



*From the Desk of
Sister Margaret*

“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few....”

The Church, the people of God here at St. Agnes welcomed the implementation of Stewardship. Many of you have shared time, talent, and financial support to your parish. But there's so much more going on! There are the countless hours given to spiritual consolation, visits to hospitals, and homes to tend and to console the sick. There are also the many groups in our midst who give service and food to the poor in soup kitchens, and those who instruct neophyte Catholics in the faith. The Bible Study and Spiritual Book Club, provide avenues of grace for those seeking a deeper relationship with Christ. All these good works call for countless hidden hours of dedication, along with the experience to live in someone else's shoes.

As Director of Catholic Faith Formation, I continue to be humbled by the commitment and loving service given by so many parents willing to share their Faith and to prepare children to receive Sacraments. My task is to call forth their gifts and to nurture their talents for future leadership in this privileged ministry. We number 50 catechists each year, many of whom stay committed for years. Most gratifying to me are the college and high school students who teach and work with special children and those needing to be prepared to receive the sacraments. Each year several Eighth Grade students ask to be involved in this ministry and are willing to give up Sunday mornings to teach special children. Parents, please continue to encourage this selfless generosity. This is the future leadership of the People of God.

Toward the end of this year, Saint Agnes School Teachers and CFF Catechists welcomed the opportunity to be certified as catechists. Seven teachers completed certification and all have signed on for the 16 hours of Theology classes which take place on two Saturdays from eight to four and six hours of home study. The harvest is abundant; the laborers need to be prepared.

Beginning in September, we have scheduled excellent professors from Seton Hall University to speak on the subjects of Holy Scripture and Doctrine. We feel confident that you as Parents/Catholics will not only enjoy these workshops, but you will feel confident learning sound doctrine as you plan to take your place in our future church.

On Saturday, June 9th past, I took advantage and attended a day long workshop at Fordham University given by Theology professors from Notre Dame, Fordham University, Catholic University, Georgetown and Harvard School of Theology. One of the significant topics regarding crisis in the Church at this time was the few lay people prepared to take important places in ministry. These theologians expressed hope that lay people will know how much they are needed as Christ's disciples and will begin to prepare for this grace-filled vocation soon.

Don't just **“...ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest”, ...realize that he wants You to be His laborer.**

One of the Laborers,
S. Margaret

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

“The harvest is rich,” Jesus tells the seventy-two in today’s Gospel, “but the workers are few.” The situation is the same today. How can I help with God’s harvest? Am I called into the field? Am I one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,587.00.**
Thank you.

TODAY’S READINGS

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34; or, for
 Independence Day, any readings from the
 Mass “For Public Needs,” nos. 882-889, or
 “For Peace and Justice,” nos. 887-891
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66; Gal 6:14-18;
 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

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 7/02/07

Total Pledges	\$3,269,733.21
Pledges Collected	\$3,040,902.44
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 228,830.77
Total Building Costs	\$3,830,672.97
Interest on Loan (+) \$	2,655.14
Pledges Collected (-)	\$3,040,902.44
Mtge. Reduction Collections (-) \$	83,720.77
Funds from Savings (-) \$	<u>250,000.00</u>
Remaining Debt	\$ 458,704.90



Right 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 is scheduled to take place on Thursday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Jude 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.

Baptisms

We wish to **WELCOME** the following who have entered into the faith community through the sacrament of Baptism:

MARISOL CRISTINA MARRERO

Daughter of Omar & Cindi

KEVIN ALEXANDER POLINGER

Son of Kurt & Jennifer

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The Elizabeth Ministry (Ministry for Mothers)

The Elizabeth Ministry of St. Agnes is a caring group of women supporting other women in our parish. It is built on the foundation of Scripture, looking to Mary and Elizabeth as models of how mothers can support one another in their times of need.

