

The season of Lent provides us with real opportunities to deepen our relationship with the Lord. Please take advantage of the many services and devotions that our parish is offering. Lent leads to the celebration of Easter, the resurrection. Invite your neighbors and friends to join us as we journey through Lent. God bless!

*Father Jim
Pastor*

Lenten/Easter 2008



Ash Wednesday, February 6th

7:00am , 9:00am Mass,
3:30pm Service, 7pm Mass

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 8th, February 15th & 22nd -7pm

Communal Penance Svc/Indiv. Confessions

Friday, February 29th - 7pm

St. Joseph's Novena

March 10-18 (see weekly bulletin for further details)

Living Stations of the Cross - CYO

Friday, March 7th - 7pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 15th Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday, March 16th Masses

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am (with Procession of Palm)
& 12noon

Holy Thursday, March 20th

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding
with Night Prayer Service at 10pm

Good Friday, March 21st

Seven Last Words Service - 12 Noon to 3pm

Main Service - 7:30pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord Jesus

Holy Saturday, March 22nd

Blessing of Food - 11:00am

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 23rd

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12 noon

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA



A great opportunity for spiritual enrichment is to participate in our annual St. Joseph Novena. The Novena begins March 10th and ends on March 18th. The guest speakers and topics for the Novena are as follows:

3/10 Light of the Patriarchs	Msgr. B. Worry
3/11 Spouse of the Mother of God	Rev. Luke Tran
3/12 Foster-Father of the Sod of God	Rev. Alex Cruz
3/13 Joseph Most Valiant	Rev. Bob McBride
3/14 Hope of the Sick	Rev. Joseph Sheehan
3/15 Patron of the Dying	Rev. Nuno
3/16 Joseph Most Faithful	(New Pastor)
3/17 Joseph Most Obedient	Rev. Sergio Nadres
3/18 Pillar of Families	Deacon M. York

Plan to be with us each evening and make this a Lenten Devotion for yourself.

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

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possession? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,902.00.**
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;
Mt 17:1-9

TEMPTATION'S FACES

In the movie *Oh God, You Devil* the roles of both God and Satan were played by George Burns. This completely baffled the humans. But as "God" pointed out, the face of evil has long tried to look like God, act like God, sound like God—or at least fulfill all our expectations of what God is like and desires. This is the aspect of Jesus' human nature that Satan attempts to prey upon in today's Gospel. It is in our human nature to seek the easy or surface answers; it was this part of Jesus' true human nature that was tested in the desert dryness that immediately followed his plunge into the Jordan's baptismal waters. Our surface expectations of God are in miracle-working, power and glory, the intervention of supernatural beings on our behalf. But all of these things can be accomplished by the might of evil as well. Jesus takes us deeper and shows us that, even when we're at our weakest (as he would have been in the desert after his forty-day ordeal), we need to be relentless in seeking the true presence of God's word, giving our worship to God alone, testing ourselves and not God.

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**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 02/02/08**

Total Pledges \$3,327,982.50

Pledges Collected \$3,150,229.81

Outstanding Pledges \$ 177,752.69

Total Building Costs \$3,830,672.97

Interest on Loan (+) \$ 19,887.27

Pledges Collected (-) \$3,150,229.81

**Mtge. Reduction
Collections** (-) \$ 139,570.50

Funds from Savings (-) \$ 250,000.00

Remaining Debt \$ 310,759.93

**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. During the month of February, the Elijah Cup will be in the homes of the following parishioners:

February 3	Mary Beth & Leo Schaeffer
February 10	Alice & Bob Smith
February 17	Sister Claire Ouimet
February 24	Frank Marino

Please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. A week that is convenient for you will be assigned. Thank you.



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Archdiocese of Newark Anniversary Masses



It is time once again for the Anniversary Celebration of those couples in our Archdiocese who are celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of Christian marriage in 2006. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

25 and 5 Years

*Sunday, March 2, 2008 - 3:00 PM
(Reservation Deadline February 22)*

50 Years

*Sunday, April 13, 2008 - 3:00 PM
(Reservation Deadline April 3)*

Please call the parish office at 732-388-7852 to register before the deadline date. All reservations will be acknowledged by the Archdiocese. Directions to the Cathedral Basilica will be mailed to each couple.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

St Agnes School is seeking a part-time registered nurse to work on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:15 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. (9-1/2 hours per week). Anyone interested should call the school office at (732) 381-0850.

RETROUVAILLE



Marriage is a sacrament. It is about love, weddings, romance and anniversary dinners. But it is also about confrontation, balancing budgets, housekeeping and dealing with difficult children. **RETROUVAILLE** ("Rediscovery") is a program of the Catholic Church designed to provide help and support to married couples who are in difficult relationships. The program is three-fold and begins with a weekend experience on April 4-6, 2008. For more information, please call Karen and John Panariello, Registering Couple, at (732) 276-7695, or the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4327.



