

Dear Parishioners:

Fairy Tales do come true! An eighth grader in our school, Michael Villegas, kept asking his parents - Tina & Rob, to enter his name in an NFL raffle sponsored by JC Penny. The student who wins the raffle can select a professional football player from their favorite team, and that player will visit them at their school. Michael Villegas hit the jackpot. He won the raffle.

On Tuesday, November 13, 2007, Michael Strahan, All-Pro Defensive End for the New York Football Giants came to Saint Agnes Parochial Grammar School. It was an exciting time for all of our students and staff.



Picture Courtesy NY Times 11/14/07

This Football Star started his day by arriving at Michael's house to have breakfast with the Villegas family. What a special treat! A stretch-limousine then took Michael Strahan and the Villegas family to our school. Upon arrival the entire student body and staff were waiting outside and cheering. Inside, the entire school was decorated in Giants splendor. The students and teachers worked very hard the day before, and when everyone entered the building, no one could avoid catching the spirit.

Michael Strahan then entered the Principal's Office and signed memorabilia, before proceeding to spend quality time in the eighth grade. During his time in the eighth-grade classroom, the entire student body assembled in the gymnasium and waited for the eighth graders and Michel Strahan to enter. Michael then spent quality time addressing all the students, and he answered numerous questions from the floor. At the conclusion of the assembly, Michael Strahan was surprised when Sister Claire presented him with an early birthday day gift (DOB Nov. 21, 1971). He was presented with a tile that will be personalized and permanently displayed in our school, as a mark of honor. The students also sang happy birthday to Michael Strahan and he was deeply moved.

After the student body was dismissed, Michael remained behind in the gym with Michael Villegas and his classmates. They then had a workout session. Strahan lined the students up and sent them for a pass. He joked around with them making them all feel good. Wow! A memory that will surely last forever. What other eighth graders can state that they caught a pass from Michael Strahan? Before departing, Michael Strahan signed footballs for each eighth-grader in our school.

The school and parish community are grateful to Mr. Strahan and JC Penny for blessing our community with such an exciting event. We also want to thank Michael Villegas for sharing with us his dream come true!

Faithfully yours Christ,

Msgr. Jim
Pastor

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

Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$11,460.50;**

Mortgage Reduction Collection **\$7,304.00.**

Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;
Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:
Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122; Col 1:12-20;
Lk 23:35-43

GOD'S HEALING JUSTICE

An old expression holds that the sun-warmed stone heals. Perhaps. But Malachi explains that only dark, sunless days are in store for those who do not find a place for God in their lives. Conversely, he tells us that the warmth and light of God's healing justice await those who fear the Lord. That's a pretty comforting notion—especially now in the already short and growing even shorter days of November. It's the sun-warmed stone, and then some.

Paul speaks to us of justice as well, but points out that it is not a passive thing. To be treated justly, we need to do our fair share. If we are diligent and persevere we will be rewarded with and by the fruits of our labor. Lastly, Luke, too, tells us to persevere—in faith, this time—and our lives will be secure in God regardless of how we are treated by our enemies.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 11/12/07**

Total Pledges	\$3,293,456.54
Pledges Collected	\$3,085,098.35
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 208,358.19

Total Building Costs	\$3,830,672.97
Interest on Loan	(+) \$ 16,341.36
Pledges Collected	(-) \$3,085,098.35
Mtge. Reduction Collections	(-) \$ 113,761.77
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ <u>250,000.00</u>
Remaining Debt	\$ 398,154.21

***Christian Foundations for
Ministry Program***

Saint Agnes Parish is 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 on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., September through May in the St. Lucy Filippini Room located on the lower level of the parish center. For further information, please call Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

**Thanksgiving
Blessings**

Altar & Rosary Society



The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Flusk Room.

Our annual Christmas party with the Holy Name Society will be held at the Gran Centurions on December 11th beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the tickets is \$25 per person. Tickets will also be available at the Parish Office. **The deadline for purchasing tickets is Tuesday, December 4th.**



THANKSGIVING FAMILY MASS



THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 22nd

9:00 AM

GATHER TOGETHER

AS FAMILY.....

COME AS FAMILY

OF ONE OR MANY....



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Life at the poverty line leaves nearly 40 million Americans hanging on for dear life—hanging on to feed their families and to keep a roof over their heads. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development supports self-help projects of people working together to break the cycle of poverty. You can make a difference. Be part of the numbers that care—give generously to CCHD in today's Collection.



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

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



**Sunday, November 25, 2007
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 All Men of St. Agnes Parish!!

Do you wish to deepen your love for Our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist? A men's spirituality group will be meeting for one hour each month here at St. Agnes. This fruit from the recent Men's Cornerstone Weekend can assist us men to grow spiritually while sharing our faith experiences with each other! Our meetings will be held in the Fr. Whelan Center located in the Parish Center on the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. (November 21st will be our initial meeting. Coffee and donuts will be served after the meeting if you wish to stay a bit longer. For more information, please call Walter Borowski at (732) 381-0586 or email me at comunioncbm@yahoo.com.



On Saturday, December 1st, 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.

