

# From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

I have not been around all week because I departed last Monday for my annual spiritual retreat. Someone asked me is this vacation? I responded quickly by denying this perception of a spiritual retreat. When I think of vacation, I think of rest & relaxation, spending time with family and friends, catching up on much needed physical exercise, etc. Now that I reflect on my own definition, I guess a retreat is similar. It's a vacation with God.

This year I chose to make my retreat in a hermitage, spending a week in solitude, which is an opportunity to commune with God our Father, Jesus our Brother, and Mary our Mother. Alone in a shack in the woods provides ample time for rest/relaxation and walking for exercise. Even time spent in the main house of the hermitage is in silence – meals, Eucharistic Adoration. The only time silence is broken is for communal prayer with the hermits, confession and mass.

This vacation with God is coming at a good time. Lately, I have been edgy. This past year of construction, seeking donations to pay for it, and trying to keep up with pastoral demands has taken its toll. Going for knee surgery this summer and using vacation time for recuperation didn't help either. I am counting on God to recharge my spiritual batteries. Please pray that I come back renewed and ready for new beginnings. You deserve it, especially since the Archbishop has reappointed me your pastor for another six years – ha! Know that you have been in my prayers this past week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor

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The CYO will be putting up the giving tree on Friday, November 24, 2006. Take an angel (blue & white) from the tree and read the item needed for less fortunate children. Place the blue angel on your wrapped gift so we know what's inside...and the decorated white angel on the tree. Please return gifts no later than Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be directed to one orphanage in Newark and Several Sources in Bergen County, a home for young mothers who chose to have their babies and not to abort. As always, the CYO, and the groups receiving our gifts, thank you for your generosity. Bless you all! And Merry Christmas!

**STEWARDSHIP  
&  
FAITH**

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

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the Kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now." May our good stewardship cause us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$12,055.00.**  
Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28  
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44  
 Thanksgiving Day--Suggested:  
 Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48  
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40  
 Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37



***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.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$3,172,128.31</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>\$2,720,483.46</b>
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 451,644.85</b>
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<b>Total Building Costs</b>	<b>\$3,825,000.00</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	(-) <b>\$2,720,483.46</b>
<b>Mtge. Reduction</b>	
<b>Collection</b>	(-) <b>12,602.00</b>
<b>Funds from Savings</b>	(-) <b>\$ 250,000.00</b>
 <b>Remaining Debt</b>	 <b>\$ 841,914.54</b>

*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.

**THE GLORIOUS BIBLE**

It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage.  
- St. Thomas Aquinas

balance to cover production cost and shipping.



### **Cathedral Concert Series**

An organ recital given by Anthony Newman (acclaimed by "TIME Magazine" as the high-priest of Bach) takes place in the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. The program will include works of Bach, D'Aquin, Couperin and Rameau. Suggested donation \$15. For more info, call (973) 484-2400.

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### **Mother Seton Regional H.S. To Sponsor Craft Fair**



On Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Parents' Guild of Mother Seton Regional H.S., Clark, will sponsor a Craft Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All articles are handmade original crafts. Shoppers and browsers are invited to join our Christmas Festivities. Admission is free.



**37 Shopping Days Left to  
Christmas!!!**



### **CD of Classical Organ Music Featuring our Organist, Kevin Daly**

Recorded on the New Walker Organ at St. Agnes Church this past February. The CD is now available to Parishioners. The Walker Company requested that Mr. Daly record the CD at St. Agnes to use as their new Demo. The CD contains a little over 50 minutes of music by

**Bach, Handel, Franck, Mansfield and Daly**

and includes a full color insert with photographs taken by St. Agnes Music Director Mary Ellen Theel.

To obtain your copy, we're asking those interested to send \$12.00 per CD to:

**Mr. Kevin Daly  
165 Griggs Drive  
Princeton, NJ 08540**

50% of all proceeds goes to St. Agnes Church,

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **FAMILY MASS**



### **THURSDAY**

**NOVEMBER 23rd**

**9:00 AM**

**GATHER TOGETHER  
AS FAMILY.....  
COME AS FAMILY  
OF ONE OR MANY....**

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### **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**

**Sunday, November 26, 2006  
following the 12:00 Noon Mass  
closing at Evening Prayer 6:00 PM**



*Lord, here we are, out of breath, out of courage, and almost out of hope. Caught between the infinity of our desires and limitations of our means, we're tossed about, torn, pulled here and there, confused and exhausted. So, Lord, here we are, finally still, and finally ready to listen.*

### **COME LISTEN TO JESUS SPEAK TO YOU....**

**Spend at least one half hour this afternoon  
before the LIVING SON OF GOD....  
A time to BE ALONE WITH HIM.**



**Attention Women  
of the Parish!!!**

*Come pray for your family. . .  
Join in the Divine Mercy Chaplet and  
Rosary,  
Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

## Coming Events

at St. Agnes, Clark

**Boardwalk Weekend - February 9, 10, 11, 2007.**  
Beat the winter blahs with a taste of summer. Games, prizes, food and fun for the whole family, just like at the boardwalk. See future bulletins for more information.

