

Memorial Day, 2008

*Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend,
We remember and give thanks
For those who have given their lives
In the service of our country.*

*When the need was greatest,
They stepped forward and did their duty
to defend the freedoms that we enjoy,
and to win the same for others.*

*O God, you yourself have taught us
That no love is greater than that
Which gives itself for another.
These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had,
life itself,
for loved ones and neighbors,
for comrades and country – and for us.*

*Help us to honor the memory
by caring for the family members
they have left behind,
by ensuring that their wounded comrades
are properly cared for,
by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms
for which they gave their lives,
and by demanding that no other young men and women
follow them to a soldier's grave
unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just.*

*Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free.
There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear.
Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price
to ensure that freedom would be our legacy.*

*Though their names may fade with the passing of generations,
may we never forget what they have done.
Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice,*

O God, help us to be worthy. Amen.

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

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

Today's readings call us to active discipleship. It is not enough to know the commandments; we must actively obey them. It is not enough to hear the words of Jesus; we must act on them. Good stewards demonstrate their gratitude for the gift of faith by putting it into action.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,906.00**;
Mortgage Reduction **\$5,120.00**.
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Mk 10:32-45
 Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
 Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
 Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Ps 31; Rom 3:21-25, 28; Mt 7:21-27

GRADUATION ADDRESS

In this season of graduations, we have an ancient model for a brilliant graduation address. Moses exhorts the people of Israel to take the words of God—the commandments—to heart and make an earnest effort to pass them on to succeeding generations. This message applies to us as well. Superficial knowledge of the Lord's words will not do. To say over and over "Lord, Lord!" or "Yes, Lord!" while doing nothing is all too common, even today.

And Paul does not contradict Moses when he says that we are justified by faith apart from observance of the law. If we have faith in the Lord, then we love the Lord. Out of that love we will want to know God's will and act in accord with God's every word. Jesus' great love for us brings justification entirely out of proportion to the sins of those who have faith in the Lord and try to keep God's word.

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**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 05/27/08**

Total Pledges \$3,312,160.50
Pledges Collected \$3,156,075.31
Outstanding Pledges \$ 156,085.19

Total Building Costs \$3,830,672.97
Interest on Loan (+) \$ 19,887.27
Pledges Collected (-) \$3,156,075.31
Mtge. Reduction Collections (-) \$ 161,636.50

Funds from Savings (-) \$ 250,000.00
Remaining Debt \$ 282,848.43



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 June, the Elijah Cup will be in the homes of the following parishioners:

June 1	Marie Andrews
June 8	Yepez Family
June 15	Dee Memmer
June 22	Brian Toal
June 29	John Relton

Please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. A week that is convenient for you will be assigned. Thank you.



CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION NEWS 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.** (Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)



SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. from September through June in the St. Thomas Room. We will be discussing the following book:

June: Raniero Cantalamessa, Life in Christ
(Commentary on Romans)

If you have any questions or suggestions for books you would like to have discussed, please call Grace Bradley at (732) 388-3754.

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



LET IT GO

It is a common failing of foolish people not to be able to leave well enough alone.

– Msgr. Ronald A. Knox

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Our 12th Annual Catholic Tent Revival will be held June 22, 23, and 24 in Howell, New Jersey. Join us for three nights of unforgettable grace and blessing. This year's Tent Revival will be focused on Forgiveness and Healing.



Our speakers for this event will be **Steven McDonald**, a N.Y. City Police Officer who was shot and paralyzed when he was only 29 years old. The story he tells is of a remarkable journey through anguish and anger to peace that began with a decision to forgive his attacker. It is nothing less than a miracle. **Fr. Bill Halbing**, a most exciting and dynamic speaker, the Pastor of St. Antoninus Church in Newark, N.J. **Christoph Arnold**, internationally known speaker and author. He is a renowned peacemaker and family counselor. He is the leader of the famed Bruderhof Community established in Upstate, New York. Christoph has devoted his life to promoting non-violence, reconciliation and forgiveness. **Richard Lane** from St. Louis, Missouri, is a recent convert to the faith. Richard started as a street corner preacher and has gone on to become a Catholic lay evangelist and popular radio personality. You will enjoy listening to this dynamic and passionate speaker.

Everyone needs healing and forgiveness on some level . . . So **COME**, just as you are; listen to the Word of the Lord! Learn to forgive, not just others but yourself and learn how to begin Healing in all areas of your life! For more information visit our website at www.goodnewsinternational.net.

ST. AGNES SPIRITUAL BOOK NOOK



Now Open!!

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

Have a cup of coffee while you browse and borrow spiritual books, DVD's and audio books. If you are looking for some reading for the pool, beach or your own back yard retreat, come down to the St. Jude Room and see our excellent selection of books.

