

***“I came that they might have life and have it more abundantly.  
I am the good shepherd.”***

*– John 10:10-11*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Tuesday, January 23, thousands of people of all faiths and colors, young and not so young, men and women, religious, seminarians, deacons, priests, and bishops will walk hand in hand to be voices on behalf of the most vulnerable of all beings, the unborn. The purpose of each year’s march is to address our President, our Congress, and our fellow citizens, that God expects us to be a people of life and for life, missionaries and heralds of life, not a generation of death and darkness.

Several passages in the Bible tell us that life in the womb is sacred and comes from God. My favorite passage in the Bible about life in the womb is Ps 139. “For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother’s womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.”

That passage expresses so beautifully that it is God who is the Creator of life in the womb. If it is God who gives life, He is the ONLY ONE who can take it away. We should not compromise on life. In 2 Maccabees (book of the Old Testament), a mother says, “I do not know how you appeared in my womb; it was not I who endowed you with breath and life, I had not the shaping of your every part. It was the Creator of the world who made everyone and ordained the origin of all things.” (7:22). Because life is from God, we do not have the right to decide to take another person’s life. Human life is sacred; we do not have the authority from God to play with the sacredness of human life, to destroy it in any way.

For this reason the Church will always remain strong in its commitment to believe and teach that all human life, from conception to natural death, is precious and must be defended; that every person has a fundamental right to life.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us take pause this weekend, in Mass and in our personal prayer during the week to express our gratitude to God for the service and sacrifice of all the faithful people who believe in protecting human life and dignity at all cost. May the Lord of Life bless and protect each one of them and their families.

God bless,

Fr. Nuno



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### 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

### SOUP KITCHEN



Volunteers will be going to St. John’s Soup Kitchen on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.

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

The US Bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from I Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members – the personal responsibility of each one of us. We are all stewards of the Church."

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$11,644.00.**

**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**

<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$3,205,459.89</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>\$2,828,248.86</b>
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 377,211.03</b>
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<b>Total Building Costs</b>	<b>\$3,825,000.00</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>(-) \$2,828,248.86</b>
<b>Mtge. Reduction</b>	
<b>Collections</b>	<b>(-) 41,826.15</b>
<b>Funds from Savings</b>	<b>(-) \$ 250,000.00</b>
<b>Remaining Debt</b>	<b>\$ 704,924.99</b>

*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.

**50/50 Raffle Books**

Please return all raffles books (purchased or un-purchased) to the rectory by Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.

**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)**

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.

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**PLEASE SAVE THE DATES. . .**

**ADULT SEMINARS**

**Divine Revelation: Jan. 30**

**Understanding the Bible**

**Presenter:** Rev. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L.  
 Professor of Scripture at Immaculate  
 Conception Seminary at Seton Hall  
 University (SHU)

**Contemplatives in Action: Feb. 13**

**Spirituality for Modern Day Christians**

**Presenters:** Msgr. James S. Choma  
Rev. Vincent Fortunato,  
 Both have a M.A. in Christian Spirituality  
 from Creighton University

**Hot Potatoes: Feb. 27**

**Q & A Session with a panel of qualified church representatives**

**Panelist:** Fr. Joe Chapel, Associate Dean at Immaculate  
 Conception Seminary at SHU  
Fr. Doug Milewski, Professor at SHU and  
 Immaculate Conception Seminary at SHU  
Fr. William Sheridan, Masters from SHU in  
 Systematic Theology and Parochial Vicar at  
 Church of the Immaculate Heart

*(Sessions run from 7 to 9 PM in the St. Thomas Aquinas  
 Room. To register, please call the rectory office.  
 Space is limited.)*



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

**ALYSSA DANIELLE HIDALGO**

Daughter of Antonio and Gina

**SARAH GONCZLIK**

Daughter of Christopher and Maria

**BRENNAN PATRICK HOWE**

Son of Brian and Aimee

**SOFIA FRANCESCA PARDO**

Daughter of Dominick and Teresa

**SABRINA CARYS PINTO**

Daughter of Manuel and Monica

**MADISON CATHERINE MEDVEDICH**

Daughter of Keith and Lisa

**JESSICA LYNN VENTURELLA**

Daughter of Robert and Karen

**ALEXA KIM WILLIAMS**

**NIKITA ELIZABETH WILLIAMS**

Daughters of Robert and Kim



**The Elizabeth Ministry  
 (Ministry for Mothers)**

The Elizabeth Ministry of St. Agnes is a caring group of women supporting other women in our parish. It is built on the foundation of Scripture, looking to Mary and Elizabeth as models of how mothers can support one another in their times of need.

