

From the Pastor

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Dear Friends,

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is being conducted throughout all parishes this weekend. Every parish must guarantee its goal. St. Agnes' goal for 2007 is \$64,700. Last year, 350 parishioners supported the Appeal. Please know that whatever you pledge is truly appreciated. Pledges can be paid in installments over a ten-month time span. Your generosity is truly appreciated by the Archbishop and by those who benefit from the Appeal. Thank you in advance for your support.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor

The following is a message from the Archbishop:



Dear Friend,

Each year in the Archdiocese of Newark, lives filled with despair, grief, pain and heartache are transformed into lives filled with healing, joy, dignity and love – because of YOU.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is an opportunity for us to unite as a Catholic community to reach out to serve others – the poor, the unemployed, the sick, the elderly, and the handicapped. Because of your generosity to the Appeal, those in need who come to the Church searching for Christ, seeking an education, seeking justice and hoping for peace in their lives, will not be turned away. The Appeal supports the formation of our future priests who serve us at the altar when we gather to celebrate the sacraments, the source of our hope in God's promised glory. Last year our Archdiocese had the largest priest ordination class in the nation – with seventeen men ordained.

Every gift counts. Every gift is important. In giving to the Annual Appeal you join thousands of Catholics across the four counties we serve in responding to those among us calling out for help. I ask you prayerfully to consider making a gift to the 2007 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are always remembered in mine.

Sincerely in the Lord,

+ Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark

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

In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer "Here I am. Send me!"?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,889.00.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26

***"Whatever you did for one of the
least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."***
(Mat 25:40)



Today is your opportunity to participate in the 2007 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal reaches out to the many people in our community. We need everyone's participation and support. Please complete a pledge envelope and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Please be as generous as possible.



***Right of Christian
Initiation of Adults***

Our next Inquiry Session is scheduled to take place on Thursday, February 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Jude Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Pledges	\$3,217,969.13
Pledges Collected	\$2,837,528.69
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 380,440.14

Total Building Costs	\$3,825,000.00
Pledges Collected	(-) \$2,837,528.69
Mtge. Reduction	
Collections	(-) 49,066.15
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00
 Remaining Debt	 \$ 688,405.16

*If you would like to make a donation,
please make check payable to
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectorry
attention Building Fund,
or drop in the collection basket.
Thank you for your continued support.*

**CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR
MINISTRY PROGRAM**

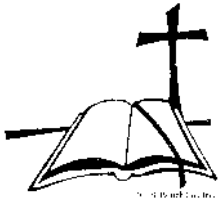
Saint Agnes Parish will be one of the designated sites for the CFM Archdiocesan three-year program. Courses in Old and New Testament, Sacraments, Morality and Liturgy will prepare individuals for ministry in the parish and diocese. Classes will be held every Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., September to May in the St. Lucy Filippini Meeting Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. For further information, please call Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560.



ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!

**TODAY
AFTER ALL MASSES**

Thank you for your support!!



THE MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2008

The **2008 book for Mass Intentions** will be open on **Monday, February 19th** between the hours of **9:45 a.m. & 3 p.m. in the gymnasium**. We will break for lunch from 12 noon - 1 p.m. The number of Mass intentions will be limited per person. In the spirit of fairness, parishioners will be limited to a total of 5 intentions. (Three weekday and 2 weekends). We appreciate your cooperation in complying with this process. After April 9, 2007, parishioners will be able to request additional intentions. In addition to Mass intentions, we will be continuing donations in memorial of loved ones for the weekly Sanctuary Lamp offering \$10.00, Devotional Area Flowers offering \$50.00 and Altar Bread & Wine offering \$50.00. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

PALM CROSSES



The Traditional St. Agnes Palm Crosses will be made available soon. The Crosses fashioned from palm with an attractive purple bow are used to decorate grave sites and some homes. The price is \$10.00 and the crosses will be distributed the weekend before Palm Sunday (March 24/25). Anyone wishing a cross is asked to complete the form below and return to the rectory by March 16th.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone# _____

No. of Crosses _____ Amt \$ _____

SAINT AGNES PRESENTS: ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SEMINARS

Two remaining sessions . . .



