

From the Pastor

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"Our deepest desire is for all people to know and love God."
(Saint Rafaela Maria)

Dear Parishioners,

Every summer parishes throughout the Archdiocese welcome missionaries to speak at weekend Masses and take up a collection for their charitable works of mercy. I am pleased to announce that Lynette Kyle from the *Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* will visit us here at Saint Agnes on July 7 and 8.

The *Handmaids of the Sacred Heart* are committed to missionary work in developing countries. The Eucharist is the beating heart of their mission. And although the community is apostolic (active), daily contemplation of Christ in the Eucharist moves them to seek and to respond, in all things, to His Real Presence, making their lives a continuous act of adoration.

The *Handmaids of the Sacred Heart* work with the homeless in Buenos Aires, with immigrants from Spain, with women affected by AIDS in Cameroon, and the list continues on, but I'll leave this for Lynette to share with us when she comes to St. Agnes next weekend.

A second collection will be taken next weekend for the *Handmaids of the Sacred Heart*. All checks should be made out to St. Agnes Church. After the second collections are combined and counted, we send one parish check to the Office of the Propagation of The Faith for the Handmaids' Mission. Thank you in advance for being as generous as possible.



Summer has arrived. It has been a long and fruitful year here at Saint Agnes. We have completed many successful programs and projects, encountered numerous challenges and experienced some disappointments along the way. Overall, it was a good year. Now it's time for parish downtime. Parish priests, sisters and staff will be taking some time off for vacation. We hope that you will also experience time for some rest and relaxation.

It is our tradition to invite a visiting priest to join us during the summer. Many of you know Father Jacek. Father has been with us for the past six of eight summers. Father Jacek is the Rector of a seminary in Poland. Father's responsibilities as Rector limits his time that he can spend with us. Therefore, he can only be with us for the month of August. Father Jacek has graciously arranged for his good priest buddy to join us for the month of July. His name is Father Robert Pawlak. Father is ordained sixteen years and he is the Spiritual Director of the Seminary in Warsaw. Seminary Rector and Spiritual Director - we are most certainly blessed with extraordinary holy men of God.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim
Pastor

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

We, too, are called to be servants of the Lord, as Isaiah says in today's first reading. Everything we have comes from Him and we should work to serve Him alone.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,294.00.**
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16];
Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16; Gal 5:1, 13-18;
Lk 9:51-62



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

July 1	The Delaney Family
July 8	Cecilia Cosgrove
July 15	The Tereshko Family
July 22	Valentino Family
July 29	The Streisel Family

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

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 6/25/07**

Total Pledges	\$3,268,823.21
Pledges Collected	\$3,039,440.44
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 229,382.77

Total Building Costs	\$3,830,672.97
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Interest on Loan	(+) \$ 2,655.14
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Pledges Collected	(-) \$3,039,440.44
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Mtge. Reduction Collections	(-) \$ 83,720.77
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Funds from Savings	(-) \$ <u>250,000.00</u>
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Remaining Debt	\$ 460,166.90
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DOES GOD CARE WHAT I WEAR TO CHURCH?

Summer activities and vacations can make getting to Mass each week seem like a juggling act. Harder still is finding the time to dress properly and prepare as we would like. But approaching all aspects of the Eucharist carefully can deepen our Communion with Christ. What we wear can help.

Make it feel special. If you were invited to a friend's house for an evening, wouldn't you wear something nice to honor your friend? Sunday Mass is a special time for you and God. Wearing good clothes makes it feel special.

Send a message. Mass is also a communal celebration. When you look nice in church, you send a message to your Catholic brothers and sisters that you value your time together in God's name.

Use this guideline. When deciding what to wear in Church, think about this: If it's something you would wear to a picnic, to play a sport, or to clean out the garage or house, don't wear it to church—even during the summer.

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Sisters of Mercy will hold their annual liturgy in *Celebration of Mercy Education* on Sunday, September 23, 2007. The Sunday Mass, with reception and light refreshments following, will take place at 2:30 p.m., at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mount Saint Mary, Watchung. Interested graduates, guests, and former faculty members, religious and lay, are asked to call Sister Marlene Fritz (908-756-0994, ext. 4007) or email mfritz@newjerseymercy.org before September 14th to register.



**117 Annual Feast of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
July 12, 2007 - July 16, 2007
259 Oliver St., Newark, NJ

Novena begins on July 7, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. and continues for 9 nights in church.

Candle Light Procession - July 12, 2007, immediately following novena.

Processions in Honor of Our Lady - July 15, 2007 and July 16, 2007, immediately following the 12 Noon Solemn Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Healing Mass - July 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn will be the Celebrant.

Street Festival - Begins July 12th and runs through July 16th. The street Festival opens at 6:00 p.m. and closes at 11:00 p.m. each evening. There will be games, rides, great food, super 50/50 and entertainment each evening.

CLASSIFIED

St. Agnes School is seeking a part-time introductory Spanish teacher for Grades K-8. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852.

**St. Agnes Walt Disney World
Vacation Package Raffle**

7 Days/6 nights at Disney's Port Orleans
Riverside Resort for a family of five plus
five 6-day Park Hopper Passes
Drawing to be held at the Tricky Tray on
October 17, 2007, at 11 PM

Winner not be present.

**\$50 per ticket – Only 300 tickets will
be sold!**

Tickets may be purchased at Saint Agnes Rectory
or by calling Maria O'Connor at (732) 882-1893.

