

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the priests, I want to extend a heartfelt word of thanks for your best wishes and prayers during Clergy Appreciation Weekend (last week). I did not even know that such a weekend existed. To tell you the truth, every day is clergy appreciation here at St. Agnes. You, our parishioners, love and support us more than we deserve. You inspire us to be the best that we can, while overlooking our shortcomings and weaknesses. Many of you reflect God's unconditional love, and it is a joy to serve as your priests. Thank you.

This past week we celebrated "*All Saints*" and "*All Souls*" Days. Reflecting upon those who have gone before us reminds me that we are only on this earth for a brief time. How I wish I could be more saintly. It's so hard. Spiritual advancement demands much commitment, dedication and a willingness to die to self. The saints were ordinary people like you and me, but they opened themselves to *grace* and accomplished extraordinary works for God's greater glory. The saints continue to serve as spiritual role models. We should thank God for these holy men and women, and seek their aid through prayer. We should also be thankful for the saintly people in our lives that may never be canonized by the church, but remain a personal sources of inspiration. Our founding pastor, Father Whelan, is one such person for me.

Father Whelan started our parish from scratch. He gave himself totally to the people of this community and worked very hard to build our church, school and rectory. The stories about Father Whelan told by countless parishioners are heartwarming and inspirational. This was truly a saintly man. I often times find myself praying to him seeking his wisdom and spiritual support. It's as if I am standing on the shoulders of a giant who has gone before us, and I can see so much more. Father Whelan – pray for us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor



## *Right 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 Session is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret McDermott at (732) 388-2560.

**STEWARDSHIP**

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

Today's Psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$12,158.00.**

Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14  
 Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24  
 Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33  
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17;  
 Jn 2:13-22  
 Friday: Phil 3:17 -- 4:1; Lk 16:1-8  
 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28;  
 Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

**Annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement**

Archbishop Meyers will celebrate the annual Archbishop's Blue Mass for Law Enforcement Officials on **Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.** (all are to be seated by 9:45 a.m. for the procession and Presentation of Colors). Both active and retired law enforcement officers and their families are invited to the Mass. For more information, please go to [www.rcan.org/lawenforcement/index.htm](http://www.rcan.org/lawenforcement/index.htm).

**Faith and Justice Workshop**

You are invited to participate in *A Faith and Justice Workshop with Jack Jezreel*, creator of the widely acclaimed *Just Faith* program and nationally known speaker on Social Justice issues. This exceptional workshop is being held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River. A \$30 fee includes lunch. For more information or to register call 201-891-6708.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Total Pledges** **\$3,165,687.97**

**Pledges Collected** **\$2,685,922.64**

**Outstanding Pledges** **\$ 480,416.54**

**Total Building Costs** **\$3,825,000.00**

**Pledges Collected** (-) **\$2,685,753.64**  
**Mtge. Reduction**

**Collection** (-) **11,432.00**

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

**Remaining Debt** **\$ 877,645.36**

*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.

**LESS GRUMBLING**

If Christians spent as much time praying as they do grumbling, they would soon have nothing to grumble about.

— *Anonymous*

**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!**



"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process. We encourage *all citizens*, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate [more fully] *in building the culture of life*. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts." *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*.

Elections are the most important way for the faithful to voice our values and where we stand on issues of concern. It is necessary for the Catholic voice to be heard and represented in our governments through our representatives and their votes. Please get out and vote on Election Day, November 7, 2006! Please make your voice heard and answer the call to Faithful Citizenship!



***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. The Elijah Cup participants for the month of November are:

November 5	10:30 a.m.	Broadwell Family
November 12	9:00 a.m.	Ryan Family
November 19	7:30 a.m.	Arlene and Craig Allen
November 25	5:30 p.m.	Mary and Bart Zucosky

During Advent the Elijah Cup will not be part of the liturgy. However, if you would like to have the Elijah Cup in your home while you pray for an increase in vocations, please call the Rectory Office at (732) 388-7852. A week that is convenient for you will be assigned. If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to call the rectory.



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL  
"Highlight Zone"**



Did you know that St. Agnes School offers classes in Computer Lab, World Language (Spanish), Art and Music Instruction to Grades K-8? Our updated Computer Lab is run by Future Generations. This is an outside company specializing in helping schools raise the bar in incorporating technology throughout the curriculum. Mrs. Gisela Cordero Cinko heads our World Language Department. Mrs. Cordero has a Masters Degree in journalism from NYU, and a Masters Degree in Teaching Arts in Spanish (MAT) from Rutgers University. Art Instruction is provided by Ms. Caroline Cirrotti. Ms. Cirrotti creatively combines the "hands on" aspects of art with art history. And last, but not least, our very own Director of Music, Mrs. Mary Ellen Theel, now heads our Music Instruction Program. A warm welcome to Mrs. Theel.

**ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!**

**TODAY AFTER ALL MASSES**

*Thank you for your support!!*

**Rosary/Holy Name Societies' Joint Meeting**

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** Meeting begins at 7:00 PM  
 Presentation begins at 7:30 PM  
**PLACE:** Fr. Denis Whalen Center  
**PRESENTATION:** Wills & Planned Giving  
 Speaker: Mr. Kenneth DePaola  
 Archdiocese of Newark  
 Office of Development

*All members of the parish are invited to attend.*

**Celtic Theatre presents  
 Is the Priest At Home?**

Seton Hall University's year-long celebration of the priesthood begins with the Celtic Theatre's play ***Is the Priest At Home?*** the weekends of November 10-12 and 17-19. Shows are at 8 PM on Friday and Saturday and 2 PM on Sunday. All performances are in the Theatre-in-the Round. For reservations call 973-761-9790; receive a special admission price of only \$8 if you mention your parish.