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

GEORGE AUGUSTUS ALLEN

Son of George and Maile

LAYLA SKYE GARCIA

Daughter of Leonardo and Melissa

JACKSON CRISTIANO PIRES

Son of Ricardo and Jill

ISABELLA LEE WYSOCKI

Daughter of Christopher and Stephanie

PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING

After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow. — Abraham Lincoln

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 8/9). Anyone wishing a cross is asked to complete the form below and return to the rectory by February 22nd.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone# _____

No. of Crosses _____ Amt \$ _____

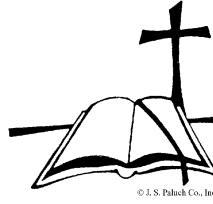
YOU ARE INVITED TO A DAY OF REFLECTION

On the Dignity of Woman: Reclaiming Authentic Femininity in the Public Square

The Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark invites you to a Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey.

Registration will open at 9:15. The Day begins with Holy Mass at 10:00 a.m., Archbishop John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, celebrant. Valerie Sue Muller will be the cantor. The day's program continues with radio host, Teresa Tomeo. We will also welcome Janet Morana of the Silent No More campaign.

Registration is \$35 per person and \$25 for students, seniors and religious. The group rate (for 10 or more participants registering together) is \$15 per person. Lunch is included for all registrants. To register, please send your name, address, telephone number, email address and parish name, along with a check made out to "Women's Commission, Archdiocese of Newark", to Women's Commission, Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104-0500. For more info and directions to Seton Hall call (973) 497-4008 or visit www.rcan.org/womcom



THE MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2009

The 2009 Book for Mass Intentions will be open on **Monday, February 18th** between the hours of **9:45 a.m. and 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 March 24, 2008, 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.



Rite 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 Monday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Jude Room, which is located on the lower level of the parish center. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret at (732) 388-2560.



Save the date!!

*Father Jim's Farewell Mass
and Reception*

*Sunday, February 24, 2008
12 Noon*

Reception to follow in gymnasium.

All are invited.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 12, in the Fr. Whelan Center. Our guest speaker will be "our own" Father Jim. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008

5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008

7:30 Robert McKeon - Stephen & Lois Radies
9:00 Debbie Ogilvie - Mark & Lisa Orlowski
10:30 Keith Evans - Kimberly & David Broadwell
12:00 Marion McCauley - Bierwirth Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008

7:00 Jim Ross - Gina & John Ross
9:00 Stefan Nowak - Bert

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2008

7:00 Michael & Anne Dudek - Mullin-Meade Family
9:00 Thomas Ford - Mike & Rose Brinker

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008

7:00 Angelina Southern - The Ciaramella Family
9:00 John Delaney - Susan, Eric & Matt

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008

7:00 Luz Ortiz - Marie Andrews
9:00 Cecilia Smentkowski - Claire & Joseph Kiempisty

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2008

7:00 Francis Rivera - Marie Andrews
9:00 Ethel Kulbaba - Hedy Ott & Dorothy Long

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2008

8:30 Memorial - Anna & John Yonco, Patrick O'Donnell,
Noelia Ouimet, Mrs. Callaghan, Andy Pavelko,
Isabelle Swarts, Miranda Nicole Dougard,
Anthony G. Pecoraro
5:30 Edward Alfano - Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Capone

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9

BOARDWALK WEEKEND

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10

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8:45 AM CFF Classes
7:00 PM CYO - Church

MONDAY FEBRUARY 11

3:30 PM CFF Classes
6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1C
6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting - St. Joseph Room
6:30 PM CFF Classes
7:00 PM Spiritual Book Club - St. Thomas Room
7:00 PM Sports Executive Board Mtg. - St. Lucy Room
7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - St. Jude Room

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12

6:00 PM Sports - Gym
6:30 PM CFF Classes
7:00 PM Parent-to-Parent - St. Thomas Room
7:30 PM Holy Name Meeting - Fr. Whalen Center

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 13

6:30 PM Sports - Gym
7:30 PM RCIA - OLG/St. Joseph Room

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14

3:30 PM Children's Choir - Music Ministry Room
6:30 PM Sports - Gym
7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Room
7:30 PM Adult Choir - Music Ministry Room

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15

7:00 PM Stations - Church
7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5th Grade Classroom

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16

MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION



DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHOIR REHEARSALS ARE?

Beginning this week, adult and children's choir rehearsals will now take place in the Music Ministry Room, which is located on the lower level of the Parish Center. Thank you.

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Lubniewski during the week of February 10th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Cecilia Smentkowski during the week of February 10th at the request of Bernadette and Ziggy Lachowski.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

Theresa Sarica, Evelyn Albano, Michael Bussiculo

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, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Hazel McGuinness, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Giovanna Tripicchio, Marie Cerone, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, 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, Jerry Veza, Brenda Vermeal, Angie & Anthony Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Mercer Wilkinson, Mary Marciano, Mary Gianti, Joao Faria, Maria Dietrick, Tom Wilkinson, Mark Shipe, Katherine Franceski, Richard Ciccone, Nancy Reuter, Joseph Fabijanczuk

Crisis Pregnancy Help

Catholic Community Services
Pat Chiarello (201) 246-7379

Birthright USA International
1-800-550-4900



Almighty God, Creator of the earth in which we live, help us today in our search for peaceful ways to avoid war, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny and to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths. We pray that the billions of peace-loving people of goodwill throughout the nations, will join together in prayer and action to bring love where there is hatred, friendship where there is enmity and justice where there is oppression. May God continue to bless and watch over our men and women who make ultimate sacrifices for our freedom and democracy. Amen



**First Sunday of Lent
February 10, 2008**

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”

– Matthew 4:10