

From the Pastor

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St. Agnes Church

Dear Parishioners,

I know last week's news about Father John's reassignment was shocking. I, too, share in your sadness. As pastor, I am losing an excellent associate who happens to be a dear friend as well. However, this is the life of a priest. We bloom where planted, knowing that we can be replanted anywhere in the Lord's vineyard. Let us thank God for the gift of Father John's ministry among us. And let us pray for his well being during this time of transition. Father will remain with us into June. Soon we will set a date for a farewell Mass and reception.

As you are aware, Joseph Heelan, our parish trustee, passed on to eternal life. We are grateful to this extraordinary man, for his many years of faithful service. Dolores Memmer is also a trustee and she continues to serve our community with dedication and devotion to Saint Agnes. Since every parish requires two lay trustees, I am pleased to announce that the Archbishop and the Vicar General have approved the appointment of Michael Ford as our new trustee. Michael has grown up in our parish. His father, Michael, was one of the first trustees when our parish started. Please keep Mike in your prayers, as he assumes the responsibilities of parish trustee. And thank you Mike for your willingness to serve us in this capacity.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim Choma
Pastor

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CONGRATULATIONS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS PERFECT ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER TO APRIL

Kdg. Gregory Zukowski

Grade 1-Jonathan Duffy

Meaghan Gallagher

Rosario Maertz

Jessica Malinchok

Louis Sofianakos

Grade 2 - John Couto

Alexandra Grady

Michael Pimpinelli

Julia DiBella

Grade 3 - James Mendyk

Sarah Anderson

Alexandra Ianco

Thomas Koczan

Caitlyn Moran

Christopher Fedorczyk

Taylor Webb

Breanna Morecraft

Kelly Vena

Justin DeSordi

Sarah Shaughnessy

Melissa McIntyre

Grade 4 - Sara Beenders

Kyle O'Connor

Matthew Isidron

Nicholas Vargas

Sean Gallagher

Grade 5 - Annette Favetta

Julian Hilongos

Stephanie Rodrigues

Anthony Triguero

Nicholas Venditto

Joshua Barreiro

Marcella Pimpinelli

David Mileto

Grade 3 - Katelyn Dougherty

Grade 6 - Michael Connolly

Joseph Fabijanczuk

David Rogieri

John Atanasio

Alexandra Faro

Romina Ronquillo

Grade 7 -Frank Martino

Alexander Wilson

Michael Pace

Rosario Ronquillo

Grade 8 - Mia Valente

Samantha Sheedy

Emily Vargas

Christina Guercio

Melissa Fabijanczuk

Deanna Halpern

Grade 1 - Courtney O'Connor

Grade 4 - Veronica Zatzko

**SAINT AGNES PARISH THANKS
KEVIN BEYER AND JOSEPH DE CRISTOFARO
FOR REPRESENTING SAINT AGNES PARISH IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC CHALLENGE CONTEST**

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

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,140.00.**
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 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 or (for memorial)
Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Mt 13:54-58
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2;
Jn 10:11-18

THE DaVINCI CODE: FACT or FICTION?

Join us for an evening presentation and discussion on The DaVinci Code, by Rev. Tom Dente, Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship. Father Tom is an engaging and insightful speaker on many topics and this one is sure to be an eye opener! Mark your calendars for, Tuesday, May 16th at 7:30 PM, in St. Helen's Church, 1600 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, NJ. Directions to the church can be found at: <http://westfieldnj.com/sthelens/direct.htm>. This event is being sponsored by the Men's Ministry of the Community of St. Helen. All are welcome!



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

LIVING IN THE NOW MOMENT

Two-part series – A fresh approach to seeking peace amid the daily realities of life. Wed., May 3rd and 10th, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (\$15/session)

SIX-DAY DIRECTED RETREAT

An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet. Adaptable to the needs and desires of each individual.

May 19-26. Begins 7 p.m. on opening day concludes at 11 a.m. (\$350/week). Registration required.

2006 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Strengthening the Church in America



Today's second collection is the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. This Appeal supports the Home Missions—places in the United States where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith. Some dioceses are terribly short of priests, sisters, and the money needed to run parishes. For example, there are only 70 priests in the whole state of Utah, 57 in Idaho, and 45 in Wyoming. Please give generously to help your fellow Catholics in America.

Saint Agnes Parish & School Presents

Celebrity Night

\$10,000.00* Grand Prize!

REVERSE 50/50 Raffle Drawing and Buffet.

Tickets - \$100 each. Only 78 Left!

