

## From the Pastor

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Graduation time is here. So many of our parishioners are graduating. Congratulations, especially to our young people graduating from St. Agnes Parochial Grammar School. We are very proud of our students, who just graduated on Friday. I also congratulate our public school graduates. I wish everyone a smooth transition into high school. You are all in my prayers. Godspeed!

St. Agnes Parish is truly blessed. We have a booming religious education program, and we are in the minority of churches still operating an independent parochial grammar school. We have a state of the art facility, and we are planning to make it even better. This is an exciting time in our parish and we need you to be a part of the success.

I have a favor to ask of all parishioners. We need to promote our parochial school. Nowadays, recruiting students is very competitive. I truly believe that parishes should not have to compete for students, especially here at St. Agnes. We have a good product to offer and enrollment is the key to ensuring that we continue providing a quality product.

I am asking all parishioners with grammar school age children to consider enrolling in our school. I know finances may be a deterrent, but no parishioner with proof of legitimate need has ever been turned away from our doors. Please consider our school as an investment in your children's future. Thank you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim  
Pastor



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

In today's Gospel, the disciples suggest that Jesus disperse the crowd so that they might *individually* seek food and lodging. The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is Jesus' powerful reminder that when we *share* our gifts in His name there is always more than enough!

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$12,332.00.**

Thank you.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Mk 12:1-12  
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Mk 12:13-17  
 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mk 12:18-27  
 Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a;  
 Mk 12:28-34  
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Mk 12:35-37  
 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mk 12:38-44  
 Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110; 1 Cor 11:23-26;  
 Lk 9:11b-17

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

June 3	The Cahill Family
June 10	Joe & Helen Suszko
June 17	Melody & Brian Olsen
June 24	Fiyut Family

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

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF 6/04/07****Total Pledges** \$3,253,117.21**Pledges Collected** \$3,015,345.95**Outstanding Pledges** \$ 237,771.26**Total Building Costs** \$3,830,672.97**Interest on Loan** (+) \$ 2,655.14**Pledges Collected** (-) \$3,015,345.95**Mtge. Reduction  
Collections** (-) \$ 78,043.27**Funds from Savings** (-) \$ 250,000.00**Remaining Debt** \$ 489,938.89**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 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Lucy Filippini Room. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

## Baptisms

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

**DYLAN ANTHONY CESARE**

Son of Jason and Susan

**TREVOR JOHN DEEB**

Son of Warren and Kimberly

**BRENDEN RUSSELL DENTI**

Son of James and Phiyen

**RYAN JAMES DIGRACI  
TYLER FRANCIS DIGRACI**

Sons of Frank and Carol

**BRYANNA ALEXIS ECONOMOU**

Daughter of Sean and Cynthia

**COLLEEN MARIA MORAGHAN**

Daughter of Edward and Susan

**SUMMER ROSE TRIOLA**

Daughter of Michael and Rebecca



### Spiritual Book Club

Are you interested in learning more about your faith? Do you wish to refresh your memory on all the teachings you've forgotten, or to learn about the changes which have been made? Under the auspices of the book club, a group will be studying the Catechism for Adults. We will be meeting every other Monday in May and June. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the St. Thomas Room, which is on the lower level of the parish center.

**Topic: 6/18 Chapters 9 & 10**

If you have any questions, please call Grace Bradley at (732) 388-3754.



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### Healing Mass June 16, 2007 – 11:00 AM



Those who wish to participate in our Special Mass of Healing are cordially invited. The Healing Mass is a time of prayer in which the person asks for God's love, mercy and healing, and then is anointed. Please feel free to join us on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – a time to bring those who are sick and those who are ill physically and psychologically.

### ST. AGNES SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT ZONE

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

The Middle School Students participated in a retreat run by Mrs. Theel and the Middle School teachers with the help of Mrs. Streisel.

The theme was:

#### TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

Each grade had the opportunity to "unwrap" the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:

WISDOM  
UNDERSTANDING  
COUNSEL  
KNOWLEDGE  
PIETY  
AWE  
FORTITUDE

Using a multi-media approach: songs, free writing, group discussion, computerized "religion Jeopardy," even fortune cookies, the students explored these gifts and how they relate to their lives.

***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!

**ATTENTION ALL!!**

**Saint Agnes Religious Education Office  
has officially changed its title to  
CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

Melissa Barat, a senior Art Student at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, created the logo for the **Catholic Faith Formation Office known formerly as the Religious Education Office.**

Melissa's art is a perfect rendering of the purpose of our religious education program and our Catholic Faith.