Contemplatives in Action: ***Feb. 13***

Spirituality for Modern Day Christians

Presenters: Msgr. James S. Choma

Rev. Vincent Fortunato,

Both have a Masters in Christian

Spirituality

from Creighton University

Hot Potatoes: Q & A Session ***Feb. 27***

(A panel of qualified church representatives will address questions from a Catholic perspective)

Panelists: Rev. Joe Chapel, obtained a Doctorate from Rome in Moral Theology and is the Assoc. Dean at Immaculate Conception Seminary at SHU.

Rev. Doug Milewski, Doctorate from Rome in History of Early Church. Professor at SHU

and Immaculate Conception Seminary at SHU

Rev. William Sheridan, Masters from SHU in Systematic Theology and Parochial Vicar at Church of the Immaculate Heart

All seminars are on Tuesdays and will start sharply at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The location for our seminars will be in the St. Thomas Aquinas Room in the parish center. Should attendance warrant a larger meeting space, we will meet in the Father Whelan Center. Please R.S.V.P. by calling the rectory at (732) 388-7852.

We have also planned a dynamic preaching team for our St. Joseph's Novena. Please save the dates - March 10-19. More to come on this and other enriching spiritual programs and services.

PLANNING

If you are planning for a year, sow rice.

If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.

If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person.

- Chinese Proverb

ST. AGNES BOARDWALK!!

**It's Boardwalk time!
Come join the fun!**

Cotton candy, games & prizes to be won!
"Dot the Clown", **NEW** food, pastries and tattoos!!!
Something for everyone, hope to see you!

February 9th - 6:30 - 9:00 PM
February 10th - 6:30 - 9:00 PM
February 11th - 1:00 - 4:30 PM



***Clown Hours:** Friday - 7 to 8 PM
Saturday - 7:15 to 8:15 PM
Sunday - 2:30 to 3:30 PM

Food Specials all Weekend!!



A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND! FREE ADMISSION!

ST. AGNES ROSARY PRESENTS



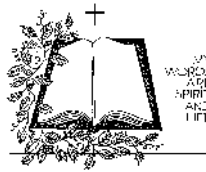
MARDI GRAS 2007

Date: Friday, February 16, 2007
Time: 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM
Place: Gran Centurions, Clark, NJ
Price: \$45.00 per person

Includes:
Dinner/Show/D.J.....Beer.....Wine.....Soda

**For ticket information please
call the Rectory at 732-388-7852
or Marie at 908-862-0787**

**DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING
TICKETS IS FEBRUARY 12TH**



ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!!

The Saint Agnes Women's Commission will be sponsoring a Women's Mini Retreat on Saturday, February 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The retreat will take place at Saint Joseph's Convent in Roselle, N.J. The theme will be "A Lenten Journey with Mary." Sister Margaret will direct us through this prayerful experience. The cost of the retreat will be \$20.00. Lunch will be provided. Please respond as early as possible to ensure a place. The deadline is February 19th. If you are interested, fill out the bottom portion and mail with your \$20 check made out to "Cash" to:

Arlene Firestone
51 Lexington Boulevard
Clark, N.J. 07066

Any questions please call (732) 388-2560, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

WOMEN'S RETREAT, FEBRUARY 24TH

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

AS A COMMUNITY OF CLARK PLEASE SUPPORT THIS VERY IMPORTANT T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Kate Chern was born on Jan. 14, 2006, and was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia on Oct. 24, 2006. She is undergoing extensive chemotherapy at Morristown Memorial Hospital as she prepares for a bone marrow transplant in late February. Lizzie is the daughter of Christopher and Mairead Chern, niece of Fr. Jim Chern as well as the granddaughter of George and Joann Chern (2nd grade teacher at Hehnly). You can place your order by contacting:

