

From the Pastor



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Dear Parishioners,

Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King! Today we commemorate the mystery of Jesus' Lordship over heaven and earth. The Church's liturgical focus is on "*the last things*," remembering the dead, preparing for judgment, looking forward to the joys of heaven, and learning how to live within God's reign.

Jesus is indeed a king, but not in the ordinary sense of the term. He had no army or territory. He had no royal throne or crown. Yet, the *WORD* became flesh, *GOD* became human, and dwelt among us to establish a kingdom – *the Kingdom of God*.

Do we consider ourselves subjects in this Kingdom that Christ established? Or, do we find ourselves enslaved to worldly powers and sovereignty? We are Roman Catholics and participate in the Paschal Mystery celebrated in each and every Mass that we attend. Where do our loyalties lie? Is Jesus Christ really our King? Our response will impact upon the way we live our lives. It is not possible to remain neutral. We must choose! Oh, what joy it is to belong to Christ and his kingdom! To let our lives be ruled by His Spirit that leads to freedom and love.

On this Sunday, after the noon Mass, the *Blessed Sacrament* will be exposed on the altar for adoration. The church will remain open all afternoon for Eucharistic Adoration. All parishioners are invited to spend a little time in solitude before Christ our King. Parents, please bring your children – even just for a few minutes. We need to cultivate in our youth a profound reverence for the Eucharist, while exposing them to a transforming grace that is more powerful than any force found on this earth. Our Eucharistic Adoration will conclude with Solemn Vespers (evening prayer service) at 6:00 p.m. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor



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

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service of* God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$11,890.50**Catholic Relief Collection **\$3,041.00.**

Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 -- 21:2; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12 -- 4:2;
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

***Elijah Cup Program***

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.

Annulment Information Evening

Family Life Ministries and the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark are sponsoring a series of Annulment Information Evenings. At each session, a Canon lawyer from the Tribunal will provide the most recent guidelines, theology and requisites for obtaining an annulment from the Church. A question and answer period will conclude each session. The next evening of the series will be Wednesday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mercy R.C. Church, 40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City, N.J.

BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT

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

*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.

**I am the
 alpha and omega**



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.***



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 10th. 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!

Mother Seton Regional H.S. To Sponsor Craft Fair

On Saturday, December 2nd, 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.



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 Monday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Lucy Filippini 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.



Cathedral Basilica

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING

The 36th annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Thursday, December 14th, at 8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. Christmas music will be sung by the Cathedral Choir and Assembly will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and chamber orchestra. Free-will donation. For more information please call (973) 484-2400, or visit www.cathedralbasilica.org.

St. Agnes 6th Annual Wine Tasting a success...

84 Parishioners and non-parishioners enjoyed an evening of learning about and tasting wines from different wineries in the United States as well as from countries such as Portugal, Spain, Australia and France. Delicious food, local artisans and background music made the evening complete. Although not a major fundraiser, a profit of over \$2,300 was realized which will be applied to our mortgage reduction. Thank you to all who supported this event. We will see you next year at our 7th Annual Wine Tasting!!

Gina, Joanne & Phyllis

ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!



**DECEMBER 3, 2006
AFTER ALL MASSES**

We offer the following varieties:

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| Plain | Russian |
| Cinnamon/Raisin | Salt |
| Poppy Seed | Pumpnickel |
| Sesame Seed | Onion |
| Everything | Egg |
| Garlic | Wheat |

Cost: .60 each

\$7.20 per dozen (bakers' dozen - 13 bagels)

Thank you for your support!!

*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 4th

**ST. AGNES ROSARY SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE**



DECEMBER 9th & 10th

**AFTER ALL MASSES
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



PLEASE RESPOND BY DECEMBER 3RD

Reserve _____ tickets for me for Brunch with Santa.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Children _____ Adults _____

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE



The 7th grade class of St. Agnes School will have a Poinsettia sale on December 9th and 10th after all Masses. The Poinsettias will sell for \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00. This year there will be a variety of colors. Your support is most appreciated by the 7th graders.

FORGIVENESS

If you are suffering from someone's injustice, forgive that person from the heart, lest there be two bad people.

- Anonymous

Mass Schedule

This Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2006

5:30 Stephen Benish (PFC) - Nana

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2006- CHRIST THE KING

7:30 Robert Clayton - Lisa & Thomas Cerwinski
 9:00 Margaret & Louis Della Ragione - Daughter, Livia
 10:30 Richard Verrastro - Dolores Memmer
 12:00 People of the Parish
 (Adoration to 6:00 PM)
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2006

7:00 Joseph Cusatis - Mega Family
 9:00 Anthony Marchitto - Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2006

7:00 Christopher Bonner - 8th Grade Class of St. Agnes School
 9:00 Crescenza & Donato Toto - Rose & Vito Toto

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2006

7:00 Christopher Bonner - The Ryan Family
 9:00 Gloria Nogueira - Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2006

7:00 Joseph Lucia - The Romeo Family
 9:00 Stella Donargo - Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2006

7:00 Stephanie Komar - The LaPelusa Family
 9:00 Nicholas Toto - Rose & Vito Toto

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006

8:30 Memorial Mass - Anna Krasnicia, Maria Yost, Ann
 Donovan, Dorothy Kupka, Teresa Hanselman,
 Edward H. Wray, Giuseppa Ferrigno, Raul Araujo
 5:30 People of the Parish

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
 MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
 MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

8:45 AM Religious Education
 1:00 PM Adoration
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer

MONDAY NOVEMBER 27

3:30 PM Religious Education
 5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium
 7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28

7:00 PM Religious Education

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30

3:30 PM Children's Choir
 7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Filippini
 7:30 PM Adult Choir

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1

9:00 AM Mass - 8th Grade Ring Ceremony
 12:00 PM St. Agnes School - Early Dismissal
 7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5th Grade Classroom

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2

8:30 AM Mass - Marian

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Suszko during the week of November 26th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Christopher Bonner during the week of November 26th at the request of the Cahill Family.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of November 26th were donated in memory of Joseph Lucia at the request of the Romeo Family.

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



On Principal Appreciation Day, students and faculty demonstrated their affection to Sister Claire with beautiful cards, poems and handmade gifts, in addition to a special thank you for making Saint Agnes School "A Wonderful

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

Salvatore Danna, Carolyn Bassano

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

TRUE STEWARDSHIP

The gospel message proclaimed throughout the New Testament invites us to live in harmony with the world. This is a challenge to care for the world and be stewards of all that God has given us. Like generations before us, we are entrusted with the care of the earth so that generations to follow may enjoy the same gifts. Sometimes, however, we are absorbed into the ways of the world. When we are of the world, we rely heavily on the power of wealth, beauty, fame, and accumulation of material possessions. We want earthly possessions and carelessly turn our hearts from the responsibilities of stewardship and conservation.

The readings today challenge us to walk away from the world so that we might inherit our share of God's kingdom. How we live our lives directly reflects our love for God.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 26, 2006

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

– Revelation 1:5