Christ said "love one another as I have loved you", and so the **Heart**. The **Wheat**, the center of the heart symbolizing the Eucharist is the heart of our Faith. The **Water** symbolizing Baptism forms us into the body of Christ. The **Holy Spirit** completes the Sacraments of Initiation or the fullness of our Faith. The **Sun** above the Spirit is an ancient symbol for Christ who gave us the Sacraments a way to encounter and live in Him.

"Catholic Faith" explicitly describes the doctrine taught in our parish program. "Formation" says we are not only instructing in the Faith but hopefully forming the person in the image of Christ in person and works.

Pray for Melissa Barat, that she will always help others to see Christ in artistic beauty. Melissa won a full scholarship to Maryland Institute College of Art. Catholic schools continue to nurture Faith and artistic beauty as exemplified in Melissa.

Sr. Margaret McDermott, SSJ  
Director of Catholic Faith Formation

**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 SUMMER BIBLE CAMP****July 9<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**ALL CHILDREN AGES 4 – 8  
(Age 4 by July, 2007)**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!****Any questions, call Melody at 732- 396-1512.****REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 25TH****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 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2007**

5:30 Lillian Sepsi - Anne Marie Leone

**SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2007**

7:30 Andrew Convey - Mr. & Mrs. Henry Maulbeck

9:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Rick Demesky - Judi & Joe Schneider

12:00 Judy Plesh - Mom & Dad

**MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2007**

7:00 For all Deceased Priests of the World - Bernice Hurley

9:00 Walter Hurley - Bernice Hurley

**TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007**

7:00 Bokenko & Morahan Families - Barbara & Ed Morahan

9:00 John & Anna Mauriello - Daughters

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 2007**

7:00 Pat Castellano - Mom & Dad

9:00 Benj. S. Parrillo Family - Anthony Parrillo

**THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007**

7:00 Jamie Theel - Mary Ellen, Bill & Michael Theel

9:00 Rosemarie Hillebrand - Mother

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2007**

7:00 Jim Ross - Mr. & Mrs. John Ross

9:00 Joseph & Anna Suszko - Joe & Helen Suszko

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2007**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Santo Toso, Matthew Rinaldo, Ignacius D'Agostino, Al Buhl, John Ribeiro, Editha D. Torres

11:00 Healing Mass

5:30 George Christensen - Faith, George, Gerard & Marylou

**SUNDAY FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI JUNE 10**

1-6 PM Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 PM Vesper Service with Benediction

**MONDAY JUNE 11**

12:00 PM Early Dismissal

6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1E

7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - St. Lucy Filippini Room

**TUESDAY JUNE 12**

12:00 PM Early Dismissal

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 13**

12:00 PM Early Dismissal

**THURSDAY JUNE 14**

12:00 PM Early Dismissal - Last Day of School

**SATURDAY JUNE 16**

**MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

11:00 AM Healing Mass



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Zucosky during the week of June 10th.

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**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Pat Castellano during the week of June 10th at the request of Mom and Dad.



Devotional area flowers for the week of June 10th are in memory of Pat Castellano, a gift from Mom and Dad.

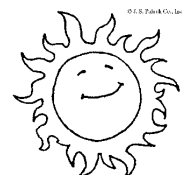


**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** for the week of June 10th were donated in memory of Pat Castellano at the request of Mom and Dad.

**THE EUCHARIST**

Just as the bread, which is made from the earth, when God is invoked is no longer common bread but the Eucharist, both earthly and heavenly, so our bodies, after we have received the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, since they hold the hope of the resurrection.  
- St. Irenaeus

**HAVE A SAFE, BLESSED AND HAPPY SUMMER!**



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

Kathleen Moleen, Anthony Della Serra

***Those Who Are Sick***

Mary Zelanko, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Linda Ruth, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Barbara Guinta, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Victor Fernandes, Sr., Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Rita Corrado, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina & Andrew Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan

**FED BY THE LORD**

Jesus' words "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" were only part of his table blessing. Jesus twice said: "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24, 25).

This is the good news of today's solemnity. Like the five thousand hungry souls, we are fed by our Lord. This is not food that satisfies for only a short time, until the next meal. It is food that lasts and changes us. It is food for sharing in much the same way as Melchizedek did when he brought bread and wine to the returning Abraham.

As children of God's reign, we are blessed to be able to receive and share God's gift. And we do so in the way most appropriate to our state in life—as parents, children, husbands, wives, or religious.

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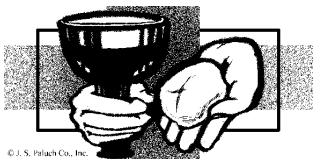


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**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**June 10, 2007**

[A]s often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the death of the LORD until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:26



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