

***“Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden,  
and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid ...  
as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.”***

*– John 19:41-42*

***“Gardening is an active participation in the  
deepest mysteries of the universe.”***

*- Thomas Berry*

Dear St. Agnes Family,

Our Russian Christian brothers and sisters have a tradition of greeting each other at this season with the phrase, “Good Resurrection”. Let us greet each other in the same manner and witness our shared faith in Our Risen Lord, Jesus with the same heartfelt, faith filled greeting... ***Good resurrection !***

*If we have lived Lent, have tried to return to God, have participated in some other Lenten practices, then we are alert and ready for rising and new life.*

On Easter morning the trees in front of the Church and the daffodils and hyacinths burst forth as if to proclaim their own resurrection greeting. Do you recall that just a few short weeks ago the same trees were bleak and barren and the flower beds seemingly empty and devoid of life? We recall the Scripture that tells of the tomb in the garden where He was crucified, the tomb wherein the Word of God, spoken in time and history, revealed in flesh and blood, was laid to rest. With Him were laid the hopes and dreams of His disciples, the tombstone silently voicing its bleak and barren message, the stone tomb and its blessed occupant apparently devoid of life as the winter flower bed.

And then – the light pierced the darkness, life emerged from death, the Son of Glory is risen, the tombstone is rolled aside and the tomb in the garden echoes with Easter Alleluias. ***Good Resurrection to you!***

May the Risen Lord fill your life – and those you love – with Easter Hope and Joy !

***GOOD RESURRECTION!!!***

Rev. Donald K. Hummel, D.Min.  
Administrator



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

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$14,755.00.**  
Thank you.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15  
Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9;  
Jn 20:19-31

**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, April 14th and Thursday, May 15th 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.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF 03/17/08**

**Total Pledges** \$3,313,017.50

**Pledges Collected** \$3,152,816.31

**Outstanding Pledges** \$ 160,201.19

**Total Building Costs** \$3,830,672.97

**Interest on Loan** (+) \$ 19,887.27

**Pledges Collected** (-) \$3,152,816.31

**Mtge. Reduction  
Collections** (-) \$ 145,167.50

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

**Remaining Debt** \$ 302,576.43

**Elijah Cup Program**

Please prayerfully consider taking the Elijah Cup into your home for a week of prayer for vocations. Please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. A week that is convenient for you will be assigned. Thank you.



The new Pascal Candle lit at our Easter Vigil and used throughout the year has been donated by Phyllis Cupo and Family in memory of her husband, Pete Cupo and her son, Nunzie Cupo.



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL***"We're About What You Value Most"***OPEN HOUSE**

You are invited to join us on

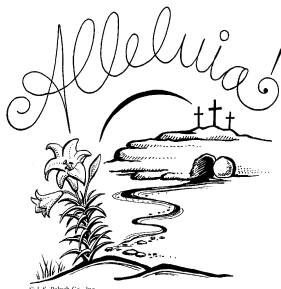
**Sunday, April 6, 2008  
from 8:00am to 2:00pm***Come see how St. Agnes School  
embraces each student and  
prepares them for life, both  
academically and spiritually.*

342 Madison Hill Rd., Clark, NJ

**WWW.STAGNESSCHOOL.COM*****Word of Life***

*The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society – committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, committed to caring for those with special needs, committed to caring for the elderly and the dying – or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which its Founders staked their claim to independence.*

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, October 1, 2007  
Installation Mass, Baltimore, Maryland



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**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION  
REGISTRATION FOR  
NEW STUDENTS**

Registration for new students (including Kindergarten) will begin Monday, March 24, and will conclude Thursday, April 17. You may register in the Catholic Faith Formation Office located in the school anytime between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday (**CFF office closed on Fridays**). Evening registration will take place in the school office March 21 and April 1, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please try to register early since classes reach their quota rapidly. You must bring a copy of your child's **baptismal certificate**. The fee for all students new to the program (grades 1-8) is \$100 per child; Kindergarten is \$50. Family re-registration discounts do not apply.

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION  
RE-REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!!!**

CFF re-registration has begun!!! Early registration avoids a lot of chaos and confusion at the last moment. Please mail in your forms as soon as possible. Due to the increasing number of students, we need teachers and substitutes. If you are faith-filled, unselfish, and a practicing Catholic, please call or email the Catholic Faith Formation Office (732-388-2560 or [cff@stagnesparish.com](mailto:cff@stagnesparish.com).)

**BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

St. Agnes Bereavement Support Group  
will be held:

March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24  
and May 8. All sessions are held on  
Thursday evenings beginning at 7:30 PM  
in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Room  
(Lower level of Parish Center)

(Please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852 for  
more information or to register for the group.)

### EASTER EGG HUNT



For several years now the young people of the parish have enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt. This year the hunt will be held on the **SATURDAY after EASTER, MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 AM weather permitting. There are two prizes available, in addition to the wonderful various plastic eggs filled with goodies and pennies. This year our own CYO will be running the hunt.

Donations of plastic eggs, pennies and goodies would be greatly appreciated. [Please be mindful of the concern of peanut allergies when selecting your goody donation.] Donations can be dropped off at the parish office. Thank you.