A discussion about the life of a contemporary pastor will be led by Fathers Pinyan, Kupke and Parchar immediately after the play on Sunday, November 12, and Friday, November 17.



**ST. AGNES SCHOOL  
 HOLIDAY PIE SALE**

The 8th grade class of St. Agnes is sponsoring the **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PIE SALE**. The class is selling 9-inch freshly baked pies from **DELICIOUS ORCHARDS**. These pies are made with the highest quality ingredients. They contain no preservatives and must be refrigerated. The price of the pies are \$12.00 and come in several varieties. If you would like to order pies, please contact Brenda Makowski at 908-486-8447 or Diana Pytlowany at 732-499-8612, or you can visit [www.stagnesparish.com](http://www.stagnesparish.com) to download the order form. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING PIES IS NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>**. Forms can be dropped off at the school or rectory. Thank you for your support!

*We thank all our parents, parishioners and friends who attended our first major fundraiser of the year. Our Tricky Tray was a great success! We are proud to say that we made a profit of \$22,400. Looking forward to seeing you next year!*

*St. Agnes School  
 Tricky Tray Committee*

**ST. AGNES ROSARY SOCIETY**

**FASHION SHOW**  
 will be held

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH  
 ST. AGNES SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
 FASHIONS BY ANNIE SEZ**  
 Doors open at 2:00 PM

Sit Down Dinner/Fashion Show  
 Amount: \$20.00 Per Person  
 For tickets call Rose at (732) 574-0023  
 Tickets will also be available at the Rectory  
 Tables of 10 will be reserved

**LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**

**St. Agnes**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting**  
 by Rotundo's Deli & Fine Wines  
 Friday, November 17, 2006  
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

*For ticket information  
 please call (732) 669-9643*




**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2006**

5:30 Clara Matturro - Joseph Matturro

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2006**

7:30 People of the Parish  
 9:00 Robert Aklonis - Jean & Lorraine  
 10:30 Crescenza Toto - Dolores Memmer  
 12:00 Mosso Family - Miloscia Family

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2006**

7:00 Mary Mulkeen - Ron & Nancy Simon  
 9:00 Alice Hart - Hart Family

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

7:00 Michael Mega, Sr. - Mega Family  
 9:00 Antonnette & Salvatore Canzonieri - Mary Bove

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2006**

7:00 William & Anna Kelly - William & Carol Kelly  
 9:00 Louis A. Miele, Sr. - Mr. & Mrs. D. Cook

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2006**

7:00 Anthony Migliore - Wife Shirley  
 9:00 Joseph & Frances Fascella - Jo & Charles Vincenti

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2006**

7:00 Donald McNeil - Judy & Bill Shackleton  
 9:00 Anthony Ciarlone - Wife

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2006**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Anne Dudek, Anna & Michael Petix,  
 Michelena & Francisco Loffa, Joseph Mercadante  
 5:30 All Veterans - Michael Cordasco



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of William Kelemen during the week of November 5<sup>th</sup> at the request of wife, Livia Kelemen.

### *Altar & Rosary Society*

**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Paulkowitz during the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>.


**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5****ROSARY BAGEL SALE AFTER ALL MASSES**

8:45 AM Religious Education  
 1:30 PM Baptism  
 2:00 PM CYO - Veteran's Home Visit

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 6**

3:30 PM Religious Education  
 5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium  
 7:00 PM Religious Education  
 7:00 PM Art & Environment Mtg. - St. Joseph Conference Rm.  
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7**

7:00 PM Religious Education  
 7:30 PM Rosary/Holy Name Joint Mtg. - Fr. Whelan Center

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8**

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room  
 7:30 PM HSA Meeting - Gymnasium

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9**

3:30 PM Children's Choir  
 6:00 PM Liturgy Meeting - Music Department Room  
 7:00 PM CFM Meeting - St. Lucy Filippini Room  
 7:30 PM Adult Choir  
 7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - OLG Room

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12**

2:00 PM Rosary Fashion Show/Dinner  
 7:00 PM CYO - Gymnasium

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FROM VIETNAM**

Handmade Christmas Cards from the nuns in Vietnam are available from Fr. Luke Tran of **St. John The Apostle Parish** in Clark/Linden. Please support their mission work for the poor and underprivileged including the lepers and orphans. The suggested donation is \$10 for each pack of 10 cards.

If you are interested in purchasing Christmas cards, please come to the rectory at **1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden**. Any questions please call (908) 486-6363. Thank you.



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

Arthur Moran, Dorothy Kupka

***Those Who Are Sick***

Aileen Sasala, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Michael Dudek, 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, Robert McKeon, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, MaryLou Loffa, James MacConchie, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Richard O'Lenick, 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

***Catholic Cemeteries  
Archdiocese of Newark****Cordially invites you to****The First Annual Mass for  
Funeral Directors, Cemeterians &  
Bereavement Counselors****With**The Most Reverend John J. Myers  
Archdiocese of Newark**Wednesday, the Eighth of November  
Two Thousand and Six  
Ten o'clock in the morning**The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
89 Ridge Street, Newark, New Jersey***Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 5, 2006**

You shall love the LORD, your God,  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your strength.

– Deuteronomy 6:5