

## From the Pastor

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Dear Friends,

By the time you read this bulletin I'll be on vacation. We have to submit the bulletin materials a week before they reach your hands. Since it is summer and time for rest and relaxation, I thought it would be fun to keep this article light and easy. The following are some ***Bulletin Bloopers*** from churches around the country.

The Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Please use back door.

The sermon this morning: WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.

The closing song: WISE UP, O MEN OF GOD.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The Reverend Monsignor spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.

The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

The eight-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the gymnasium Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be our guest speaker at all Masses next weekend. Come and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

Miss Charlene Mason sang, *I Will Not Pass This Way Again* giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.

Due to pastor's illness, Wednesday's healing service will be discontinued until further notice.

Relaxingly yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor



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

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$10,321.00.**Propagation of Faith July 1-2 - **\$4,041.00.**

Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28  
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9  
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23  
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6;  
 Jn 6:1-15

**St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group**  
**Westfield, NJ**

A support group for those caring for the elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757. The next meeting is on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BUILDING FUND**

*To complete Phase I projects  
 we still need to raise –*

**\$561,787.00**

*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.*

*Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer*

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following program. **To register** please call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: [msmhope@att.net](mailto:msmhope@att.net).

**WEEKEND RETREAT**

An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Atmosphere of prayerful quiet. Adaptable to the needs and desires of each individual.

August 11-13 - \$100 Non-refundable deposit \$25  
 (registration required)

Arrival: 7 p.m. Departure: 2 p.m.

***“The Elijah Cup”  
 Is Coming!***



# Coming Events

*Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, St. Agnes Tricky Tray, Gran Centurions.* Mark your calendars! Plan on attending this fun-filled, exciting night. More information to follow.

## Have a Good Summer!

Please remember the needs of your church before you go your way. Your support given before you leave will make this a good summer for everyone!



Thank you and may God Bless you with a Happy and Safe Vacation!

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP MEETING Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:45 PM to 9:30 PM St. John The Apostle Church, Linden

The Prayer Meeting is a time of lively singing, praise, teaching and Intercession for those in need, followed by fellowship and refreshments.

Meetings take place in the Msgr. Price Room.

Log onto [www.sjanj.net](http://www.sjanj.net) for directions or call (908) 486-6363.

## ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE



**WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER!**

## 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!**

## WE NEED COACHES!!

The St. Agnes Sports Committee is looking for coaches in the following sports:

Fall and Spring Track

Cheerleading

Girls' Volleyball

Instructional Basketball  
(Grades K, 1-2)



Anyone interested, please contact Jeff Dattilo at (908) 486-4480 or email

[jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com](mailto:jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com)



**IT'S A FIESTA!!!****Where kids are fired up about Jesus!****ST. AGNES  
SUMMER BIBLE CAMP****July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>****St. Agnes Church  
332 Madison Hill Road, Clark****Time: 9:00 – 12:00****ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 – 8  
(Pre-K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)  
(Age 4 by July, 2006)****REGISTRATION WILL BE ON A  
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS  
(LIMITED TO 100 CHILDREN).  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE  
RECTORY AT (732) 388-7852.****IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION NEWS!!!**

Religious Education registration and re-registration has been in progress. Several students **have not re-registered for the coming year**. It has been our experience that these students will wish to register at the time classes begin. The policy is: **All children must be registered and in our system before classes begin**. Your child will not be permitted to attend the first day of class; he/she will have to wait until the secretary puts them in the system. We ask your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

**FAST ROAD TO HEAVEN!!**

Due to the increasing number of students, we ask for generous, caring men and women willing to share their faith by volunteering to be a teacher in our Religious Education Program. Come with enthusiasm, a love for young people, a sense of humor and patience. The more teachers we have the smaller the classes. Teachers' Manuals make it easy to prepare an hour lesson each week.

**Holy Hour for Life**C  
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raying before the  
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ednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
:30 PM at  
oly Spirit Church  
uburban Ave., Union, N.J.*

**Sponsored by:  
Holy Spirit Respect Life Ministry****For more information please call  
Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560**

Have you checked out  
our church website  
recently? Log onto  
[www.stagnesparish.com](http://www.stagnesparish.com).



**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2006**

5:30 Andrew Lopez - The Chavez Family

**SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2006**

7:30 People of the Parish  
 9:00 John Frantantoni - Mary Lynn & Ed Koch  
 10:30 Rocco Calandrillo - The Melick Family  
 12:00 Francis Gilroy - Carol & Rita

**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2006**

7:00 Edith Russo - Terry & Joe Segreto  
 9:00 Lorraine Burns - Murach Family

**TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006**

7:00 Joseph Moffitt - Karen Kent  
 9:00 John Delaney - Carol Szipszky

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2006**

7:00 Ruth & George Christensen - Grandchildren  
 9:00 Lorraine Burns - Gail, Nolan Cabrera & Family

**THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006**

7:00 Leon Orshak - McMahon Family  
 9:00 William Kenny - Marian & Joseph Heelan

**FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2006**

7:00 Phyllis Svaikauckas - The Terribile Family  
 9:00 John Delaney - Julia Wood

**SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2006**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Julius Besofsky, Mary Elizabeth Tom, Joseph Ellis  
 5:30 Ramiro Pastoriae - The Chavez Family

**SUNDAY**

**JULY 23**

6:00 PM Bible Camp Set-up

**MONDAY**

**JULY 24**

9:00 AM Bible Camp

**TUESDAY**

**JULY 25**

9:00 AM Bible Camp

**WEDNESDAY**

**JULY 26**

9:00 AM Bible Camp

**THURSDAY**

**JULY 27**

9:00 PM Bible Camp

**FRIDAY**

**JULY 28**

9:00 PM Bible Camp

**SATURDAY**

**JULY 29**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Charlotte & Chris Gessler during the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Joseph, Jennie & Raymond Szmerda during the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the request of Sophie Szmerda.

**SOLITUDE**

Settle yourself in solitude, and you will come upon God in yourself.  
 - St. Teresa



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

Anna Cutrone, Raul De Araujo, Catherine Fastige

***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, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Robert McKeon, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Florence Kempinski, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Mary Lou Loffa, James MacConchie, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Patricia Zych, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Edward Alfano, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Josephine Stefanik, Andy Pavelko, Richard O'Lenick, Declan Mulcahy, Jr., Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo

**CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD**

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

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**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2006**

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

— *Jeremiah 23:5a*