

Dear Men of the Parish,

Save the date! A Men's Cornerstone Retreat is scheduled for **September 28 & 29**. The location for the retreat will be on site here at St. Agnes. The retreat begins on Friday evening. Participants sleep at home and return on Saturday morning to continue the retreat. Cornerstone concludes with the Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. A reception follows the Mass and family members of those making the retreat are invited to attend.

What is a Cornerstone Retreat? The Cornerstone experience provides a spiritual atmosphere for members of the community to revitalize their relationship with God. It is an invitation to engage in quiet reflective time; to become more actively involved in one's spiritual development; and it is a time to meet new people, which enhances the building of community.

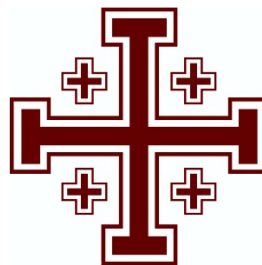
As you are aware, St. Agnes is involved in the Archdiocesan New Energies' process with St. John the Apostle Church and St. Elizabeth's in Linden. We are partnership parishes and this Cornerstone Retreat is our first joint venture. Each parish will send men to the retreat. St. John's Cornerstone Team will facilitate it (until a joint team is formed). And, our parish facilities will be used for the retreat.

Women of St. Agnes – don't feel left out. A Women's Cornerstone Retreat will be offered during the Easter Season: April 18 & 19 (same arrangements as Men's Cornerstone).

I do hope and pray that many men will register for this retreat. I know everyone is busy, but it important to make time for the Lord and spiritual development. I know that you are not monks. You cannot set off for the desert for forty days, but this Cornerstone Retreat is convenient and it will most certainly be worth your time and commitment. Please plan on joining us and register early. Thank you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim
Pastor



MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT

September 28 - 29

Name _____
Address _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please return registration form to rectory at your earliest convenience. All participants are asked to help defray the cost for food and supplies by making a freewill offering of \$25.

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,933.50.**
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
- Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



We have a problem here at St. Agnes. G-U-M spells GUM! Yes, chewing gum. We seem to be chewing more gum or we just **don't know how to properly get rid of the gum** we chew. Where are we finding the gum you may ask? Get ready for this, under the PEWS in Church. Don't think we don't clean there.

In years past, we were taught not to chew gum in church, during school, when participating in sports and in front of adults. We must show respect when we enter the house of the LORD.

You must keep my Sabbath days of rest and show reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD.

- Leviticus 26:2

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 8/14/07**

Total Pledges	\$3,281,466.92
Pledges Collected	\$3,064,764.63
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 216,702.29
Total Building Costs	\$3,830,672.97
Interest on Loan	(+) \$ 10,215.22
Pledges Collected	(-) \$3,064,764.63
Mtge. Reduction Collections	(-) \$ 89,359.27
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00
Remaining Debt	\$ 436,764.29

Ministerial Development Center



Christian Foundations for Ministry Program

*an adult formation and education program
of the Archdiocese of Newark that strives
to promote the call of all the baptized to
participate in the mission and ministry of Jesus*

Saint Agnes Parish is one of the designated sites for the CFM Archdiocesan three-year program. Courses in Old and New Testament, Sacraments, Morality and Liturgy will prepare individuals for ministry in the parish and diocese. Classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., September through May in the St. Lucy Filippini Room located on the lower level of the parish center. For further information, please call Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

JustFaith Group Meeting in Newark

This fall an extraordinary program called **JustFaith** will be offered at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The program is designed to empower and transform people of faith to develop a passion and thirst for justice. It is a demanding and challenging 30-week program that includes readings, videos, conversations about some difficult topics, fact-to-face encounters with those who are poor, and an investigation into the intersection of spirituality and Christian activism. For more information contact Kay Furlani in the Human Concerns Office at 973-497-434.



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. Please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. Several weeks in September are still available. Thank you.

Archdiocese of Newark

LET GOD touch your heart, touch your life through prayer, study and reflection. Eight-week courses are offered at a parish near you beginning the week of September 10. Register for "The Old Testament and Spirituality" or "The Church: Journeying in Community." For more information and a brochure, contact 973-497-4350 or email stantovi@rcan.org.

STEWARDSHIP CLASSIFIED



The St. Agnes Art & Environment Committee is looking for a couple of volunteers to help take care of the green plants in the church and gathering areas. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. Thank you and God bless.

St. Agnes Walt Disney World Vacation Package Raffle



7 Days/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 17, 2007, at 11 PM

Winner not be present.

\$50 per ticket – Only 300 tickets will be sold!

Tickets may be purchased at Saint Agnes Rectory or by calling Maria O'Connor at (732) 882-1893.

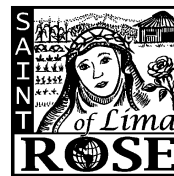
St. Anthony's Church, Elizabeth, NJ Celebrating 80th Anniversary

As a part of St. Anthony's Church celebrating its 80th Anniversary, the Academy Woodwind Quintet of the United States Military Academy Band will perform in concert at St. Anthony's Church located on Third Avenue and South Street on October 14, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.

IT'S FREE! (No tickets needed – no donations requested). Any questions, please call Fr. John Masiello at 908-351-3300.

