

From the Pastor

Fr. S. Palsch, C.F., D.D.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to share with you a particular passage that I read while recuperating from knee surgery. It is from *The Art of Worldly Wisdom*, by Baltasar Gracian.

“Associate with those you can learn from. Let friendly relations be a school of erudition, and conversation, refined teaching. Make your friends your teachers and blend the usefulness of learning with the pleasure of conversation. Enjoy the company of people of understanding. What you say will be rewarded with applause; what you hear, with learning. What draws us to others, ordinarily, is our own interest, and here that interest is ennobled. The prudent frequent the homes of courtly heroes: theaters of heroism, not places of vanity. Some are renowned for their learning and good judgment: oracles of all greatness through example and friendship. Those who accompany them form a courtly academy of gallant discretion and wisdom.”

The wisdom of this passage rings so true. I am indeed fortunate to be associated with you, the parishioners of Saint Agnes. You taught me so much during my time of convalescence. Although my surgery was minor and quite ordinary according to nowadays standards, your outpouring of concern and affection revealed blessings that I sometimes take for granted. Thank you for making Saint Agnes a wonderful place to be. I hope that you feel the same. Godspeed!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor



HURRICANE RELIEF

Last year, the parishes across our country donated \$130,000,000 for humanitarian relief. Unfortunately, this was a drop in the bucket in comparison to the devastation. The needs for recovery in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and in the Diocese of Biloxi are as great now as they were immediately after the storms, which caused them.

In the Diocese of Biloxi, 428 of 433 church-owned structures were destroyed, with over \$70 million damage sustained. The diocese is insured for only ½ of that amount. In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, there is \$52 million in uninsured damage on buildings that are trying to be reopened now, and another \$70 million uninsured flood damage on buildings that have to be delayed for reopening at this time.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops unanimously approved **a second national collection** for the recovery of the Dioceses of New Orleans and Biloxi. This voluntary collection is being conducted throughout our Archdiocese during the weekend of **August 26-27**. Please note that there are no special envelopes prepared for this collection. Parishioners desiring to make a donation are to make checks payable to: **Archdiocese of Newark – Hurricane Recovery**.

Our second collection, here at St. Agnes, on the weekend of August 26-27, will be joined to the other parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, and the funds will be distributed accordingly - Archdiocese of New Orleans (60%) and Diocese of Biloxi (40%). Thank you in advance for your charitable consideration and generosity.

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

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah – food, water, rest, and encouragement – were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$11,281.00.**

Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
 Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 -- 19:1
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
 Sunday: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

***St. John The Apostle Church
 Healing Mass***

Time doesn't heal all things – Jesus does! We invite all who are in need of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual healing to bring their needs to the Lord. St. John The Apostle Church, Linden (on Valley Rd., Clark, off Stiles St., Linden) Wednesday, August 16th, 7:45 p.m. Individual Eucharistic Christ blessing, Exposition, and Benediction. For more information please call (908) 486-6363.

“I, THE LORD, AM YOUR HEALER.”

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 (due at time
 of registration) 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

Baptisms

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.

We wish to **WELCOME** the following who have entered into the faith community through the sacrament of Baptism:

JOHANNA BYRNES BIONDI
Daughter of Matthew and Jennifer

MEGAN ELIZABETH CASTELLO
Daughter of James and Deanna

AUSTIN DONALD HENRY
Son of Kenneth and Nicole

RYAN CRAIG HILYARD
Son of Randal and Jennifer

HAVEN EMILY OVERTON
FRANCESCA ROSE OVERTON
Daughters of Frank and Claudia

COLTON ALFRED POWERS
Son of Brian and Nicole

ANTONIO RAFOA
Son of Joao and Lisa



The Elizabeth Ministry (Ministry for Mothers)

The Elizabeth Ministry of St. Agnes is a caring group of women supporting other women in our parish. It is built on the foundation of Scripture, looking to Mary and Elizabeth as models of how mothers can support one another in their times of need.

Mothers from St. Agnes have formed a network to help other mothers through prayers, phone calls, cards, providing meals, babysitting and other assistance. People are matched up based on their own experiences. We have moms that have had multiple pregnancies, miscarriages, stillborns, fertility issues and adopted children. We are here to listen and talk about our own experiences and share yours with the hopes of providing comfort and friendship.

Please call and register when you find out that you are expecting so we may pray for you and our future St. Agnes Parishioners.

Marianne English 732-382-5221
Cheryl Vargas 732-381-3822
Rectory 732-388-7852

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



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

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 11 PM

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



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 Wednesday, August 16th at 7:30 p.m. in OLG Room located on the lower level of the school. If you need any additional information, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2006

5:30 Grace Biglasco - Elaine Lo Primo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2006

7:30 Ruth Christensen - Cathy & Marie Giacone
9:00 Richard Reeder - Bill Draghi & Family
10:30 My Loved Ones - Antoinette Urso
12:00 People of the Parish

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006 -Assumption Vigil

7:00 Edward Ruane, Sr. - Tom & Janet McCann
9:00 Catherine McNeil - Judy & Bill Shackleton
7 PM Julia Cynar - Lyszcak Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2006

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

7:00 Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother - Mary Garra
9:00 Sue Villani - Miloscia Family
7 PM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2006

7:00 Jennie Szmerda - Sophie Szmerda
9:00 John Delaney - Carol Seib & Vinny Genco

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006

7:00 Elizabeth Cordes - Family
9:00 Roman & Caroline Rajkowski - Marge Elko

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2006

7:00 Thomas Walsh - Alicia Lordi
9:00 Sarah Lombino - Rose Brinker

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2006

8:30 Memorial Mass - Frank J. Fasano, Edward F. Skripets, Sr., Tiburcia Refuerzo, David L. Berry, Peter Golaszewski
5:30 People of the Parish

MONDAY AUGUST 14

6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1E
7:00 PM Vigil Mass - Assumption

TUESDAY AUGUST 15

7:00 PM Mass - Assumption
7:00 PM R. Ed. Teachers' Mtg. for Grades K-4 - 6th Grade

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16

7:00 PM R. Ed. Teachers' Mtg. for Grades 5-8 - 6th Grade
7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - OLG Room

SATURDAY AUGUST 19

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Peggy Phelan during the week of August 13th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Jenny Jendraczy during the week of August 13th at the request of Barbara & Hank Gawel.



For the week of August 13th were donated in memory of George & Jane Howell, a gift from the Howell Family.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of August 13th were donated in memory of George and Jane Howell at the request of the Howell Family.

A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

There's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.
- French proverb

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

Margaret Sacripanti, Edward Alfano

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, 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

**THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING**

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread--too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.

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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 13, 2006**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

– John 6:51