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL
IS PROUD TO PRESENT
"PARENT-TO-PARENT",**

A national Parent Awareness Campaign.

Parent-to-Parent is a DVD based program for parents who are challenged with raising kids in today's Toxic Culture. Please save the following dates: November 20: Expect and Inspect; December 4: Never Trust the Net; and December 11: Traps to Avoid. All sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 PM in the Fr. Whelan Center located on the lower level of the Parish Center. For more information or to register, please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. There is no charge for this seminar. Please invite family and friends to this important parent awareness campaign.



The CYO will be putting up the giving tree on Friday, November 23, 2007. 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 9th. 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!



Saturday, December 8th

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

Santa arrives 12:15 p.m.

\$9.00 per person

(children under 2 FREE)

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

Ticket Information Call:

Kim 732-396-4240

Sue 732-340-9659



PLEASE RESPOND BY DECEMBER 3

Reserve _____ tickets for me for Brunch with Santa.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Children _____ Adults _____ - _____

ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Presented by Father Anthony Randazzo

Monday, December 3, 2007, at 7:30 PM

Holy Trinity Church, Westfield

Followed by Wine & Cheese Reception

Fr. Anthony J. Randazzo is the associate pastor of Notre Dame Parish in North Caldwell, New Jersey. He holds theological degrees from Louvain University in Belgium and Gregorian University in Rome and is affiliated with the Center for Theological and Spiritual Development of the College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown, New Jersey and the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University, New York. For more information contact (908) 232-8137.



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. Please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. A week that is convenient for you will be assigned. Thank you.





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2007
5:30 People of the Parish
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007
7:30 Stanley Niemczyk - The Niemczyk Family
9:00 Josephine Arancio - Joe & Jane DeVito
10:30 Anthony Iacovantuono - Frank & M.C. Crowley
12:00 Josephine Osmer - Niece-Livia
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007
7:00 Dorothy Kupka - Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tomaszewski
9:00 Patricia Zych - David & Lisa Dews
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007
7:00 Edward J. Chadwick - Faith & Veljko
9:00 William Flowers - James & Linda Massarelli
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2007
7:00 Albert Kaddik - Irene & Joe Messina
9:00 Dorothy Johnson - Ann & Frank Johnson
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2007
THANKSGIVING DAY - ONE MASS ONLY
9:00 Pauline Tavormina - Family
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2007
7:00 August Barone & Mildred Dotter - Family & Friends
9:00 Mrs. Jennie Garra - Daughter
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2007
8:30 Memorial Mass - Helen Norvilas, Florence Vislocky, W. Ed Ross & Jim Ross, Katie Sexton Donovan, Jack Myers (Archbishop's Father), John & Veronica Gerrity, Leo G. Duguay, William Lennon, Amadeu Castro
5:30 Cecilia Smentkowski - Joseph & Claire Kiempisty

SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 17
CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION	
7:00 PM	Fr. Mee Tournament - Gym
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 18
CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION	
8:45 AM	CFF Classes Grades 1-2
9:00 AM	CFF Class - Kindergarten
2:00 PM	Fr. Mee Tournament - Gym
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 19
3:30 PM	CFF Classes
6:00 PM	Sandwiches - Team 2E
6:30 PM	Sports - Gym
6:30 PM	CFF Classes
7:00 PM	Art & Environment - St. Joseph Room
7:00 PM	Scripture Sharing - OLG Room
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 20
6:30 PM	CFF Classes
6:30 PM	Sports - Gym
7:30 PM	Parent to Parent - Fr. Whelan Center
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 21
12:00 PM	St. Agnes School - Early Dismissal
7:00 PM	Sports - Gym
7:30 PM	Men's Spirituality - Fr. Whelan Center
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 22
9:00 PM	Mass with Adult & Children's Choir
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 23
4:00 PM	CYO - Church/Gym - Giving Tree/Test Lights
6:00 PM	Sports - Gym
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 24
9:00 AM	CYO - Outside Lights
9:00 AM	St. John's Soup Kitchen
1:00 PM	Fr. Mee Tournament - Gym

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Angie Plesh during the week of November 18th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Cecilia Smentkowski during the week of November 18th at the request of Claire & Joseph Kiempisty.



Devotional area flowers for the week of November 18th are in memory of George & Jane Howell, a gift from the Howell Family.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of November 18th were donated in memory of George & Jane Howell at the request of the Howell Family.



SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. John's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, November 24th. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.

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

Lillian Desarno

Those Who Are Sick

Mary Zelanko, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Barbara Guinta, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Hazel McGuinness, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Giovanna Tripicchio, Pauline Liotti, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina & Andrew Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan, Mariani Rocco, Dominic Preite, Marge Geist Gais, Jack Cogan, Noelia Ouimet, Jerry Vezza, William R. White, Brenda Vermeal, Angie and Anthony Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Mercer Wilkinson, Mary Marciano, Mary Gianti

Crisis Pregnancy Help

Catholic Community Services
Pat Chiarello (201) 246-7379

Birthright USA International
1-800-550-4900

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****November 18, 2007**

Sing praise to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and melodious song.

– *Psalm 98:5*

