



***“Jesus’ disciples said to him, ‘Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?’”***

In today’s Gospel I usually focus on the end of the passage when Jesus institutes the Eucharist, the phenomenal gift of His body and blood. That certainly is appropriate given that today is the feast of Corpus Christi, “The Body of Christ.” But the phrase above has a particular and personal meaning for me. There are many times in the Scriptures when the disciples took direction from Jesus, but these directions led to the Eucharist, to their experience of Christ on a whole new level. Now they are able to take Jesus in...literally...so that the presence of the Spirit might help them to become “Christ” for others, proclaiming his love in word and in deed.

For me, this past spring can be summed up in “Where do you want me to go?”

And the answer came back, that I am to help others to become good and holy priests, to help in a part of our country where vocations are scarce, to prepare others so that they may bring the Eucharist to the People of God.

Although there is peace in knowing that I am following God’s will in my life, saying good bye is never easy, especially for a parish such as St. Agnes. You will always have a special place in my heart. No doubt the experiences, the “divine touch” and yes, the mistakes I have made, will all help me in the task of forming seminarians into priests. I’m sure sometimes St. Agnes will be mentioned outright, while other times it might be a memory I keep to myself, while the lesson learned is passed on to others.

Yes, Goodbyes are never easy, but the feast we celebrate today reminds us that we are never really far apart. Sure, Columbus is over 500 miles away, but the Eucharist connects us all as the “body of Christ” throughout all time and space. So each time I lift the host I will remember the connection I have to my brothers and sisters in Christ in Clark, New Jersey. And I pray that each time you receive, you may do the same.

Know of my thoughts, my prayers and my love for you all. May God bless you, may St. Agnes intercede for you, and may the Holy Spirit unite us all in the love of Jesus Christ.

In His Peace, Fr. John



**STEWARDSHIP**

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

The bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$11,109.50.**

Thank you.

**BUILDING FUND**

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

**\$569,836.00**

*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.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48  
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15  
 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19;  
 Jn 19:31-37  
 Saturday: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
 Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17;  
 Mk 4:35-41

**Vocations Reflections**

Today, the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Church proclaims the Gospel of the Last Supper. In the celebration of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, we also particularly celebrate the Priesthood. It is one of the main and central duties of the Priest to offer the Sacrifice of the Mass, which is the Eucharistic celebration. Are you interested in doing this for the Church, the manifestation of Christ on Earth? If so, please contact the Office of Vocations at (973) 497-4365 or email [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org).

**Ethically Acceptable Stem Cell Research**

*Sometimes it is wrongly said that the Catholic Church opposes stem cell research. In fact the Church supports ethically responsible stem cell research, while opposing any research that exploits or destroys human embryos (US Catholic Conference of Bishops).*

Adult stem cells have already helped thousands of patients, and new clinical uses expand almost weekly. Adult stem cells come from adult tissue, umbilical cord and placenta blood and can be retrieved without harming the donor. Umbilical cord and placenta donations can help treat people with a myriad of ailments, including spinal cord injuries, lupus, and multiple sclerosis.

Umbilical cord and placenta blood donation to NJ's two public cord blood banks will provide more options for people with medical conditions curable through stem cell transplant and will increase the research material available to New Jersey's top medical researchers. The *Elie Katz Umbilical Cord Blood Program* in Paramus (1-866-SAVCORD) and *Coriell Institute for Medical Research* in Camden (1-856-757-9718) are two facilities that collect, store, study and research public umbilical cord and placenta blood donations. Both of these organizations are agents of the *New Jersey Public Umbilical and Placenta Blood Bank* which covers the cost of cord blood donation and storage. Information is also available at your local hospitals, especially the Catholic hospitals of New Jersey, which are especially committed to this initiative.

## 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).

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### Archdiocese of Newark Marriage Enrichment Program

#### Make your good marriage better!

Our marriage started as a beautiful new beginning. Two became one and there seemed to be no limit to the joy and happiness that we could create and share together. We ask ourselves – what happened? If you are feeling disillusioned, we can help you to reconnect to that time when you were first in love and felt so close to one another. World Wide Marriage Encounter offers a marriage enrichment weekend which is designed to help couples find that lost spark in their relationship and to live richer, fuller lives.

