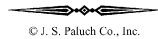


## From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Next weekend we will be celebrating Stewardship Renewal in our parish. I want to say a few things about this, but first I have to bring to your attention a major problem that we are encountering, and I need everyone's cooperation.

Last weekend, an official approached me from the Clark Police Department. Neighbors are complaining that parishioners are parking illegally, blocking driveways, and causing unsafe conditions in the neighborhood during Mass times. The police officer checked the complaints and toured the neighborhood after the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass and counted fifteen (15) parking violations (no summons were issued). He stated that people are indeed blocking driveways and parking in fire lanes and handicap spots without credentials to do so. He also said that in addition to all of the street violations, our back parking lot was half empty.

I realize that we desire the convenience of attending Mass and running without waiting in traffic lines after Mass. However, when it comes to safety we must make sacrifices for the good of the community. The Police Department continues to be very good to us, but St. Agnes Parish is not above the law. Please heed this warning. In the future if you illegally park, you will receive a ticket. Please do not blame the police officers. They will only be doing their job, which is their duty. Thank you for your cooperation in regard to this urgent matter.

This is how you can avoid tickets:

- Park in the rear parking lot;
- Handicap spots are restricted for people with proper credentials;
- Do not park along side the rectory side curbs;
- When parking on the street do not block driveways (even partially) and adhere to all local ordinances.

Now on to Stewardship. Next weekend is Stewardship Renewal Weekend. It's time for us to reflect upon the gifts that God has bestowed upon us, and to make a thanksgiving commitment response to the Lord. The Baptism of the Lord, and our baptisms, invites us to live in this world as Disciples of Christ. Does our response to this invitation resemble the response of a true modern day disciple? Please stop by the Ministry Fair in the gym after Mass next week and review how you may participate in joining us build the Kingdom of God in our community. The Ministry Fair will also reveal how we may be able to better serve you and your family members. More to follow next week.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim  
Pastor

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

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$11,363.00;**

Christmas **\$62,256.50;**

Mortgage Reduction **\$18,406.00.**

Thank you for your generosity.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38;

Mt 3:13-17

**THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM**

The unfolding of the story of the Incarnation continues today as the Church celebrates the Epiphany. The tale of the magi from the East is one of the most fascinating in all of scripture. It has much to teach us about what we can come to expect, even in circumstances and places that may seem insignificant or small. Bethlehem was a tiny town, what we might refer to today as a town without even one stop light. Yet it is over this seemingly insignificant place that the guiding star stops in its own search for the place where the Savior would be born. Too often we fail to recognize the fact that the star of Bethlehem comes to rest in our everyday lives, where we can experience God's presence, manifested in ever new ways. Epiphany calls us to shake off our stupor and recognize the One who comes to save us.

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**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF 01/02/08**

**Total Pledges \$3,300,248.00**

**Pledges Collected \$3,121,327.31**

**Outstanding Pledges \$ 178,920.69**

**Total Building Costs \$3,830,672.97**

**Interest on Loan (+) \$ 19,887.27**

**Pledges Collected (-) \$3,121,327.31**

**Mtge. Reduction  
Collections (-) \$ 134,337.50**

**Funds from Savings (-) \$ 250,000.00**

**Remaining Debt \$ 344,895.43**

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL**

IS PROUD TO PRESENT

**“PARENT-TO-PARENT”,****A national Parent Awareness Campaign.**

Parent-to-Parent is a DVD based program for parents who are challenged with raising kids in today's Toxic Culture. Please save the following dates: January 8 & 15: Drugs & Alcohol. Sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the St. Thomas Room. There is no charge for this seminar. Please invite family and friends to this important parent awareness campaign.





**ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!**

**JANUARY 6, 2008**  
**AFTER ALL MASSES**

*Thank you for your support!!*

**HELP IS NEEDED TO TAKE  
DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**



**JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTER 12 NOON MASS.**

*Thank you!*



**Spiritual Book Club**

The Spiritual Book Club will be meeting the second Monday of each month. The focus for the next six months will be books related to the Scriptures (January's book is an exception). The books for the next two meetings are:

- January 14: Dwight Longenecker,  
How to be an Ordinary Hero
- February 11: M. Basil Pennington,  
Poetry as Prayer: The Psalms

Meetings begin at 7 PM and are held in the St. Thomas Room.



