

Archdiocese of Newark
Office of Gift Planning

“Financial Planning for a Lasting Legacy – Do Good by Doing Well”

Charitable Gift Annuities provide relief from some of the most common financial problems as well as help us reach financial goals for ourselves and our families:

- Supplement retirement savings
- Provide for children
- Assistance for elderly parents
- Relief from low-interest CDs
- Leave a lasting legacy

Call Anne DeVivo DeMesa in the Office of Gift Planning at the Archdiocese of Newark (973) 497-4048 to learn more about how you can set up a charitable gift annuity to pay you income for life and ultimately benefit our parish. For more information, visit our website at www.rcan.org/plannedgiving.



“As Iron Sharpens Iron So One Man Sharpens Another.” (Proverbs 27:17)

As men of God, we seek to guide one another towards Christ by spreading the Gospel, and pray that we may follow Him faithfully.

The Archdiocese of Newark is pleased to introduce a Men's Commission, an opportunity to offer a structure of fellowship and support to deepen men's faith and relationships with Jesus Christ; and help guide their roles in their families, in the Church, and in society as men of God and men for others.

To introduce the Men's Commission throughout the Church of Newark, we will hold the first Archdiocesan-wide Men's Fellowship Day (or Call to Catholic Men of Faith) which will be a large scale public gathering of men throughout the Archdiocese to come together and support one another in their personal discipleship and journey toward Christ. Currently, the Fellowship Day is scheduled for next year on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

For more information, read our Men's Commission mission statement. If you are interested in joining this important effort, please contact us via email at CatholicMen@rcan.org.

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

***Time, Talent, Treasure.
Putting God First?***

“The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces,” says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week **\$10,072.00**; last year **\$10,410.50**;
Mortgage Reduction last week **\$5,569.50**;
last year **\$5,638.50**.

Thank you for your generosity.

TODAY’S READINGS

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 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: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39;
 Mt 14:13-21

LISTEN TO YOUR DREAMS

God visits Solomon in a dream, and the scripture story nowhere tells us that Solomon awoke to have this conversation with God! So, still in his dream, Solomon answers God’s question about what he desires most, and God grants his request for wisdom in abundance.

In our waking hours, we are much distracted by work, home, family, traffic, entertainment, and many worries. When we try to think about what we really want out of life, we have trouble even imagining what that might be. But deep inside, our real longings dwell, known to God and to the Holy Spirit. Our dreams, unencumbered by defenses, may hold clues to what our deepest needs are, or what bothers us most. They could be God speaking.

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**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 07/21/08**

Total Pledges **\$3,313,234.50**

Pledges Collected **\$3,157,405.31**

Outstanding Pledges **\$ 155,829.19**

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

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

Pledges Collected (-) **\$3,157,405.31**

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Collections (-) **\$ 174,037.00**

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

Remaining Debt **\$ 269,117.93**

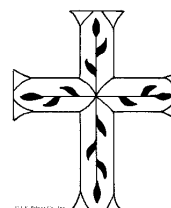


Elijah Cup Program

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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| August 3 | Dolores Koch |
| August 10 | Murray Family |
| August 17 | McCarthy Family |
| August 24 | Dorothea Mulcahy |
| August 31 | Bob Rasmussen |

Please call the 388-7852. A convenient for you Thank you.



Parish Office at (732) week that is will be assigned.

**ATTENTION STUDENTS
WHO WILL APPLY TO CATHOLIC
SCHOOL THIS FALL!!**

In order to apply to the 32 Catholic high schools in the four counties within the Archdiocese of Newark, students in the eighth grade must take the 2008 COOP Exam. The exam will be given on Friday, November 7, 2008. For more information, visit www.coopexam.org or call 1-888-921-COOP.

**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.

**DID YOUR FAITH GROW UP
WITH THE REST OF YOU!**

Are you seeking a deeper understanding of your Catholic faith? Are you being called to more active church ministry, but feel unprepared intellectually and spiritually? **Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology's STEPS** program continues at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood, NJ this fall with two classes. **History of Christianity** on Monday evenings and **Sacraments of Initiation** on Thursday evenings. **STEPS** is a graduate level certificate program designed to educate and inspire adult Catholics to understand and live their faith in their homes, parishes and communities. Application deadline is August 1 for the fall semester. For more information please contact Jo-Anne Lieder at (973) 313-6331 or www.liederjo@shu.edu.



**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. Come with enthusiasm, a love for young people, a sense of humor and patience!



WISDOM

Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know.

– William Saroyan



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

Doing Good and Avoiding Evil

There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of human life through abortion. It is always morally wrong to destroy innocent human beings. A legal system that allows the right to life to be violated on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed.

Similarly, direct threats to the dignity of human life such as euthanasia, human cloning, and destructive research on human embryos are also intrinsically evil and must be opposed. Other assaults on human life and dignity, such as genocide, torture, racism, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Disrespect for any human life diminishes respect for all human life.

A Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.

Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential. As Pope John Paul II said, "the fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment" (Encyclical *Veritatis Splendor*, no. 52). The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive – including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work. The use of the death penalty, hunger, lack of health care or housing, human trafficking, the human and moral costs of war, and unjust immigration policies are some of the serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Children's Choir

Our Children's Choir rehearsals will begin on September 4th 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



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 Session will take place on 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.



SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2008

5:30 Joseph Stypa - Pam & George Streisel

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2008

7:30 Vanderhoven Family - The King Family

9:00 Anna Reichenstein - Dzema Family

10:30 Thomas Ford - Stella Ford

12:00 People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2008

7:00 Rosemarie Hillebrand - Mother

9:00 Joseph Karaman - Betty Massarelli

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2008

7:00 Florence Whelan - Mary Rutkowski

9:00 Joseph Karaman - Joan & Tony Tese

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2008

7:00 Gregory Ofenleger - The Armstrong Family

9:00 Joseph Karaman - Michael Tese

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2008

7:00 Vincent Vaccaro - Thomas & Mary Pizza

9:00 Joseph Karaman - Josephine & Ralph Pugnet

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2008

7:00 Vincent Vaccaro - Susan Alacetti & Family

9:00 Earl Hassler - Helen Hassler

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 20088:30 Memorial - Teresa Hanselman, Joan Marciano,
Kathy

Bongiovanni, Fortunata Tan, Isabel Casimiro

Jeronimo, Bill Quinlivan, Peter Bukowski

5:30 People of the Parish

SATURDAY**AUGUST 2**

11:00 AM Sports - Gym

SUNDAY**AUGUST 3**

1:30 PM Baptisms



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Peg Phelan during the week of July 27th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Rosemarie Hillebrand during the week of July 27th at the request of Vickie, Michael & Aimee.



**1651 U.S. Highway 22
Watchung, NJ**

Mount St. Mary House of prayer will offer the following programs. Registration required: call (908) 753-2091 or email msmhope@msmhope.org.

SIX DAY RETREAT

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

August 8-15, Fee: \$385, *Non-refundable deposit* \$75

Arrival: 7 p.m. Departure: 11 a.m.

GRIEF RECOVER PROGRAM - Learning a process to deal with grief

Gentle experiential process for resolving the grief caused by a loss.

Sun., August 17, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. (\$45)

Mary Jo Kearns, RSM

Parish/Rectory Office Summer Hours

The parish/rectory office will be closing at 4 p.m. on Fridays during the summer months. Thank you.

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

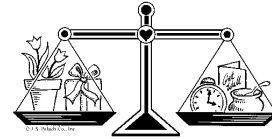
Mark C. McDevitt

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 Kiempiasta, 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, 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



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2008**

All things work for good for those who love God.

– Wisdom 12:19