

Who is that man behind the organ console?

We would like to officially introduce and welcome Cj Sambach who has been accompanying our liturgies since last December. Although Cj has substituted for us numerous over the last 12 years, he is primarily a concert organist and his work as a performer and educator takes him all across the nation.

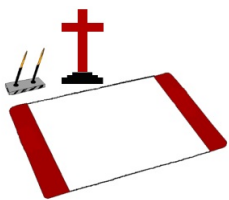
Over 20 years ago, Cj began addressing the situation of the continuing dwindling number of young people studying the organ and pursuing careers in church music. He developed and performs a highly entertaining education program about the organ entitled "The Pipe Organ INformance." The program offers a lesson on how the organ works, and what an organist does to manipulate its many sounds. It appeals to audiences of all ages.

Originally, Cj agreed to be our temporary organist, through last year's Christmas season and then the Easter season. Soon after myself, Mary Ellen and Cj sat down and had a conversation regarding the full-time position. The decision has been to "try it for a year," to see how playing at St. Agnes will affect Cj's performance commitments and visa-versa. While he is off "Informing," we will be using substitutes. Although Cj's program involves pipe organs, if the truth be told, he is enjoying playing our electronic Walker Organ, experimenting with the many sounds it has to offer. Recently he hosted a meeting of the American Guild of Organists at our church, showing off the many Walker sounds in a very enjoyable morning program.

Cj's enthusiasm for Church music, the Walker organ and our Liturgies, has brought a wonderful dynamic to our Music Ministry. So please join us in welcoming Cj in his position as "mostly Principal Organist." Stop by and say hello, you'll find his enthusiasm infectious.

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim
Pastor



*From the Desk of
Seminarian Bob McLaughlin*

St. Paul said in his first letter to the Corinthians, "I am always thanking God for you," and nothing could more perfectly express my thoughts at this time. My name is Bob McLaughlin and I am a Seminarian studying to be a Priest in the Archdiocese of Newark. I have been assigned to help at St. Agnes this year and although I am primarily here on Wednesday afternoons, I feel as if I have already met so many members of this community through the various ministries that I have worked with and the school. The road to the Priesthood is a long and sometimes challenging one. However, it is through the support, encouragement, and especially prayers of people like you that help to make it all manageable. During this season of Thanksgiving, I wanted to take this opportunity to let all of you know how Thankful I am for the kindness and generosity with which you have already shown welcome to me here at St. Agnes. So many of you have taken the time to introduce yourself to me and to let me know that you are proud and praying for me during this time; I can not say thank you enough for how much this support means. And please know that I will be remembering all of the parishioners of St. Agnes in my prayers this Thanksgiving and especially as we prepare for Christmas in the month ahead.

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

Today we celebrate Christ the King and we are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of *my* life?

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$12,219.00;**Catholic Relief Collection **\$3,184.00.**

Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Rom 13:11-14;
 Mt 24:37-44

KINGSHIP

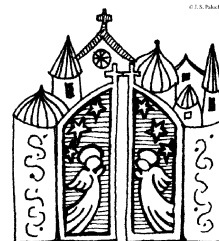
The book of Samuel recounts for us today the anointing of David as king of Israel. It was the elders of Israel who declared David king that day, but it was God who called David to shepherd Israel. Thus mandated by the citizens of his kingdom and by his God, David took his place in a long line of kings.

The apostle Paul speaks to us of kingship as well, but on a much higher plane: the kingship of Jesus our Lord. As great as David was, he and all earthly monarchs who came before and after him in their kingdoms around the world are minor kings by comparison to the true King. And lastly, we hear the story of that true King in perhaps his weakest moment: near death, hanging on a cross, taunted by a common criminal and by the world at large.

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**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 11/19/07****Total Pledges** \$3,293,559.54**Pledges Collected** \$3,110,311.35**Outstanding Pledges** \$ 183,248.19**Total Building Costs** \$3,830,672.97**Interest on Loan** (+) \$ 16,341.36**Pledges Collected** (-) \$3,110,311.35**Mtge. Reduction
Collections** (-) \$ 113,761.77**Funds from Savings** (-) \$ 250,000.00**Remaining Debt** \$ 372,941.21***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.