**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 January, the Elijah Cup will be in the homes of the following parishioners:

- January 6 Mary Ellen & Frank Scott
- January 13 Bridie & John Smith
- January 20 Eleanor & Joseph Parlacoski
- January 27 Maureen & Tony Roccia

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


***“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”***

***Tuesday, January 15, 2008***



A discussion on applying love in everyday relationships, led by Bob McLaughlin (a seminarian at Immaculate Conception, formerly the director of retreats and spirituality at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center); 7:30 p.m. at Grasshopper Off The Green, 41-43 Morris Str., Morristown 07960 (no cover charge). Updates and information on additional events can be found on the website ([www.newarkoym.org](http://www.newarkoym.org)) or by calling Sister Loretta DeDomenicis at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4147.

**Archdiocese of Newark  
Anniversary Masses**



On March 2, 2008, all couples throughout the Archdiocese celebrating 5 and 25 years of marriage are invited to the Cathedral at 3:00 p.m. for Mass with the Archbishop. On April 13, 2008, all couples in Essex and Union Counties celebrating 50 or more years of marriage are invited to the Cathedral for Mass with the Archbishop at 3:00 p.m. Please see future bulletins for more information.



## Coming Events

at St. Agnes, Clark

**Parish Ministry Fair, January 12/13, 2008.** St. Agnes is proud to celebrate the many gifts that have been bestowed upon our parish and to honor our many active ministries. This is a chance to show our many new parishioners what our parish has to offer; for parishioners to offer feedback on various ministries; and to allow for suggestions on how we may continue to make stewardship a way of life.

**St. Agnes School Open House Reception, January 17, 2008.** You are invited to discover the difference Saint Agnes School can make in your child's education. This Open House is for parents only. See future bulletins for more information, or call St. Agnes School at (732) 381-0850.

**Seventh Annual Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2008, St. Agnes Gymnasium.** View the game on a 15 foot diagonal movie screen. This annual event has become a favorite tradition at St. Agnes. Ticket price (17 and over \$14.00; under 17 \$9.00) includes snacks, cold buffet, soda and beer. See future bulletins for more information.

**St. Agnes Boardwalk 2008, February 9/10, 2008.** Winter blues? Come have some fun! Cotton candy, games and prizes to be won! "Dot the Clown", good food and cookies too! Fun for everyone, hope to see you! See future bulletins for more information.



### Rite 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 January 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Jude Room, which is located on the lower level of the parish center. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

## Saint Agnes School Open House Reception



(Parents Only Please)

Thursday, January 17, 2008  
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 - Five Day AM or PM Sessions

- 3 Year Old 2 Day PM Session (12:30-3:00)
- 4 Year Old 3 Day PM Session (12:30-3:00)
- 4 Year Old 5 Day AM Session (9:00-11:30)

- **Middle States Accredited**
- **Computer Technology Lab**
  - **Certified Teachers**
  - **Middle School Wing**
- **World Language Program**
- **After-School/Care Program**
  - **Hot Lunch Program**
  - **Sports Program**



