

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas is a really busy season for everyone, including priests. I am so happy that is all over. There were a lot of things going on for me; it took time because it was my first Christmas as a priest. As a newly ordained priest, everything I'm celebrating is a first. Every day is a new experience. Before, I was just living the celebration, this year, I had to prepare it. What a difference! It took a lot of energy out of me but I would not change one thing. I really loved it!

What I like the most about this beautiful community of St. Agnes is that everyone has the spirit of love and caring for each other. The love of God was so ever present during this entire Advent and Christmas season in our parish. I saw God's love in the giving tree in our Church, in the hard work of so many people to decorate the church and put so much work into the liturgies for the entire season. The music, all the different ministries and their contributions, from the Liturgy Committee, Art and Environment, altar servers, to the lectors and Eucharistic ministers to the ushers. I experienced so much joy and I directly attribute that joy to each of you.

In the past, I've been assigned to different parishes, but this is my first real assignment. It has been a learning experience for me. Msgr. Choma, Fr. Hummel, all the Saint Agnes staff and all of you, my good brothers and sisters of this beautiful community, have really helped me a lot. If I turn out to be a good and holy priest, it is because you molded me to be that way. If I turn out to be not what you would expect, relax, it is not your fault!

I know this past Christmas will remain in my memory the rest of my life and will be an inspiration to me in my life's mission. I am so blessed to be here and to have the honor of serving you as a priest of Jesus Christ. Thank you, every one, for making my first Christmas a very special one!

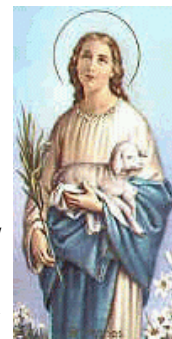
God Bless you!

Fr. Nuno

***THE FEAST OF ST. AGNES
OUR PATRON SAINT***

***Sunday, January 21st
After 12 Noon Mass***

Following the Noon Mass, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament for an afternoon of Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration will conclude with vespers (evening prayer) at 6:00 p.m. Preaching during vespers will incorporate a tribute to our Patron Saint and spiritual insights for a greater respect for human life. The day after our parish feast day is the Respect Life March in Washington, D.C. It is very important for us to pray for life issues on the eve before the march. All are invited to come and give praise to the Lord Jesus and pray for the sanctity of life. Please join us.



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

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits – the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,576.00.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19;
1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27];
Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**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!**

BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Pledges	\$3,204,924.89
Pledges Collected	\$2,798,263.36
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 406,661.53

Total Building Costs	\$3,825,000.00
Pledges Collected	(-) \$2,798,263.36
Mtge. Reduction	
Collections	(-) 41,826.15
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00
 Remaining Debt	 \$ 734,910.49

*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.*

**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.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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 2007. 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 (All Counties)
Sunday, March 4, 2007 - 3:00 PM
(Reservation Deadline February 23)

50 Years (Essex & Union Counties)
Sunday, March 25, 2007 - 3:00 PM
(Reservation Deadline March 16)

It is our desire that every couple in the archdiocese, deserving of such recognition, be present at the appropriate Liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Please call the rectory at 732-388-7852 to register before the deadline date. All reservations will be acknowledged by the Archdiocese. Directions to the Cathedral Basilica and a seating chart will be mailed to each couple.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Start the New Year off right! Make your good marriage even better. Attend a marriage enrichment weekend. For more information and to register for the next weekend (March 9-11, 2007), call Sal and Sylvia Vasallo at (800) 823-5683.

STEWARDSHIP CLASSIFIED



We are in need of volunteers to help in our Ministry to the Homebound. Volunteers in this ministry visit the homebound, administer communion, pray and talk. One training session is necessary to distribute the Eucharist. If anyone is interested, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.

Saint Agnes School Open House Reception



(Parents Only Please)
 Thursday, January 18, 2007
 7:00 PM
 Saint Agnes Gymnasium
 Clark, New Jersey

You are invited to discover the difference **Saint Agnes School** can make in your child's education

Pre-K through Eighth Grade

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

At Saint Agnes we offer:

- Pre-K 4's - Five & Three Day Programs
- Pre-K 3's - Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons
 - Middle States Accredited
 - New Computer Technology Center
 - All Certified Teachers
 - New Middle School Wing
 - Foreign Language Program
 - After-School/Care Program
 - Hot Lunch Program
 - Sports Program

R.S.V.P. St. Agnes School at (732) 381-0850

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!!