**Sixth Annual Super Bowl Sunday, February 4, 2007, St. Agnes Gymnasium.** View the game on a 15 foot diagonal movie screen. This annual event has become a favorite tradition at St. Agnes. Ticket price includes snacks, cold buffet, soda and beer.

**2008 Book for Mass Intentions** will open on Monday, February 19th between the hours of 9:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. More information to follow.

### St. Agnes Rosary/Holy Name Christmas Party

*Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2006*

*Place: Gran Centurions*

*Time: 6:30 p.m.*

*Amount \$25.00*



*Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory or by calling Rose at 732-574-0023.*

*The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.*

### Holiday Bazaar Planned

St. Theresa's, Kenilworth, will be hosting a Holiday Bazaar, complete with food, gifts, games, crafts, 50/50's, Breakfast with Santa, and much more. Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. in McVeigh Hall, St. Theresa's School, 540 Washington Ave. For more information please call 908-709-1930 or visit our web site at [www.icatholiczone.com](http://www.icatholiczone.com).

### ST. AGNES SCHOOL "Highlight Zone"



The **St. Agnes Sports Program** plays an integral role in the development of our children. It encourages the development of friendships beyond the classroom setting, fosters the ability of the children to work as members of a team, and promotes sportsmanship and a sense of school spirit. All St. Agnes Students are encouraged to participate regardless of their skill level or knowledge of the games.

St. Agnes offers a wide of variety of sports from which our students can choose. We offer competitive programs in **Basketball, Cheerleading, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Cross Country, Track and Field**, an Instructional Basketball program and an instructional golf program sponsored by Hyatt Hills.

Our coaches are all **Rutgers certified** and have completed the **Protecting God's Children Program** as required by the **Archdiocese of Newark**.

### ST. AGNES PARISH PRESENTS "BRUNCH WITH SANTA"



**Saturday, December 9th**

11:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

**Santa arrives 12:15 p.m.**

\$8.00 per person

(children under 2 FREE)

Price includes digital picture with Santa  
Bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, juices,  
cheese & crackers, coffee/tea/hot chocolate and  
Christmas cookies

**Ticket Information Call:**

Kim 732-396-4240

Sue 732-340-9659

**Mass Schedule**

*This Week*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006**

5:30 Giacomo & Maria Denora - Sam & Mary Gianti

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2006**

7:30 Maria Yost - Your friend, Pat  
 9:00 Stanley Niemczyk - The Niemczyk Family  
 10:30 People of the Parish  
 12:00 Carmen Mangiavillano - Jean & Mike Palumbo

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2006**

7:00 Alphonse Joseph Villari - Phyllis & Bob Cunningham  
 9:00 Mike Elko - Elko Family

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

7:00 Rose & Pasquale Barbato - The Barone Family  
 9:00 Nicholas Toto - Rose & Vito Toto

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2006**

7:00 Mary Segreto - Terry & Joe Segreto  
 9:00 Jennie Garra - Daughter

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2006**

**THANKSGIVING DAY - (One Mass)**

9:00 Pauline Tavormina - Marilyn Tavormina

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2006 - (One Mass)**

9:00 Florence Vislocky - Robert Vislocky

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2006**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Daniel Gray, Rose Tomchak, Joseph Mercadante, Agnes Kocan  
 5:30 Stephen Benish (PFC) - Nana

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION**

7:00 AM CYO - Lock-In Ends  
 8:45 AM Religious Education

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 20**

3:30 PM Religious Education  
 5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium  
 6:30 Pm Sandwiches - Team 2C  
 7:00 PM Religious Education  
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21**

7:00 PM Religious Education

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22**

12:00 PM St. Agnes School - Early Dismissal  
 7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

9:00 AM Mass with Bell, Children & Adult Choirs

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24**

4:00 PM CYO - Put Up Giving Tree

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial  
 9:00 AM St. John's Soup Kitchen

*Altar & Rosary Society*

**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Betty Flanagan during the week of November 19<sup>th</sup>.




**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Cidalia Jesus Oliveira and Joao Barreto during the week of November 19<sup>th</sup> at the request of Leonor and Family.



For the week of November 19<sup>th</sup> were donated in memory of Theresa Grassle, a gift from the Grassle Family.

**Thanksgiving Blessings**



**SOUP KITCHEN**  
 Volunteers will be going to St. John's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.



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

Mary Zaniewski, Concetta DiLorenzo, Dorothy Rigby,  
Giuseppa Serrigno, Mary Gawlowski

***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, William Miskovich

**GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES**

"It's going to get worse before it gets better" is a phrase that prepares us to buckle up for a rough ride. We know that enduring a difficult time will require some strenuous physical or emotional energy on our part before we experience the calm of normality. Our past experience tells us that we can endure the difficult pressure better when we know how long it will last and if we know that something better awaits us. Getting through the tough times while holding to the promise that awaits us is the message of this weekend's readings. They point toward the promises of God's kingdom that will come after the maelstrom and chaos of this world.

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**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 19, 2006**

Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

– *Mark 13:31*