<p><b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2008</b>                      5:30 People of the Parish</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2008</b>                      7:30 James G. MacConchie - John &amp; Bridie Smith                      9:00 Michael Tortorello - Carole &amp; Artie LaLuna                      10:30 Frank Comer - Betty Comer                      12:00 Edith &amp; Dewey Russo - Terry &amp; Joe Segreto</p> <p><b>MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008</b>                      7:00 Mary Lou Loffa - William &amp; Margaret Draghi                      9:00 Anthony Kowalczyk - Barbara &amp; Richard Collins</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008</b>                      7:00 Mary Lou Loffa - Jo &amp; Jerry Meola                      9:00 Thomas Ford - Susan Delaney</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008</b>                      7:00 Virginia Kelly - Kimberly &amp; David Broadwell                      9:00 Antoinette "Tutu" Urso - Lois &amp; Ray Kolibas</p> <p><b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008</b>                      7:00 Mary Lou Loffa - Sr. Claire Ouimet                      9:00 Margaret Beyer - Susan Delaney &amp; Sons</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2008</b>                      7:00 Edith Foster - Tom &amp; Arline Foster                      9:00 Richard Sinoradzki - Jeffrey &amp; Concetta Sinoradzki</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008</b>                      8:30 Memorial - Mary Kuniutis, Eleanor &amp; Walter Renkiewicz, Dorothy Kupka                      5:30 Edward Alfano - Anne Brescia</p>
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<p><b>SUNDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JANUARY 6</b></span>  <b>BAGEL SALE</b>                      7:00 PM CYO - Church</p> <hr/> <p><b>MONDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JANUARY 7</b></span>                      3:30 PM CFF Classes                      6:30 PM CFF Classes                      6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting - St. Joseph Room</p> <hr/> <p><b>TUESDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JANUARY 8</b></span>                      6:30 PM CFF Classes                      7:00 PM Parent-to-Parent - St. Thomas Room                      7:30 PM Holy Name Meeting - Fr. Whelan Center</p> <hr/> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JANUARY 9</b></span>                      7:00 PM First Eucharist Parent Meeting - Gym                      7:30 PM RCIA - OLG/St. Joseph Room                      7:30 PM Cornerstone Meeting - Fr. Whelan Center                      7:30 PM St. Agnes School Executive Bd. Mtg. - Faculty Room</p> <hr/> <p><b>THURSDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JANUARY 10</b></span>                      3:30 PM Children's Choir                      6:30 PM Sports - Gym                      7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Room                      7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - St. Jude Room                      7:30 PM Adult Choir</p> <hr/> <p><b>FRIDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JANUARY 11</b></span>                      12:00 PM St. Agnes School Early Dismissal                      6:30 PM Sports - Gym</p> <hr/> <p><b>SATURDAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JANUARY 12</b></span>  <b>PARISH MINISTRY FAIR</b></p>
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**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Louise Venezio during the week of January 6<sup>th</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Stella & Vincent Donargo during the week of January 6th at the request of the Family.



**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** for the week of January 6th were donated in memory of Ronnie Kennedy at the request of Betty & Michael Rainone and Terry & Joe Segreto.



The Holy Name Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 8th in the Father Whelan Center. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Brian Toal, Clark Township Historian, who will present a slide show about the history of Clark. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.

**REMINDER TO ALL  
 MINISTRY COORDINATORS**

Our Parish Ministry Fair will be held on January 12 and 13 in the school gym. Tables may be set up anytime after 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 12. Any questions, please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852.

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

Maria Anzorge, Aida Vasta, Marlene Castro

***Those Who Are Sick***

Mary Zelanko, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Hazel McGuinness, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Giovanna Tripicchio, Pauline Liotti, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina & Andrew Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan, Mariani Rocco, Dominic Preite, Marge Geist Gais, Noelia Ouimet, Jerry Veza, William R. White, Brenda Vermeal, Angie and Anthony Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Mercer Wilkinson, Mary Marciano, Mary Gianti, Joao Faria, Maria Dietrick, Tom Wilkinson, Mark Shipe, Katherine Franceski

**Crisis Pregnancy Help**

Catholic Community Services  
Pat Chiarello (201) 246-7379

Birthright USA International  
1-800-550-4900



*Almighty God, Creator of the earth in which we live, help us today in our search for peaceful ways to avoid war, to eliminate terrorism and tyranny and to establish justice for peoples of all races and faiths. We pray that the billions of peace-loving people of goodwill throughout the nations, will join together in prayer and action to bring love where there is hatred, friendship where there is enmity and justice where there is oppression. May God continue to bless and watch over our men and women who make ultimate sacrifices for our freedom and democracy. Amen*

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 6, 2008**

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

– Matthew 2:11b