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

-Yes! I want to support St. Agnes Parish & School.

(Please print)

Name: -----

Address: -----

City: -----

S t a t e : -----


Zip: -----

Phone:() -----

Number of Tickets _____
x \$100

Check Amount: _____

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



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.



**RECYCLE!
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Our collection drive is off and running for the third year. The success has been better than expected. Remember, this is a fund raiser that does not cost anything . . .

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO? Simply collect any used inkjet/laser print cartridges, copier toner containers, and cell phones from your house, from your place of business, and from your family/friends.

WHERE DO YOU BRING THEM? Any school, Religious Education day, send them to St. Agnes with your son or daughter and your child can simply drop them in the specially marked container located in the gym, next to the stage on the window side. (PLEASE REALIZE THAT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION GOING ON, THE COLLECTION BOX MAY BE RELOCATED AT ANY TIME.)

CAN YOUR COMPANY PARTICIPATE? Yes, we can also arrange for you to bring a specially marked box to your place of business and have the cartridges shipped “PREPAID UPS” directly to the recycling company. **IF YOU WANT TO USE YOUR OWN BOX FOR SHIPPING, WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH JUST THE PREPAID SHIPPING LABELS.**

Please keep the items coming because every single one counts. Thank you for all the support. Any questions, please call Jeff Dattilo at (908) 486-4480 (daytime) or email jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com.



**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 stagnescd@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.

**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!**



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!

SOUP KITCHEN

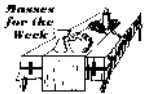


Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 6th. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the St. Agnes kitchen Friday or before 9 a.m. Saturday morning. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.

NOT FROM THE SKIES

God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise.

- Anonymous



<p>SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006 5:30 Edward Veltre - Fran Veltre</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2006 7:30 Casey Aklonis - Jean & Lorraine 9:00 John Criscitello - Carole & Art LaLuna 10:30 Andrew Lotano - Arline & Tom Foster 12:00 People of the Parish</p> <p>MONDAY, MAY 1, 2006 7:00 Ruth Christensen - Gloria & Ed Bizub 9:00 Stanley Niemczyk - The Niemczyk Family</p> <p>TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006 7:00 Clara Baillargeon - St. Agnes Faculty & Staff 9:00 Joanne LaGuardia - Judy & Bill Shackleton</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006 7:00 Stella Zgurzynski - Valarie Zgurzynski 9:00 Sarino Tropeano - Mike & Rose Briniker</p> <p>THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2006 7:00 Ruth Christensen - Marion Salvia 9:00 Elrod Collucci - Jim & Judy Heller</p> <p>FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2006 7:00 Rose Ruffini - Judy & Bill Shackleton 9:00 Fernando Cartaxo - Family</p> <p>SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006 8:30 Memorial Mass - Brigida Mazzola, Barbara Woods, Mark Albert Costa, Joseph Heelan 5:30 People of the Parish</p>
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<p>SATURDAY APRIL 29 CATHOLIC HOME MISSION COLLECTION 5:30 PM Mass - First Eucharist with Bell Choir</p> <p>SUNDAY APRIL 30 CATHOLIC HOME MISSION COLLECTION 9:00 AM Mass - First Eucharist with Bell Choir 12:00 PM Mass - First Eucharist with Bell Choir 7:00 PM CYO</p> <p>MONDAY MAY 1 7:00 PM Spiritual Book Club</p> <p>TUESDAY MAY 2 7:00 PM Liturgy Meeting 7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting - Gymnasium</p> <p>WEDNESDAY MAY 3 3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church & School</p> <p>THURSDAY MAY 4 3:30 PM Children's Choir 3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church & School 7:30 PM Adult Choir</p> <p>FRIDAY MAY 5 3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church & School 7:30 PM St. Agnes School Board Meeting</p> <p>SATURDAY MAY 6 8:30 AM Mass - Marian 9:00 AM St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen 5:30 PM Mass - First Eucharist with Bell Choir</p>




TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Lubniewski during the week of April 30th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Gerard Corrado during the week of April 30th at the request of Rita Ann Corrado.

The monthly meeting of the **Rosary Society** will be held on **Tuesday, May 2nd**, at 7:30 p.m. Members will meet in the church for the May Crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary ceremony.





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

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

Frances Rodrigues

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 Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Patricia Zych, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Marie Cerone, Josephine Stefanik

**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.**

Third Sunday of Easter**April 30, 2006**

You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

- Psalm 4:9