### Healing Mass

A Healing Mass will take place on Wednesday, March 26, at 8:00 p.m. at St. John The Apostle Church, 1805 Penbrook Terrace in Clark/Linden (on Valley Road in Clark). All who are in need of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual healing are invited to attend. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Individual Eucharistic Blessing and Benediction will be part of the event. Participants are invited to stay for refreshments following Mass. For directions to St. John's please visit [www.sjanj.net](http://www.sjanj.net) or call (908) 486-6363.

### WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT April 18-19, 2008 "Follow Me"



**An invitation to attend a faith enriching experience.**

The Women's Cornerstone Retreat for 2008 will be held at St. Agnes Church beginning at 6 p.m. (with a light meal) and will adjourn about 10 p.m. The group will reconvene on Saturday at 8 a.m. starting with breakfast and end with Mass in the evening at 5:30 p.m., followed by a gathering with family and friends, where light refreshments will be provided. The retreat will not require staying over. For more information or to obtain a reservation form, please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852.

### ST. AGNES PARISH & SCHOOL PROUDLY PRESENTS:



St. Agnes Auditorium  
Saturday, May 24, 2008 at 7 PM  
Reverse 50/50 Raffle Drawing and  
Gambler's Paradise Buffet

**\$10,000.00 Grand Prize!**

\$100.00 per Raffle Ticket/  
Admission for two to the Party

**Only 250 Raffle Tickets will be sold!**

See 4/6/08 bulletin for more information and order form, or call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE STRIP!**



### ST. AGNES



**SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008  
RAIN OR SHINE  
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**ALL CLOTHES MUST BE BAGGED OR BOXED.**

**NO HANGERS PLEASE.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**

**CLOTHING, LINENS, PLUSH TOYS.**

**NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.**

**Any questions please call Adele  
at 732-382-8332**



**SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2008 - EASTER VIGIL**

8 PM No Intention

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2008**

7:30 People of the Parish  
 9:00 Alfred Kempinski - Pyar Family  
 10:30 Edward Alfano, Fannie & Michael Ricca, Philip & Blanche Alfano - Diane Alfano  
 12:00 James P. Scott - Ronnie & Bill Duffy

**MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2008**

7:00 Mary Rose Barilla - Peter & Lucy Koscica  
 9:00 Frances Panzarino - Rose & Vito Toto

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008**

7:00 Jim Ross - Gina & John Ross  
 9:00 John & Anna Mauriello - Daughters

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008**

7:00 Saverio Roglieri - Ferraro Family  
 9:00 Mary Mis - Mr. & Mrs. F. Lubniewski

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008**

7:00 Harriet Skoog - Mr. & Mrs. Charles J. Vincenti  
 9:00 Anthony Valenti - Rose & Vito Toto

**FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008**

7:00 James O'Connor - Mr. & Mrs. John O'Connor  
 9:00 Albert Ritorto - Mr. & Mrs. Krongold

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Rev. Michael A. Fuino, Andy Pavelko, William Cox, Theresa Sarica, Joan C. Meleniak, Noelia Ouimet, Isabelle Swarts, Elaine Theresa Shubeck, Dorothy Kupka, Anna Morris  
 5:30 William Brueckner - Tom & Carol Ringwood

**SATURDAY MARCH 22**

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY MARCH 23**

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

7:00 PM No CYO

**MONDAY NO CFF CLASSES/SCHOOL MARCH 24**

5:00 PM Sports - Gym

**TUESDAY NO CFF CLASSES/SCHOOL MARCH 25**

6:45 PM Women's Prayer Group - Church

**WEDNESDAY NO SCHOOL MARCH 26**

4:00 PM Sports - Gym

**THURSDAY MARCH 27**

**NO SCHOOL/CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

7:00 PM CFM - St. Lucy Room  
 7:30 PM Stewardship Meeting - St. Joseph Room  
 7:30 PM Clothing Drive Meeting - St. Lucy Room  
 7:30 PM Men's Cornerstone Meeting - St. Thomas Room  
 7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room

**FRIDAY NO SCHOOL MARCH 28**

4:00 PM Sports - Gym

**SATURDAY MARCH 29**

8:00 AM Teacher Certification - St. Joseph Room  
 9:00 AM Clothing Drive - Church Parking Lot  
 11:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt - Front of Church



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Declan Mulcahy during the week of March 23rd at the request of the Telleri Family.



**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** for the week of March 23rd were donated in memory of Cosmo Macera at the request of the Macera Family.



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Betty Flanagan during the week of March 23rd.



**Tuesday, March 25, 2008**  
**6:45 to 7:45 p.m. in the church**

Please join us for a holy hour of prayer, including the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. *For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.* (Matthew 18:20).

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

Andrew Stewart (Grandson of Jean Kovacs)

***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, Mary Marrin, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Hazel McGuiness, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Giovanna Tripicchio, Marie Cerone, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina & Andrew Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan, Mariani Rocco, Dominic Preite, Marge Geist Gais, Jerry Veza, Brenda Vermeal, Angie & Anthony 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, Michael Readie

**Crisis Pregnancy Help**

Catholic Community Services  
Pat Chiarello (201) 246-7379

Birthright USA International  
1-800-550-4900



*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*

**Easter Sunday**  
**March 23, 2008**

When Christ your life appears,  
then you too will appear with him in glory.

– Colossians 3:4