

Dziakuje . . .

Bog Zaplac . . .

Thank you all of you

I was really surprised when I came back to St. Agnes and many of you said to me: "Welcome home Fr. Jacek." It was nice to come back this summer to the people and places I have not been since 1999. I have found a renewed Church with new altar, air condition and sound system. I know they are not all the changes that have been done in the parish and the Church but those I have mentioned are very helpful in the liturgy.

Celebrating Mass years ago I could not hear myself because of the loud air-conditioner. Now it is much better, almost perfect, and this helps a lot in the communication between the priest and the congregation. I would like to thank you for a very warm welcome this summer. I can say after so many years I am the part of this parish community. Visiting people in the houses, giving communion, confessing or performing sacrament of the sick, I have an experience of parish life and for this I am also grateful. As you know, I am still a rector of the seminary in Poland and I do not work in the parish. My Seminary has around 50 seminarians. It is one of the smallest in Poland. In my country we are still blessed with the vocations to the priesthood. My ministry in the home diocese is to discern if the young people studying and praying with us have had a call to become a priest. I need a lot of support and prayers because it is difficult to have such knowledge based only on a human discernment. The summer in St. Agnes is a good time to be away from the problems and home duties.

Again I had a great summer and good company in the rectory with Fr. Jim, Fr. Nuno and Fr. Don. I wish all the priests, especially Fr. Nuno, to find here in Clark real home as I have found myself.

I did not expect to come back this year. Two years ago when I left St. Agnes I was quite sure to have a new job within one year but I am still doing the same. Life is not always like we want; it is up to Him (God) to make real changes and surprises. Will I see you again? Who knows? I would like to come back to St. Agnes to the daily Masses and the people here, to the Sunday's congregation, to the people in the rectory. Six weeks passed so quickly. I am going home on 11 of August. I will assure you that I will keep you in my prayers. Sometimes in the Seminary during the Adoration I say: "Lord take care of the parishioners of St. Agnes" without saying names, maybe it is not enough, but as my spiritual director says: "I believe very much in the power of prayer which reaches every place even 5,000 miles away."

Hopefully I will see you again in the future.

Fr. Jacek

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

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to *do* something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,352.05.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12 -- 2:4; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2;
Jn 6:41-51

Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer

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

WEEKEND 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.
August 11-13 - \$100 Non-refundable deposit \$25
(**registration required**)
Arrival: 7 p.m. Departure: 2 p.m.

BUILDING FUND

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

\$561,787.00

*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.*

*Office of Development and the
Office of Church Patrimony, Archdiocese of
Newark
171 Clifton Ave., Newark, N.J.*

Presents

**THE HERITAGE TOUR
Saturday, September 23, 2006**

*\$45.00 Per Person (Pre-paid) includes breakfast,
hot lunch, beverage, guided tour bus between
churches and return to Archdiocesan Center
Registration begins at **8:15 AM**
Departing promptly from Center at **9:00 AM***

*Join us as we visit the incomparable treasures of
seven of our churches located in Jersey City
*Mosaics *Stained Glass *Pipe Organs *Marble Altars*

REGISTER EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED

**Contact Person - Theresa Lynch at (973) 973-497-
4042
or Fax (973) 497-4031**

**To obtain a registration form, go to
www.rcan.org/heritagetour**

Coming Events

Thursday, October 5th, St. Agnes Tricky Tray, Gran Centurions. Mark your calendars! Plan on attending this fun-filled, exciting night. Tickets go on sale in August.

Have a Good Summer!



Please remember the needs of your church before you go your way. Your support given before you leave will make this a good summer for everyone!

Thank you and may God Bless you with a Happy and Safe Vacation!



ST. AGNES SCHOOL PRE-K OPENINGS 2006-2007

Limited openings in our
Pre-K 4-Year Old Program
(Must be 4 years old by October 1st)

If you are interested, please call
732-381-0850

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark

After RCIA. Continue your formation and education. Classes are offered for you and begin the week of September 11. Offerings include "The Old Testament and Spirituality" and "The Church: Journeying in Community." For information and a brochure, call (973) 497-4350 or email stantovi@rcan.org.

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!**

WE NEED COACHES!!