Volunteers Always Needed

**Please call Carol & Bob Bottitta
at (732) 388-5595**

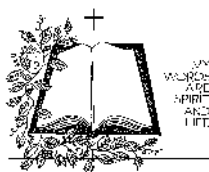
**A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND!
FREE ADMISSION**

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATES...
ADULT SEMINARS**

January 30 (Tues) **Divine Revelation:
Understanding the Bible**
*Presenter: Rev. Anthony Ziccardi, SSL
Immaculate Conception Seminary
Scripture Professor*

February 13 (Tues) **Contemplatives in Action:
Spirituality for Modern Day Christians**
*Rev. Msgr. James S. Choma,
M.A. in Christian Spirituality
Rev. Vincent Fortunato,
M.A. in Christian Spirituality*

*(Sessions run from 7 to 9 PM in the
St. Thomas Aquinas Room)*



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 # _____



COUNTDOWN TO OUR 6TH ANNUAL SUPER BOWL SUNDAY!!!

**AT ST. AGNES SCHOOL ON
FEBRUARY 4, 2007
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 BOTTITTA @ 732-388-5595**



SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2007

5:30 Josephine Lotano - Lotano Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2007

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Joseph Heelan - Henry Varriano

10:30 Michael & Stella Carr - Marie & Richard Carr

12:00 Andre Kovacs - Jean

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2007 - (One Mass Only)

9:00 Ann Salmon - Ann & Frank Johnson

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007

7:00 Gail Greve - John & Barbara Greve

9:00 Walter Jenkins - Bracuto Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2007

7:00 Anna Mangold - Terry & Joe Segreto

9:00 Carlo Denora - Sam & Mary Gianti

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

7:00 Helen Cordasco - Son

9:00 James Carlin - Steven Koste, Peggy Dun Koste

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2007

7:00 Rose Caprio - Terry & Joe Segreto

9:00 Joseph Heelan - Susan, Matt & Eric Delaney

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 20078:30 Memorial Mass - Arthur Kelly, Terrence Watson, Sr.,
Diane Mitchell, Sally Kozlowski, Dorothy Kupka,
Stella Kozlowski, Robert McKeon, Frank Dell' Aquilla

5:30 John & Anna Yonco - Yonco & Kosuch Families



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Heindel during the week of January 14th.

**SUNDAY****JANUARY 14**

8:45 AM Religious Education

1:30 PM Baptisms

7:00 PM CYO - Church

MONDAY**JANUARY 15****MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - NO SCHOOL****RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

3:30 PM No Religious Education

6:30 PM Sandwiches - Group 2E

7:00 PM No Religious Education

7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

7:00 PM 250 Raffle Meeting - St. Thomas Aquinas Room

7:00 PM Boardwalk Meeting - St. Lucy Filippini Room

TUESDAY**JANUARY 16**

7:00 PM Religious Education

WEDNESDAY**JANUARY 17**

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room

THURSDAY**JANUARY 18**

3:30 PM Children's Choir

7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Filippini Room

7:00 PM Open House Reception - Gymnasium

7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY**JANUARY 19**

5:30 PM J.V. Cheerleading - Gymnasium

SATURDAY**JANUARY 20****MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

SUNDAY**JANUARY 21****FEAST OF ST. AGNES****MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

8:45 AM Religious Education

1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 PM Evening Prayer Service



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Pauline Tavormina during the week of January 14th at the request of the Family.



For the week of January 14 were donated in memory of Andre Kovacs, a gift from his wife, Jean.

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

Dorothy Eaton, Olga Sachenski

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, James MacConchie, 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

SURPRISE

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The Scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up where least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated up highest; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For that bridegroom (who, in the Gospel story, has no direct contact with Jesus) the pleasant surprise came because somebody else had paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective, and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—maybe our own, maybe somebody else's—will be surprised for the better.

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2007**

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.

— *Isaiah 62:2*

