

These warm and long days of summer often give us the opportunity to take some time for ourselves and to reflect on our life situation. We are sometimes able to step back and take a look at all the blessings our loving God has bestowed upon us, from time with family and friends to good food at barbeques to watching a baseball game, playing soccer or seeing a good movie. How blessed we are for all the good things this life has to offer.

In a special way, I am so grateful for all the kindnesses, which have been extended to me especially during this time when our Monsignor Choma is recovering from his knee surgery. Thank you very much to all of you! As you know, Monsignor is still recovering from his surgery but he is doing great and is eager to return. Thank you for keeping our pastor in your prayers.

This Sunday's Liturgy gives us an account of God's concern in satisfying the "hunger" of the human life. The readings tell us that God counts on our help in order to divide his "bread" with those that have "hunger" for love, for liberty, for justice, for peace, and for hope. In our first reading and Gospel, Elisha and Jesus witnessed God's desire in satisfying the "hunger" of the world; and suggested that God comes to the help of the needy through the gestures of sharing and of generosity. Elisha says, "Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the LORD, They shall eat and there shall be some left over." (2 Kings 4:43)

In today's Gospel we see Jesus' generosity and His graciousness far surpass anything we can imagine and he freely gives us to anyone who comes to him. "Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted." (John 6:11) This abundance of grace is ours if we ask. Every time we approach the Lord's Table to receive the bread of life, let's ask Jesus for everything he wants to give us. God's provision for us is boundless and immeasurable.

In Christ,

Fr. Nuno



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

“The hand of the Lord feeds us,” says the Psalmist, “he answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,688.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mk 9:2-10

**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 7th.

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.*



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.

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.

*How did the rose ever open its heart and
give to this world all of its beauty? It felt the
encouragement of Light against its being;
otherwise we all remain too frightened.*

Hafiz, translated by Daniel Ladinsky
Love Poems from God

Coming Events

Thursday, October 5th, 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!

*Office of Development and the
Office of Church Patrimony, Archdiocese of Newark
171 Clifton Ave., Newark, N.J.*

Presents

THE HERITAGE TOUR *Saturday, September 23, 2006*

\$45.00 Per Person (Pre-paid) includes breakfast, hot lunch, beverage, guided tour bus between churches and return to Archdiocesan Center
Registration begins at **8:15 AM**
Departing promptly from Center at **9:00 AM**

Join us as we visit the incomparable treasures of seven of our churches located in Jersey City
***Mosaics *Stained Glass *Pipe Organs *Marble Altars**

REGISTER EARLY AS SPACE IS LIMITED

**Contact Person - Theresa Lynch at (973) 973-497-4042
or Fax (973) 497-4031**

To obtain a registration form, go to
www.rcan.org/heritagetour

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





**ST. AGNES SCHOOL
PRE-K OPENINGS
2006-2007**

Limited openings in our
Pre-K 4-Year Old Program
(Must be 4 years old by October 1st)

**If you are interested, please call
732-381-0850**

**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.



**Making a Difference in
Our World**

**One Care Bag – One Child at a
Time**



Care Bags for Kids

Care Bags for Kids was started by Annie Wignall at age 11. She makes up “care bags” filled with useful and fun things and provides them for kids around the world: kids in Iowa (where Annie is from), orphans in Chile, children in Iraq. It started when she wanted to do something for children in foster care.

As Annie Wignall says, “I know we can’t help everyone, but with your help we can make a difference, one Care Bag, one child at a time.”

Go to <http://www.carebags4kids.org> and click on “About Us,” you can find out how you can help.

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.



**For more information please call
Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560**

CLOSER

God is closer to me than my own breath.
– Anonymous



Have you checked out
our church website
recently? Log onto
www.stagnesparish.com.



SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2006

5:30 Ramiro Pastoria - The Chavez Family

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2006

7:30 Joseph Bellini - Wesley Family
9:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Patrick Conforti - Kelly & Tom Bowen
12:00 William Giacobbe-Mr. & Mrs. F. Lubniewski

MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006

7:00 Leon Orshak - Rose Brinker
9:00 Charles McNeil - Judy & Bill Shackleton

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006

7:00 Grace Della Torre - Maryann Fresco
9:00 Joseph & Claire Churla - Anne Marie

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2006

7:00 Margaret Power - The Rosary Society
9:00 Siclari Family - Rose & Ed Zukowski

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2006

7:00 Marylou Suehn - Judy & Bill Shackleton
9:00 Earl Hassler - Hassler Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2006

7:00 Hans Wolfgang Strahlendorff - Charlotte O'Connor
9:00 Gerald "Chuck" Glennon - Betty & Dom Massarelli

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2006

8:30 Memorial Mass - Ann Chechele
5:30 Stella & Walter Penzak - Betty Comer

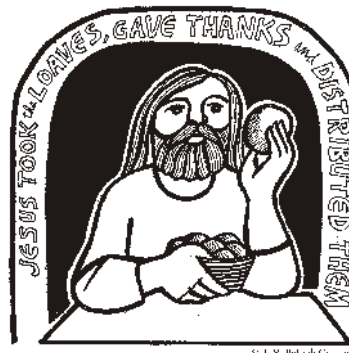
SATURDAY	AUGUST 5
8:30 AM Mass - Marian	
SUNDAY	AUGUST 6
1:30 PM Baptism	

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Betty Flanagan during the week of July 31st.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Maria Yost during the week of July 30th.



BREAD OF EARTH AND HEAVEN

Jesus knew, as the evangelist shows in the account this week, that there is not much point in speaking to people about the Bread of Heaven when their stomachs are grumbling for the bread of earth. For Jesus there was none of the Greeks' separation of the human person into body and spirit, each entity with its different needs. He knew people were created in love, flesh and soul, by his Father in heaven. Once again, the ministry of Jesus signals for us the intimate connection of the church's ministry to people as both embodied and spiritual beings. Feeding the multitude is a pragmatic way to help his listeners focus on the teaching of his presence as the new manna sent from heaven. And for us today, that manna, the Bread of Life, becomes our strength and sustenance, so we are fortified to go forth in the name of Christ, to be nourishment for the bodies and spirits of all those we encounter each day.



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

Frances Fedorczyk, Helen L. Garby,
Louis Tavormina, John Perriello

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, Jim MacConchie

**FEEDING THE WORLD**

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as the church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day.

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30, 2006**

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season.

— *Psalm 145:15*