

***St. Agnes Church***

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June 22, 2008

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Allow me to introduce myself, your new pastor.

First and foremost, please know how joyful I am to be the fifth pastor of St. Agnes Church. Your reputation precedes you as a dynamic and committed community of faith. I can not imagine a finer parish in which to serve.

Originally from the Bronx, I grew up in Palisades Park. After graduating from St. Cecilia High School, Englewood, I began my studies for the priesthood at Seton Hall University continuing at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah and was ordained a priest on May 25, 1974.

My first priestly assignment was as associate pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield followed by Our Lady of the Valley, Orange then St. Teresa of Avila, Summit. The next five years I worked at Seton Hall University as Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life.

Archbishop McCarrick appointed me pastor of St. Mary, Plainfield then St. Catharine, Glen Rock, where I have served the past 13 years.

Parish Ministry is a unique blessing. There is no greater calling for a priest than to be a pastor – working for and with a community of believers on the journey of faith in the Lord Jesus. I am very grateful to God to be the pastor of St. Agnes Church.

I look forward to knowing you and working with you to make the Lord's kingdom manifest in Clark. God has generously blessed this parish community with gifts of love and grace. With the Lord's guidance and your help I know that my ministry at St. Agnes will be a tremendous opportunity to serve God by serving you.

With every good wish and looking forward to being with you in worship and ministry, I am

Yours sincerely in the Lord,

Reverend Dennis J. Cohan

Pastor

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus sends out the disciples to meet the needs of others. His admonition to them is the same challenge He makes to us: "The gift you have received, give as a gift."

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
 last week was **\$11,182.00**;  
 Mortgage Reduction Collection **\$6,831.00**.  
 Thank you.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17  
Day: Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26;  
 Lk 1:57-66, 80  
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20  
 Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29  
 Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Mt 8:1-4  
 Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17  
 Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19; Gal 1:11-20;  
 Jn 21:15-19  
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34;  
 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**FEAR NOT**

How do people find hope in the face of suffering and death? That is the question addressed by today's scriptures. We hear of the suffering of Jeremiah and the psalmist. We hear of the death that "reigned from Adam to Moses" (Romans 5:14). We hear of the fears of the Twelve as Jesus sends them out into the world to preach and heal.

Through all this tribulation one message rings out loud and clear—"Do not be afraid!" The God who saved Jeremiah and the psalmist and Jesus is fully present to save us through the gracious gift of Jesus Christ. We have nothing and no one to fear.

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**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**AS OF 06/16/08**

<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$3,312,280.50</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>\$3,156,273.31</b>
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 156,007.19</b>
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<b>Total Building Costs</b>	<b>\$3,830,672.97</b>
<b>Interest on Loan</b>	<b>(+) \$ 19,887.27</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>(-) \$3,156,273.31</b>
<b>Mtge. Reduction Collections</b>	<b>(-) \$ 168,467.50</b>
<b>Funds from Savings</b>	<b>(-) \$ <u>250,000.00</u></b>
<b>Remaining Debt</b>	<b>\$ <u>275,819.43</u></b>



**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:

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| 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**

Next weekend we will welcome our new pastor, Father Dennis Cohan, to our parish community.

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



**Rite 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 Sessions will take place on Monday, July 14th and Wednesday, August 13th 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.



Mount St. Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will offer the following program. To register, call 908-753-2091 or email [msmhope@msmhope.org](mailto:msmhope@msmhope.org).

**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 prayerful quiet. *Registration required.*

July 8-15, Fee: \$385, *Non-refundable deposit:* \$75  
*Arrival:* 7 p.m. *Departure:* 11 a.m.

**PRAYING**

One prays best who does not know that one is praying.  
– *St. Anthony of Padua*

**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.

**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.

**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**

**7<sup>th</sup> 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

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Maintenance Dept.

**ST. AGNES  
SPIRITUAL BOOK NOOK**



**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.

***From the Newsletter of St. Joseph Social  
Service Center, Elizabeth, NJ***

**No Food**

*by Linda Flores-Tober*

“Maybe food collection has gotten ‘stale’ at your church or  
organization. Why not let them know how important it really is and  
how people depend on those donations. My church has a collection  
bin and I plan to ask our pastor to ‘talk it up’. As the economy  
declines, those at the bottom suffer the most. We need to not forget  
them as we adjust our own lives to a difficult economy.”

