

Dear St. Agnes Family,

"Be who you are and be that well." — *St. Francis de Sales*

GRADUATION! It's that time of year. As the calendar turns from May into June and summer beckons, we pause to mark milestones in the lives of many young — and some not-so-young members of our families. Last weekend I attended my niece's high school graduation and this past Friday evening our own St. Agnes School conferred diplomas on the children of our parish family who will be heading off to high school in the fall. Many others have celebrated - or will shortly — college, graduate school or any number of other commencements. The quote with which I began the article challenges us all — graduating or not — to seek the plan God has for our lives and then become who we discover in the process.

People love to give books with words of wisdom to guide the new graduate into whatever uncharted waters await just over the next educational horizon. There are a plethora of possibilities, but one classic which speaks profoundly is the great classic *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* by Dr. Seuss. Let me share a few lines for the celebrating graduates and anyone else who needs a boost:

"Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away! ... ***OH! The Places You'll Go!*** You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great sights! You'll join the high fliers who soar up to high heights ..."

While we all expect success, there are challenges, disappointments, crises and just plain old mistakes and bad decisions along the way ... but if we return to the values that are our foundation and the faith that sustains us, we will ultimately succeed if we invite the Lord to join us on the journeyand if we do

"And will you succeed? Yes, you will, indeed! (98 and ³/₄ percent guaranteed.) so.... Be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea, you're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... *get on your way!* "

But . . . "***Wherever You Go Be a Carrier of God's Love.***" – Mother Teresa

God Bless!

Fr. Don Hummel
Administrator



Class of '08

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

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

“It is love that I desire, not sacrifice,” says Hosea in today’s first reading. But for love of us, Jesus sacrificed everything – even His life. Are my small sacrifices gifts of love and gratitude?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,670.50.**
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

ADMITTING OUR NEED FOR GOD

As often as we hear the message of today’s scriptures, we seem to be able to resist it. The readings invite us, once again, to rely completely and utterly on God’s love and mercy in our lives. And, once again, we continue to find ways around that invitation. It’s for other people, not us. It’s for tomorrow, not today. We can make it on our own talents, goodness, money, hard work, or wisdom. Yet, today’s scriptures call our bluff. They invite us to admit our need for God and put our lives in God’s hands. We who sit comfortably and smugly at the Lord’s Table are beckoned, once again, to follow Jesus in faith and gratitude and love.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 06/02/08**

Total Pledges **\$3,312,260.50**

Pledges Collected **\$3,156,175.31**

Outstanding Pledges **\$ 156,085.19**

Total Building Costs **\$3,830,672.97**

Interest on Loan (+) **\$ 19,887.27**

Pledges Collected (-) **\$3,156,175.31**

**Mtge. Reduction
Collections** (-) **\$ 161,636.50**

Funds from Savings (-) **\$ 250,000.00**

Remaining Debt **\$ 282,748.43**



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.



FATHER COHAN

Our new pastor, Father Dennis Cohan, will begin his new ministry as our fifth pastor on Saturday, June 28, 2008. He will introduce himself to the parish during the five Sunday liturgies that weekend.

Following each liturgy we will host a "meet and greet" in the gym. Please stop by to welcome Father Cohan.



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.)

A Gentle Reminder

When using your Church offering envelopes, please indicate the amount enclosed on the line provided. This is time saving and assists us in keeping accurate records. Thank you.



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

ANTHONY JOSEPH AYRE

Son of Anthony and Denise

RICARDO ANTONIO CARRILLO

Son of Ricardo and Vanessa

MIA ISABELLA DEPINHO LUCAS MICHAEL DEPINHO

Son & Daughter of Michael and Cheryl

ALLISON GRACE FLEISCHMAN

Daughter of Richard and Amy

MICHAEL JOSEPH FRANCOLINO

Son of Michael and Kate

LILIANA FAITH FOWLKES

Daughter of Bryan and Kristie

QUINTEN JOSEPH MOGILA

Son of Stephen and Shannon

JOHN WILLIAM MURPHY

Son of Michael and Maureen



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Inquiry Sessions are held monthly. Our next Inquiry Session will take place on Wednesday, June 11th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Lucy 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.

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.

Archdiocese of Newark

*The needs of fathers who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter are unique. The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark invites all grieving fathers to a morning of prayer, sharing and discussion, away from societal expectations, in the hope it will provide a special place of understanding and healing. The Support Group for Fathers Whose Children Have Died will meet on **Saturday, June 14, 2008** at Notre Dame RC Church (Parish Center), 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell, at 10:00 a.m. Pre-registration is requested. Please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327 for information, directions and registration.*



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.

Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer

SIX DAY RETREAT

An experience of personal prayer based on Scripture. Daily spiritual direction. Adaptable to the needs and desires of each individual. Atmosphere is one of prayer quiet. Registration required.

June 20-27, 2008

Fee: \$385, *Non-refundable deposit: \$75*

Arrival: 7 p.m. Departure: 11 a.m.

SOULFUL LIVING: LOVE WHAT YOU DO, DO WHAT YOU LOVE

Do you wish that life would treat you the way you want it to? This morning's retreat will explore the possibility of a shift in perspective, so that you are in a position to receive and enjoy the life you have. Includes liturgy.

Sat., June 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (\$20)

Rev. Paul Keenan, Radio talk show host & author

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008
5:30 Frank Comer - Betty Comer
SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008
7:30 Genevieve Stadnik - Family
9:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Thomas Ford - Mary Hallock
12:00 Florence Kempinski - The Durkot Family
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008
7:00 George E. Finger - Wife-Irene
9:00 Thomas Ford - Michael & Claire
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008
7:00 Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart - Mary Garra
9:00 Elizabeth & George Vanner - Anne Zambolla
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008
7:00 Robert James & Mary Zucosky - Mary Zucosky
9:00 Walter Hurley - Wife
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008
7:00 Bart Zucosky - Anne Marie Leone
9:00 Albert R. Rugani - Robert & Colleen Zych
FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2008
7:00 Antonio & Angela Mejias - Marticorena Family
9:00 Pat Castellano - Mom & Dad
SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008
8:30 Memorial - Andrew R. Pavelko, William R. White, Declan Mulcahy, Jr., John Mele, Peter Acquaviva
5:30 Edward Alfano - Diane Alfano

SUNDAY	JUNE 8
7:00 PM	CYO End of Year Party - Gym
MONDAY	JUNE 9
6:00 PM	Sandwiches - Team 1B
7:00 PM	Book Club - St. Thomas Room
7:00 PM	Sports - Gym
7:00 PM	Women's Cornerstone Reunion - Whelan Center
TUESDAY	JUNE 10
11:00 AM	Volunteers' Lunch - Gym
7:00 PM	General Sports Meeting - St. Joseph Room
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 11
6:00 PM	Girl Scouts Ceremony - Gym
7:30 PM	RCIA Inquiry - St. Lucy Room
SATURDAY	JUNE 14
MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION	

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Irene Finger during the week of June 8th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Walter Hurley during the week of June 8th at the request of his wife.



Devotional area flowers for the week of June 8th are in memory of Pat Castellano, a gift from Mom and Dad.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of June 8th were donated in memory of Pat Castellano at the request of Mom and Dad.



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***

Helen Kocot, Margaret T. Lorenz

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, Hazel McGuinness, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezio, 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 Kiempiasta, Carmelina Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan, Mariani Rocco, Dominic Preite, Marge Geist Gais, Jerry Veza, 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 Marcone, Kevin Keating, June Calvin, Michael Denora, Nicholas Maculuso, Edward Nicholson

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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**June 8, 2008**

“I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

– Matthew 9:13

