

From the Pastor

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A GOOD REASON TO USE CHURCH ENVELOPES

Dear Parishioners,

I thought the following letter would be of interest to all. It is from the Church's accountant. God bless.

– Fr. Jim



ClientAlert

Substantiation Rules Apply to Contributions to Private Foundations

The substantiation rules for gifts of property to a charitable organization provide that a charitable deduction is not allowed for any contribution of \$250 or more, unless the donor obtains contemporaneous written acknowledgment (not just a cancelled check) from the donee organization substantiating the contribution. The acknowledgments can be in any form, i.e., letter, postcard, computer-generated form or e-mail addressed to the donor. They are considered contemporaneous if the donor obtains the acknowledgment on or before the earlier of; the date on which the donor files a return for the taxable year in which the contribution was made, or the due date, including extensions, for filing such a return.

An acknowledgment must include the following information:

The amount of cash contributed and a description, but not the value, of any property other than cash contributed

A good faith estimate of the value of any goods and services provided to the donor in exchange for the donated property

A statement of any intangible religious benefits provided by the donee organization

Donors who claim a charitable deduction of more than \$500 but less than \$5,000 and donors of publicly traded securities with a claimed value of more than \$5,000 must provide additional information and include Form 8283 with their tax return for the year of the contribution.

The above rules apply to all charitable organizations including private foundations. **All contributions to a private foundation are subject to the rules of contemporaneous written acknowledgment.** Consequently, the family foundation must provide the appropriate substantiation for contributions, even if the contributor is an officer of the foundation and controls all disbursements of the foundation.

Since the rules define “contemporaneous basis” as before the filing of the tax return, it is essential that a donor verifies that his/her records are sufficient to fulfill these requirements. Without the proper records, the Internal Revenue Service may disallow the tax deduction. **Too often, this requirement is overlooked when the donor to the family foundation and foundation officer are one and the same.**

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything; I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,088.00**;
Mortgage Reduction Collection **\$6,113.00**.
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11;
Lk 22:14 – 23:56 [23:1-49]

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION
113 CHIEGO PL., ROSELLE PARK**

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 26th through the 28th. Tuesday evening, March 27th, will include a Lenten Penance Service. The Church services start at 7:30 PM.

The duty to respect the dignity of each human being, in whose nature the image of the Creator is reflected, means in consequence that the person can not be disposed of at will. Those with greater political, technical, or economic power may not use that power to violate the rights of others who are less fortunate. Peace is based on respect for the rights of all.

– Pope Benedict XVI, World Day of Peace Message
January 1, 2007

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 3/19/07**

Total Pledges	\$3,289,170.27
Pledges Collected	\$2,972,911.09
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 316,259.18

Total Building Costs	\$3,825,000.00
Pledges Collected	(-) \$2,972,911.09
Mtge. Reduction	
Collections	(-) 61,710.15
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00

Remaining Debt	\$ 540,378.76
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*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.



Elijah Cup Program

Please prayerfully consider taking the Elijah Cup into your home for a week of prayer for vocations. Sign-up for the Elijah Cup will take place after all masses on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25. Thank you.

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. All forms are also available on our website www.familiesofnazareth.us.

The Chrism Mass



*Monday, April 2nd, 8:00 PM
Cathedral Basilica of the
Sacred Heart in Newark*

If you are interested in attending the Chrism Mass, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852 so that we can arrange for car pools and sit together in the cathedral.



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, APRIL 14th** at 11:00 AM weather permitting. There are two prizes available, in addition to the wonderful various plastic eggs filled with goodies and pennies.

Please note: Since we have plenty of eggs for this year's hunt, we will not need any donations. However, donations of goodies and pennies will be appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the school or rectory. Thank you.

ST. AGNES



**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007
RAIN OR SHINE
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM**

**ALL CLOTHES MUST BE BAGGED OR BOXED.
NO HANGERS PLEASE.**

**ITEMS - CLOTHES, SHOES, HATS, BELTS,
POCKETBOOKS, STUFFED ANIMALS, ALL
HOUSEHOLD LINENS, BLANKETS, ETC.**

**NO TOYS, APPLIANCES OR FURNITURE
(INCLUDING BABY ITEMS)**

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

ST. AGNES SCHOOL "Highlight Zone"



Last week, while the rest of the school was participating in Terra Nova Testing, the eighth grade was working on a challenge of their own: Public Speaking. Mrs. Theel conducted a workshop on the ins and outs of giving a speech. According to Mrs. Theel, "being comfortable speaking in front of a group is an essential life skill." The students used a well-worn formula for presenting their speeches, parts of which include an attention getter, 3 points, and a summary. Each eighth grader had the opportunity to present their speech more than once, receiving feedback from each other as well as Mrs. Theel and eighth grade teacher, Ms. Wallace. By the end of the week, even the most hesitant student ably presented on topics ranging from how to make a successful foul shot, to how to score a goal in soccer. The program was so well received that two of the students repeated their speeches at last Wednesday's home and school meeting. Ms. Wallace commented that "this skill is an important part of our curriculum and using the testing week was a valuable use of time." Congratulations to the entire eighth grade for meeting the challenge of public speaking!



REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

Registration for new students (including Kindergarten) will begin, Monday, March 26th and will conclude Thursday, April 12th. You may register in the **Religious Education Office located in the school**, anytime between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, or 1:00 pm and 4:00pm, Monday through Thursday (**office closed on Friday**). Evening registration will take place in the School Office April 2nd and April 3rd, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please try to register early, 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 will be \$100 per child. Family re-registration discounts do not apply.



RE-REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!!!

Religious Education 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 e-mail the Religious Education Office (732-388-2560 or cff@stagneparish.com)



Congratulations and Thank You!

The past two Saturdays ninety children made their First Penance. We wish to thank their teachers for preparing the girls and boys. Thanks to Sister Margaret, Mrs. Maria Guarraci, Mrs. Ann Maria Nenortas, Mrs. Lori Knorowski, Mrs. Karen Cundari and Mrs. Judith Rowlands



Lenten/Easter 2007

Living Stations of the Cross - CYO

Friday, March 30th - 8pm

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

ST. AGNES CYO

PROUDLY PRESENTS: THE LIVING



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

GRACE AND STRENGTH

God's grace within me and God's strength behind me can overcome any hurdle ahead of me.

— Anonymous



SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007

5:30 George & Elizabeth Vanner - Anne Zambolla

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007

7:30 People of the Parish

9:00 Cecilia Smentkowski - Zofia Kolkiewicz

10:30 Charles Stankus & Irene Kuzman - Mary Beth Hampson

12:00 Albert & Clara Juliano - Juliano Family

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2007

7:00 Joseph Heelan - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Vincenti

9:00 James Carlin - Joseph Lubniewski

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007

7:00 Joseph Heelan - Tom & Bernadette Dwyer

9:00 John & Anna Mauriello - Daughters

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007

7:00 Joseph Heelan - Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Giacobbe

9:00 Eleanor Pohlman - Mary Collins

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

7:00 John Knych - John & Barbara Greve

9:00 Mary Chamberlain - James Gillich

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2007

7:00 Joseph Heelan - Dennis & Linda Scanlon

9:00 Crescenza Toto - Rose & Vito Toto

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007

8:30 Memorial Mass - Mary Gawrych, Stella Kozlowski,
Rosa Cipriani Longo, George Sterinky, Ronald
Gardner, Sr., John Sing, Patricia Clark, Robert McKeon,
Florence Makely, Joseph King

5:30 Gerard Maricondo - Audrey Smeela

SUNDAY**MARCH 25****ELIJAH CUP SIGN-UP AFTER ALL MASSES****PALM CROSS DISTRIBUTION**

8:45 AM Religious Education

7:00 PM CYO - Church

MONDAY**MARCH 26**

3:30 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM Art & Environment Meeting - St. Joseph Conf. Room

7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

TUESDAY**MARCH 27**

7:00 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM St. Agnes Sports Meeting - St. Thomas Room

WEDNESDAY**MARCH 28**

6:30 PM CYO - Living Stations Dress Rehearsal - Church

7:30 PM RCIA (OLG Room)

THURSDAY**MARCH 29**

3:30 PM Children's Choir

7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Filippini Room

7:30 PM Adult Choir

7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room

FRIDAY**MARCH 30**

8:00 PM CYO Presents Living Stations of the Cross - Church

SATURDAY**MARCH 31**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Zucosky during the week of March 25th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Madeline Ciorra and Carmela Tavormina during the week of March 25th at the request of Marilyn Tavormina.

**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.

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

Mary Genna, Elizabeth McLean

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 Venezia, 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, Rita Corrado, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, William Feury, Carmelina & Andrew Giacobbe, Joan Sanzone, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Florence Kempinski, Mary Gianti, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan

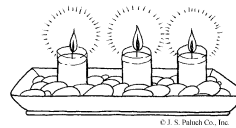
STRAIGHT LINES

“God writes straight with crooked lines,” the saying goes. The power of Paul’s testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. “Can’t you see it?” we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can’t beat this kind of good news.

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 25, 2007**

I consider everything as a loss because
of the supreme good of knowing
Christ Jesus my LORD.

– *Philippians 3:8*