

Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the celebration of Catholic Schools Week. A parochial grammar school has been apart of our parish mission since conception. Our founding parishioners valued Catholic education and toiled hard to provide our community with a quality school. Now, some forty-five years later, parishioners continue to support this important mission. In a special way, I want to thank parents and guardians who choose Saint Agnes School for your children's educational and formation needs.

Supporting a freestanding school is not easy. It requires dedicated faculty & staff, prudent stewardship of limited funds, and parental involvement and volunteerism. I am pleased to say that we possess all of the above. Under the leadership of our Principal, Sister Claire, our teachers and staff work hard to provide our students a quality education, in a Christ-centered environment. The parish supports the school both financially and spiritually. And, many of our parents go beyond what is expected of them. This surely is a formula for success. Notwithstanding, there is always room for improvements.

Recently, Bob O'Flynn conducted a school survey. We are grateful to Bob for all of his work on this project. We now possess a powerful tool to build upon our strengths, while embracing constructive criticism to address weaknesses. Together we will work to make our school the best that it can be, and thanks to the recent expansion - we have the facility to take us to the next level.

There is one critical area in which we need the help of all parishioners – **RECRUITMENT!** Increasing enrollment is essential for securing the future of our school. Two hundred students, grades kindergarten through eight, is the minimum enrollment necessary to maintain affordable parochial education. In my seven years here, we have exceeded this benchmark only once. Although our maximum capacity (K-8) is 225, a student body of 210-215 would enable us to: maintain affordable tuition; fairly compensate our teachers and staff; provide seed money for new programs and services, and to draw a fair subsidy from the parish.

An **OPEN HOUSE** for our school will be offered after Masses on Sunday, **March 18th**. Please be ambassadors for us and spread the word among family, friends and neighbors. I hope and pray that our parents will discern investing in Catholic education. The graces that you will yield are beyond what this world can provide. Thank you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor

Right 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 Thursday, February 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Jude Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

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

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,210.00.**
Mortgage Reduction Collection **\$7,240.00.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
[22-32]
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11
[3-8], 11; Lk 5:1-11



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 4	Julie & Robert Masino
February 11	Phyllis Cunningham
February 18	Helen Hassler
February 25	Mary Thoden

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

LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.
– Teresa of Avila

BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Pledges	\$3,212,699.89
Pledges Collected	\$2,829,551.86
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 383,148.03

Total Building Costs	\$3,825,000.00
Pledges Collected	(-) \$2,829,551.86
Mtge. Reduction	
Collections	(-) 49,066.15
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00
 Remaining Debt	 \$ 696,381.99

*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 2nd. Thank you.



ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!

**FEBRUARY 4, 2007
AFTER ALL MASSES**

We offer the following varieties:

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

Cost: .60 each

\$7.20 per dozen (bakers' dozen - 13 bagels)

Thank you for your support!!



***"Whatever you did for one of the
least of these brothers of mine, you
did for me."***

(Mat 25:40)

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is conducted in every parish of the Archdiocese to help finance various activities and programs of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Newark. The AAA reminds us that we are one with other parishes. The Appeal gives us a chance to work together to care for the people of the Church by sharing the gifts God has given us.

There is an abundance of human need surrounding us – the poor, the sick, the elderly, troubled families, the disabled, and those in crisis. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal gives us an opportunity to respond to those in need and to show Christ's love by putting our faith in action as a Catholic family.

Thousands of people, many programs and agencies, our parish, and our Archdiocese need your help. Please plan to make your pledge to the AAA on February 3rd or 4th. Thank you and God bless.



SAINT AGNES PRESENTS: ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SEMINARS

Let's Get Back to Basics



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 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.

We have also planned a dynamic preaching team for our St. Joseph's Novena. Please save the dates – March 10-19. More to come on this and other enriching spiritual programs and services.

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!

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

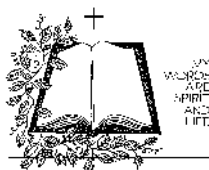
Price: \$45.00 per person

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 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**

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2007

5:30 Philip Sciortino - Audrey Smeela

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2007

7:30 Walter Donadio - Gray Family
 9:00 Joseph Heelan - Carmela & Tony Canonico
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Andrew Youchock - Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007

7:00 James Carlin - Holy Name Society
 9:00 Joseph Heelan - Mr. & Mrs. Albert Longhi

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2007

7:00 Joseph Heelan - Holy Name Society
 9:00 Joseph Heelan - Anne & Joseph R. Kolibas

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

7:00 Florence Iasello - Terry & Joe Segreto
 9:00 Sr. Mary Louise Kwiatkowski - Betty & Dominick Massarelli

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2007

7:00 Helen Paulauskas - Bob & Rosalie McKeon
 9:00 Marie Hopkins - John & Barbara Greve

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2007

7:00 Bokenko & Morahan Families - Barbara & Ed Morahan
 9:00 Anita Brammer - Sr. Claire, Faculty & Staff

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass - Teresa Hanselman, Chris Vecchiarelli, Olga Grozuczak, Robert McKeon, Olga Sachenski, Josephine Basile, Thomas Swinden, Samsone Parreno
 5:30 Seymour Chessler - Renee Lettieri

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Garra during the week of January 28th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Vincent Donargo during the week of January 28th at the request of the Family.

SUNDAY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 28

8:45 AM Religious Education
 10:30 AM Mass - Beginning of Catholic Schools Week
 7:00 PM CYO - Stations Practice - Church

MONDAY JANUARY 29

3:30 PM Religious Education
 5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium
 7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg. - St. Joseph Conference Room
 7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

TUESDAY JANUARY 30

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

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room
 7:30 PM HSA Meeting - Gymnasium

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1

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

SATURDAY FEAST OF ST. BLAISE FEBRUARY 3

8:30 AM Mass - Marian; Blessing of Throats

SUNDAY ROSARY BAGEL SALE FEBRUARY 4

8:45 AM Religious Education
 1:30 PM Baptism
 5:00 PM Super Bowl Sunday - Gymnasium
 7:00 PM No CYO

ST. AGNES SCHOOL
"Highlight Zone"



Dear St. Agnes Parishioners,

With Catholic Schools Week rapidly approaching, I would like to thank you, on behalf of all the students and parents of St. Agnes School, for your investment in us. St. Agnes enriches us spiritually and provides us with knowledge, love and lasting friendships. It has made me the leader I am today! Thank you.

Sincerely,
 Christina Thoonkuzhy
 Student Council President, Grade 8

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

Marion E. Salvia, Clement Naumovitz, Benny Adamo,
Elizabeth Lebo

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

**THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE**

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2007**

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

– 1 Corinthians 13:13