



## A Season of Prayer, Fasting and Charity

*“A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.” (Psalm 51)*

### Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, March 9th, is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of universal abstinence from eating meat and fasting (eating only one full meal).

Ashes will be imposed at a Word Service at 3:30 p.m. and during Eucharist at: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

### Operation Rice Bowl

As part of our parish’s Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975 ORB has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray, fast, learn** and **give**. We will join in the traditional practices of Lent and pray as a parish community, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry and give concrete assistance to those most in need.

Next Sunday we will distribute Rice Bowls and Home Calendars. You are invited to: 1. Place the rice bowl on your kitchen table for the Lenten season as a reminder to pray for the hungry; 2. Eat a sacrificial/simple meal each week during Lent in solidarity with the hungry; and 3. Deposit the saved money—not spent for the usual meal—into the Rice Bowl and return it to Church on Palm Sunday - OR - whatever custom your family establishes.

### Stations of the Cross

We will pray The Way of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, March 25, April 1, 8, 15. Our parish Youth Group will present “The Living Stations of the Cross” on Tuesday, April 12th at 8:00 p.m.

### Carrying the Cross of Lent

Parish families and individual parishioners are invited to carry the Cross of Lent in the Entrance Procession at Sunday worship. The Sign-up book is located in the Church narthex.

### Lenten Reflections

“Not By Bread Alone” is the name of a book of reflections for each day of Lent. They are available in the narthex (\$1.00).

*Lent is a journey—not a guilt trip.*

## **STEWARDSHIP & FAITH**

### **Time, Talent, Treasure. Putting God First?**

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."  
*Matthew 7:24* Our Lord gives us two distinct commands today. We must listen and we must act. We listen when we participate in Mass. We act when we participate in the ministry of the parish. We need to do both for a strong foundation. Participating more fully in the liturgy and life of the parish may require some changes on our part. We may have to move away from our current lifestyle so that we can move closer to God.

### **Your Stewardship in Treasure**

Last week **\$9,841**; last year **\$12,217**.

*Thank you for your generosity.*



There are so many ways God is made visible in the world around us. Our Church of Newark, which serves Hudson, Essex, Union and Bergen counties, sees God in the hundreds of thousands of people it takes care of every year by teaching, sheltering and caring for all who come to it for help.

We can only offer assistance because of your generosity to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Won't you please take a moment to fill out a pledge card? This sacrifice on your part will show that you, too, see the face of God in everyone who seeks help. Thank you.

## **HELP COPE WITH YOUR LOSS...**

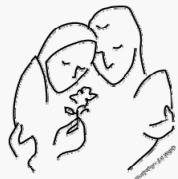
**Bereavement helps...**

**For you or your loved ones...**

*St. Agnes Bereavement Support Group  
will be held Thursdays on  
March 10, 17, 24, 31,  
April 7 and 14.*

*All sessions will begin 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.*



*Save the date...*

**Saint Agnes Church 50th Anniversary Gala**

**Saturday, June 11, 2011**

**L'Affaire, Rt. 22, Mountainside**

**\$75 Per Person**

**More information to follow.**

*Ash Wednesday*



## **Questions and Answers on the Mass Changes**

*March 6, 2011 - Part 1 of 7*

On November 27, 2011, the English speaking Church in the USA will begin using a new translation of the prayers used at Mass (The *Roman Missal*). A series of Questions and Answers on this topic will be posted here to help explain the thinking behind these changes. Please check back weekly.

### **1. Why is there a need for a new translation?**

Pope John Paul II issued the third edition of the *Missale Romanum* (the Latin text of the *Roman Missal*) during the Jubilee Year in 2000. This new edition included many new texts requiring translation. In addition, the experience of the years after the Second Vatican Council gave rise to a desire for more formal and literal translations of the original Latin texts. This new translation will employ the best of what we have learned about translation and liturgical language in two generations of celebrating the Liturgy in the vernacular. It will provide an opportunity to reflect ever more deeply on the eucharistic celebration that lies at the heart of the Church's life.

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## St. Agnes School Corner

### Middle School Social Studies and Religion

Recently the 8th grade studied the Civil War. The students would march into class each day to songs of the Civil War such as "Dixie's Land" and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." They learned about the popularity of patriotic music during the war. They were so interested to learn how the soldiers wrote songs to chronicle the events and to express their feelings about the war. We are now moving forward to The Spirit of Reform where they will discover the Progressive Era and Women's and Minorities' Rights. They will evaluate the progressive presidents and discuss who they think was most successful in reforming American society. The class is very excited to study World War I. We will also study women in history since March is National Women's History month.

Seventh grade is learning all about Citizenship and the Constitution. They found the first amendment and all the freedoms to be especially interesting. We discussed all the rights and duties of a U.S. citizen. We moved forward to the French Revolution. Class discussions will consist of President Washington and the Americans' response to the events in France. I know the class is looking forward to what the Lewis and Clark expedition achieved. The students will imagine themselves traveling with Lewis and Clark and then write a journal entry for a typical day on the expedition. We will focus on the dangers faced on the journey and role of Sacagawea.