Jesus, remember me when
you come into your kingdom



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.**



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.**



CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

THANK YOU! The national and diocesan offices of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) wish to extend their thanks to our parishioners who generously contributed to the CCHD Collection. Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers living below the poverty line and for community groups working to make long-term change. Visit www.usccb.org/cchd to learn more and to see how your support is making a real difference.

"Christ is the Heart of Christmas"

*When you Put Up
The Outdoor Decorations*



"...shepherds abiding in the field..."



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

At no other time of the year do we decorate the outsides of our homes as at Christmas. And we are not alone: Many communities decorate their streets for the holidays, and companies put out their finest for the season. Is much of it done simply to show off or to attract business? Or is it really the case that **the joy inside sort of "overflows" through the doors and windows** and into the streets"?

The Bethlehem shepherds were treated to an "outdoor display" for Christmas, one that was indeed designed to attract their attention – but for a purpose" to direct their attention to the Babe in the manger, "a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord."



"Beauty is only skin deep," we are told. And sometimes it is added that "true beauty is in the heart." Real beauty outside is a reflection of what is in the heart...and **Christ is in the Heart of Christmas.**



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: 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!

**ST. AGNES PARISH PRESENTS
“BRUNCH WITH SANTA”**



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 _____

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE



The 7th grade class of St. Agnes School will have a Poinsettia sale on December 8th and 9th 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.

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



**DECEMBER 8th & 9th
AFTER ALL MASSES**

FORGIVENESS

The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness.

– William Blake



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2007
5:30 Cecilia Smentkowski - Joseph & Claire Kiempisty
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2007
7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Florence Iaselle - M.C. & Frank Crowley
10:30 Carmen Mangiavillano - Jean & Mike Palumbo
12:00 John & Anna Yonco - Yonco & Kosuch Families
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2007
7:00 Mary Zaniewski - Betty St. Clair
9:00 Cecilia Smentkowski - Joseph & Claire Kiempisty
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2007
7:00 Joseph Cusatis - Mega Family
9:00 Christopher L. Bonner - Chris Bonner, Maria Yerovi & Family
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2007
7:00 Teresa Hanselman - Crowley Family
9:00 Stella Delasey - Sister-Mary Elko
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2007
7:00 Victor Cueva - Sonia Yerovi
9:00 Mary Segreto - Terry & Joe Segreto
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2007
7:00 Bokenko & Morahan Families - Barbara & Ed Morahan
9:00 Rose Biase - Nick & Anna Biase
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 31, 2007
8:30 Memorial Mass - Teresa Hanselman, Mary Ficarra, Patricia Moran, Bart Zucosky, Emperatrice Care, Asquith Willis, Consolacion Ausente, Ruth Barry, Julian Castigador, Special Intention for Asuncion Castigador
5:30 Earl Hassler - Helen Hassler

SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 25
FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING	
NO CFF CLASSES/NO CYO	
1:00 PM	Adoration
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 26
3:30 PM	CFF Classes
6:30 PM	Sports - Gym
6:30 PM	CFF Classes
7:00 PM	Book Club - St. Thomas Room
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 27
6:30 PM	CFF Classes
6:30 PM	Sports - Gym
7:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting - St. Lucy Room
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 28
7:30 PM	RCIA - OLG/St. Joseph Room
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 29
3:30 PM	Children's Choir
6:30 PM	Sports - Gym
7:00 PM	CFM Program - St. Lucy Room
7:30 PM	Adult Choir
7:30 PM	Marketing - St. Jude Room
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 30
6:30 PM	Sports - Gym
7:30 PM	Girl Scouts - 5 th Grade Classroom
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 1
9:00 AM	Missal Changing
12:00 PM	Fr. Mee Tournament - Gym

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Zucosky during the week of November 25th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Christopher L. Bonner during the week of November 25th at the request of Joseph, Patrick, Cristina and Thomas.

ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!



DECEMBER 2, 2007
AFTER ALL MASSES

Thank you for your support!!

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

Patrick O'Donnell

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



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
November 25, 2007

I rejoiced because they said to me,
“We will go up to the house of the LORD.”

– Psalm 122:1



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