

## From the Pastor

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

What a wonderful welcome I am receiving from all of you. Thank you to the Fellowship Ministry who provided the delicious refreshments following Liturgy. Thank you to the choir for helping us all praise God with their angelic voices. Thank you for the very warm words of welcome and encouragement that so many, many expressed to me. You are a blessing!

In the Lord,



Father Cohan



### ***FATHER CAMILLUS!***

We welcome to our parish community Rev. Camillus Rema – who is a priest of the Diocese of Mymensingh in Bangladesh where he is the pastor of St. Andrew Kim. Father Camillus will be serving our parish during July and August. Welcome, Father Camillus.

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### **KEEPING IN OUR PRAYERS**

Having just celebrated Independence Day, let us pray to God to continue to bless and watch over our young men and women who make ultimate sacrifices for our freedom and democracy.

Angelo, the young man baptized this year at our Vigil Mass, has been sent to Texas in preparation for deployment to Iraq. Any parishioners wishing to send Angelo a card or letter may contact the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852 for mailing information.



**STEWARDSHIP**

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**FAITH**

*Time, Talent, Treasure.*

*Putting God First?*

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred – or sixty – or thirty fold!

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
 last week **\$10,909.00;**  
 last year **\$10,410.00.**  
 Thank you for your generosity.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

- Monday: Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21
- Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

**FRUIT OF THE WORD**

The seed is the word of God. The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives. Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God. The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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**LIVE TODAY**

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.  
 – *Anonymous*

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT  
 AS OF 07/07/08**

<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$3,313,234.50</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>\$3,157,339.31</b>
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 155,895.19</b>

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

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

**Pledges Collected**      (-) \$3,157,339.31

**Mtge. Reduction Collections**      (-) \$ 168,467.50

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

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**Remaining Debt**      **\$ 274,753.43**

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

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| July 6  | Diane DeJesus               |
| July 13 | Eleanor & Joseph Parlacoski |
| July 20 | Elli Bordynko               |
| July 27 | Bob Vislocky                |

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





## 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 Sessions will take place on Monday, July 14th and Wednesday, August 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Lucy 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.



## CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NEWS YOU'RE LATE!!

If you wish your child to continue in the Catholic Faith Formation Program (CFF), please return the re-registration form that was mailed to you in March. Classes are reaching capacity!! The number of classes, teachers, books and class lists, all need to be in place by August.

**Our 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, if not pre-registered. He/she will have to wait until the secretary puts them in the system. We ask your cooperation in this matter.

**New student registration takes place in the CFF Office located in the school. (Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 9 to 4 p.m.)**



## CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED!

### FAST ROAD TO HEAVEN!!

Due to the increasing number of students, we need teachers and substitutes. If you are a faith-filled practicing Catholic and willing to give an hour and a half of your time weekly, please call the Catholic Faith Formation Office (732)388-2560 or e-mail us at [cff@stagnesparish.com](mailto:cff@stagnesparish.com). Come with enthusiasm, a love for young people, a sense of humor and patience!



## ST. AGNES SUMMER BIBLE CAMP



**July 21 – July 25**

St. Agnes Church  
332 Madison Hill Road, Clark

**Time: 9:00 – 12:00**

**ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 – 8**  
(Age 4 by July, 2008)

For more information or registration form,  
please call (732) 388-7852.

### KNOWING GOD

Knowing God is not so much a question of opening a book and reading about God, but of opening the heart and loving God.

– *Anonymous*



**How Does the Church Help Catholics to Address Political and Social Questions?**

The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. "Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act . . . [Every person] is obligated to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

**ST. AGNES  
SPIRITUAL BOOK NOOK**



**Sundays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - St. Jude Room**  
(Closed Holiday weekends.)

Have a cup of coffee while you browse and borrow spiritual books, DVD's and audio books. If you are looking for some reading for the pool, beach or your own back yard retreat, come down to the St. Jude Room and see our excellent selection of books.

**Attention All Men of St. Agnes Parish!!!**

We invite you to our next Men's Spirituality meeting which will be on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Whelan Center. In our series, *God Alone Suffices*, we will look at "The Deceptive Light of Human Love."

Our Catechism references concerning the Providence of God will be #306-308. The Scripture reference is Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:12-17. "Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus!" Questions for sharing will explore our reactions to the disappointments in the lives of our children or loved ones, and how these reactions may a precious grace for us!