The St. Agnes Sports Committee is looking for coaches in the following sports:

Fall and Spring Track



Cheerleading

Girls' Volleyball



Instructional Basketball
(Grades K, 1-2)

Anyone interested, please contact Jeff Dattilo at (908) 486-4480 or email jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com



IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!!!

Religious Education registration and re-registration has been in progress. Several students **have not re-registered for the coming year**. It has been our experience that these students will wish to register at the time classes begin. The policy is: **All children must be registered and in our system before classes begin**. Your child will not be permitted to attend the first day of class; he/she will have to wait until the secretary puts them in the system. We ask your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.



FAST ROAD TO HEAVEN!!

Due to the increasing number of students, we ask for generous, caring men and women willing to share their faith by volunteering to be a teacher in our Religious Education Program. Come with enthusiasm, a love for young people, a sense of humor and patience. The more teachers we have the smaller the classes. Teachers' Manuals make it easy to prepare an hour lesson each week.



**For more information please call
Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560**



Have you checked out our church website recently? Log onto www.stagnesparish.com.

Saint Agnes Tricky Tray Walt Disney World Vacation Package Raffle



7Days/6 nights at Disney's Port Orleans Riverside Resort* For a Family of Five
Plus Five 6-day Park Hopper Passes
Drawing to be held at the
Tricky Tray on October 5, 2006 at 11PM

Winner need not be present.

**\$50 per ticket
Get your tickets early.
Only 300 tickets will be sold!**

Tickets may be purchased at
Saint Agnes Rectory or by calling
Cheryl Fiumefreddo at (732) 259-4088

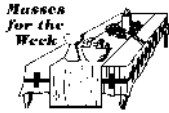


**St. Michael's Church
40 Alden St., Cranford
Will Celebrate a
Week to Honor Mary with
Special Rosary Services**

The week between the feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven, Tuesday, August 15, until the feast of the Queenship of Mary, Tuesday, August 22, is a special time to honor Mary, the Mother of God.

Beginning Tuesday, August 15, and every evening including Wednesday, August 22, a special Rosary Service will be conducted at 7 p.m. To show the universality of the Church and its devotion to Mary, on five of the seven evenings, the person leading the Rosary will pray in a different language with the responses being prayed in English.

**All services will begin at 7PM
For more information, please call the
parish office at 908-276-0360.**



This Week

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2006

5:30 Stella & Walter Penzak - Betty Comer

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2006

7:30 Gerald Eliff - Mr. & Mrs. James Eliff
 9:00 John Frantantoni - Linda & Tom Bowen
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Kenely Family - Mary Beth Hampson

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2006

7:00 Anne Curry - Bob & Carol Kent
 9:00 Dorothy Massarelli - Betty & Dom Massarelli

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2006

7:00 Ralph Rapisardi - Bob & Rosalie McKeon
 9:00 John Delaney - The Telleri Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006

7:00 Ruth & George Christensen - Marylou Christensen
 9:00 Stanley Niemczyk - The Niemczyk Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2006

7:00 Stella Kloss - Helen & Joe Suszko
 9:00 Angela Longhi - Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2006

7:00 Anna Alexander - Patricia Sarafin
 9:00 Anne Curry - Mr. & Mrs. F. Lubniewski

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2006

8:30 Memorial Mass - Joseph Zucaro, Anthony G.
 Pecoraro, John Perriello
 5:30 Grace Biglasco - Elaine Lo Primo

SUNDAY

AUGUST 6

1:30 PM Baptism

MONDAY

AUGUST 7

6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1E

SATURDAY

AUGUST 8

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Suszko during the week of August 6th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Margaret & Louis Della Ragione during the week of August 6th at the request of Daughter, Livia.

*“The Elijah Cup”
 Is Coming!*



All peoples, nations,
 and languages serve
 him



NO HARSHNESS

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

– St. John Kanty

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

Angelo Deieso, Walter Kawko

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, 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, 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, Robert McKeon, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Florence Kempinski, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, MaryLou Loffa, James MacConchie, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Patricia Zych, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Edward Alfano, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Josephine Stefanik, Andy Pavelko, Richard O'Lenick, Declan Mulcahy, Jr., Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Victor Fernandes Sr., Eileen Imbriaco

**EYEWITNESSES**

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Mark's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man had risen from the dead" (Mark 9:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).

© Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2006

The heavens proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

– *Psalm 97:6*