

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Today is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God and in the Scriptures today she once again sets the example. Too often we allow the Christmas season to end on the 25th of December. To be honest, I think that we are so worn out from the preparations that we are too tired to keep that Christmas Spirit alive! And yet that is what the Church does. Christmas season begins on the 25th...and continues until January 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and we are called to keep celebrating Christmas. The birth of the Lord is greater than a single day.

The question is how? The commercial radio stations have stopped playing Christmas music on the 26th (and we might even be tired of it since they began in the middle of November). The Christmas decorations at the mall have probably already been replaced by...yes, you guessed it...Valentine's day décor! How sad that the commercial calendar always anticipates and never remembers the here and now. But Mary answers the question of how for us. She carries her experiences of the Nativity in her heart and actively reflects on them. So we can do the same. I can promise you that we'll do just that at Mass, but you can also do it on your own. Pray before the Christmas tree, or the crèche, (whether here at Church or at home). Be sure to thank the Lord for the gift of His Son, the gift of redemption. Then, like Mary, we can follow the will of the Lord in our own lives throughout the year. And in following his will, we share his presence and the gift of Emmanuel – of "God with us" – can be celebrated during Christmas season and all year long!

May God bless you and yours with a happy, healthy and holy 2006! May you reflect on the presence of Christ in your hearts, may you seek His will in your lives and may you share his presence with others that the kingdom of God be proclaimed!

In His Peace,

Fr. John



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Some Information for Liturgical Ministers:

- **A single training session** for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers is being offered on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm. This is for all those who missed the previous training sessions held in November, as well as for those who would like a "refresher course." The meeting will be more relaxed in tone and offer a more spiritual focus, now that we have begun worshiping in our new space. Remember, attendance at one training session is mandatory. Those who miss attending at least one training session will not be scheduled until they contact the rectory and attend a make-up session.
- **Dates of unavailability** for the next schedule are due by January 6. Please fill out the form you received with the previous schedule (or write a note) and send it to the Rectory.
- **To all Altar Servers who ordered their own albs.** They are on order. You will be contacted once the albs arrive.

Thanks for all you do to enhance our parish worship. God Bless You!

STEWARDSHIP

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

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$53,608.00.**

Thank you.

BUILDING FUND

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

\$643,482.00

*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.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 [23,
31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt
2:1-12

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

*We must pray literally without ceasing;
I mean that prayer of the heart which is
independent of time and place, which is rather
a habit of lifting up the heart to God, as in
a constant communication with God.*

– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL SPORTS
FUNDRAISER****SPAGHETTI DINNER
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2006**

6:30 to 9:00 PM

ADULTS: \$10.00

Children: \$7.00

Includes spaghetti, salad, bread,
soda, coffee and dessert

*St. Agnes Sports program is fully independent
of the school and relies on funds raised
by its members.*

For ticket or additional information, please
contact David Broadwell at (908) 403-2860

Proceeds to benefit St. Agnes Sports Program

**DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING TICKETS
JANUARY 17, 2006**



Reformed Church of Linden
Stryker Hall
600 N. Wood Avenue

Date: January 7, 2006
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



COUNTDOWN TO OUR
5TH ANNUAL
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!!

AT ST. AGNES SCHOOL ON
FEBRUARY 5, 2006
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

VIEW THE GAME ON A 15 FT.
DIAGONAL MOVIE SCREEN

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
17 AND OVER: \$12.00
UNDER 17: \$8.00

PRICE INCLUDES: SNACKS, COLD BUFFET,
SODA, BEER

FOR TICKET INFO CALL
BOB BOTTITA @ 732-388-5595



There will be a blood drive at the Reformed Church of Linden to support an Eagle Scout Project. New Jersey Blood Services experiences critical blood shortages several times per year. Holiday time is one of those times. Come and donate blood on January 7th. Any questions, please contact New Jersey Blood Services at 1-800-933-BLOOD or visit www.nybloodcenter.org.



SPIRITUAL
BOOK CLUB

The Spiritual Book Club will resume on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please call Marian Heelan at 732-499-0195. The book of discussion will be The Holy Longing by Ronald Rolheiser.

ROSARIANS
BAGEL SALE!



JANUARY 8, 2006
AFTER ALL MASSES

We offer the following varieties:

Plain	Russian
Cinnamon/Raisin	Salt
Poppy Seed	Pumpernickel
Sesame Seed	Onion
Everything	Egg
Garlic	Wheat

Cost: .50 each
\$6.00 per dozen (bakers' dozen - 13 bagels)

Thank you for your support!!

Volunteers ...

Volunteers are needed to assist in taking down the Christmas Decorations on Monday, January 9th after the 9:00 a.m. mass. We need in particular, some strong arms to do some lifting. Please mark your calendars and assist if you can. Remember many hands make for light work!

