

Dear Parishioners,

Following is a statement from the Office of Communications of the Archdiocese of Newark responding to reactions to Papal Speech in Regensburg.

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Statement of the Archdiocese of Newark Concerning Reactions to Pope Benedict XVI's Regensburg Address

As a people of faith constantly striving to hear the voice of God amid the noise of the world around us, it can be difficult at times to distinguish reality from rumor, especially when issues regarding our faith arise in the media. The recent coverage of Pope Benedict's choice of a quotation during a lecture at the University of Regensburg, Germany has been misconstrued as a denouncement of the Islamic faith as a whole, something the Vatican and Pope Benedict himself did not intend. The Pope has expressed his regrets. Throughout his papacy, he has maintained an attitude of respect toward people of Muslim faith; it is unfortunate that some in the Muslim world have not shown him the same respect. We realize that they do not represent the majority of Muslims.

It is normal to harbor thoughts of confusion and deep concern with the message that is being sent through the airwaves about Pope Benedict and the Catholic Church. Let us remember, however, to use moments such as this to foster honest dialogue between members of different faiths – not harsh and irrational judgment of others.

It is our hope that a good measure of education and dialogue regarding our expressions of faith can emerge from this experience, not only as a means of educating others about the faith we hold dear to us, but also as a means of growing together as a society that takes pride in the values we share.

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Note: the full text of the Holy Father's Regensburg address is available on the Vatican City website at:

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2006/september/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20060912_university-regensburg_en.html

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

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,502.00.**
Mortgage Reduction Donation
(Maintenance Collection)
\$5,756.00.
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 -- 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6;
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Wednesday, October 4th, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis had a great love and respect for all of God's creation, especially animals. It has become a tradition in the church that on the feast of St. Francis we bless animals. Here at St. Agnes Parish we will bless the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis, October

ONLY GOD

Our hearts have a God-shaped hole in them
that only God can fill.

- Anonymous

BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Pledges	\$3,153,141.75
Pledges Collected	\$2,654,279.97
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 498,861.78

Total Building Costs	\$3,825,000.00
Pledges Collected	(-) \$2,654,279.97
Mon. Mtge. Collection	(-) 5,756.00
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00
Remaining Debt	\$ 914,964.03

*If you would like to make a donation,
please make check payable to
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectorry
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.

Annulment Information Evening

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2006. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. The information will be presented in terms that all can understand. A question and answer period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not necessary. This evening of information will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church (Nazareth Center), 15761 S. Martine Ave., Scotch Plains at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.

**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!**

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

When we lose a loved one by death, we are wounded. Just as a wound does, we need to heal from within, to express our thoughts and feelings, even when they seem crazy. We need to recognize that "crazy is normal."

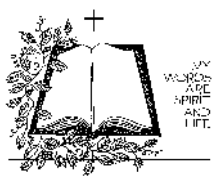
Knowing this will not lessen your grief, but it may help your healing to begin. A support group is a safe haven where we can talk, cry, share our anger, guilt, and fears with those who understand and care.

Grief, like a wound, takes time to heal. A support group is to the grieving like healing salve is to a wound; it soothes and comforts us while we heal.

We are here to offer information, to listen, to share feelings and to support one another.

St. Agnes Bereavement Support Group
starts
Thursday, September 28th
for six Thursdays
at 7:30 PM

Call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852 for more information or to register for the group.



ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!!

The Saint Agnes Women's Commission will be sponsoring a Women's Mini Retreat on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The retreat will take place at Saint Joseph's Convent in Roselle, N.J. The theme will be "Fruits of the Holy Spirit." Sister Margaret will direct us through this prayerful experience. The cost of the retreat will be \$20.00. Lunch will be provided. Please respond as early as possible to ensure a place. The deadline is October 12th. If you are interested, fill out the bottom portion and mail with your \$20 check made out to "Cash" to:

Arlene Firestone
51 Lexington Boulevard
Clark, N.J. 07066

Any questions please call (732) 388-2560, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

WOMEN'S RETREAT, OCTOBER 21ST

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

**TURN OVER A NEW LEAF AND
BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**

Each of us wants to know our life has a purpose – that the compassionate deeds we do to help others will enrich our lives as well. One way to make a BIG difference is to become a hospice volunteer.

Atlantic Hospice, with over 25 years of service in the communities of Essex, Union, Morris and Somerset counties, offers volunteer training at Overlook Hospital on October 21 and October 28. These two full days of training will enable volunteers to work in or near their communities providing support to terminally ill patients.

To learn more about hospice services, or to join this volunteer class, please call Pat Barber, Volunteer Coordinator at (973) 379-8444.



