

*From the Desk of
Rev. Donald K. Hummel*

Dear Members of St. Agnes Family,

“Is there anyone sick among you? He should ask for the presbyters of the church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord. This prayer uttered in faith will reclaim the one who is ill, and the Lord will restore him to health. If he has committed any sins, forgiveness will be his. Hence, declare your sins to one another, pray for one another, that you may find healing.” – James 5:13-16

Well, my friends, you have certainly been made aware of some “sick among you,” especially in the lives of your priests! What you may not realize is that priests when sick (and in other circumstances as well) cannot administer sacraments to themselves. One of the blessings of living with other priests is that we can and do call upon each other for ministry and consolation. Such a scene took place in the office in the rectory the afternoon of my emergency surgery. Father Nuno and I celebrated the sacrament together and – a bit unusually – anointed each other for our respective surgeries. A great comfort! The abiding presence of the Lord in His sacraments is once more very real and personal, not just some theological formula.

In addition to the sacrament, we have been deluged with YOUR prayers, cards, messages of support and some “interesting” get well gifts. The network which upholds us in prayer – YOUR prayer – is a palpable manifestation of the Abiding Presence of Our God, within, among and around us. This St. Agnes family is truly a family which embodies the Risen Christ whom we celebrate at this time of year. He is truly Risen, Alleluia!!! And we rise with Him through this shared faith. Thank you for all your care, love and prayers. They are both deeply appreciated and most effective.

Gratefully in the Lord,

Fr. Don Hummel
Administrator



We are pleased to announce that Archbishop John J. Myers has appointed the Reverend Dennis J. Cohan, currently Pastor of Saint Catharine Church, Glen Rock, New Jersey, as Pastor of Saint Agnes Church effective July 1, 2008.

The Parish of Saint Agnes Congratulates and welcomes Fr. Dennis!

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

Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,430.00.**
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**Rite 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 Sessions will take place on Monday, April 14th and Thursday, May 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Lucy Room, which is located on the lower level of the parish center. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 04/07/08**

Total Pledges	\$3,312,395.50
Pledges Collected	\$3,153,346.31
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 159,049.19

Total Building Costs	\$3,830,672.97
Interest on Loan	(+) \$ 19,887.27
Pledges Collected	(-) \$3,153,346.31
Mtge. Reduction Collections	(-) \$ 152,458.50
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00
Remaining Debt	\$ 294,755.43

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION
COLLECTION - APRIL 19/20**

Mortgage Reduction Collection envelopes for the month of April were inadvertently left out of this past mailing. Our second collection for **Mortgage Reduction** will take place next weekend, **April 19/20**. You can use a plain envelope for your donation with your name, date and "Mortgage Reduction" written on it. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you.



**ST. AGNES PARISH & SCHOOL
PROUDLY PRESENTS:**



St. Agnes Auditorium

Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 7 PM

Reverse 50/50 Raffle Drawing and
Gambler's Paradise Buffet

\$10,000.00 Grand Prize!

\$100.00 per Raffle Ticket/
Admission for two to the Party

**Only 250 Raffle Tickets will be sold!
(110 tickets left!!)**

If you would like to help support St. Agnes Parish and School by participating in our annual Reverse 50/50 Raffle, please complete the form below (checks made payable to St. Agnes, Attn: Reverse 50/50 Raffle) and return or mail both to St. Agnes Church, 332 Madison Hill Rd., Clark, NJ 07066. For more information call (732) 382-4215.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE STRIP!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

No. of Tickets _____ x \$100 Amt. Encl: _____



**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION
RE-REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!!!**

CFF 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, unselfish, and a practicing Catholic, please call or email the Catholic Faith Formation Office (732-388-2560 or cff@stagneparish.com.)



**NEW JERSEY COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND
&
VISUALLY IMPAIRED,
N.J. Department of Health & Senior Services and
Overlook Family Practice
DIABETES ALERT**

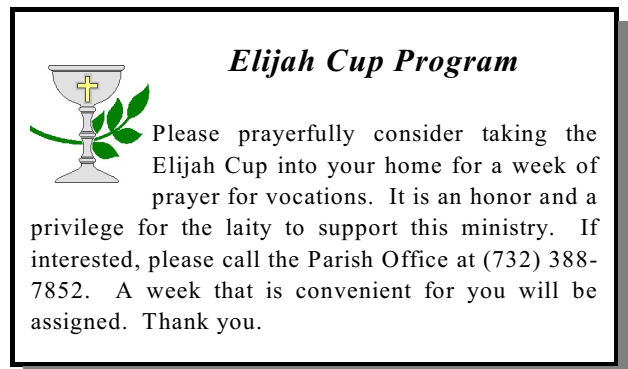


**FREE EYE AND BLOOD PRESSURE
SCREENINGS**

Overlook Family Practice, 33 Overlook Rd.,
Suite L01, Summit, NJ

May 1, 2008 – 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

FOR REGISTRATION, PLEASE CALL 908-522-5700



WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT
April 18-19, 2008
"Follow Me"



An invitation to attend a faith enriching experience.

The Women's Cornerstone Retreat for 2008 will be held at St. Agnes Church beginning at 6 p.m. (with a light meal) and will adjourn about 10 p.m. The group will reconvene on Saturday at 8 a.m. starting with breakfast and end with Mass in the evening at 5:30 p.m., followed by a gathering with family and friends, where light refreshments will be provided. The retreat will not require staying over. For more information or to obtain a reservation form, please call St. John The Apostle Parish at (908) 486-6363.



SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the St. Thomas Room. We will be discussing the following books:

April: Megan McKenna, And Morning Came

May: Carol Dempsey, Jeremiah Preacher of Grace, Poet of Truth

June: Raniero Cantalamessa, Life in Christ
 (Commentary on Romans)

If you have any questions or suggestions for books you would like to have discussed, please call Grace Bradley at (732) 388-3754.

Word of Life

With artificial insemination outside the body, the barrier protecting human dignity has been broken. When human beings in the weakest and most defenseless stage of their existence are selected, abandoned, killed or used as pure "biological matter," how can it be denied that they are no longer being treated as "someone" but as "something," thus placing the very concept of human dignity in doubt.
 – Pope Benedict XVI, *Address to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, January 31, 2008.*

Archdiocese of Newark

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 9, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. 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.

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 Parish Office for more information (732) 388-7852***
- Thank you for your support!**

Attention All Men of St. Agnes Parish!!!

We invite you to our next Men's Spirituality meeting for this wonderful Easter Season, which will be Wednesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Whelan Center. Our topic will be Christ's "Eucharistic Love" for us.

Our Catechism references are #2133-2134-2135. The Scripture reference is Matthew 11:28-30. "My yoke is easy and my burden light!" Questions for sharing will show us God's presence behind our difficult experience and how they can build gratitude towards our Heavenly Father.

Coffee will be served after the meeting. For more information, please call Walter Borowski at (732) 381-0586 or email at comunioncbm@yahoo.com.



SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2008

5:30 Edward Alfano - Michael Brescia

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008

7:30 Marguerite Stringer - Mr. & Mr. Richard O'Lenick

9:00 Stefan Nowak - Christine Bright

10:30 Steven Krysiniski - Daughter-Marion Brickle

12:00 People of the Parish

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

7:00 Amy Garthwaite-Kramer - Steve & Karla Swan

9:00 Anna & Joseph Suszko - Joe & Helen Suszko

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2008

7:00 Frank F. Lotano - Tom & Arline Foster

9:00 Joseph & Mary Carello - Son-Vito Carello

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008

7:00 Donald Catanzaro - Sr. Claire Ouimet

9:00 Mary Valenti - Rose & Vito Toto

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

7:00 Richard Czesnolowicz - Leona Kamieniecki

9:00 George Volturo - Rose Volturo

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008

7:00 Stella & Stanley Zgurzynski - Tom & Flo Haas

9:00 Paolo Iuliano - Joseph & Cathy Campanella

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 20088:30 Memorial Mass - Mauro Pires, Declan Mulcahy, Jr.,
Andy Pavelko, Robert Palumbo

5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY ROSARY BAGEL SALE APRIL 13

8:45 AM CFF Classes

1:30 PM Baptisms - Church

6:30 PM CYO Movie Night - Gym

MONDAY**APRIL 14**

3:30 PM CFF Classes

6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1E

6:30 PM CFF Classes

6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting - Music Ministry Room

7:00 PM Book Club - St. Thomas Room

7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Joseph Room

7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - St. Lucy Room

TUESDAY**APRIL 15**

6:30 PM CFF Classes

WEDNESDAY**APRIL 16**

11:00 AM Grandparents' Day - School/Gym

7:30 PM Men's Spirituality Meeting - Fr. Whelan Center

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG/St. Joseph Room

THURSDAY**APRIL 17**

3:30 PM Children's Choir End of Year Party - Gym

7:30 PM Adult Choir - Music Ministry Room

7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room

FRIDAY**APRIL 18**

6:00 PM Women's Cornerstone Retreat - Gym

7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5th Grade Classroom**SATURDAY****APRIL 19****MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

8:00 AM Women's Cornerstone Retreat - Gym



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Heindel during the week of April 13th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Mary Kozak during the week of April 13th at the request of Mr. & Mrs. John O'Connor.

CALLING ALL FIREFIGHTERS!

The Annual Archdiocesan St. Florian Mass in celebration of the Fire Service will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 4th at 3 p.m. All active and retired firefighters, professional and volunteer, their families and friends are invited to attend. Firefighters are asked to attend in uniform and to be seated in the Cathedral by 2:45 for the pipes and drums procession. For more information go to <http://www.rcan.org/stflorianmass>.

LEADERLESS

Without a shepherd the sheep are not a flock.
- Russian proverb

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

Rosalie Kuberski, Theresa Helm, Mary Marrin

Those Who Are Sick

Mary Zelanko, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe & Irene Margeton, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Hazel McGuinness, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Giovanna Tripicchio, Marie Cerone, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina & Andrew Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan, Mariani Rocco, Dominic Preite, Marge Geist Gais, Jerry Vezza, Brenda Vermeal, Angie & Anthony Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Mary Marciano, Mary Gianti, Joao Faria, Maria Dietrick, Tom Wilkinson, Mark Shipe, Katherine Franceski, Richard Ciccone, Nancy Reuter, Joseph Fabijanczuk, Jennifer Concalves, David Shea, Michael Readie, Joey Santillo, Fr. Don Hummel, John Triano



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Almighty God, Creator of the earth in which we live, help us today in our search for peaceful ways to avoid war, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny and to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths. We pray that the billions of peace-loving people of goodwill throughout the nations, will join together in prayer and action to bring love where there is hatred, friendship where there is enmity and justice where there is oppression. May God continue to bless and watch over our men and women who make ultimate sacrifices for our freedom and democracy. Amen

Fourth Sunday of Easter**April 13, 2008**

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross,
so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

– 1 Peter 2:24a