World History with the 6th grade is very exciting! We just completed the chapter on Ancient China. The class did a fantastic job with presentations on The Great Wall of China. We traveled the Silk Road and learned about the trade that took place. We are about to discover and travel to Greece! The students also feel that Greece is the place to go since the middle school will be presented the musical "Greece" this spring...So Greece is the WORD.

The 6th and 7th grade Religion classes will now focus on the meaning of Lent. They will write a personal prayer that they will say each day during the season. Activities on prayer will help students connect with the spiritual significance of Lent. The class will be encouraged to live Lent more fully by giving up something they enjoy. We will prepare an activity related to charity to show how we can make a difference in the lives of others.

**Save the date!!**

## St. Agnes School SPRING OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, April 5th—9-11 am and 1-2 pm**  
**Monday, May 9th—9-11 am and 1-2 pm**  
**Sunday, May 22nd—10 am-12 pm**

(For more information, please call the school office at 732-381-0850.)

### Discount Cards Available!

**DISCOUNT CARDS** are available for sale. Your purchase of \$10 helps support the school and the Youth Group, while saving you hundreds of dollars as you frequent local merchants throughout 2011. You may still purchase a card though a school student, a Youth Group member or in the Parish Office. As always, we thank all of you for your continued support!

## St. Patrick's Day Party

March 19, 2011, 7-11 p.m.

Proceeds to St. Agnes School

### COST

**Adults Only \$35 per person**

(Includes corned beef & cabbage with all the sides, soda/water/coffee/tea/beer/wine)

### ENTERTAINMENT

Mickey Perry Band

Peter Smith School of Irish Step Dance  
 Central Jersey Police & Fire Pipes & Drums

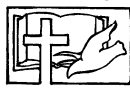
Tickets available after all Masses and at the Parish Office. Purchase deadline Mar. 15th.

Child Sitting Available by Youth Group.

For more information call Maurgen  
 Gallagher at 732-815-1350

## CATHOLIC

FAITH  
FORMATION



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Re-registration forms for CFF classes will be arriving at your home within the next two weeks. This registration is **ONLY** for students already enrolled in the program. Please return the form as soon as possible. Due to the increasing number of students, we need teachers and substitutes. If you are a practicing Catholic and willing to give an hour and a half of your time weekly, please call or e-mail the Catholic Faith Formation Office (732-388-2560) or [cff@stagnesparish.com](mailto:cff@stagnesparish.com). **New student registration information will be in future bulletins.**

## Holy Name Society

Our next general meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Conference Room. We will be planning for next month's Holy Name Mass and dinner. All men of the parish are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Compassion in Action: Effective Social Justice on the Local Level** The Peace and Justice Committee of Holy Trinity and St. Helen's in Westfield will present: *Effective Social Justice on the Local Level*, a panel discussion on the joys and challenges of working with the poor and the homeless, on Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Helen's Church's Meaney Hall, 1600 Rahway Avenue in Westfield. Panel members are Sr. Jacinta Fernandez, Edie Cheney, and Peter Ligouri. Sr. Jacinta and Edie founded St. Joseph's Social Service Center and the Coalition to House the Homeless in Elizabeth. Peter, a lawyer in the Public Defender's Office, first worked with them as an Ignatian volunteer and has continued to volunteer for many years. They will share real-life experiences of social teachings. All are welcome!

**The Women's Commission of the  
Archdiocese of Newark**  
*Our Collaboration with God*

**Saturday, March 19, 2011  
Seton Hall University (Jubilee Hall)**

**We will be taking carpools from St. Agnes  
Parking Lot.**

(Registration forms available in parish office.)



## Rosary Society

Please note that the Rosary Society meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st has been rescheduled to Tuesday, March 8th due to the Parish Mission. The meeting will take place in the Fr. Whelan Center at 7:30 p.m. Josie Varga, author of *Visits from Heaven*, will be our guest speaker. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

## Archdiocese of Newark Anniversary Masses

We are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating 5, 25 and 50 years of Christian marriage in 2011. These liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers and held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

### 25 and 5 Years

**Sunday, June 12, 2011 - 3:00 PM**  
**(Reservation Deadline June 3)**

### 50 Years

**Sunday, April 3, 2011 - 3:00 PM**  
**(Reservation Deadline March 25th)**

Please call the parish office at 732-388-7852 or email [stagneschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stagneschurch@comcast.net) to register before the deadline date. If registering by email, please provide last name, date of marriage, wife and husband's first name and address. All reservations will be acknowledged by the Archdiocese. Directions to the Cathedral Basilica will be mailed to each couple.

