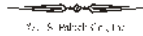


From the Pastor



Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week we said our GOODBYES and this week we say HELLO. Welcome Father Antonio Nuno Rocha. As mentioned in my bulletin article a few weeks ago, Father Nuno (his preference of address) is a newly ordained, 33 year old priest. This is the same age that Jesus completed his priestly ministry on earth in human form. Now Father Nuno is consecrated to pick up where Jesus left off.

The first assignment of every newly ordained priest is always special. A priest always remembers his first parish. A unique bond occurs between the members of the community and the priest. God also provides distinct graces to both the newly ordained and the parish community. I am most appreciative for the Archbishop's trust that St. Agnes is a nurturing community for a newly ordained.

I also mentioned in the prior bulletin article that I lived with Father Nuno for two years. Before coming to St. Agnes, I was the director of a vocation discernment residence. Nuno was among the first men to move in. I am very proud of this fine young priest. He is very compassionate, full of life and zeal for the Lord. Father Nuno's good-natured spirit is very contagious. I am confident that you will discover this for yourselves in a matter of time.

I am also very proud of our parish community. At the risk of sounding boastful, I believe that our community is conducive for a newly ordained priest. We have some of the most caring, supportive and warm parishioners, who love your priests more than we deserve. You graciously overlook our shortcomings and encourage us to use our strengths to make St. Agnes the best that we can be. Short and to the point, you love us for who we are and in turn we are inspired to serve you. Yes – St. Agnes and Father Nuno should be a good fit.

Please join me in welcoming Father Nuno to his new home here at St. Agnes. Pray for him. Pray that God will bless Father Nuno and that his priesthood will enable us to flourish as a parish community.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor

SALESIAN SISTERS MISSION APPEAL

As part of the Diocesan Mission Cooperative Plan, a Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco will speak at our parish on the weekend of July 1-2, 2006, on behalf of their Missions. They will be asking for your help in support of their works throughout the world.

The Salesian Sisters are a worldwide Community counting over 14,000 Sisters spreading the Gospel on every Continent. Approximately 8,000 Sisters work strictly in Mission areas affected by great poverty, disease, political unrest, violence, war and other difficult conditions, such as refugee camps.

The Salesian Sisters were founded by St. John Bosco in 1872 and started their mission work in 1877 when they departed from Italy for the farthest tip of South America in Tierra del Fuego and Patagonia. Ever since then, they have continued to provide missionaries for Africa, Asia, Latin America and other places not yet evangelized.

Their Order was specifically founded for the service of poor youth; consequently, most of their works will have an educational thrust. They are grateful for the opportunity of sharing their mission work with us and of benefiting from your generosity.

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

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died "so that those who lived might live no longer for themselves." What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,561.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;
Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20;
Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
Mt 16:13-19
Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9,
13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

Archdiocese of Newark

PERSONS in PARISH MINISTRY or LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES. Develop further your spiritual life and education through courses offered by the Archdiocese in the Christian Foundation for Ministry program. Classes begin in September and continue for eight weeks. GRADUATES OF CFM may also register for ongoing formation. Offerings include *Code of Canon Law*; *How the Bible Came To Be and the Da Vinci Code*; *Ministry of Mentor*. For further information and a brochure, contact (973) 497-4350 or stantovi@rcan.org.



BUILDING FUND

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

\$567,971.00

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

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.

9/11 Survey Project

Researchers from the University of Greenwich, the University of Ulster, and the University of Liverpool are seeking to speak with victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks who were in the World Trade Center buildings the day they collapsed in order to obtain valuable information that can help create safer high rise buildings, as well as educate those who work in public safety positions.

The Archdiocese of Newark witnessed firsthand the tragedy of 9/11: a multitude of parishioners that included firefighters, police officers, chaplains, and businessmen and women were lost on that day. Five and a half years later, those who survived the terrible attacks from the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark can supply a wealth of important information that can be utilized for this study, and all who can volunteer are asked to help. Those needed to participate must have been in the World Trade Center Towers on 9/11, and must be able to speak English. Anyone who would like to volunteer their experience can register at the WTC Evacuation Study website: www.wtc-evacuation.com and click on the link "Participant Registration."

