

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

Dear St. Agnes Family,

Afterglow.

That's a word that for me sums up a wide range of reactions and thoughts on the Holy Father's recent visit. Afterglow. You can see it on faces of so many Americans – Catholics and many others – there's just an elevated sense of comfortable identity and connection with he who sits in the "chair of Peter" and who visited with us and truly became part of our family while we grew in the sense of the catholicity – the universality and diversity – of the church.

Some may say it was a public relations coup. It was far more from my perspective ... it's difficult to find the words but ... ask yourself ... has his visit changed and challenged you? No matter what your age, status or level of involvement in parish life, could you feel the energy? The compassion and love? The genuine humility and honesty of His Holiness? For me it confirms what I was blessed to experience a little over a year ago, when I was able to meet him in person, kiss his ring and look him in the eye. He is a gentle soul who accepts this heavy burden of responsibility and is thriving in it . . . and surprising many people in the process. When I greeted His Holiness last year, I dusted off my schoolboy German and said, "Heilige Vater das gibt Mir Gemütlichkeit" Holy Father this gives me – and here's where the German really works better – Gemütlichkeit is a word that doesn't translate simply – it's a warm, loving, comfortable feeling of well being and comfort. (Perhaps some German speakers can clarify that a little better!)

But the fact remains. He came to our shores, our homes, our lives. He touched many in loving and often surprising ways. He didn't shrink from the challenges and he re-energized us all – a true Vicar of Christ – bringing hope and compassion, reaching out to many in need, praying with us, celebrating Eucharist with us and for us, as Catholics, making us proud of who we are, while challenging us to grow in our spiritual journeys and our personal relationship with our God in the Risen Jesus and with each other.

Can you feel it? Does it matter? Will it quickly fade? Or will it make a substantive difference? Can you see it on the faces of others? Can they see it on yours?

Afterglow.

In His Service,

Fr. Donald Hummel
Administrator



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

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,264.00.**
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or
 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a



**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 Session will take place on 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 04/21/08**

Total Pledges \$3,311,370.50

Pledges Collected \$3,153,406.31

Outstanding Pledges \$ 157,964.19

Total Building Costs \$3,830,672.97

Interest on Loan (+) \$ 19,887.27

Pledges Collected (-) \$3 153,406.31

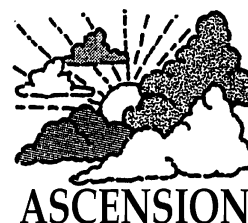
**Mtge. Reduction
Collections (-)** \$ 156,516.50

Funds from Savings (-) \$ 250,000.00

Remaining Debt \$ 290,637.43



Today's second collection is the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. It supports missions here in the United States. There are many places in America—Appalachia, the Deep South, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain states—where the Catholic Church struggles just to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith. Catholic parishes in rural America still struggle to offer Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Some diocese are terribly short of priests, sisters, and the money needed to run parishes. Please give generously to assist fellow Catholics here in America. 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!
(100 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: _____

**ST. AGNES
SUMMER BIBLE CAMP**



July 21 – July 25

St. Agnes Church
332 Madison Hill Road, Clark

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 – 8
(Age 4 by July, 2008)

Please see future bulletins for more information and registration form.



Month of Mary



SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 3rd. 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.


ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Annulment Information Evening

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008. 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 Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament RC Church (Founders' Hall), 28 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.

EMS MASS

Starting at 12 noon on Sunday, April 27, 2008, the 6th annual Mass for the Emergency Medical Services community will be offered at Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica in Newark. The Mass is open to emergency medical technicians (EMTs) and paramedics (EMT-Ps) of all faiths, as well as their friends, families and all the faithful of the Archdiocese. Attendees are asked to be seated at 11:45 a.m. for the presentation of colors and National Anthem. Commemorative pins will be available for EMS personnel in uniform.



Tuesday, April 29, 2008
6:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the church

Please join us for a holy hour of prayer, including the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. *For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.* (Matthew 18:20).

