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Sunday, September 25th  
1:30—6:30

Save the date!  
New fun features

The Second Annual  
St. Agnes Parish Picnic

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

*“Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Isaiah 55:2 Do you waste the financial gifts that God has given you on things that are not necessary or on things that do not give you joy and fulfillment? This is Isaiah’s challenge to us this week.*

**Your Stewardship in Treasure**

Will be published next week.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:22-36  
 Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or  
 Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;  
 Mt 15:21-28  
 Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23  
 Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28  
 Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19;  
 Mt 17:19  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5;  
 Mt 14:22-33

**PRAY**

If you pray you are sure of saving your soul. If you do not pray you are just as sure to lose your soul.

—*St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**OUR DEEPEST NEEDS**

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs” (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, “Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?” After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today’s Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

**Parish Office Hours**

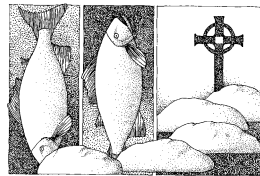
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Notices for the bulletin must be submitted to the Parish (Rectory) Office no later than 12 noon Monday for publication in the next bulletin. Please email Joanne Cancro at [stagneschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stagneschurch@comcast.net) with your information.

**Summer Reading: Changes to the Mass**

On November 27, 2011, the English speaking Catholic Church in the USA will begin using a new translation of the prayers for Mass. During the past several months, there have been blurbs in our bulletin preparing us for the coming changes. More items will follow in the Fall of 2011. Meanwhile, during the summer months, if you would like to learn more about these changes there are two websites you may wish to visit. The first is hosted by the Office of Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Newark: [www.RomanMissalNewark.org](http://www.RomanMissalNewark.org). This has helpful information for clergy, musicians, parishioners and others. The second website on the topic is hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: [www.usccb.org/romanmissal](http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal). This site has all of the latest information on the changes to the Mass. Both sites include samples of the new responses and other prayers to be used by the priest and the people at Mass beginning November 27.



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**RCIA** *Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults*

- *Is the Lord calling you to a closer relationship with 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 several times throughout the year. For further information, please call Maureen at 732-574-3011.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## GIVE THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

Did you or your children receive a Catholic education? What do you remember about your education that meant so much to you? Whatever your answers are, would you like to help a child share in that same experience?

During these economic times, there are many families that struggle to give their children that type of education. The Saint Agnes parish has so many families that want their children to get a faith-filled education. Here at Saint Agnes school we try to educate the mind, the heart and the spirit.

Maybe you would like to think about sponsoring a child. It can be in any amount. Your donation also is tax deductible. If this seems like something you would like to consider, please contact the principal, Mrs. Heather Schnaars at 732-381-0850 ext. 1. Together our community can help the children share in dividends for life.

## FOOD CERTIFICATES

*The Perfect Fund Raiser*

**PLEASE HELP US BY  
PURCHASING FOOD CERTIFICATES  
BEFORE OR AFTER MASS**

Shoprite, A&P, Foodtown and  
Pathmark Cards Available

*Thank you for your support!*



**Thank You!**



Thank you to all school families, parishioners and friends for supporting the education fundraisers during the school year. Please continue to save the labels and box tops over the summer. You can drop the tops and labels off after Mass on weekends in the container located on the food certificate table in the auditorium.

*Save the Date!!*

**St. Agnes School Annual Tricky Tray  
Thursday, October 20, 2011  
at the *Gran Centurions***

**Tickets will go on sale after Masses  
beginning August 27th and 28th.**

**If you wish to reserve a table now,  
please call the Parish Office at  
732-388-7852, ext. 2.**

**CATHOLIC**



**YOU'RE LATE!!!**

If you wish your child to continue in the CFF Program, 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 before August.

**New student registration takes place in the CFF Office located in the school Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the office before coming. Access the office via the front entrance of the school.**

## TEACHERS NEEDED!

We need teachers and substitutes, especially for grades three and four. If you are a faith-filled practicing Catholic and willing to give an hour and a half of your time weekly, please call the CFF Office at 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!!

### Construction Update

As you know, the auditorium phase of our construction project is in high gear. Therefore, no one may enter the school building or enter church through the auditorium. Everyone must enter church through the main doors of church.

**If you have business with the CFF Office or School Office, please call first before arriving so they can let you in via front entrance of the school.**

Access to the Parish Center—which will remain available for parish use seven days a week—must be through the lower doors only.



### ATTENTION SANDWICH MAKERS!!

Due to construction, we will be making sandwiches in the St. Joseph Room continuing through the month of August.

### Best-Selling Author Mitch Albom Returns to College of Saint Elizabeth

**Morristown, N.J.** Best-selling author Mitch Albom will return to the stage of the Dolan Performance Hall, Annunciation Center, at the College of St. Elizabeth, 2 Convent Rd., Morristown, Wed., Sept. 14, 2011, to deliver his speech *Have a Little Faith*, which is also the title of his latest best-selling book. His first claim to fame is as the author of the bestseller *Tuesdays with Morrie*, which he followed with two more best sellers: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* and *For One More Day*. Ticket prices: \$25 each; \$15 for non-CSE students and for senior citizens, 65 years and older. CSE students are free. For info call 973-290-4378.

### ST. AGNES SPIRITUAL BOOK NOOK



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

### Coming Events at St. Agnes Parish

***Catechetical Sunday, September 18th.*** All who serve in the Catechetical ministry will receive a special parish blessing during Sunday worship.

***Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 25th.*** Kick off and celebrate the new school year and ministry year by joining fellow parishioners and friends at our parish picnic.

***Annual Fall Blood Drive, Sunday, October 9th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the cafetorium.*** More information to follow.

