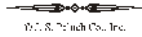


## From the Pastor



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Numerous parishioners ask me every day if a priest has been named to fill Father John's shoes? First of all, those are pretty big shoes to fill! Literally! Father John wears size 13 footwear. All kidding aside, I do not know who will be assigned.

I did complete the interview process and submitted my recommendations. There are 10 priests in this transfer cycle and 30 parishes in need of associates. God willing, there will be 18 assignable newly ordained priests. I do not know if St. Agnes is being considered for a newly ordained. Let us continue to pray that God will bless the assignment process and send us the best possible priest for our parish. We should know something around Memorial Day, or shortly thereafter.

**DON'T FORGET!** Today (Sunday) is our organ recital in church. Please join us with your family and friends. The recital starts promptly at 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served in the gymnasium immediately following the recital. It should be a good time to be had by all. Some have asked if tickets are being sold for this event. **NO!** The parish is absorbing the cost of the recital. This is our way of saying thank you to everyone who made our building project a success.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Last Sunday we heard the familiar passage from John's Gospel in which Jesus uses the metaphor of the vine and the branches. In that passage we were told that if we remained in Christ we would bear much fruit. Today's Gospel tells us just what that fruit is: love. Today's second reading and Gospel together create a great hymn to love. The chorus of this hymn is simple--God loves us so much that Jesus was sent into the world so that we would have life. The Lord Jesus, who last week told us to remain in him, this week tells us to remain in his love. In a world marked by division and terrorism, the Lord's final words in today's Gospel are a great challenge: "This I command you: love one another."

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**STEWARDSHIP**

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

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$12,444.50.**

Thank you.

*To complete Phase I projects  
we still need to raise –*

**\$578,035.00**

*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.*

**PROTECTION OF MARRIAGE AMENDMENT**

This month, the US Senate has begun deliberating on a matter of the highest urgency for all of our society – the Protection of Marriage Amendment. This Amendment states clearly that the natural institution of marriage has been, is, and always must be, a union between a man and a woman. The Senate is expected to vote on the Amendment sometime in June.

As Catholics, we believe that the natural institution of marriage has been blessed and elevated by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament. The love of one man and one woman who join in this union becomes a living image of the way in which the Lord personally loves His people and is united with them. God is the author of marriage. It is both a relationship of persons and an institution of society.

The Bishops of New Jersey are urging all Catholic people to join with us in informing our two Senators to vote in favor of the Protection of Marriage Amendment by completing the postcards available in Church this weekend, and returning them in the collection box. The parish will arrange to mail them to Senators Lautenberg and Menendez this week.

Today, we have the opportunity to make not only the strongest possible statement about the Sanctity of marriage as God intended it, but also to demonstrate our strength as people of faith and faithful citizens. Help us make this campaign for the Protection of Marriage Amendment a success.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13  
[1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension);  
otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28  
Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103;  
1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19 or for Ascension  
Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17- 23 or  
Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20



**Attention**

**Women of the**

**Parish!!**

*Please join us Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at  
7:00 PM in the Church in  
honor of the Blessed Mother for the  
month of May.*

**SMALL TASKS**

Each small task of everyday life is part of the total harmony of the universe.

– St. Therese of Lisieux

**BUILDING FUND**

**Saint Agnes Parish & School Presents  
Celebrity Night**

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

**REVERSE 50/50 Raffle Drawing and Buffet.**

**Tickets - \$100 each. Only 20 Left!**

*Mothers' Day Flowers*



Grand Prize Winner - 40% of Proceeds (up to \$10,000\*)  
Awarded to LAST Ticket Drawn.  
Runner up Award - 4% of Proceeds (up to \$1000\*)  
Awarded to  
NEXT TO LAST Ticket Drawn. Five Additional  
Prizes totaling 6% of Proceeds (up to \$1500\*) to be Awarded.

*In Memory of*

Sophie Brennan, Kathleen Mauer  
Helen Halloran & Dorothy  
Welsch  
Maria Bucca  
Pauline Tavormina  
Jennie Szmarda  
Edith Russo & Mary Segreto  
Frances Kalinowski  
Maria Voza & Elmira Pertuz  
Laura Binko  
Kyle Brennan Froelich  
Elizabeth & Nellie  
Angela Maria Notte  
Lucy Augugliaro  
Anna Popow & Mary Pavelko

*Gift of*

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Mauer  
  
Mr. & Mrs. F. Halloran  
Miss Antoinette Bucca  
Ms. Marilyn Tavormina  
Miss Sophie Szmarda  
Mr. & Mrs. J. Segreto  
Mrs. Mary F. Reider  
Dr. & Mrs. F. Miranda  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Beyer  
Mr. Lawrence Froelich  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Medway  
Ms. Marie Farese  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Zbikowski  
Mr. & Mr. A.R. Pavelko

To benefit Saint Agnes Parish & School :

- Complete the form below.
- Mail it with a check (\$100 per ticket) to the address on the form.
- You will be mailed your Raffle Ticket and Invitation for Two to the:

**"Celebrity Night" Party on Saturday, May 27th, 2006  
At the Saint Agnes Auditorium, Clark, NJ at 7 PM.  
You are the Stars of this Event !**

**See you on the Red Carpet  
For more information call - (732) 574-3011**

*In Honor of*

Sheila A. Loria

*Gift of*

Ms. Lisa Loria-Michaels

*Gift of*

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Maertz  
Mr. Herman Fuchs  
Mr. & Mrs. W. Miskovich

**Yes! I want to support St. Agnes Parish & School.  
(Please print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
x \$100  
Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: St. Agnes Rectory  
332 Madison Hill Road  
Clark, NJ 07066  
Attn: "Celebrity Night"**



***Please accept our apology. . .***

*Due to the hectic and busy days in the Rectory Office, additional flowers for the sanctuary were never ordered for Mothers' Day and we apologize. Please take note, however, that flowers and plants were ordered and planted by the Blessed Mother for the May Crowning. I am addressing this since several parishioners approached me about lack of flowers. Thank you for your understanding.*



**Joanne C.**



**IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION NEW!!!  
YOU'RE LATE!!!**

If you wish your child to continue in the Religious Education Program, please return the re-registration form that was mailed to you in March. **Classes are reaching capacity!!** The number of classes, teachers, books and class lists, all need to be in place before August.

