

## From the Pastor

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Dear Friends,

Over the years, I have noticed that our congregation is vibrant with young families and wisdom-aged Catholics. Where are the young adults? It appears that many young people set off for college and relocate afterwards, and those who remain in Clark tend not to be active in church. This is not unique to St. Agnes. Many parishes experience the same. In an attempt to respond to this phenomenon, we want to start a young adult group here at St. Agnes.

I am grateful for Catherine Borowski and Anthony DePasquale, parishioners in their twenties, who have graciously agreed to spearhead this initiative for us. After a brainstorming session with them, it has been decided to begin by seeking out young adults in their twenties and thirties to form a core group. If fall into this category, or if you know anyone who may be interested, please call the rectory and let us know.

Our first activity for the core group will be dinner (cooked by yours truly) in the rectory. This will allow the members time to socialize, get to know one another, share hopes and dreams, and discover their pastor's hidden talent – *Chef Monsignore!*

Please pray for the success of this new outreach program. Our young adults possess so much goodness and talent. However, they live in a world of hectic activity and distractions. We want our young people to discover balance, inner-peace, and harmony in accord with the Gospels of Jesus Christ. Thank you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim  
Pastor



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

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$12,525.50.**  
Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt. 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34; 2 Cor 5:17-21;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
Alternate readings (Year A):  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

**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!**

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF 3/05/07**

<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$3,281,527.27</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>\$2,959,892.30</b>
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 321,634.97</b>
<b>Total Building Costs</b>	<b>\$3,825,000.00</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>(-) \$2,904,295.15</b>
<b>Mtge. Reduction</b>	
<b>Collections</b>	<b>(-) 55,597.15</b>
<b>Funds from Savings</b>	<b>(-) \$ 250,000.00</b>
<b>Remaining Debt</b>	<b>\$ 615,107.70</b>

*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.



*God our Father, you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love to all men. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### *Special Pilgrimage to Italy!*

Please consider joining a special 2007 pilgrimage to Italy. The Families of Nazareth Movement is sponsoring two grace-filled ITC tours of beautiful Italian cities. The long tour is 10 days (May 22 to June 2) and a shorter tour (May 24 to 30) is seven days. Both tours commence in Rome on Pentecost weekend, and include Saturday Evening Vespers with Holy Father Benedict XVI and Pentecost Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Square. Each tour has greatly reduced pricing to encourage families as well as singles and couples to attend. Priests from the Families of Nazareth Movement will celebrate Mass daily.

Flyers with exciting trip details and itineraries can be obtained in the Parish Office. Contact person is Joan Login at (732) 350-4161 or [ewtn2000@aol.com](mailto:ewtn2000@aol.com). All forms are also available on our website [www.familiesofnazareth.us](http://www.familiesofnazareth.us).



St. Agnes Holy Name Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Fr. Whelan Center. Our guest speaker will be Anton Danco, Police Chief of Clark. Due to the St. Joseph Novena, *the meeting will start at 8:00 PM*. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All men of the parish are welcomed to attend.



## *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 Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25. Thank you.

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**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
**113 CHIEGO PL., ROSELLE PARK**  
**(908) 245-1107**

In the spirit of the season and the joy of our Centennial Anniversary, the Church of the Assumption invites you to attend a Lenten Mission. Father Eugene Marcone will preach and prepare us for our Easter Celebration. The dates are March 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday evening, March 27<sup>th</sup>, will include a Lenten Penance Service. The Church services start at 7:30 PM.

### FOR HIRE

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL – After-Care Aide - Mon to Fri, 2:30 to 4:30.** Responsibilities include safety monitor, tutoring (homework help). If interested, please call the school office at (732) 381-0850.

### 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, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Pre-K through Eighth Grade

# St. Agnes School

*We're About What You Value Most!*

## Open House

**Sunday, March 18, 2007**

**8:00 AM until 2:00 PM**

Saint Agnes is a caring school that embraces each student and prepares them for life, academically and spiritually. Explore the Curriculum and see our advanced Technology Center with individual work stations for an Technology Driven Curriculum.

