

From the Pastor

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The stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.

– Matthew 21:42

Dear Friends in Christ,

Cornerstone Retreats are coming to Saint Agnes! The Cornerstone experience offers a layperson (adults) time for prayer, meditation, devotion and instruction, in order to advance in the spiritual life. We have scheduled a Men's Cornerstone Retreat for September 28-29, and a Women's Cornerstone Retreat for April 18-19. On Friday the retreat runs from 6:00 to 10:30 p.m., on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please save the dates.

Priests and Religious normally schedule a week-long spiritual retreat annually. It is so important for us to recharge our spiritual batteries. It is also important for parishioners to do the same. You may not be able to be able to take a week away from family responsibilities and work, but all should be able to dedicate a Friday evening and a full day on Saturday. Plus, you do not have to travel far.

As you are aware, St. Agnes is engaged in a New Energies process with St. John the Apostle Church in Clark/Linden and St. Elizabeth Church in Linden. St. John's has an established Cornerstone program and their team has graciously offered to conduct this year's retreats on our site. I am very grateful to their generosity of time and talent, and I hope that St. Agnes Parishioners will take advantage of this golden opportunity for spiritual enrichment. Please plan on joining us and spread the good news. (More information to follow.)

Msgr. Jim
Pastor



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

We, too, are called to be servants of the Lord, as Isaiah says in today's first reading. Everything we have comes from Him and we should work to serve Him alone.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,369.00**,
Mortgage Reduction Collection **\$5,677.50**.
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16];
Mt 7:21-29
Friday: 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
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16; Gal 5:1, 13-18;
Lk 9:51-62

Father's Day Flowers

In Memory of

Carl Messina
William A. Szipszky & John
Genco
August Caprara, Anthony Ferrera
Allen Valante

Gift of

M/M Vincent Messina
M/M Vincent Genco
M/M Carmine Ferrera
Mr. Lawrence Valante

Gift of

M/M Dennis Bohach
M/M Keith Lettieri

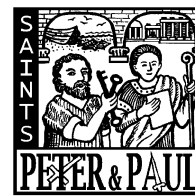
**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 6/18/07**

Total Pledges	\$3,268,773.21
Pledges Collected	\$3,038,772.74
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 230,000.47

Total Building Costs	\$3,830,672.97
Interest on Loan	(+) \$ 2,655.14
Pledges Collected	(-) \$3,038,772.74
Mtge. Reduction Collections	(-) \$ 83,720.77
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00
Remaining Debt	\$ 460,834.60

*Prague – Salzburg – Vienna
September 21 – October 1, 2007*

Experience Europe's most enchanting cities with Fr. Bill Harms. Stay in magnificent hotels, e.g., K&K, Prague; Crown Plaza, Salzburg; The Ambassador, Vienna. Visit the image of the Infant of Prague; Strahov Monastery; Mirabell Gardens and Palace Salzburg; Mozart's Birthplace; see where the Sound of Music was filmed; Abbey of Melk; cruise the Danube and much more. Cost - \$3,675 – two in a room. For approximately \$1,000 more, one can take an optional extended three-day tour of Budapest, returning to the States October 4. For additional information, contact Fr. Bill Harms at St. Helen's Parish Center (908) 232-1214.



SAVE THE DATE!!

The Sisters of Mercy will hold their annual liturgy in *Celebration of Mercy Education* on Sunday, September 23, 2007. The Sunday Mass, with reception and light refreshments following, will take place at 2:30 p.m., at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mount Saint Mary, Watchung. Interested graduates, guests, and former faculty members, religious and lay, are asked to call Sister Marlene Fritz (908-756-0994, ext. 4007) or email mfritz@newjerseymercy.org before September 14th to register.



**117 Annual Feast of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel**
July 12, 2007 - July 16, 2007
259 Oliver St., Newark, NJ

Novena begins on July 7, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. and continues for 9 nights in church.

Candle Light Procession - July 12, 2007, immediately following novena.

Processions in Honor of Our Lady - July 15, 2007 and July 16, 2007, immediately following the 12 Noon Solemn Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Healing Mass - July 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn will be the Celebrant.

Street Festival - Begins July 12th and runs through July 16th. The street Festival opens at 6:00 p.m. and closes at 11:00 p.m. each evening. There will be games, rides, great food, super 50/50 and entertainment each evening.

**Holy Spirit Church, Suburban Road, Union
Announces Holy Hour for Life**

Join us as we pray the
"Rosary for Life"
on the first Wednesday of
each month at 7:30 PM.

