

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

Yes! The Archbishop has assigned a priest to Saint Agnes. He is a newly ordained and his name is Father Antonio Nuno Rocha. The Archbishop obviously thinks very highly of our parish, otherwise, he would have not sent Father Rocha to us.

Father Nuno (his preference of address) is no stranger to me. Before my assignment to Saint Agnes, I simultaneously severed as the Archbishop's Secretary for Development and the Director of Emmaus House. The latter is a discernment residence for men contemplating a vocation to the priesthood, but who are not yet ready to enter the seminary. Nuno Rocha was part of the first group of men that I lived with when Emmaus House first opened. Nuno lived with me for two years, before entering the seminaries at Seton Hall University.

I'm sure that we are all sad over the departure of Father John, and rightly so! Father John has been a blessing during his four years among us. I am also happy for Father John, because he will be entering an important ministry to form candidates for the priesthood. Selfishly, I was a little disappointed with Father John's appointment. However, the Archbishop was very good to us by assigning Father Nuno.

Father Nuno is 33 years old. He was born in Fafe, Portugal and moved to the United States as a young man. He remained very active in his parish, Our Lady of Fatima in Newark. During his last year in Immaculate Conception Seminary, Nuno served as a deacon in Kearny at St. Cecilia's Parish. And now, his first parish to serve as a priest of God is Saint Agnes!

Father Nuno will begin his assignment with us on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Father has returned to Portugal to celebrate with his family and friends. He will be returning on June 20<sup>th</sup> and reporting for duty the next day. Please pray for Father Nuno and Father John during this time of transition. Thank you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor



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**STEWARDSHIP**

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

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given "for the common good." What gifts are mine to share?

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$10,357.50.**  
Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44  
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17;  
Mt 28:16-20

***Archdiocese of Newark  
Office of Ministerial Development***

**PERSONS in PARISH MINISTRY or  
LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

Enrich your own spiritual life and education through courses offered by the Archdiocese of Newark in the Christian Foundations for Ministry program. Sessions begin the week of September 11 and continue for eight weeks. For information and a brochure, call (973) 497-4350 or email [stantovi@rcan.org](mailto:stantovi@rcan.org).

**THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM**

Among all human pursuits, the pursuit of wisdom is more perfect, more noble, more useful, and more full of joy.

–St. Thomas Aquinas

**BUILDING FUND**

*To complete Phase I projects  
we still need to raise –*

**\$576,450.00**

*If you would like to make a donation,  
please make check payable to  
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectory  
attention Building Fund,  
or drop in the collection basket.  
Thank you for your continued support.*



***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 Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the teachers' lounge. If you need any additional information, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.



***Catholic Campus Ministry***

Serving the state and private colleges and universities throughout the Archdiocese.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Tunncliffe at (973) 518-2920 or email at [tunnlicje@rcan.org](mailto:tunnlicje@rcan.org).

## Send a City Child to Camp!

**Your donation can make a difference in the life of an inner city child!**

The Eddie Gray Camp Fund is seeking funds to send inner children to summer camps in New Jersey. Some camps are able to give us discounted prices. We have to pay at least \$75 per child for a week at camp. Donations of any amount will be gladly accepted for this purpose. Children will be selected through St. Joseph Social Service Center, the Elizabethport Presbyterian Center and other non-profit agencies in Elizabeth.

Please make checks payable to the **Eddie Gray Camp Fund**, and mail them to:

**Sister Jacinta Fernandes O.S.B.  
812 Rebecca Place  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201**

Thank you for providing a healthy and happy experience for our children. We are grateful for all your support now, and in the past.



### St. Agnes Reverse 50/50 Winners

Congratulations to our Reverse 50/50 winners!!

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Frances Bracuto and  
Rose Brinker (Shared)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Robert & George Smith

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Mr. & Mrs. Bart Zucosky

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Robert Beyer

5<sup>th</sup> Place - Mary C. Slavin

6<sup>th</sup> Place - Louise Venezio

Congratulations to all of our winners! Thank you to all parishioners who supported our parish reverse 50/50.

## Support Group for Fathers Whose Children Have Died

The needs of fathers who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter are unique. One of these needs is to share the experience with other men who have lived this very complicated and difficult kind of grief. The Office of Family Life Ministries invites all grieving fathers to a morning of sharing, prayer, discussion and reflection in the hope it will provide a special place of understanding and healing away from societal expectations. This morning of reflection will be held at:

Notre Dame RC Church (Parish Center)  
359 Central Avenue  
North Caldwell, NJ  
Saturday, June 17, 2006 – 10 AM

Pre-registration is requested. Please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327 for information and registration.