**New student registration** takes place at the Religious Education Office in the Rectory. Please register your child as soon as possible. Thank you.



***Father John's Farewell Mass***

***Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>  
12 Noon***

***Reception afterwards in gym***

**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!**

***St. Agnes Rosary & Holy Name Societies  
June Party***



***Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2006***

***Location: Gran Centurions***

***Time: 6:30 p.m.***

***Amount: \$21.00***

***Tickets are available at the Rectory  
or by calling Rose at (732) 574-0023***

***DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING  
TICKETS IS JUNE 5th***

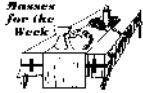
The Cathedral Concert Series concludes the 2005/06 season with an Archdiocesan Choral Festival. Singers from parish choirs of the Archdiocese of Newark will join forces with the Cathedral Choir, soloists and the Cathedral Symphony Orchestra in a performance of the "Mass in D Major" by Antonin Dvorak, and the "Choral Fantasy" of Beethoven. The performance will be conducted by John Miller, Director of Music Ministry for the Cathedral Basilica and takes place in the Cathedral Basilica, Tuesday evening, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$15. For more information, call (973) 484-2400, or visit [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org).

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**Office of Family Life Ministries  
Annulment Information Evening**

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2006. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. The information will be presented in terms that all can understand. A question and answer period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not necessary. This evening of information will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul RC Church (Parish Hall), 404 Hudson Street, Hoboken, at 7:30 PM. For additional





<b>SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006</b>
5:30 Elizabeth & George Vanner - Anne Zambolla
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006</b>
7:30 Patricia Nelson - Draghi Family
9:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Mary Shipe - Family
12:00 Angelina & Alexander Blumetti-Mr. & Mrs. Loprete
<b>MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006</b>
7:00 Patricia Leonardis & Lorraine Healy - Aunt Mary
9:00 James Doerer - Frank & Kathleen Uhrin
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006</b>
7:00 Ruth & George Christensen - Children
9:00 John & Lucia Zambolla and Elizabeth & George Vanner - Anne Zambolla
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006</b>
7:00 Angiolina Bertogli - Carol, Rick & Kate Lindemann
9:00 Stanley Niemczyk - The Niemczyk Family
7 PM Charles Mallon - Joseph & Marian Heelan
<b>THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006</b>
<b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
7:00 Anthony G. Pecoraro - Vera Pecoraro & Family
9:00 Rosemarie Hillenbrand - Sophie Szmerda
7PM Joseph Mlynarski - Mlynarski Family
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2006</b>
7:00 Walter Krebs - Sr. Claire Ouimet
9:00 James P. Scott - Mom & Dad
<b>SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2006</b>
8:30 Memorial Mass - Annette Barbati
5:30 Christopher & Helen Koscica - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Koscica

<b>SATURDAY MAY 20</b>
<b>COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD COLLECTION</b>
5:30 PM Mass - CYO
<b>SUNDAY MAY 21</b>
<b>COMMUNICATING GOD'S WORD COLLECTION</b>
8:30 AM CYO Six Flags Trip
10:30 PM Mass - Children's Choir
3:00 PM Organ Dedication
<b>MONDAY MAY 22</b>
7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge
<b>TUESDAY MAY 23</b>
7:30 PM Women's Prayer Group - Church
<b>WEDNESDAY MAY 24</b>
4:30 PM Brownies - Kindergarten
5:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
7:00 PM Vigil Mass
<b>THURSDAY MAY 25</b>
<b>ASCENSION THURSDAY</b>
9:00 AM Mass with School Children
3:30 PM Children's Choir Party
7:00 PM Mass
7:45 PM Adult Choir
<b>SATURDAY MAY 27</b>
<b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>
8:30 AM Mass - Memorial
9:00 AM St. John's Soup Kitchen



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Evelyn Nenortas during the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Judith Plesh during the week of May 21<sup>st</sup> at the request of Doris & George Allen.



**SOUP KITCHEN**

Volunteers will be going to St. John's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.

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

Mary Renales, Dominick Pedalino

***Those Who Are Sick***

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann & Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Anna Manigold, 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, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Robert McKeon, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Florence Kempinski, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Mary Lou Loffa, James MacConchie, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Patricia Zych, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberty, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Edward Alfano, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Josephine Stefanik, Candace Orshak

***Anointing Mass – June 3, 2006 – 11:00 AM***

Sacrament of Anointing

Those who wish to participate in our Special Mass of Healing are cordially invited. The anointing mass is a time of prayer in which the person asks for God's love, mercy and healing, and then is anointed. Please feel free to join us on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A time to bring those who are sick and those who are ill physically and psychologically.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter****May 21, 2006**

It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you and  
appointed you to go and bear fruit.

– John 15:16