Participants will be asked to complete a pre-interview questionnaire and will share the story of their time in the World Trade Center buildings in an interview. More information on the interview process, as well as a section of the web page entitled "Your Questions Answered," can be found at www.wtc-evacuation.com. The leaders of the study will also donate \$20 to a WTC related charity for each volunteer's participation, and those volunteers will have a say in how the money is distributed.

The study organizers wish to assure all volunteers that participation is *completely voluntary*, nor will any volunteer be pressured to provide answers to questions that might provide stress or anxiety. All information collected will be treated as confidential. For the benefit of the volunteer, information on support groups in the NYC/New Jersey area will also be provided if necessary. All those who wish to volunteer for this study are asked to do so as soon as possible; the next round of interviews will be conducted in September 2006. For answers to any questions, please visit www.wtc-evacuation.com.



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.

IT'S A FIESTA!!!**Where kids are fired up about Jesus!**

**ST. AGNES
SUMMER BIBLE CAMP**

July 24th – July 28th

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

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

**ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 – 8
(Pre-K – 3rd 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.**



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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.

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. Helen's Caregiver Support Group
Westfield, NJ**

A support group for those caring for the elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757. The next meeting is on Monday, July 10th.

Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following program. **To register** please call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@att.net.

JOHN OF THE CROSS**Soundings of his writings**

An evening of prayerful reflection using John of the Cross to help us discover the true face of God who is love.

Wed., July 12, *either* 9:30-11:30 a.m. *or* 7:30-9:30 p.m. **(Please specify when registering.)** \$15

Theresina Flannery, RSM & Eileen Smith, RSM



SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2006

5:30 Fannie & Michael Ricca - Diane & Ed Alfano

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2006

7:30 William & Anna Kelly - William & Carol Kelly
9:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Catherine Cardillo - Michael & Sally Cardillo
12:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice Perriello, Pat Bodner & Anne Johnson - Dolores

Clarke

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2006

7:00 Ruth & George Christensen - Children
9:00 John Delaney - Vargas Family

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2006

7:00 Mariette Paillard - McKenna Family
9:00 John & Anna Mauriello - Children

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2006

7:00 Christopher Bonner - Fabijanczuk Family
9:00 Anna Yonco - Kosuch & Yonco Families

THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2006

7:00 Stephanie Komar - Melick Family
9:00 Anthony Migliore - Wife, Shirley

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2006

7:00 Stanley Stec - Stella & Otto
9:00 Rosemarie Hillenbrand - Barbara Bucknall

SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2006

8:30 Memorial Mass - Rachel Traina, John Kynch, Edwin J. Ziobro, Tina Venturo
5:30 Frank Comer - Family

SATURDAY	JUNE 24
5:30 PM	CYO - Lock-In Begins
SUNDAY	JUNE 25
7:30 AM	CYO - Lock-In Ends
SATURDAY	JULY 1
SALESIAN SISTERS MISSIONS APPEAL	
8:30 AM	Mass - Marian
SUNDAY	JULY 2
SALESIAN SISTERS MISSIONS APPEAL	
1:30 PM	Baptism



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Zucosky during the week of June 25th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Judith Plesh during the week of June 25th at the request of Teresa Bochenek & Family.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of June 25th were donated in memory of Loretta Mosso at the request of Miloscia Family.



DECEIT
Reason deceives us; conscience, never.
-Jean Jacques Rousseau

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

Anna Manigold, Anne Dudek

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, 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, Andy Pavelko, Richard O'Lenick, Declan Mulcahy, Jr.

THE WIND AND THE SEA

Living along the shores of Lake Superior--the "big lake," as the locals call it--you can often hear the advice, "Respect the lake; don't take it for granted." People who know Lake Superior respect its power and watch out for its many moods. Sunken ships and boats crushed into kindling are testimonies to what the lake can do.

The readings of this Sunday evoke our memories of the lake, of the mighty Mississippi River, or of the ocean itself. Who but God can control these mighty waters and set limits to their advance? The lake described in today's Gospel was a body of water subject to sudden storms and churned into dangerous waves by terrible winds.

But these mighty agents are subject to God. The sailor, the fisher all respect the water. Even more, they respect the awesome power of the Maker of wind and sea.

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 25, 2006

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

– 2 Corinthians 5:17