**Please call and register when you find out that you are expecting so we may pray for you and our future St. Agnes Parishioners.**

Marianne English 732-382-5221

Cheryl Vargas 732-381-3822

Rectory 732-388-7852

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 - 9:00 PM**  
**February 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 - 9:00 PM**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup> - 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!**

### ST. AGNES ROSARY PRESENTS



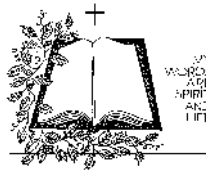
### MARDI GRAS 2007

**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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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### WOMEN'S RETREAT, FEBRUARY 24TH

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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### COUNTDOWN TO OUR 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 20, 2007**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007**

7:30 Agnes Hierl - Doris & George Allen  
 9:00 People of the Parish  
 10:30 William Schirmer - Charlotte and Colette  
 12:00 Julia John - Daughter

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2007**

7:00 Walter Hurley - Bernice Hurley  
 9:00 Thomas Foster - Foster Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2007**

7:00 Sally Stowe - Barbara & Richard Collins  
 9:00 Milek Family - Joe & Helen Suszko

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2007**

7:00 Pat Ratacco - Terry & Joe Segreto  
 9:00 Frank Kut - Rob Bimson

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2007**

7:00 Frank Telleri - Sr. Claire Ouimet  
 9:00 William Kelemen - Wife Livia

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2007**

7:00 Michael Beachem - Margaret Draghi  
 9:00 Joseph Heelan - Rose & Dave Wheeler

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2007**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Rose Tomchak, Leo Schaeffer, Sr.,  
 Mary Gawrych, Dorothy Kupka, Angelina Sciortino,  
 Stella Kozlowski  
 5:30 Philip Sciortino - Audrey Smeela

**SATURDAY JANUARY 20****MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION****SUNDAY FEAST OF ST. AGNES JANUARY 21****MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

8:45 AM Religious Education  
 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration  
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer Service  
 7:00 PM CYO - Stations Practice - Church

**MONDAY JANUARY 22**

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

**TUESDAY JANUARY 23**

7:00 PM Religious Education

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24**

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room  
 7:30 PM Marketing Meeting - St Joseph Room

**THURSDAY JANUARY 25**

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

**FRIDAY JANUARY 26**7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom**SATURDAY JANUARY 27**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial  
 9:00 AM St. John's Soup Kitchen  
 9-4 PM Sports Pictures - Fr. Whelan Center

**A THANK YOU FROM  
 ST. JOSEPH SERVICE CENTER**

Thank you so much for your generous donations of food, toys, giving tree items and financial assistance at holiday time. We are very grateful to all for your great generosity! You made the holidays very special for many people with little or no income. May the spirit of Christmas continue all year and may its message of simplicity, love, humility and peace convert our lives and transform our world! With loving gratitude,

*Sister Jacinta Fernandes and Staff*

**Altar & Rosary Society**

**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Evelyn Nenortas during the week of January 21<sup>st</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Cecilia Smentkowski during the week of January 21<sup>st</sup> at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Z. Lachowski.

**LOOKING GOOD**

The best mirror is a friend's eyes.  
 - Gaelic proverb

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

Saundra McIntyre, Nancy Lo Pomo, Rose Librandi

***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 Venezia, 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

**LIVING AS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

Some of Saint Paul's best known and most beloved imagery is contained in the passages from First Corinthians that we have heard last week and this week: the many gifts granted by the one same Spirit and the many members making up the one Body of Christ. Few passages from sacred scripture more accurately sum up how Christian vocations work together.

Unlike some of Paul's other writings, which are a product of the social and religious conventions of his time, these enable us to look at our own lives and the lives of those around us to discern what gifts, what vocations the Holy Spirit has given for the good of all. We can likewise know the joys and sorrows of the other members of the Body and share in them for the strengthening of the whole Body of Christ.

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 21, 2007**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a