***Father’s Day Flowers***

**In Memory of**

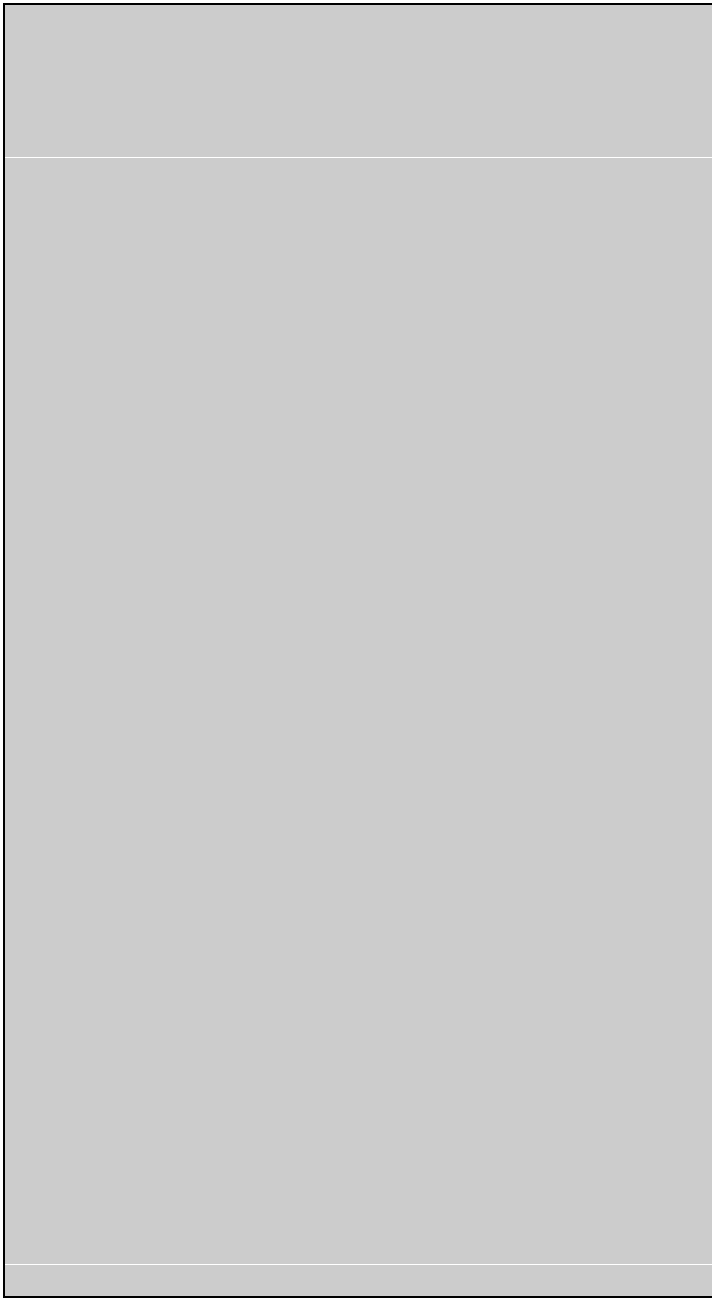
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Stanley Niemczyk  
Ralph D’Ambrosio

**Gift of**

Mrs. Victoria Velard  
Mr. & Mrs. Brian Muller  
Mrs. G. D’Ambrosio

**Gift of**

Mr. & Mrs. Keith Lettieri  
Mr. & Mrs. Wade Kaldawi  
Mr. & Mrs. John Adams



### SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, July 5th. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the St. Agnes kitchen Friday or before 9 a.m. Saturday morning. For more information please call Dee Memmer at

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

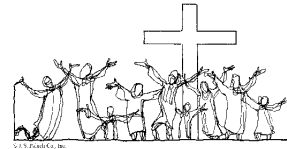
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***Those Who Are Sick***

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, 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 Kiemista, 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, Josephine Kane, Sergio Ricciardi, Kevin Keating, Michael Denora, Nicholas Maculoso, Edward Nicholson, Jeanmarie Stewart, Edwin Pfister, Michael Joseph Anderson III, Joseph Santillo, Josephine Pipa



*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*



**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 22, 2008**

Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD,  
for he has rescued the life of the poor.

– Jeremiah 20:13