For more information and to register for the next weekend (July 14-16, 2006), please call Sal and Sylvia Vasallo at 800-823-5683. Thank you.



### 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!**

### *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!



### NPM Institute for Learning to Read Music

NPM Institute for Learning to Read Music – An intense four-day course (8 hours) covering basic skills of reading music is being offered at the Archdiocesan Center (Newark) at 7 p.m. beginning July 31st and ending on August 3rd. Beginning and Intermediate levels are both offered. Tuition is \$75.

For more information call the Cathedral Music Office at (973) 484-2400, or visit the NPM Newark Chapter web page at: [www.rcan.org/worship](http://www.rcan.org/worship).

**Anyone can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a DADDY!**

**Happy Father's Day to all the Daddies in the World!!**



***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

Linda McKenna 732-382-3007

Cheryl Vargas 732-381-3822

(Or call St. Agnes Rectory at 732-388-7852)

***IT'S A FIESTA!!!***

***Where kids are fired up about Jesus!***



**ST. AGNES  
SUMMER BIBLE CAMP**

**July 24<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Agnes Church  
332 Madison Hill Road, Clark**

**Time: 9:00 – 12:00**

**ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 – 8  
(Pre-K – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)  
(Age 4 by July, 2006)**

**REGISTRATION WILL BE ON A  
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS  
(LIMITED TO 100 CHILDREN).  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE  
RECTORY AT (732) 388-7852.**



The Religious Education offices are now located in the main building of the school at 342 Madison Hill Road. When visiting or stopping by for business, please use the new entrance to the school/church which is located at the back of the building. Religious Education hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

***It's Back . . .and it's a FIESTA!!***

***Where kids are fired up about Jesus!***

Our next Bible Camp meeting will take place on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.





**SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006**

5:30 Jim Ross - Mr. & Mrs. John Ross

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2006**

7:30 People of the Parish  
 9:00 Alfred Kempinski - Pyar Family  
 10:30 William A. Szipszky - Ann Szipszky, Carol Seib & Family, Donna Bonavitacola & Family  
 12:00 Stanley Stefanik - Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Hoehn

**MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006**

7:00 Ruth Christensen - Rita Atkins  
 9:00 Clara Matturro - Joseph Matturro

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2006**

7:00 Virthel Eades - Roy & Lynne Nunes  
 9:00 John & Anna Mauriello - Children

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006**

7:00 Joseph LaBrutto - Nancy & Ron Simon  
 9:00 Florence Vislocky - Robert Vislocky

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2006**

7:00 Ed Kologi - Pete & Debbie Renna  
 9:00 George Veiksans

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2006**

7:00 Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart - Mary Garra  
 9:00 Eduardo Soares - Family

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2006**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Richard A. Walsh, Anthony Catena, Frank Augugliaro  
 5:30 Fannie & Michael Ricca - Diane & Ed Alfano

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 17</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 18</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>	
<b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	
12:00 PM Fr. John's Farewell Mass Followed by Reception	
7:00 PM No CYO	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 19</b>
6:30 PM Sandwiches Team 2C	
7:00 PM Bible Camp Meeting - Gymnasium	
7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 24</b>
8:30 AM Mass - Memorial	
5:30 PM CYO - Start of Lock-In	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JUNE 25</b>
7:30 AM CYO - End of Lock-In	



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Marge Cordes during the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Rosemarie Hillenbrand during the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> at the request of Vicki, Michael, Aimee, Ted.



Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad  
 875 Raritan Road, Clark, NJ  
 Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 3:00 to 8:00 PM

Please remember to eat before donation.  
 Please bring identification and know social security number

Thank you again for caring.

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

Edward Rapolas, Linda Caruso

***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 Venezio, 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, Andy Pavelko, Richard O'Lenick, Declan Mulcahy, Jr.



***Holy Spirit's Respect for Life Ministry  
Announces  
Monthly Holy Hour for Life***

*Please join us as we pray the  
Rosary for Life in the  
presence of the Blessed Sacrament  
on Wednesday, July 5, 2006,  
at 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM*




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**The Most Holy Body and  
Blood of Christ  
June 18, 2006**

The cup of salvation I will take up,  
and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

– Psalm 116:13