Middle States Accredited / New Middle School Wing  
Foreign Language Program  
Hot Lunch Program / Sports Program  
Pre-K 4's - Five & Three Day Programs  
Pre-K 3's - Tuesday & Thursday Afternoons  
After-School/Care Program

### Lenten/Easter 2007

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7pm

#### **Communal Penance Svc/Indiv. Confessions**

Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> - 7pm

#### **St. Joseph's Novena**

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

#### **Living Stations of the Cross - CYO**

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - 8pm

#### **Palm Sunday**

Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### ST. AGNES CYO PROUDLY PRESENTS:

#### THE LIVING



**JOIN US FOR THIS MOVING PRODUCTION  
ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30, AT 8:00 PM  
IN THE CHURCH.**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007**

5:30 Ed Veltre` - Fran Veltre`

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2007**

7:30 Mark Alberto Costa - Michael J. Nudo  
 9:00 Gennaro J. Marciano - The Reilly Family  
 10:30 Dot Geary - Charlotte & Colette  
 12:00 People of the Parish

**MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2007**

7:00 Clare M. Morris - Draghi Family  
 9:00 Joseph Kulbaba, Jr. - Hedy Ott & Dorothy Long

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007**

7:00 Arthur Robichaud - Sr. Claire Ouimet  
 9:00 Betty Cobby - Rose Crescenzi

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007**

7:00 Marion Biondi - Sr. Claire Ouimet  
 9:00 Mark Costa - Alissa Imbriaco

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2007**

7:00 Cecilia Smentkowski - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Malupin  
 9:00 Maria Squillace - Judy & Bill Shackleton

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007**

7:00 Pauline Gessler - Gessler Family  
 9:00 Thomas Long, Sr. - Dorothy Long & Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2007**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Pat & Minnie Castellano, Irene & Ed Tallman, Stella Kozlowski, Eleanor Draghi, Robert McKeon, John Visicaro, James MacConchie, George Sterinky, John Sing, Frances Cuzzi, Catherine McNeil  
 5:30 People of the Parish



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Pat and Minnie Castellano during the week of March 11th at the request of Joseph & Adele Castellano.

*Altar & Rosary Society*

**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Peggy Phelan during the week of March 11th.

**SATURDAY MARCH 10****PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

5:30 PM Vigil Mass - St. Joseph's Novena

**SUNDAY MARCH 11****PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

8:45 AM Religious Education  
 7:00 PM St. Joseph's Novena

**MONDAY MARCH 12**

3:30 PM Religious Education  
 7:00 PM St. Joseph's Novena  
 7:00 PM Religious Education  
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

**TUESDAY MARCH 13**

7:00 PM Religious Education  
 7:00 PM St. Joseph's Novena  
 7:00 PM St. Agnes' School Parents Mtg. - Fr. Whelan Center  
 8:00 PM Holy Name Society Meeting - St. Joseph Conf. Room

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 14**

7:00 PM St. Joseph's Novena  
 7:30 PM RCIA (OLG Room)

**THURSDAY MARCH 15**

3:30 PM Children's Choir  
 3:30 PM First Penance Rehearsal - Church  
 7:00 PM St. Joseph's Novena  
 7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Filippini Room  
 7:30 PM Adult Choir  
 7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room

**FRIDAY MARCH 16**

7:00 PM St. Joseph's Novena

**SATURDAY MARCH 17**

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

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

**SUNDAY MARCH 18****MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

8:00 AM St. Agnes School Open House  
 8:45 AM Religious Education  
 7:00 PM St. Joseph's Novena Followed by Social

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

Marian Urcinuoli, Winifred F. Kahora, Mary Lou Loffa

***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, 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, Marie Farese

**“I AM”**

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law's sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses' awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God's name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract “I AM” distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who “are not.” They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

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### Third Sunday of Lent March 11, 2007

The LORD secures justice  
and the rights of all the oppressed.

– Psalm 103:6