## HOLY NAME ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP

**When:** April 3, 2011  
**Time:** 10:00 AM Leave  
8:00 PM Return  
**To:** Show Boat  
**Cost:** \$15

**For more info call Tony at 732-388-2315**

# Mass Schedule



## SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2011

5:30 Dorothy Ann Schaeffer—Husband & Children

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011

7:30 James P. Scott—Mom & Dad

9:00 Rosaria & Vincent Barilla—Lucy & Pete Koscica

10:30 Vito Toscano—Carol & Rick Lindemann

12:00 Hilda Mazzarella—Daughter & Family

## MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2011

7:00 Alice Theriault—Marie Caprio

9:00 William Keller—Kaldawi Family

## TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011

7:00 James Scott—Judy Shackleton

9:00 Stella Lubniewski—Mary & Fred Lubniewski

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011

7:00 Jim Ross—Gina & John Ross

9:00 Lucia Aurello—Tom & Kelly Bowen

12PM David Bowman—Barbara Arnold

4:00 Service Only (No Intention)

7:30 Sr. Ruth Kelly—Maureen, Duane & Colleen

## THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011

7:00 James E. Scott—John & Bridie Smith

9:00 Haig Hanjian—Betty & Dom Massarelli

## FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2011

7:00 James Scott—Kevin & Kim Shackleton

9:00 James Scott—Marguerite “Midge” Kehoe

## SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2011

8:30 Jim Ross—Gina & John Ross

5:30 Guy Squillace—Lily Chin Aronds

## SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2011

7:30 Deceased Members of the Lontka Family—  
Charlotte & Chris Gessler

9:00 Nicholas & Grace Antonelli—Mike Vila

10:30 Nicholas & Grace Antonelli—The Rapp Family

12:00 Anthony Tanzi—Hassler Family

## SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2011

7:00 PM SAS Basketball—Gym

## SUNDAY MARCH 6, 2011

### ROSARY BAGEL SALE

### INVITATION TO WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE

8:45 AM CFF Classes

1:30 PM Baptisms

2:00 PM Kids Mardi Gras Party—Auditorium

7:00 PM YM—Church

## MONDAY MARCH 7, 2011

3:30 PM CFF Classes

6:30 PM CFF Classes

7:00 PM Scripture Sharing—OLG Room

7:30 PM SAS Advisory Board Meeting—St. Joseph Rm.

## TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2011

5:30 PM Stewardship—Kitchen/Auditorium

6:30 PM CFF Classes

7:00 PM Liturgy—St. Lucy Room

7:30 PM A&E Meeting—Book Nook

7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting—Fr. Whelan Center

7:30 PM Holy Name Society Meeting—St. Joseph Rm.

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2011

9:00 AM School Mass

7:30 PM Men's 4th Day—OLG Room

## THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2011

3:30 PM 1st Penance Rehearsal—Church/School

6:00 PM Children's Choir—Church

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal—Church

7:30 PM Bereavement—OLG Room

## FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2011

7:30 PM St. Joseph Novena

## SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2011

11:00 AM 1st Reconciliation—Church

1:00 PM SAS Basketball—Gym

5:30 PM Mass/St. Joseph Novena

7:00 PM SAS Basketball—Gym



## Rite of Christian

## Initiation of Adults

- Is the Lord calling you to a closer relationship with 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 several times throughout the year. For further information, please call Maureen at 732-574-3011.

## *Stewardship—A Way of Life*

### *Transportation Ministry—Drivers Needed*

Volunteer drivers needed to drive seniors to church on Sundays and holidays. Frequency is about one time per month. Presently we do not have enough drivers to include two seniors who require transportation. If you can volunteer, please call Carol Barrett at 732-574-0825.

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

Andrew DeFatta, Grace Driesens, Irene Finger

***Those Who Are Sick***

Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe Margeton, Noel Stevenson, Mary Morelli, Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Earl Miller, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Elizabeth Kate Chern, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina Giacobbe, Mariani Rocco, Marge Geist Gais, Brenda Vermeal, Gabriella Giordano, Joao Faria, Richard Ciccone, Joseph Fabijanczuk, Jennifer Concalves, Joey Santillo, Sergio Ricciardi, Kevin Keating, Nicholas Maculuso, Joseph Santillo, Josephine Pipa, Alice Dowzycki, Claire Orense, Joanne Piech, Jason Greenbush, Edward Nicholson, Sr., Bonnie Webb, Maria Fernanda Smith, Anthony Vitanzo, Mary Fedosh, Helen Zdaniewicz, Katherine Cantalupo, Bob Buckley, William F. Regan, Donna Arena, Eileen Moran, Raymond Fleming, Josephine Vincenti, Marie Janowski, Michael Wisnewski, Lee Kelemen, Gail Gerard, Rosemarie & Kevin Harris, Joseph Gallagher, Anna Pannullo, Marie Manzella, Thomas Newhard, Mark Adamonis, Christian Malmqvist, Irene Russo, Silvia Milano, Alexis Ihnken, Maria Cid, Diane Alfano, Giuseppe de Cristofaro, Vicky Tomasco, Michael Cordasco, Jean Kovacs, Sophie Fabijanczuk, Lucy Paiva, Patricia Burns, T.J. Spratt, Daniel Flynn, Ed Koch, Bea Hedigan



*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*

**Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**March 6, 2011**



Be my rock of refuge,  
 a stronghold to give me safety.  
 You are my rock and my fortress;  
 for your name's sake you will lead and guide me.

— Psalm 31:3-4