



Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a powerful time of *grace*. It is important for us to fast, pray more, and increase our charitable works. These are the building blocks for spiritual conversion.

I would like to draw your attention to the information in this bulletin regarding our St. Joseph's Novena. The Novena is a wonderful way to magnify our prayer, both individually and communally. The Novena is conducted within a Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour with Benediction. I am confident that you will be inspired by each of our guest speakers. For those of you who have not attended our Novena in honor of St. Joseph, please know that it is similar to a parish mission, which is like a spiritual retreat. Please spread the word among your family and friends and join us for this special time together. If you cannot make all of the nights, you may attend as many as you can. On the nights when there is a conflict, you can pray the Novena prayers on your own.

I would also appreciate your prayers for our guest speakers and all those in attendance. With every good wish and prayer, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor



Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our next Inquiry Session is scheduled to take place on Thursday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Jude Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret at (732) 388-2560.



ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!

**TODAY
AFTER ALL MASSES**

Thank you for your support!!

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

Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,324.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

**Thank
You!**

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Thank you to all who supported our Boardwalk Weekend. **WE WERE VERY BUSY!!!** Thank you to our parishioners who volunteer year after year, our CYO and other high school kids who volunteer their time and have fun while doing it! Thank you to all our sponsors who year after year advertise their businesses during the three days. We're all in this together as it benefits both our parish and school. We're happy to report a \$10,000 profit!!! Thank you all again. See you next year!!!

The Boardwalk Committee

BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 2/27/07

Total Pledges **\$3,276,907.27**

Pledges Collected **\$2,890,810.79**

Outstanding Pledges **\$ 386,096.48**

Total Building Costs **\$3,825,000.00**

Pledges Collected (-) **\$2,890,810.79**

Mtge. Reduction

Collections (-) **55,597.15**

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

Remaining Debt **\$ 628,592.06**

*If you would like to make a donation,
please make check payable to
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectory
attention Building Fund,
or drop in the collection basket.
Thank you for your continued support.*

**CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR
MINISTRY PROGRAM**

Saint Agnes Parish will be one of the designated sites for the CFM Archdiocesan three-year program. Courses in Old and New Testament, Sacraments, Morality and Liturgy will prepare individuals for ministry in the parish and diocese. Classes will be held every Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., September to May in the St. Lucy Filippini Meeting Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. For further information, please call Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

HARD OF LISTENING

Some folks are not hard of hearing; they are hard of listening.

- Anonymous

PALM CROSSES



The Traditional St. Agnes Palm Crosses will be made available soon. The Crosses fashioned from palm with an attractive purple bow are used to decorate grave sites and some homes. The price is \$10.00 and the crosses will be distributed the weekend before Palm Sunday (March 24/25). Anyone wishing a cross is asked to complete the form below and return to the rectory by March 16th.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone# _____

No. of Crosses _____ Amt \$ _____

VOCATIONS AWARENESS DINNER

Hosted by,

His Grace, The Most Reverend

John J. Myers

And the Vocations Office

Wednesday, March 14, 2007

6:15 - 8:30 p.m.

All Pastors within the Archdiocese are asked to invite any young men in their Junior or Senior year of High School, who are open to discerning a priestly vocation, to attend a special dinner.

Evening Prayer - 6:15 p.m.

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Dinner - 6:45 p.m.

Residence of the Cathedral

Closing - 8:30 p.m.

Reverend Brian G. Plate, Director of Vocations

Any young man interested in attending should contact the rectory office at (732) 388-7852.



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

March 4	Rosane Barreiro
March 11	Bill Budkin
March 18	Joe & Agnes Fusco
March 25	Michele & Gary Cislo

Sign-up for the Elijah Cup will take place after all masses on Sunday, March 25th. Thank you.

*The Archdiocese of Newark
Women's Commission Presents*

***A Day of Reflection with
Johnette Benkovic***

In the Heart of Mary

Saturday, March 31, 2007

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Holy Mass: 10:00 a.m.

*Most Rev. John J. Myers,
Archbishop of Newark, Celebrant
Valerie Sue Muller, Cantor*

Seton Hall University

400 South Orange Ave., So. Orange, NJ

Any parishioners interested in attending, both men and women, should contact the rectory office at (732) 388-7852 for registration form or additional information.



Thank You!

Lee Kelemen, first prize winner of the Saint Agnes Annual 50/50 Raffle, has donated her prize money to Sister Claire Ouimet, Principal of Saint Agnes School. The money will be used to purchase books for the new school library.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA



A great opportunity for spiritual enrichment is to participate in our annual St. Joseph Novena. The Novena begins March 10th and ends on March 19th with Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph at 7:00 p.m. The guest speakers and topics for the Novena are as follows:

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| 3/10 | 5:30 | Joseph Most Chaste
(incorporated into Vigil Mass) | Msgr. Jim Choma |
| 3/11 | 7pm | Sedulous Defender of Christ | Fr. Jim Manos |
| 3/12 | 7pm | Head of the Holy Family | Bishop C. McDonnell |
| 3/13 | 7pm | Joseph Most Prudent | Fr. Beau Ardouin |
| 3/14 | 7pm | Consolation of the Afflicted | Fr. John Paladino |
| 3/15 | 7pm | Protector of the Holy Church | Bishop Art Serratelli |
| 3/16 | 7pm | Joseph Most Just | Sr. Rose McDermott |
| 3/17 | 5:30 | Model of Workers
(incorporated into Vigil Mass) | Fr. Nuno Rocha |
| 3/18 | 7pm | Mirror of Patience
(Collection & Social last night of Novena) | Msgr. Owen Hendry |
| 3/19 | 7pm | St. Joseph Mass
<i>Plan to be with us each evening and make this a Lenten Devotion for yourself.</i> | Fr. Nuno Rocha |

SAINT AGNES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 18, 2007
After all Masses in the Gymnasium

You are invited to discover the difference Saint Agnes School can make in your child's education

Pre-K through Eighth Grade

Saint Agnes is a caring school that embraces each student and prepares them for life, academically and spiritually.

