Son of God?

- 1 John 5:5