

World Marriage Day



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The following is the history of World Marriage Day which is celebrated each year on the second Sunday of February. Also attached to this bulletin is a letter from the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey emphasizing the critical role of marriage as the foundation of family and society.

Fr. Jim
Pastor

From the World Marriage Encounter website. Please visit the website at wmd.wwme.org.

Statement of Purpose:

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily, married life.

History:

The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 1981, when couples encouraged the mayor, the governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentine's Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day." The event was so successful, the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's national leadership. By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day", designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. In 1993, his Holiness, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day.

Symbol:

Our World Marriage Day Symbol speaks readily of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

Theme:

Our Theme for World Marriage Day has been permanently adopted as "Love One Another." This phrase is the commandment given us by Jesus in *John 14*. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how our Father wishes us to live. Loving one another is a daily decision – simple, but challenging.

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

The words of the Psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Happy are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season – assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,432.50.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103;
1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



If you have not done so, please remember to return your completed pledge envelope for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Remember that God has entrusted His gifts to us so that we may share it with others. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the office. For those who have already made a contribution, thank you for your 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.

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 Rectory
attention Building Fund,
or drop in the collection basket.
Thank you for your continued support.*

ST. AGNES BOARDWALK!!

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!**



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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

SEEDS OF CHANGE: Help Farmers, End Hunger

You are invited to participate in an Offering of Letters Workshop on Saturday, February 24th, at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This year's Offering of Letters campaign focuses on improving the U.S. Farm Bill to help struggling farmers and hungry people – in the U.S. and around the world.

For more information or to register, call the Human Concerns Office at 973-497-4341 or email: furlanca@rcan.org.

Baptisms

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

MATEO JOSEPH DE PINHO

Son of Michael and Cheryl

NATHAN JOSEPH KUREK

Son of Edward and Erin

ASHLEY MARIE STELZLE

Daughter of Robert and Lori

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

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**

You are invited to join in the Archdiocesan celebration of your wedding anniversary at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. All Silver (25th) and Fifth Anniversaries will be honored on March 4. Golden Anniversaries (50th) and beyond will be honored on March 25 (Essex and Union Counties). All Masses are at 3:00 p.m. To register please call the parish office at (732) 388-7852.



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 Hehnlly). You can place your order by contacting:

Donna Kircher, Hehnlly 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.

MassSchedule

This Week

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2007

5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007

7:30 Rosemary Kisylia - The Streisel Family
 9:00 John Knych - Maureen & Robert Tereshko
 10:30 Fred Everett - Mark & Lisa Orłowski
 12:00 Edward Redziniak - The Kovacs Family

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2007

7:00 Ann Rock - John & Bridie Smith
 9:00 Frank Klein - Judy & Bill Shackleton

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2007

7:00 Edward Alfano - Bob & Mary Benedetti
 9:00 Anthony Segreto - Dolores Memmer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2007

7:00 Thomas & Leona Dougherty - Dougherty Family
 9:00 Cecilia Smentkowski - Joseph & Claire Kiempisty

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007

7:00 Leroy & Eleanor Pohlman - Barbara & Richard Collins
 9:00 Ethel Kulbaba - Hedy Ott & Dorothy Long

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007

7:00 Bob Lena & Maureen Doherty - The Glassman Family
 9:00 Henry Stringer - Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Lenick

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass - Paul Hart, Agnes C. Kiyak, Chris Veccarelli, Robert McKeon, Francis Marzigliano, James Fegan, Estelle Booker, Candida Pereira, Margaret Caruso, Stephen Prystauk
 5:30 Anthony Segreto - Henry Varriano

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10

5:30 PM Mass - Rite of Commitment
 6:30 PM St. Agnes Boardwalk Weekend

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11

8:45 AM Religious Education
 1:00 PM St. Agnes Boardwalk Weekend
 7:00 PM CYO

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12

3:30 PM Religious Education
 5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium
 7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:00 PM Adult Spiritual Seminar - Fr. Whelan Center

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15

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

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16

6:30 PM Mardi Gras - Gran Centurions

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Heindel during the week of February 11th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Marion Snyder during the week of February 11th at the request of George Snyder & Rita Corrado.

Holy Name Society

There will be no Holy Name Society meeting for the month of February. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Conference Room. All men of the parish are welcomed to attend.



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 begins with a weekend experience on March 23-25, 2007. 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.

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

Michael Ripp, Arthur Zambito

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, William Feury

BLESSED

When we think of the word "Beatitude" we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . ."). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the "Blessed," for they are the ones who lived the "blessed" life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2007

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the Kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied."

– Luke 6:20-21a