At Saint Agnes School we offer:

- Pre-K 4's - Five & Three Day Programs
- Pre-K 3's - Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons
- Middle States Accredited • New Computer Tech Center
- New Middle School Wing • Foreign Language Program
- After-School/Care Program
- Hot Lunch Program • Sports Program
- School tours will be available after the**

Lenten/Easter 2007

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 23rd, March 2nd & 23rd - 7pm

Communal Penance Svc/Indiv. Confessions

Friday, March 9th - 7pm

St. Joseph's Novena

March 10-18 (see weekly bulletin for further details)

Living Stations of the Cross - CYO

Friday, March 30th - 7pm

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 31st Vigil Mass 5:30pm

Sunday, April 1st Masses

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am with Procession of Palm & 12noon

Holy Thursday, April 5th

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Night Prayer Service at 10pm

Good Friday, April 6th

Seven Last Words Service - 12 Noon to 3pm

Main Service - 7:30pm

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord Jesus

Holy Saturday, April 7th

Blessing of Food - 11:00am

Solemn Easter Vigil Mass - 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 8th Masses

7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am & 12 noon

7:30, 10:30 and the 12:00PM Mass



SPIRITUALITY CONVOCATION

The Fifteenth Annual Spirituality Convocation will take place at the College of St. Elizabeth on March 24, 2007. Keynotes by Fr. James Martin and Mary Jo Leddy, over 20 workshops, and music will be a part of this great day. Please call (973) 290-4300 for a brochure giving all of the details, or register online at www.cse.edu/center.

A child laughs 400 times a day, an adult 25.

– Steven Quartz and Terrence Sejnowski, *What the New Brain Science Reveals About How We Become Who We Are*



SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2007

5:30 Pasquale Saracino - Donna Saracino

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2007

7:30 Gwendolyn Victor - Dora
 9:00 Gennaro J. Marciano - Rahway Park Friends
 10:30 People of the Parish
 12:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice Perriello,
 Pat Bodner and Anna Johnson - Dolores Clarke

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007

7:00 Joseph Heelan - Rick & Carol Lindemann
 9:00 Luigina Mufrio - Angela

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007

7:00 Theresa Sulse - Angel Sulse
 9:00 James P. Scott - Ronnie & Bill Duffy

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

7:00 Louis Bucossi - Rick & Alicia Gregorio
 9:00 Anthony Lombino - Rose Brinker

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007

7:00 Traci Roman - Betty & Dominic Massarelli
 9:00 Dominick Bucca - Toni Bucca

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2007

7:00 Cosma DeNichilo - Sr. Claire Ouimet
 9:00 John Babbitt - Tripicchio Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass - Helen Norvilas, Robert McKeon,
 Carmelia Murphy, Donald J. Dillon, Benny Adamo,
 Maureen Angelbeck, Anthony Sikora, Lawrence
 Theroux, Ronald Gardner, Sr.
 5:30 Ed Veltre' - Fran Veltre'

SUNDAY**MARCH 4****ROSARY BAGEL SALE AFTER ALL MASSES**

8:45 AM Religious Education
 6:30 PM CYO - Church

MONDAY**MARCH 5**

3:30 PM Religious Education
 5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium
 7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

TUESDAY**MARCH 6**

7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:30 PM St. Agnes Rosary Society Mtg. - Fr. Whelan Center

WEDNESDAY**MARCH 7**

7:30 PM St. Agnes HSA Executive Board Meeting
 7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room

THURSDAY**MARCH 8**

3:30 PM Children's Choir
 3:30 PM First Penance Rehearsal - Church
 7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Filippini Room
 6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting - MET Room
 7:30 PM Adult Choir
 7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room
 7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - St. Jude Room

FRIDAY**MARCH 9**

7:00 PM Parish Reconciliation
 7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5th Grade Classroom

SATURDAY**MARCH 10**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial
 9:30 AM Ministers' Day
 1:00 PM First Penance Celebration
 5:30 PM Vigil Mass - St. Joseph's Novena




SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Cecilia Smentkowski during the week of March 4th at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Melnick.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of March 4th were donated in memory of Margaret Beyer at the request of the Compton Family.

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Chris & Charlotte Gessler during the week of March 4th.

The monthly meeting of the Rosary Society will be held on **Tuesday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Father Whelan Center located in the lower level of the parish center.

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

Michael L. Tortorello

Those Who Are Sick

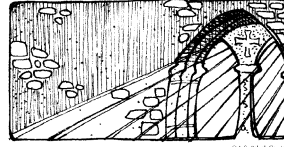
Aileen Sasala, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Linda Ruth, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Barbara Guinta, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, MaryLou Loffa, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Declan Mulcahy, Jr., 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, Lawrence Peluso, Aldo Kosuch, Rita Corrado, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, William Feury, Carmelina & Andrew Giacobbe, Joan Sanzone

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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Second Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2007

The LORD is my light and my
salvation;
whom should I fear?

Psalm 27:1