Healing Mass

"Only Say The Word And I Will Be Healed." Jesus wishes to heal and bless not only our bodies, but also our hearts, minds and spiritual lives. St. John The Apostle Church, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, Wednesday, January 18th, 7:45 p.m. Individual Eucharistic Christ blessing, Exposition, and Benediction. *"Jesus Heals!"* For directions to St. John's, log onto www.sjanj.net.



**NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AS WE
RALLY FOR LIFE**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006
33rd Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade
U.S. Supreme Court Decision**

**STATE HOUSE STEPS, NJ CAPITOL
STATE STREET, TRENTON, NJ
11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM**

Various Pro-Life Speakers Will be Featured

*For more information, visit www.njrtl.org
Phone: (908) 276-6620
e-mail us at: feedback@njrtl.org*

***Stand Up and Be Counted!
Let Us Show The New Governor
The Strength and Perseverance of Those
Who Reverence Life in New Jersey!***

Join Us for an



Open House

Reception

(for Parents Only)

Thursday, January 19, 2006

7:00 PM

**St. Agnes Gymnasium
Clark, New Jersey**

**You are invited to discover the
difference at St. Agnes School**

Pre-K through Eighth Grade

**St. Agnes is a small caring school that
embraces each student and
prepares them for life,
academically and spiritually.**

At St. Agnes we offer:

Pre-K - Five Day AM or PM Sessions

- All Certified Teachers
- Computer Tech. Program
- Foreign Language Program
- After-School/Care Program
- Hot Lunch Program
- Sports Program

**PLEASE R.S.V.P. ST. AGNES SCHOOL
OFFICE AT (732) 381-0850**



**St.
Gregory Nazianzen**



TRICKY TRAY AUCTION

**ROSELLE CATHOLIC H.S.
ROSELLE, N.J.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2006
DOORS OPEN: 5:30 p.m.
TICKET PRICE: \$800 in**

advance

\$10.00 at door

**For ticket information please call
(908) 851-2924**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2005**

5:30 Jack Gigantino - Bernie & Carole Hayden

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2005

7:30 Helen Paulauskas - Mary Gato

9:00 Richard Gamble - Shirley Gamble

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Nicolo DiDario - Giltner Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2006

7:00 George Finger - Norman Marcocci

9:00 Frank Comer - Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2005

7:00 Paulette Grossmith - Maria Fuentes

9:00 Kenneth Guarino - Jo & Charles Vincenti

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2006

7:00 Cecilia Chieco - Anne Marie Leone

9:00 Ada Volpe - John & Anita Christiano

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006

7:00 Elsie Strobel - Carol Seib

9:00 Thomas Campbell - The McKenna Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2006

7:00 Susan Hummel - Mary Tomchuk

9:00 Helen Gladysz - St. Agnes Faculty & Staff

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2005

8:30 Memorial Mass - Joseph Zucaro

5:30 Pauline Sawicki - Roger Motter

SUNDAY**JANUARY 1**

9:00 AM No Religious Ed

7:00 PM No CYO

MONDAY**JANUARY 2**

3:30 PM No Religious Education

7:00 PM No Religious Education

TUESDAY**JANUARY 3**

7:00 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM Liturgy Meeting - Sacristy

7:30 PM Rosary Society - Gymnasium

WEDNESDAY**JANUARY 4**

4:30 PM Brownies - Kindergarten

5:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6th Grade**THURSDAY****JANUARY 5**

3:30 PM Children's Choir

7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY**JANUARY 6**

12:00 PM Dismissal - Faculty Meeting

SATURDAY**JANUARY 7**

8:30 AM Mass - Marian

9:00 AM St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen

5:30 PM Mass

SUNDAY**JANUARY 8****ROSARY BAGEL SALE**

9:00 AM Religious Ed

12:00 PM Baptism

7:00 PM CYO

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Jean Sublisky during the week of January 1st.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Richard Sinoradzki during the week of January 1st at the request Jeffrey & Concetta Sinoradzki.

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, January 7th. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the St. Agnes kitchen Friday or before 9 a.m. Saturday morning. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.

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

May They Rest in Peace

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann & Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Anna Manigold, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Wayne Tribble, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Henry Latch, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta,, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Florence Kempinski, Bart Zucosky, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Mary Lou Loffa, Craig Allen, James MacConchie, Louise Venezia, William Foderaro, Michael Fedosh, Frank Bonavitacola, Sr., Thomas Wilkinson, Lucia DeCristofaro, Frances Latch

**Atlantic City Bus Trip**

WHEN: January 19, 2006

TO: Caesar's

TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee & Buns

LEAVE: 12:30 PM From Gran Centurions
Parking Lot. Please park in back of lot.

COST: \$23.00

For reservations call:

Tony 388-2315

Joe 381-3395

**WE WILL BE RUNNING 1 BUS.
PLEASE CALL EARLY TO RESERVE
A SEAT. BRING A FRIEND.**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God
January 1, 2006**

Mary kept all these things,
reflecting on them in her heart.

– Luke 2:19