Coffee will be served after the meeting. For more information, please call Walter Borowski at (732) 381-0586 or email at [comunioncbm@yahoo.com](mailto:comunioncbm@yahoo.com).

**STEWARDSHIP  
CLASSIFIED**



We are in need of volunteers to help in our Ministry to the Homebound. Volunteers in this ministry visit the homebound, administer communion, pray and talk. One training session is necessary to distribute the Eucharist. If anyone is interested, please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



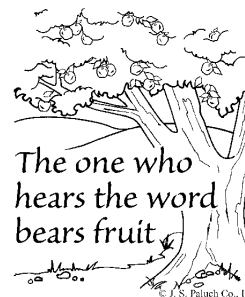
Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir rehearsals will begin on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. in the Music Office.

This program is open to all parish children grades 2 through 8. For more information, see Mary Ellen Theel after Mass on Sundays.

Those who sing pray twice.

— St. Augustine





<b>SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2008</b> 5:30 Deceased Members of the O'Connor Family - Mr. & Mrs. John O'Connor
<b>SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2008</b> 7:30 Victor Morvillo - Anne Morvillo 9:00 People of the Parish 10:30 Vita Loria - Jo & Charles Vincenti 12:00 Robert Aklonis - Jean & Lorraine Aklonis
<b>MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008</b> 7:00 Edward G. Masol - The Leone Family 9:00 Frank Elischberger - Susan, Matt & Eric
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008</b> 7:00 Deceased Members of the Bokenko & Morahan Families - Barbara & Ed Morahan 9:00 Pat Leonardis - Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Lenick
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008</b> 7:00 Joseph LaPelusa - Philip & Donna LaPelusa 9:00 Donato Toto - Rose & Vito Toto
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008</b> 7:00 Saverio Roglieri - Barbara Platkowski & Family 9:00 John Delaney - Susan, Matt & Eric
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008</b> 7:00 Saverio Roglieri - Caporaso, Tkac, Timoni, Palermo & Carnavole Families 9:00 John Gregorek - Grandchildren-Michael, Melissa & Joey Fabijanczuk
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008</b> 8:30 Memorial - Saverio Roglieri, Pat Murphy, June Kalvin 5:30 Angelo Valenti - Rose & Vito Toto

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JULY 12</b>
<b>SPECIAL MISSION COLLECTION</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JULY 13</b>
<b>SPECIAL MISSION COLLECTION</b>	
1:30 PM Baptisms	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JULY 14</b>
6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1C	
7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - St. Lucy Room	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JULY 16</b>
7:30 PM Men's Spirituality - Fr. Whelan Center	
<b>SAT/SUN</b>	<b>JULY 19/20</b>
<b>MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION</b>	



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Grace Bradley during the week of July 13th.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Cecelia Smentkowski during the week of July 13th at the request of Mary & Ernie Nucera.



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL  
PRE-K OPENINGS  
2008-2009**

Limited openings in our  
**Pre-K 3 and 4 Year Old Programs**

If interested, please call 732-381-0850

**Parish/Rectory Office Summer Hours**  
The parish/rectory office will be closing at 4 p.m. on Fridays during the summer months. Thank you.

*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!



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

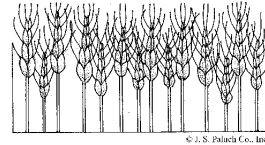
Anthony Charles Foglia, Rachel Gries, Peter Bukowski

***Those Who Are Sick***

Mary Zelanko, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe & Irene Margeton, 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, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Giovanna Tripicchio, Marie Cerone, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiemista, Carmelina Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan, Mariani Rocco, Dominic Preite, Marge Geist Gais, Jerry Vezza, Brenda Vermeal, Angie Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Mary Marciano, Mary Gianti, Joao Faria, Maria Dietrick, Tom Wilkinson, Mark Shipe, Katherine Franceski, Richard Ciccone, Nancy Reuter, Joseph Fabijanczuk, Jennifer Concalves, David Shea, Joey Santillo, Josephine Kane, Sergio Ricciardi, Kevin Keating, Michael Denora, Nicholas Maculoso, Edward Nicholson, Jeanmarie Stewart, Michael Joseph Anderson III, Joseph Santillo, Josephine Pipa, Neil Boyle, Jr., Alice Dowzycki



*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*



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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 13, 2008**

You have crowned the year with your bounty,  
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.

– Psalm 65:12