

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! We are hitting the road running here at Saint Agnes. Our New Energies' survey has surfaced a need for more adult catechesis. Therefore, we have planned three adult seminars. Save the dates and please share the following information with family, friends and neighbors.

January 30 (Tues.) ***Divine Revelation:
Understanding the Bible***

February 13 (Tues.) ***Contemplatives in Action:
Spirituality for Modern Day Christians***

February 27 (Tues.) ***Hot Potatoes: Q & A Session***
**(A panel of qualified Church Representatives will
address questions from a Catholic perspective)**

All seminars 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 (732) 388-7852. Thank you.

We are also working on forming 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.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor



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**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

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

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,724.00.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



Elijah Cup Program

As we begin a new year, we encourage all parishioners to participate in the Elijah Cup Program for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Please call the rectory office at (732) 388-7852 to choose a week convenient for you. We are in need of individuals/families for the end of April through June.

During the month of January, the Elijah Cup will be in the homes of the following participants:

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| January 7 | Christine & Charlotte Gessler |
| January 14 | Joseph Rendeiro |
| January 21 | Sr. Margaret |
| January 28 | Karen & Rosario Cundari |

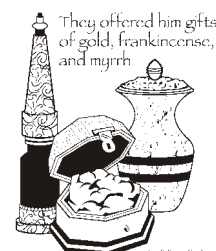
BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Pledges	\$3,203,761.46
Pledges Collected	\$2,789,991.94
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 413,769.52
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Total Building Costs	\$3,825,000.00
Pledges Collected	(-) \$2,789,991.94
Mtge. Reduction	
Collections	(-) 41,826.15
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00
Remaining Debt	\$ 743,181.91

*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.

**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.....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**

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**

ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!!



TODAY AFTER ALL MASSES

Thank you for your support!



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 6, 2007

5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2007

7:30 Terrence Reilly - Ron & Nancy Simon
 9:00 Anthony Segreto - Rose & Dave Wheeler
 10:30 Frank Comer - Family
 12:00 Jamie Theel - Mary Ellen, Bill & Michael Theel

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007

7:00 Richard Mikulas - Robert Vislocky
 9:00 Joseph Heelan - Janine & Joanne

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007

7:00 Margaret Mary Egan - The Glassman Family
 9:00 Antoinette Urso - Lois & Ray Kolibas & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2007

7:00 Edith Foster - The Foster Family
 9:00 Yolanda Frese - Felice & Arleen Frese

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2007

7:00 Aldona Riccio - Terry & Joe Segreto
 9:00 Richard Sinoradzki - Jeffrey & Concetta Sinoradzki

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2007

7:00 Christopher Bonner - The Streisel Family
 9:00 Mark Costa - Reynolds & Lord Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass - Special Intention, Joseph Heelan,
 Concetta Dilorenzo, Leo J. Schaeffer, Sr., Mary Gawrych
 5:30 Joseph Lotano - Lotano Family



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Jean Subliskey during the week of January 7th.



St. Agnes Holy Name Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 9th, in the Fr. Whelan Center at 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Richard Geiger, Esq., who will speak about small claims court. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All men of the parish are welcomed to attend.

SUNDAY JANUARY 7

8:45 AM Religious Education
 7:00 PM CYO - Church

MONDAY JANUARY 8

5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium
 6:00 PM Sandwiches - Group 1E
 7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

TUESDAY JANUARY 9

7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:30 PM Holy Name Society Meeting - Fr. Whelan Center

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10

7:00 PM First Eucharist Parent Mtg. - Gymnasium
 7:30 PM HSA Executive Board Mtg. - Faculty Room
 7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room

THURSDAY JANUARY 11

3:30 PM Children's Choir
 6:00 PM Liturgy Meeting - Music Room
 7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Filippini Room
 7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY JANUARY 12

7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5th Grade Room

SATURDAY JANUARY 13

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Edith and Dewey Russo during the week of January 7th at the request of Terry & Joe Segreto.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of January 7th were donated in memory of Leo Schaeffer, Sr. at the request of Rose & Mike Brinker.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON

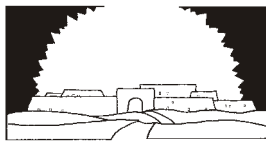
Join us as we stand up for life at the annual **March for Life in Washington, DC on Monday, January 22nd**. Cost is \$10 to reserve a seat. The day will begin with Mass at 6:15 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Linden followed by light refreshments. The bus will leave the Knights' parking lot at 7 a.m. and return to Linden by 10 p.m. Anyone who wishes to go should call St. John's Rectory at 908-486-6363 ASAP to reserve seating. Seating is limited.

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

Mary Kosar, Robert McKeon, Dolores Kanach

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

**LOOKING IN THE RIGHT PLACES**

“Appearances can be deceiving,” as the saying goes. As we celebrate the *epiphania*, the “appearing” of the eternal Word of God on earth, this is still true.

What rapturous foresight must have filled Isaiah as he wrote the words we hear today. How, for four hundred years, they must have filled the hearts of the people of Israel with hope for the day when God’s glory would shine on them. How deceived some must have felt when the glory of God came to them in the lowliest and humblest of human lives.

We have many expectations about how the divine presence will appear among us. But we can also set ourselves up, through these expectations, to miss the divine glory when it truly appears. We get caught up in looking for the star, forgetting that the star is not the divine sign, the babe is. It may take a persistent journey for us to come upon the true appearance of God’s glory in our lives: Jesus Christ.

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**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 7, 2007**

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the LORD shines upon you.

– *Isaiah 60:1*