SPRINGTIME

It is always springtime in the heart that loves God.
– St. John Vianney



ASCENSION THURSDAY



Thursday, May 1, is Ascension Thursday, a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows:

Wednesday, April 30 - 7 p.m. Vigil Mass; Thursday, May 1 - 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.



Elijah Cup Program

Please prayerfully consider taking the Elijah Cup into your home for a week of prayer for vocations. It is an honor and a privilege for the laity to support this ministry. During the month of May, the Elijah Cup will be in the homes of the following parishioners:

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| May 4 | Rachel & Peter Salvato |
| May 11 | Irene Finger |
| May 18 | Bridie & John Smith |
| May 25 | Dr. & Dr. Borowski |

Please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. A week that is convenient for you will be assigned. Thank you.



Altar & Rosary Society

Members will meet in church for the May Crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary on Monday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. Following the crowning members are invited to a special tribute to all Honorary Members in the Msgr. Flusk Room.

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!



SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008

5:30 June McCann - John & Angie Bielecki

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2008

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Pat Quabeck & Helen Bronsky - Kathy & Joe Hudzik

10:30 Mary A. Buckholtz - The Blessing Family

12:00 John Yonco - Aldo & Gloria Kosuch

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

7:00 Jane Dance - Carol & Rick Lindemann

9:00 Louise Villecca - Ann Sener

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

7:00 Bart Zucosky - Diane Alfano

9:00 Helen M. Hassett - Vincent & Betty Flanagan

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008

7:00 Mrs. Cristeta Miravite - Pete & Teresa Malone

9:00 Anthony Migliore - Wife Shirley & Family

7PM Vigil: People of the Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008 - ASCENSION

7:00 Bart Zucosky - Peg Phelan

9:00 Joan & Frank Sanzone - The Hauptmann Family

7PM Florence Kempinski - Bob & Pat Roman

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008

7:00 Jim Syversen - Bill & Margaret Draghi

9:00 Mary Heindel - Family

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008

8:30 Memorial Mass - Teresa Hanselman, Stella Miller, Hamilcar B. Manikan, Declan Mulcahy, Jr., Lillian Schultz

5:30 John & Maria Bucca - Toni Bucca

**SATURDAY CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APRIL 26
K OF C MENTAL DISABILITY DRIVE**

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9:00 PM First Eucharist

12:00 PM First Eucharist

1:30 PM St. Agnes Alumni Basketball Game - Gym

7:00 PM CYO - Gym

MONDAY APRIL 28

6:30 PM Sports Executive Bd/General Meeting - Whelan Ctr.

7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - OLG Room

7:30 PM Reverse 50/50 Raffle Mtg. - St. Joseph Room

TUESDAY APRIL 29

3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church/School

6:45 PM Women's Prayer Group - Church

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30

3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church/School

THURSDAY MAY 1

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

3:30 PM First Eucharist Rehearsal - Church/School

FRIDAY MAY 2

7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5th Grade Classroom

7:30 PM St. Agnes School Board Mtg. - St. Joseph Room

SATURDAY MAY 3

9:00 AM St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen

5:30 PM First Eucharist

SUNDAY MAY 4

9:00 AM First Eucharist

12:00 PM First Eucharist

1:30 PM Baptisms

7:00 PM CYO - Gym



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Grace Bradley during the week of April 27th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Declan Mulcahy, Jr. during the week of April 27th at the request of Mr. & Mrs. A. Perry.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of April 27th were donated in memory of Nicole Christiano at the request of Anita & John Christiano.



First Communion Celebrations
April 26/27 - May 3/4

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

May They Rest in Peace

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 Venezia, 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, Josephine Kane, Sergio Ricciardi, Fr. Eugene Marcone

**Crisis Pregnancy Help**

Catholic Community Services
Pat Chiarello (201) 246-7379

Birthright USA International
1-800-550-4900



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter**April 27, 2008**

“I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . . the Spirit of truth.”

– John 14:16-17