Mothers from St. Agnes have formed a network to help other mothers through prayers, phone calls, cards, providing meals, babysitting and other assistance. People are matched up based on their own experiences. We have moms that have had multiple pregnancies, miscarriages, stillborns, fertility issues and adopted children. We are here to listen and talk about our own experiences and share yours with the hopes of providing comfort and friendship.

Please call and register when you find out that you are expecting so we may pray for you and our future St. Agnes Parishioners.

Marianne English 732-382-5221
Cheryl Vargas 732-381-3822
Rectory 732-388-7852

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

Lacrosse

The Falcon Lacrosse Camp will take place July 9-13 and July 23-27. For details and to register go to www.LeadingEdgeLacrosse.com and click on Summer Programs.

MOST IMPORTANT

Honor peace more than anything else. But strive first of all to be at peace in yourself.
– John of Apamea, Syriac monk and spiritual writer



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.



CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS NEEDED!

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

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.

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

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!





SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2007	
5:30	Dolores Choma - Msgr. James Choma
SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2007	
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Stanley Stefanik - Josephine Stefanik
10:30	Christopher L. Bonner - Chris Bonner, Maria Yerovi & Family
12:00	Margaret Della Ragione - Daughter Livia
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007	
7:00	Rita Carluccio - Karen & Don Segro
9:00	John A. & Veronica Gerrity - Mary Beth Gerrity
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2007	
7:00	Nikolaus Ckatzopoulos - John & Bridie Smith
9:00	Francisco Rivera, Jr. - June Rivera
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2007	
7:00	Joseph Mercadante - Rose Brinker
9:00	Anthony & Sarah Lombino - Rose Brinker
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2007	
7:00	Teresa Hanselman - Judy & Bill Shackleton
9:00	Joseph Heelan - Frank Liguori
FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2007	
7:00	Frank Elischberger - His Wife & Family
9:00	Victor Morvillo - Cancro Family
SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2007	
8:30	Memorial Mass - John Quinn, Teresa DiMarco, James McBride, Barbara Crepezzi
5:30	Josephine Maricondo - Audrey Smeela

SATURDAY	JULY 7
SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION	
SUNDAY	JULY 8
SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION	
6:00 PM	Bible Camp Setup
MONDAY	JULY 9
9:00 AM	Bible Camp
6:00 PM	Sandwiches - Team 1A
TUESDAY	JULY 10
9:00 AM	Bible Camp
WEDNESDAY	JULY 11
9:00 AM	Bible Camp
THURSDAY	JULY 12
9:00 AM	Bible Camp
7:30 PM	RCIA Inquiry - St. Jude Room
FRIDAY	JULY 13
9:00 AM	Bible Camp
SATURDAY	JULY 14
MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION	
8:30 AM	Mass
SUNDAY	JULY 15
MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION	

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Angie Plesh during the week of July 8th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Christopher L. Bonner during the week of July 8th at the request of Joseph, Patrick, Cristina & Thomas.

Job Description

A neighboring parish is seeking a part-time cook to prepare an evening meal for three priests on Monday and Friday evening. We would also ask that this individual do the shopping for the house. We would like for them to start as soon as possible. If interested, please contact Nora at (908) 232-1214, ext. 21.

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.

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, 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, Jack Cogan

PEACE

The greeting of peace at Mass adds substance to a message of today’s readings: peace is relational. When we greet in peace the person near us at Mass, we share the touch of a handshake or embrace, sincere eye contact, and friendly words.

The scriptures speak of a similar peace. The first reading from Isaiah describes the peace of the holy city, Jerusalem, a place of prosperity and comfort where the “LORD’s power shall be known to his servants” (Isaiah 66:14c).

The Christian understanding of peace changes slightly. Paul writes of the “peace and mercy” on all who are created anew. Jesus describes a feeling of peace that will rest on those who accept his disciples and their message.

Peace is both an absence of strife and a personal blessing. May we always and sincerely bring peace to our own lives as we share it with others.

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**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 8, 2007**

May I never boast except in the cross of the
LORD Jesus Christ.

– Galatians 6:14

