

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

As Pastor, I often find myself praying prayers of thanksgiving for the countless blessings that God bestows upon our community. I am grateful for the quality of priests, women religious and lay leaders who work so hard to make St. Agnes the best that we can be. I am especially grateful for our Altar Rosary and Holy Name Societies.

Publicly, I want to thank the Holy Name and Rosarians for making generous financial contributions towards our building fund. The Rosarians paid \$1,900 for meeting chairs to be used in the new parish center. They have also donated \$5,800 to the general building fund. To date, the Holy Name Society has donated \$7,300 to the building fund and has pledged to pay for the D.J. entertainment at our Fourth of July picnic on Monday, July 3rd.

What touches me the most is not the monetary contributions, but all of the hard work that went into raising funds. In a time and age when Holy Name and Altar Rosary Societies are diminishing, I am proud to say that our societies are flourishing.

May God bless the Holy Name and Rosarians and everyone who works to improve our parish. With every good wish and prayer, I remain

Fondly yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor

ST. AGNES FIFTH ANNUAL 4th OF JULY TAILGATE PICNIC



Come celebrate with us. The picnic is scheduled from 6 to 10 PM on Monday, July 3rd. Parish will provide the D.J. for musical entertainment. **Rain date July 5th.**

FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 9:15 PM

Everyone is asked to bring their own food, beverages, chairs, etc.

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

Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship – "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,457.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:2-27 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For Public Needs," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

Archdiocese of Newark

PERSONS in PARISH MINISTRY or LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES. Develop further your spiritual life and education through courses offered by the Archdiocese in the Christian Foundation for Ministry program. Classes begin in September and continue for eight weeks. GRADUATES OF CFM may also register for ongoing formation. Offerings include *Code of Canon Law; How the Bible Came To Be and the Da Vinci Code; Ministry of Mentor*. For further information and a brochure, contact (973) 497-4350 or stantovi@rcan.org.

BUILDING FUND

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

\$562,232.00

*If you would like to make a donation,
please make check payable to
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectorry
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.

JOHN OF THE CROSS

Soundings of his writings

An evening of prayerful reflection using John of the Cross to help us discover the true face of God who is love.

Wed., July 12, *either* 9:30-11:30 a.m. *or* 7:30-9:30 p.m. (**Please specify when registering.**) \$15
Theresina Flannery, RSM & Eileen Smith, RSM

***“The Elijah Cup”
Is Coming!***



CONGRATULATIONS LIVIA KELEMEN

Livia Kelemen, a founding parishioner, has received *The President's Call To Service Award*. This is a prestigious civic award granted in recognition and appreciation for strengthening our Nation and for making a difference through volunteer service. Livia's practice of Christian Stewardship has blessed our parish and extends beyond, in particular, to The American Red Cross. Many of you may know Livia because she is the driving force behind our parish blood drives.

May the practice of Christian Stewardship inspire all parishioners to make a difference in our church, local community and nation. The Silver Award is granted to Americans who dedicate at least two years – or 4,000 hours – over the course of their lives to serve others at home or abroad. Let us prayer that numerous parishioners will join Livia Kelemen as recipients of the Silver Award. Notwithstanding, the ultimate reward for practicing Catholics is out of this world – heaven.

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!

Fr. John's Reception



Many thanks to the Reception Committee and to all of those people behind the scenes who helped make the day not only a tremendous success but a memorable and enjoyable one for Fr. John. Thank you all so much.

Nancy Kalvin
Chairperson

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



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 Wednesday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m. Interested people can meet in front of the church. If you need any additional information, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.

IT'S A FIESTA!!!
Where kids are fired up about Jesus!



**ST. AGNES
SUMMER BIBLE CAMP**

July 24th – July 28th

**St. Agnes Church
332 Madison Hill Road, Clark**

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

**ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 – 8
(Pre-K – 3rd 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.**



It's Back . . .and it's a FIESTA!!
Where kids are fired up about
Jesus!

Our next Bible Camp meeting will take place on Monday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.



**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!**

Father's Day Flowers



In Memory of

Dr. Jerome J. Froelich
John Dattilo, Jr.
Manuel Pacheco

Gift of

Mr. Lawrence Froelich
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Dattilo
Mr. & Mrs. James Bantin

In Honor of

Rodrigo Curiba, Jr.

Gift of

Curiba Family

Gift of

Mr. & Mrs. John Kolibas
Mark Lukasczewicz & Lauri Dorreman
Ms. Eleanor Bordynko
John O'Donnell & Heather Grassi



SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2006

5:30 Frank Comer - Family

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2006

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale Bove - Mr. & Mrs. Anthony
Mondi
9:00 Mary Segreto - Terry & Joe Segreto
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice
Perriello - Dolores Clarke

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2006

7:00 George Finger - Rosary Society
9:00 Judith Brady - Phil & Dawn Duffy & Family

TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2006- INDEPENDENCE DAY

9:00 Margaret Della Ragione - Daughter, Livia

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2006

7:00 Rose Mangiavillano - Jean & Michael Palumbo
9:00 Margaret Cafiero - The Tereshko Family

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006

7:00 Stanley A. Zgurzynski - Flo & Tom Haas & Family
9:00 Dorothy & Harold Antz - Memmer Family

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2006

7:00 Stanley Stefanik - Josephine Stefanik
9:00 Dolores Choma - Msgr. Choma

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2006

8:30 Memorial Mass - Joseph Zucaro, Christopher L.
Bonner, Stella Corvino
5:30 Regina Bladzinski - Clark Girls Traveling
Basketball Team

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| SATURDAY | JULY 1 |
| SPECIAL MISSIONS COLLECTION | |
| SUNDAY | JULY 2 |
| SPECIAL MISSIONS COLLECTION | |
| 1:30 PM Baptism | |
| MONDAY | JULY 3 |
| INDEPENDENCE DAY | |
| 6:00 PM Fifth Annual 4 th of July Picnic (Rain Date July 5) | |
| SATURDAY | JULY 8 |
| 8:30 AM Mass - Memorial | |



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Irene Finger during the week of July 2nd.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Stanley Stefanik during the week of July 2nd at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hoehn.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of July 2nd were donated in memory of George Finger at the request of his wife, Irene.



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

Florence Iasello (Fr. Marcone's sister)

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 Venezia, 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.

**THE LORD OF LIFE**

At this bountiful time of year, our Sunday readings teem with life and abundance. Both the first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, and the Gospel passage from Mark assure us that God did not make death or even will us to be ill. Illness and death entered the world through the presence of evil, the Wisdom author tells us. Mark's stories of Jesus healing a hemorrhaging woman and resuscitating a dead little girl make it clear that Jesus is from God. As the Son of God he does not will that anyone suffer illness or death. In the face of such power, the second reading, from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, provides a stark contrast. Jesus, who could raise the dead to new life, "though he was rich, for your sake he became poor" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Our gift of new life from Christ demands our response in charity.

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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 2, 2006**

You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I
give you thanks.

– *Psalm 30:13*