## THE TENTS ARE COMING!!! Celebrating our Catholic Faith

Good News International is sponsoring its **Tenth Annual Celebrating Our Faith Tenth Revival**, which will take place Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Veronica Church, 4215 US Hwy 9 North, in Howell, New Jersey. Each night will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the Rosary, followed by music, preaching and lots of other great stuff like display booths, liturgy, clowns, food. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, etc.

This year our exciting speakers include: **Fr. Andrew Apostoli**, author frequently seen on EWTN; **Joe Klecko**, former NY Jets and six-time All Pro; **Fr. Bill Halbing**, internationally known Bible teacher and Pastor; Singer/Songwriter, **Bob Filorama**; and **Most Rev. John M. Smith**, Bishop of the Trenton Diocese. Music will again be provided by Refuge, the ministry from the Cathedral of St. Francis, Diocese of Metuchen.

Come celebrate who we are in Jesus Christ. Never been to a tent revival? You don't know what you are missing!! For more information, please call **1-800-430-0586** or email [info@goodnewsinternational.net](mailto:info@goodnewsinternational.net).





**IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION NEW!!!  
YOU'RE LATE!!!**

If you wish your child to continue in the Religious Education 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 at the Religious Education Office in the Rectory. Please register your child as soon as possible. Thank you.



***Father John's Farewell Mass***

***Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon***

***Reception afterwards in gym***

**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!**

**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.

***St. Agnes Rosary & Holy Name Societies  
June Party***



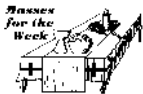
***Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2006  
Location: Gran Centurions  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Amount: \$21.00***

***Tickets are available at the Rectory  
or by calling Rose at (732) 574-0023***

***DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING  
TICKETS IS JUNE 5th***



A very special **thank you** to Mrs. Adele Castellano, St. Agnes HSA and all the volunteers who helped make our clothing drive very successful. Our drive brought in a total of \$1,814.00.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006**

5:30 Margaret Cerreta - Jim & Nadine Restaino

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2006**

7:30 John Marcavage - Tom & Janet McCann  
9:00 John Frantantoni - Kelly & Tom Bowen  
10:30 Joseph Pisani - Children, Ernest & Vicki  
12:00 People of the Parish

**MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2006**

7:00 Ronaldo Fradette - St. Agnes School Faculty & Staff  
9:00 John Delaney - Rose & Mike Brinker

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006**

7:00 Ruth Christensen - Rita Atkins  
9:00 Rosemarie Hillenbrand - Barbara Bucknall

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2006**

7:00 Maria Yost - Draghi Family  
9:00 Stanley Niemczyk - The Niemczyk Family

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2006**

7:00 Elizabeth Cordes - Family  
9:00 Maria Romero - Daughter

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2006**

7:00 Virthel Eades - Roy & Lynne Nunes  
9:00 Pauline Sawicki - Stella Zayack

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2006**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Joseph Zucaro, Marjorie Cistrelli,  
Margaret Firestone, Betty Cassaro, Lilia Rodriguez  
5:30 People of the Parish

**SATURDAY**

5:30 PM CYO Lock-In Begins

**SUNDAY**

**JUNE 4**

7:00 AM CYO Lock-In Ends  
1:30 PM Baptism

**MONDAY**

**JUNE 5**

7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge  
7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom

**WEDNESDAY**

**JUNE 7**

5:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
6:00 PM Brownies Award Night - Gymnasium

**THURSDAY**

**JUNE 8**

7:30 PM Adult Choir

**FRIDAY**

**JUNE 9**

10:00 AM Communion Breakfast  
10:00 AM Grades K-6 Early Dismissal  
7:30 PM Graduation

**SATURDAY**

**JUNE 10**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

**SUNDAY**

**JUNE 11**

7:00 AM CYO Year-End Party



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Paulkowitz during the week of June 4<sup>th</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Alice & Paul Hart during the week of June 4<sup>th</sup> at the request of the Hart Family.



For the week of June 4<sup>th</sup> were donated in memory of Jane Howell, a gift from the Howell Family.



**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** for the week of June 4<sup>th</sup> were donated in memory of George Finger at the request of wife, Irene.

**STEWARDSHIP CLASSIFIED**



We are in need of volunteers to make rosary beads to be given to our homebound parishioners, local hospitals and nursing homes and to be sent overseas to our troops. If anyone is interested, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852. Training will be provided. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.

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

Joyce C. Mulvaney

***Those Who Are Sick***

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann & Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Anna Manigold, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Linda Ruth, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Henry Latch, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Robert McKeon, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Florence Kempinski, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Mary Lou Loffa, James MacConchie, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Patricia Zych, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Edward Alfano, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Josephine Stefanik



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***Guide Us Today***

Holy Spirit, you who pointed out the way for your disciples to announce the Gospel, we pray to you:

As in the time of the apostles, guide today's messengers of the Good News.

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**Pentecost Sunday**  
**June 4, 2006**

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.

— *1 Corinthians 12:4*