Summer Basketball Programs



Bishop Ahr

July 21-25 – Grades 6-7-8-9

For information call

Dennis O'Keefe at (732) 549-1108, ext. 573 or
(973) 543-9582

Rutgers University-Newark

7th Annual Summer Basketball Program

Children ages 7-17

July 14-18, July 28-August 1 and
August 4-8, 2008 from 8:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The cost for one week is \$150.00;

Discount rates if you attend two or three weeks.

For information call

Joe Loughran at (973) 353-1482

JOIN FATHER JOSEPH

ON A

14 DAY TRIP TO

**MEDJUGORJE, POLAND
PRAGUE & BUDAPEST**

OCTOBER 11-24, 2008

Cost: \$3,015

For reservations or more info call

Fr. Joseph at St. John Vianney
(732) 829-4983 or

Finny (732) 381-3697



St. Agnes Reverse 50/50 Winners



Congratulations to our Reverse 50/50 winners!!

Grand Prize Winner
Gene & Linda Simpson

Winners

Linda & Ed Neas

Louise Venezia

Bob Beyer

Vincent & Teresa LaStella

Charlotte Gessler

Liz Westerlund

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

ST. AGNES SUMMER BIBLE CAMP



July 21 – July 25

St. Agnes Church
332 Madison Hill Road, Clark

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 – 8
(Age 4 by July, 2008)

For more information or registration form,
please call (732) 388-7852.

MassSchedule

This Week

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2008

5:30 Angelina Alexandro - Daughter-Dorinda

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2008

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Declan Mulcahy, Jr. - Mr. & Mrs. A. Perez

10:30 Stephen Galdon - Diane & Paulino Rama

12:00 Florence Kempinski - Diane Alfano

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008

7:00 Anthony J. Mortellito, Jr. -Chris& Charlotte Gessler

9:00 Lucy Vincenti - Jo & Charlie Vincenti

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008

7:00 Bart Zucosky - Chris & Charlotte Gessler

9:00 Benedetto & Nunziata Cambria - Toni Bucca

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008

7:00 Antonio & Maria A. Mejias - Delia Hoyo

9:00 Joseph Valenti - Rose & Vito Toto

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008

7:00 Mary Hurlburt - Jeffrey Ruk

9:00 Mr. & Mrs. L. Bator - Ted Kumor

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008

7:00 Walter Mazanowski - The Wintonick Family

9:00 Serafina & Alex Antonelli - Grace & Nicholas Antonelli

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008

8:30 Memorial Mass/Marian - Teresa Hanselman,
Declan Mulcahy, Jr., Andy Giacobbe, Anthony
Plesh, Fred V. Garcia

5:30 Frank Comer - Betty Comer

SUNDAY

JUNE 1

1:30 PM Baptisms

7:00 PM CYO - Gym

MONDAY

JUNE 2

7:00 PM Ushers' Meeting - Fr. Whelan Center

7:00 PM Sports - Gym

TUESDAY

JUNE 3

7:00 PM Sports - Gym

FRIDAY

JUNE 6

9:00 AM Graduation Mass/Communion Breakfast

7:30 PM St. Agnes Graduation - Church

SATURDAY

JUNE 7

8:00 AM Teacher Certification - St. Joseph Room

SUNDAY

JUNE 8

7:00 PM CYO End of Year Party - Gym

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Garra during the week of June 1st.



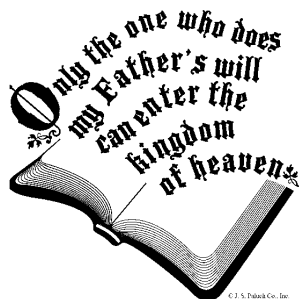
SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Stephen Galdon during the week of June 1st at the request of the Rama Family.



Devotional area flowers for the week of June 1st are in memory of Fred V. Garcia, a gift from the Garcia & Russo Families.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of June 1st were donated in memory of Andrew Giacobbe at the request of Betty & Michael Rainone.



Parish/Rectory Office Summer Hours

Effective Friday, June 6th, and continuing throughout the summer months, the parish/rectory office will be closing at 4 p.m. on Fridays. Thank you.

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

Gaetano Calo, John Russell Yarnell, Katherine Blahut,
Michael Bogus

Those Who Are Sick

Mary Zelanko, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe & Irene Margeton, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Hazel McGuinness, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Giovanna Tripicchio, Marie Cerone, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan, Mariani Rocco, Dominic Preite, Marge Geist Gais, Jerry Vezza, Brenda Vermeal, Angie Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Mary Marciano, Mary Gianti, Joao Faria, Maria Dietrick, Tom Wilkinson, Mark Shipe, Katherine Franceski, Richard Ciccone, Nancy Reuter, Joseph Fabijanczuk, Jennifer Concalves, David Shea, Joey Santillo, John Triano, Josephine Kane, Sergio Ricciardi, Fr. Eugene Marccone, Kevin Keating, June Kalvin

**Crisis Pregnancy Help**

Catholic Community Services
Pat Chiarello (201) 246-7379

Birthright USA International
1-800-550-4900



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

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 1, 2008

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.”

– Matthew 7:24