The "Holy Hour for Life" will commence
on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, at 7:30 PM

**St. Agnes Walt Disney World
Vacation Package Raffle**



7 Days/6 nights at Disney's Port Orleans
Riverside Resort for a family of five plus
five 6-day Park Hopper Passes
Drawing to be held at the Tricky Tray on
October 17, 2007, at 11 PM

Winner not be present.

**\$50 per ticket – Only 300 tickets will
be sold!**

Tickets may be purchased at Saint Agnes Rectory
or by calling Maria O'Connor at (732) 882-1893.

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL
BROTHERS OF THE SACRED HEART
145 Plainfield Ave., Metuchen, NJ

Summer Sports Camp

Turco and St. Joseph's to Hold Summer Camp

St. Joseph of Metuchen will hold summer basketball camps for boys currently enrolled in grades 2 through 10. Each week-long session will run from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost of each session is \$195 per week. Dates for each session are as follows: **Session #1:** July 9-13; **Session #2:** July 16-20; **Session #3:** July 23-July 27; **Session #4:** July 30-Aug. 3; **Session #5:** Aug. 13-Aug. 17; **Session #6:** Aug. 20-Aug. 24. For more information or to request a brochure call Coach Dave Turco at (732) 245-0807 or email dbtcamps@comcast.net.

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!



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 9th – July 13th**

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Any questions, call Melody at 732- 396-1512.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE JUNE 25TH

**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!**

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL
PRE-K OPENINGS
2007-2008**



**We have limited openings in our
Pre-K 3 and 4 Year Old Programs**

If you are interested, please call the school at 732-381-0850.

**STEWARDSHIP
CLASSIFIED**



The St. Agnes Nursing Home Ministry is looking for volunteers to visit patients at the Clark Nursing home weekly to say the rosary and administer communion. Some training needed. Please call the rectory office at (732) 388-7852 if interested. Thank you and God bless.



SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2007

5:30 Eduardo Soares - Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007

7:30 Barbara Jablonski - Spadafino Family
 9:00 Joseph Heelan - Sr. Margaret & Arlene
 10:30 Catherine Cardillo - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cardillo
 12:00 People of the Parish

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2007

7:00 Thomas Nolan - The Giltner Family
 9:00 Antonia Rivera - June Rivera

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007

7:00 Florence Iaesello - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tereshko
 9:00 John & Anna Mauriello - Daughters

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2007

7:00 Josephine Stefanik - Margaret Kehoe
 9:00 Ann Gruber - Melick Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2007

7:00 Anna Yonco - Aldo & Gloria Kosuch
 9:00 Lucy Capuano - Arlene John

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2007

7:00 Frank Mitchenfelder - Arline & Tom Foster
 9:00 Anthony A. Migliore - Loving Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass -Mary Gawrych, Philip M. Vogel,
 George Frazier
 5:30 People of the Parish

MONDAY JUNE 25

7:30 PM Sports Executive Board Mtg. - Gymnasium

THURSDAY JUNE 28

6:15 PM Bible Camp Meeting - St. Joseph Conf. Rm.

SATURDAY JUNE 30

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

SUNDAY JULY 1

1:30 PM Baptisms



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Lucy Koscica during the week of June 24th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Cecilia Smentkowski during the week of June 24th at the request of Great Children.



Devotional area flowers for the week of June 24th are in memory of Anna Yonco, a gift from The Kosuch Family.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of June 24th were donated in memory of Anna Yonco at the request of The Kosuch Family.



The Archdiocese of Newark invites you to its Festival of Faith, a day-long celebration of Catholic identity designed to enlighten, energize, and inspire you. The festival will take place on Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Grow closer to God and rediscover the treasures of the Catholic faith. Celebrate the richness of the cultures represented throughout the

Archdiocese. Whether you are an active member of your church or just searching, come, join us!

For more information, log on to: www.rcan.org.

PLEASE NOTE . . .

Beginning July 6, 2007, through August 31, 2007, the Parish Office located in the Rectory will close every Friday at 4:00 p.m. Thank you.

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

Mary Dikun

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 Venezia, 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, Mariani Rocco, Robert Kircher, Dominic Preite



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JOHN THE BAPTIST

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the “precursor” of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John’s basic message: repent, the kingdom is near at hand, one greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John’s legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: “You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory” (Isaiah 49:3). John’s humility—“I am not he”—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

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**Birth of John the Baptist
June 24, 2007**

“Behold, one is coming after me;
I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.”

– Acts 13:25