Donna Kircher, Hehnly School
or

9 Sheffield Way, Clark, NJ 07066
732-382-8714 or via e-mail to
Dkircher@clarkshools.org

The cost per T-Shirt is \$10.00 and checks can be made payable to Donna Kircher. Shirts are available in Child S, M and L and Adult S, M, L, X-Large and XX-Large (\$1 extra). Donations are also gladly accepted. Please make checks payable to Elizabeth Kate Chern and send to the above address. Thank you.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007

5:30 Seymour Chessler - Renee Lettieri

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007

7:30 Michael McKeon - Mom & Dad
 9:00 John Armstrong - Jerry & Lisa Bavaro
 10:30 Peter Liberti - Family
 12:00 People of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

7:00 Yolanda Firetto - Sr. Claire Ouimet
 9:00 Jack Paskowitz - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kolibas

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007

7:00 Anne Dudek - St. Agnes Rosary Society
 9:00 Rev. Alan Wilders - Edward Bochniak

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

7:00 Leroy & Eleanor Pohlman - Jean & Marion Jablonski
 9:00 Joseph Heelan - Tom Mercadante

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

7:00 Gail Greve - The McKenna Family
 9:00 Anthony Iacovantuono - Terry & Joe Segreto

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007

7:00 Dr. Joseph Czarsty - The Verrastro Family
 9:00 Joseph Heelan - Mary Kenny

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass - Cindi Graffio, Frank J. Fasano, Sr.,
 Lena Amarante, Julia Cynar, Frank Tremont, Stella
 Kozlowski, Dorothy Kupka, John Michael Kukpa,
 George Ramsey, John Kupka
 5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY**FEBRUARY 4****ROSARY BAGEL SALE AFTER ALL MASSES**

8:45 AM Religious Education
 1:30 PM Baptism
 5:00 PM Super Bowl Sunday Party - Gymnasium
 7:00 PM No CYO

MONDAY**FEBRUARY 5**

3:30 PM Religious Education
 5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium
 6:30 PM Reverse Raffle Meeting - St. Lucy Room
 7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:00 PM Art & Environment Mtg. - St. Joseph Conference Rm.
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room
 7:00 PM Sports Meeting - St. Thomas Room

TUESDAY**FEBRUARY 6**

7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:30 PM Rosary Meeting - Fr. Whelan Center

WEDNESDAY**FEBRUARY 7**

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room

THURSDAY**FEBRUARY 8**

3:30 PM Children's Choir
 7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Filippini Room
 7:30 PM Adult Choir
 7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - St. Jude Room

FRIDAY**FEBRUARY 9**

6:30 PM St. Agnes Boardwalk - Gymnasium
 7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5th Grade Classroom

SATURDAY**FEBRUARY 10**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial
 5:30 PM Mass - Rite of Commitment




SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Cecilia Smentkowski during the week of February 4th at the request of Joseph & Claire Kiempisty.



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Evelyn Nenortas during the week of February 4th.

The monthly meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on **Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Father Whelan Center located in the lower level of the parish center. Members are reminded to bring a paper product.

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

James MacConchie, 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, Barbara Guinta, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, MaryLou Loffa, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Richard O'Lenick, Declan Mulcahy, Jr., Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Victor Fernandes, Sr., Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Lawrence Peluso, Aldo Kosuch, Rita Corrado, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

“Holy, holy, holy!” Ancient languages, like the Hebrew used in the scriptures, did not always have a way to express superlatives in one word. Isaiah could not say God was “holiest,” so he used the threefold repetition of the same word. This bit of scriptural minutiae about these “three little words” that we sing at every Mass serves as a reminder that answering God’s call has to be grounded in awareness of God’s holiness. In Isaiah and in the Gospel passage today, we hear accounts of the revelation of God’s power and might: the seraphim in the temple and the miraculous catch of fish. These are not wondrous revelations for their own sakes. They lead to a response in mission, Isaiah’s “Here I am, send me!” and the disciples’ leaving everything to follow Jesus. And so must our own “Holy, Holy, Holy!” lead us to Christ in the Eucharist every Sunday, and to a life following him day by day.

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2007**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth.

– Psalm 138:1

