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## From the Pastor

Fr. S. Palsch, C.F., C.M.

Dear Parishioners,

Everyday someone asks me about the status of our plans for St. Agnes Cemetery, and every time I respond “we are still waiting to hear from the State.” After seven months of waiting, I am pleased to announce that the State has completed their review and issued a report. Now that we possess the needed information from the State, we are conducting an internal feasibility study with Catholic Cemeteries. Assuming a positive outcome, we will begin designing plans for Township consideration.

The next logical round of questions will be: “When will the feasibility study be completed?” and “When will plans be ready to present to the Town for approval consideration?” *I don't know.* It is our intention to move the process along. However, there are many steps involved. We are not under any pressure to hastily forge forth, and we will proceed one step at a time. Please continue to pray for success. Thank you.

Respectfully 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**

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

“Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing,” says today’s Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$11,362.00.**  
Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51  
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12  
 Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34;  
 Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

The Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to administer its Pastoral Care program. If you would like to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion to Catholic patients within, please call the Hospital Chaplain, REV. WILLIAM REED at (908) 354-2372, or the Schedule Coordinator, ANTHONY HUDZIK at (732) 388-9169. Leave your name, parish, and phone number and someone will return your call. Thank you.

**BUILDING FUND**

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

**\$559,169.00**

*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](http://www.rcan.org/heritagetour)**

## Coming Events

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

### 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!**



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>)

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

### Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, 1651 U.S. Highway 22 in Watchung, will offer the following program. **To register** please call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: [msmhope@att.net](mailto:msmhope@att.net).

#### GRIEF RECOVERY

##### Learning a process to deal with grief

Gentle experimental process for resolving the grief caused by loss – Sun. Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1-5 PM (\$45)  
Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

### “The Elijah Cup” Is Coming!



#### DOES GOD CARE WHAT I WEAR TO CHURCH?

Summer activities and vacations can make getting to Mass each week seem like a juggling act. Harder still is finding the time to dress properly and prepare as we would like. But approaching all aspects of the Eucharist carefully can deepen our Communion with Christ. What we wear can help.

**Make it feel special.** If you were invited to a friend's house for an evening, wouldn't you wear something nice to honor your friend? Sunday Mass is a special time for you and God. Wearing good clothes makes it feel special.

**Send a message.** Mass is also a communal celebration. When you look nice in church, you send a message to your Catholic brothers and sisters that you value your time together in God's name.

**Use this guideline.** When deciding what to wear in Church, think about this: If it's something you would wear to a picnic, to play a sport, or to clean out the garage or house, don't wear it to church—even during the summer.

## 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

### WEEKEND RETREAT FOR SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

A weekend retreat for separated or divorced will be given on September 15, 16, 17, 2006, in Newton, N.J. by a Franciscan Retreat Team. For more information please call Fr. Tom Kelly, OFM (973) 985-9736 or Deacon Miolt (973) 271-5097



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## 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

### *Just a reminder . . .*



When using your Church offering envelopes, please indicate the amount enclosed on the line provided. This is time saving and assists us in keeping accurate records. Thank you.

### YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

The effect of receiving the body and blood of  
Christ is to change us into what we receive.  
– Pope Saint Leo the Great



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2006**

5:30 People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2006**

7:30 Pat Castellano - Mom & Dad  
9:00 Francis Gilroy - Draghi Family  
10:30 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice  
Perriello - Dolores  
Clarke  
12:00 Maria Brucia & Fred Orlando-Nieces Vicki & Tina

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2006**

7:00 Mary Cusatis - Mega Family  
9:00 Anthony Lombino - Rose Brinker

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2006**

7:00 Grace Della Torre - Mary Ann Fresco  
9:00 George Finger - Barbara & Hank Gawel

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2006**

7:00 Anthony Nigro - Judy & Brian Muller  
9:00 Connie Del Cioppo - Cheryl Frantantoni

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2006**

7:00 Pietro & Nunze Cupo - Norah Weed  
9:00 John Delaney - June Rivera

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2006**

7:00 Lillian Fleming - Sister  
9:00 William Kenny - Edna & Harold Melinek

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2006**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Rose Caprio  
5:30 Virginia Crawford - Hugh & Michelle Welsh

**SATURDAY AUGUST 19**  
**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**SUNDAY AUGUST 20**  
**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

**MONDAY AUGUST 21**  
6:30 PM Sandwiches - Team 2E

**SATURDAY AUGUST 26**  
8:30 AM Mass - Memorial



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Jean Subliskey during the week of August 13<sup>th</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Pat Castellano during the week of August 20<sup>th</sup> at the request of Mom and Dad.



For the week of August 20<sup>th</sup> were donated in memory of Pat Castellano, a gift from Mom and Dad.



**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** for the week of August 20<sup>th</sup> were donated in memory of Pat Castellano at the request of Mom and Dad.

*Prayer List*

If you are aware of a relative or friend who is on the prayer list and has returned to good health – no longer needing to be on the sick list – please contact the Rectory at (732) 388-7852. Thank you.



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

Rev. Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness,  
Thaddeus Zbikowski, Sr.

***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, 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 Venezia, 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

**AT THE TABLE**

In today's first reading, Wisdom is imagined as a woman rich in poise and grace. She moves smoothly and confidently about her temple-like home. She doesn't flutter about, nervous with worry. Wisdom sends her maidens to invite all to her open house. The guests do not possess any particular genius or insight. They need only be a people of good will and common sense. They are summoned to leave behind foolishness and to find for themselves a place at Wisdom's table. There they may and can eat and drink deeply.

Today's Gospel draws us back to the table of the Eucharist. Jesus addresses those who seek to understand his words and, sadly, those who seek to avoid them. As people born of God, we are called and equipped to seek God's will and act on it.

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 20, 2006**

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

– John 6:53