POSSIBILITIES

Faith makes all things possible – it does not make them easy.
– *Anonymous*





CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NEWS

YOU'RE LATE!!

If you wish your child to continue in the Catholic Faith Formation Program (CFF), please return the re-registration form that was mailed to you in March. Classes are reaching capacity!! The number of classes, teachers, books and class lists, all need to be in place by August.

Our 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, if not pre-registered. He/she will have to wait until the secretary puts them in the system. We ask your cooperation in this matter.



CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED!

Due to the increasing number of students, we need teachers and substitutes. If you are a faith-filled practicing Catholic and willing to give an hour and a half of your time weekly, please call the Catholic Faith Formation Office (732)388-2560 or e-mail us at cff@stagnesparish.com

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!**

Coming Events

at St. Agnes, Clark

Seventh Annual Wine Tasting by Rotundo's Fine Wines & Deli, Friday, November 16th, from 7 to 10 p.m. Save the date for this popular annual fundraiser. Get into the holiday spirit and learn about wines from various vineyards. Price includes hot and cold buffet, soft background music, door prizes and holiday shopping from local artisans. See future bulletins for more information.



COMING SOON!!!

**ROSARIANS BAGEL
SALE!**

**September 9th
AFTER ALL MASSES**

THERESE, STORY OF A SOUL

LIVE DRAMA

Written and produced by Leonardo Defillipis.
This live one-woman performance is sponsored
by the
Archdiocese of Newark Youth Retreat Center in
Kearny, NJ.

Friday, September 21, 2007 - 7:30 PM

Tickets will be available at \$8.00 per person. Youth Ministry group rates are available.

For advance ticket sales, please contact the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 201-998-0088, ext. 4145.



Visit our website at www.newarkoym.org.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2007

5:30 Sarah Lombino - Rose Brinker

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2007

7:30 Orencio Senra - Daughter

9:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Michel-Rupnick-Urso-Peterka & Kolibas Families - Lois & Ray Kolibas & Family

12:00 Anthony & Emily Pannullo - Pannullo Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007

7:00 Edward Chadwick - The Tereshko Family

9:00 Pat Castellano - Mom & Dad

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2007

7:00 Mary Cusatis - Mega Family

9:00 Anthony Lombino - Rose Brinker

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2007

7:00 Edward Chadwick - Ryan Family

9:00 Edward Alfano - Sue Delaney & Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2007

7:00 Edward Chadwick - Anita & John Chieco

9:00 Angelo Deiso - Marchitto Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2007

7:00 Etta Durham - Marie Andrews

9:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice Perriello - Dolores Clarke

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass - Estelle Booker, Agnes Kiyak, Peter Cupo, Anne & Peter Settineri, Ginger Tamburino

5:30 Charles, Kathleen & Peter Memmer - Family

SATURDAY

AUGUST 18

MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION

SUNDAY

AUGUST 19

MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION

MONDAY

AUGUST 20

6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 2B

7:30 PM Sports Committee Meeting

SATURDAY

AUGUST 25

8:30 AM Mass

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Elaine Mastropasqua during the week of August 19th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Pat Castellano during the week of August 19th at the request of Mom and Dad.



Devotional area flowers for the week of August 19th are in memory of Pat Castellano, a gift from Mom and Dad.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of August 19th were donated in memory of Pat Castellano at the request of Mom and Dad.

**Spirit and Truth -
Come Spend Some Time with Jesus**

Spirit and Truth is a community of people in their 20's and 30's. Its mission is "to bring young adults into a relationship with Christ through worship of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, study of Church teachings and sacred scripture, and celebrations of Catholic traditions, while forming a community of life-giving relationships." We gather every Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. at St. John The Apostle Church in Linden. We gather for adoration, music and fellowship. If you are interested in deepening your faith with other young adults, as well as forming life-long relationships, please join us. For more information, see www.spiritandtruthnj.org.

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.

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, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Linda Ruth, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Barbara Guinta, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Giovanna Tripicchio, Pauline Liotti, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Rita Corrado, 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, Jack Cogan, Genowefa Basaman, Noelia Ouimet, Jerry Vezza, William R. White, Brenda Vermeal

THE COSTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today’s responsorial psalm, Psalm 40, is more familiar to us with the refrain “Here am I, Lord.” This “Here am I” is Jeremiah’s great prophetic response to God’s call. But today’s story of Jeremiah and the refrain “Lord, come to my aid!” remind us that there are always two sides to following the call of God. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews knew this, too. He reminded his readers that even weighted down with burdens and sins, we can still persevere by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, who himself knew the shame and pain of the cross, but saw beyond it to the joy of sitting at the right of the throne of God.

Jesus himself gave the disciples a “sneak preview” of a baptism that would not be as wondrous as the one in the Jordan that inaugurated his ministry, but would be one of fire and anguish. Today’s words from scripture may not be terribly soothing, but in their honesty and strength we can acknowledge the difficulties of daily discipleship, and take comfort in the assurance of our own salvation in Christ.

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 19, 2007

[Jesus] endured the cross, despising its shame,
and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God.

– *Hebrews 12:2*