### Protecting God's Children Session

Protecting God's Children Session for Adults will be held at St. Agnes Parish for all St. Agnes parents, coaches, lunch duty personnel and volunteers as well as CFF Teachers, volunteers and any St. Agnes Parish volunteers.

The sessions will be as follows:

**Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**  
**Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Both sessions will be held in the Fr. Whelan Center.

To register online go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org), or call Dave Broadwell at 732-485-0763 or Mary Tomchuk at 732-752-7841 for any questions.

### SEND A CITY CHILD TO CAMP

The Eddie Gray Camp Fund is seeking funds to send inner-city children to summer camp. This year our cost per child will be \$200 for one week. However, we will be grateful for donations of any amount. Every donation helps and is greatly appreciated! Please make checks payable to the Eddie Gray Camp Fund and mail them to:

Sister Jacinta Fernandes  
St. Joseph Social Service Center  
812 Rebecca Place  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Thank you for providing a happy and healthy experience for an inner-city child!

# Mass Schedule



## SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011

5:30 James P. Scott—Ronnie & Bill Duffy

## SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Kathy Bongiovanni—Bongiovanni Family

10:30 Charles McNeil—Judy Shackleton

12:00 Stella Bialoglow—Jo Evans

## MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2011

7:00 Helen & Christopher Koscica—Peter & Lucy  
Koscica

9:00 Johnny Bukowiec—Leslie & George Visconti

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011

7:00 Kerry O'Connor—The Isidron Family

9:00 Siclari Family—Daughter Rose

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2011

7:00 Ann Bellak—7 AM Mass Attendees

9:00 William J. Clancy—The Clancy Family

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011

7:00 Helen Grande—Pat Hart & Helen Wright

9:00 Nunzio Agrillo—Tom & Kelly Bowen

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2011

7:00 Patrick & Cecilia Cosgrove—Daughter

9:00 Johnny Bukowiec—The Bowen Family

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2011

8:30 W. Ed Ross—Gina & John Ross

5:30 Edward & Helen Warakomski—  
Thomas & Carolyn Muratt

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2011

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Kerry O'Connor—Frank & Diane Decker

10:30 Michel, Urso, Rupnick, Kolibas & Buitrago  
Families—Lois & Ray Kolibas & Family

12:00 Margaret Rittweger—Fred Rittweger



**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

## FRIDAY

**AUGUST 5, 2011**

9:00 AM Tricky Tray Meeting—Fr. Whelan Ctr.

## SUNDAY

**AUGUST 7, 2011**

1:30 PM Baptisms

## A B C Blessings

### What You Can Do for God

Accept differences, **Be** kind to everyone, **Count** your blessings, **Do** good even when you don't feel like it, **Express** thanks for all your blessings, **Forgive** and forget, **Give** freely, **Harm** no one, **Imagine** more, **Jettison** anger, **Keep** confidences, **Love** truly, **Master** something, **Nurture** hope, **Open** your mind, **Pack** lightly, **Quell** rumors, **Return** favors, **Seek** wisdom, **Touch** hearts, **Understand**, **Value** truth more than success, **Work** to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and build up His Church, **X**-amine your own heart instead of judging others, **Yearn** for peace, **Zealously** support worthy causes with your time, talent and treasure.

**TRAVELING MADONNA** Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Grace Bradley during the week of July 31st.

### *Stewardship—A Way of Life*

#### Baptismal Preparation Ministry

The Baptismal Preparation Ministry is looking for volunteers. The purpose of this ministry is to welcome new parents and prepare them for their child's first sacrament. This ministry serves first-time parents. Every other month a baptismal team couple will hold a session in their home (or parish center if large number of couples). Please call 732-388-7852 for more information.

#### Homebound Ministry

The Homebound Ministry needs volunteers to bring communion to our homebound parishioners. Time commitment is about 1/2 hour weekly, bi-monthly or monthly, depending on the individual. Eucharist training necessary. Please call 732-388-7852 for more information.

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

May They Rest in Peace

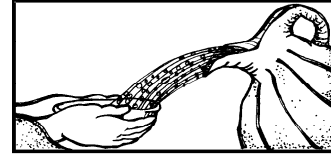
***Those Who Are Sick***

Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe Margeton, Noel Stevenson, Mary Morelli, Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Elizabeth Kate Chern, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina Giacobbe, Mariani Rocco, Marge Geist Gais, Brenda Vermeal, Gabriella Giordano, Joao Faria, Richard Ciccone, Joseph Fabijanczuk, Jennifer Concalves, Joey Santillo, Sergio Ricciardi, Kevin Keating, Nicholas Maculuso, Joseph Santillo, Josephine Pipa, Alice Dowzycki, Claire Orense, Jason Greenbush, Edward Nicholson, Sr., Bonnie Webb, Maria Fernanda Smith, Mary Fedosh, Helen Zdaniewicz, Katherine Cantalupo, Bob Buckley, William F. Regan, Donna Arena, Eileen Moran, Raymond Fleming, Josephine Vincenti, Marie Janowski, Michael Wisnewski, Lee Kelemen, Gail Gerard, Rosemarie & Kevin Harris, Joseph Gallagher, Thomas Newhard, Mark Adamonis, Christian Malmqvist, Irene Russo, Silvia Milano, Alexis Ihnken, Maria Cid, Diane Alfano, Giuseppe de Cristofaro, Vicky Tomasco, Michael Cordasco, Jean Kovacs, Sophie Fabijanczuk, Lucy Paiva, Patricia Burns, Daniel Flynn, Bea Hedigan, Tyler Sanzone, Jason Condit, Cathy DeFrancisco, Marta Tepedino, Robert Barnes, Anna Panikiewsky, Lillian Medway



*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*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 31, 2011**



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All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

— *Isaiah 55:1a*