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART
145 Plainfield Ave., Metuchen, NJ

Summer Sports Camp**Turco and St. Joseph's to Hold Summer Camp**

St. Joseph of Metuchen will hold summer basketball camps for boys currently enrolled in grades 2 through 10. Each week-long session will run from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost of each session is \$195 per week. Dates for each session are as follows: **Session #1:** July 9-13; **Session #2:** July 16-20; **Session #3:** July 23-July 27; **Session #4:** July 30-Aug. 3; **Session #5:** Aug. 13-Aug. 17; **Session #6:** Aug. 20-Aug. 24. For more information or to request a brochure call Coach Dave Turco at (732) 245-0807 or email dbtcamps@comcast.net.

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!



**Archdiocese of Newark
Marriage Enrichment Weekend**

“Serve one another through love” (Today’s Second Reading)
Renew the love and intimacy in your marriage. Recharge your holy orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 20-22. For more information, please call (800) 823-5683.



2.5 million

In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation. (1776 population from *Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970.*)

302 million

The nation’s population on this July Fourth.

SEASONS NEWS RELEASE

SEASONS is a support group for divorced, separated, and widowed individuals of all faiths, including anyone who has experienced the loss of a relationship. It is designed to provide assistance in the journey toward the healing of emotions and spirit through group discussions, guest speakers and social activities. The sessions will take place the 3rd Tuesday of June, July and August. The first session will be an interactive panel discussion on Tuesday, June 19th at St. Helen’s Activities Center, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield, at 7 PM, Topic: “Who are you, really.” Contact: Bob at (908) 322-7762.

**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!**

July



2007

Sunday, July 8, 7:00 PM

TOT with Bishop DaCunha at Senorita’s,
285 Glenwood Ave., Bloomfield

Living Our Faith in a Secularized Environment

Wednesday, July 11, 7:00 PM

TOT with David O’Brien in the Crow’s Nest, Hackensack
Relationships – Finding the Right One!

Check the website: www.newarkoym.org for more details

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to the installation of the Pro Turf Field at the Arthur L. Johnson field, the Township of Clark will be unable to have fireworks on the fourth of July. Therefore, St. Agnes will not be having annual picnic.



SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2007

5:30 People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2007

7:30 Rose Tomchak - Sikora Family
9:00 Mary Segreto - Terry & Joe Segreto
10:30 Joseph Bellini - Lynne & Stan Stires
12:00 Mark Albert Costa - Parents & Brothers

MONDAY, JULY 2, 2007

7:00 Leslie Cordasco - Brother
9:00 Francisco Rivera, Sr. - June Rivera

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2007

7:00 Elizabeth & Walter Fairbaniec - Pam & George Streisel
9:00 Anne Dudek - Mark & Maria Shipe

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2007 - ONE MASS ONLY

9:00 Joseph Heelan - Wife

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2007

7:00 Margaret Cafiero - Maureen & Bob Tereshko
9:00 Rose Mangiavillano - Jean & Mike Palumbo

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2007

7:00 Edward J. Chadwick - Anne Korn
9:00 Angelo Leone - Leone Family

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass -Michael Arthur Flanagan, Teresa Hanselman, Carmelia Murphy, W. Ed Ross & John Ross; Special 95th Birthday Intention for Archbishop Gerety, Special Birthday Wish for Cardinal McCarrick, Special Intention for Stephen Barone
5:30 Dolores Choma - Rev. Msgr. James Choma

SUNDAY

JULY 1

1:30 PM Baptisms

WEDNESDAY

JULY 4

**INDEPENDENCE DAY
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

SATURDAY

JULY 7

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

SUNDAY

JULY 8

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

6:00 PM Bible Camp Setup

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Irene Finger during the week of July 1st.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Stanley Stefanik during the week of July 1st at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hoehn.



Devotional area flowers for the week of July 1st are in honor of Josephine & Charles Vincenti, a gift from Lee & Gordon Randolph on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of July 1st were donated in memory of George E. Finger at the request of wife, Irene.



The Archdiocese of Newark invites you to its Festival of Faith, a day-long celebration of Catholic identity designed to enlighten, energize, and inspire you. The festival will take place on Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Grow closer to God and rediscover the treasures of the Catholic faith. Celebrate the richness of the cultures represented throughout the Archdiocese. Whether you are an active member of your church or just searching, come, join us!

PLEASE NOTE. . .

Beginning July 6, 2007, through August 31, 2007, the Parish Office located in the Rectory will close every Friday at 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

For more information, log on to: www.rcan.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

May They Rest in Peace

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, Linda Ruth, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Barbara Guinta, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Victor Fernandes, Sr., Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Rita Corrado, 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

FOCUS ON THE MISSION

“There are so many things to do.” “We have so little time.” How many variations of these statements have you heard or even said yourself?

Actually neither statement is completely true. There are many things to do in this life, but really few things that are vitally important. Working, searching, conniving, and worrying our way to “gratify[ing] the desires of the flesh,” as Paul relates in today’s second reading, are really non-productive. So little time? When we take on the freedom that Christ offers us, we have all the time we need in this world, and even more in the next.

Elisha, the prophet Elijah’s chosen servant, was slightly befuddled about what he should do. When Elijah called, he returned to bid farewell to his parents and provide food for his people. Only then did he follow.

Jesus demands something different, something more of his disciples. He calls us to a single-minded determination to drop everything and follow him. Now, not later.

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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 1, 2007**

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.”

– Luke 9:62