ROSARY SOCIETY



COMMUNION BREAKFAST

will be held

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th

at

The Gran Centurions

following the 9:00 a.m. mass

Fr. Nuno will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$18.00 per person. Please call Rose at (732) 574-0023 or the Rectory at (732) 388-7852 for tickets and more information.

THE DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING TICKETS IS OCTOBER 9th. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THAT DATE.

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, balance to cover production cost and shipping.

ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!



***OCTOBER 8, 2006
AFTER ALL MASSES***

We offer the following varieties:

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!!

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

**St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, NJ
Sunday, October 15th from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

- Campus Tours
 - Opportunity to speak to faculty & students
 - Opportunity to speak to coaches & club moderators
 - Registration for the St. Joseph H.S. Entrance Exam
- For more information contact the Admissions Office at (732) 549-7600, ext. 221.

**Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, NJ
Sunday, October 15th from 1 to 4 p.m.**

Visitors can tour the school, learn about applying to the freshman year, and meet teachers, coaches, parents and students.

For more information, please contact Mr. Matthew Cannizzo in the Admission Office at (973) 325-6632 or mcannizzo@shp.org.

PART-TIME SCHOOL NURSE POSITION AVAILABLE. St. Agnes School is seeking to hire a part-time nurse (RN or LPN). Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (3-1/2 hrs.), Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (3/1/2 hrs.). Please call Sr. Claire for an interview at (732) 381-0850.

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006
5:30 Manuel Pacheco - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bantin
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006
7:30 People of the Parish
9:00 Stanley Niemczyk - The Niemczyk Family
10:30 Frank Della Ragione - Sister Livia
12:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice Perriello, Pat Bodner & Anna Johnson - Dolores Clarke
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2006
7:00 Andre Kovacs - Joe & Helen Suszko
9:00 Gail Vacula - Arline Lotano
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2006
7:00 Helen Paulauskas - Bob & Rosalie McKeon
9:00 Richard Sinoradzki - Jeffrey & Concetta Sinoradzki
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006
7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Beviano - Maryann Fresco
9:00 Victor Morvillo - The Cancro Family
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2006
7:00 Andre Kovacs - Rosary Society
9:00 Ed James - Ted Kumor
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2006
7:00 Gabriella Magyar - The DeJesus Family
9:00 Stanley Ciurczak - Ted Kumor
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006
8:30 Memorial Mass - Sophie Froelich, Tyler John Killeen
5:30 Frances Miele - Mr. & Mrs. D. Cook

SUNDAY	OCTOBER 1
8:45 AM Religious Education	
1:30 PM Baptism	
7:00 PM CYO - Gymnasium	
MONDAY	OCTOBER 2
3:30 PM Religious Education	
5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium	
7:00 PM Religious Education	
7:30 PM SA 8 th Grade Parents' Mtg. - St. Joseph's Conf. Room	
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 3
7:00 PM Religious Education	
7:30 PM Rosary Society Meeting - Msgr. Flusk Room	
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 4
3:30 PM Blessing of Animals	
7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room	
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 5
3:30 PM Children's Choir	
6:00 PM Liturgy Meeting - Music Ministry Room	
7:00 PM CFM Meeting - St. Lucy Filippini Room	
7:00 PM St. Agnes Tricky Tray - Gran Centurions	
7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room	
7:30 PM Adult Choir	
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 6
NO SCHOOL - ST. AGNES	
7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5 th Grade Classroom	
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 7
8:30 AM Mass - Memorial	

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Marge Elko during the week of October 1st.



The Rosary Society monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. in the Rev. Denis Whelan Center which is located on the lower level of the new building.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Edmund Nabozyn during the week of October 1st at the request of Barbara Telleri.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of October 1st were donated in memory of Jane Howell at the request of the Howell Family.



For the week of October 1st were donated in memory of Jane Howell, a gift from the Howell Family.



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

Josephine Stefanik, Rose Tomchak

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, Theresa Hanselman, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, MaryLou Loffa, James MacConchie, Louise Venezia, 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

**OUR PRODIGAL GOD**

We keep having to relearn how prodigal God is. It is as if God cannot quite manage to say "no." We think it is surely fine when God is prodigal with us--rich in mercy and forgiveness, generous in grace. But what about the other--the enemy, the sinner, the heretic, the outsider? Well, we expect God to be as stingy with that person as we are.

Moses and Joshua wanted such a cozy world, too. They wondered how the spirit of God could be given to the two who did not show up at the meeting tent--today's church. And the apostles in the Gospel complained because there were some miracle workers who were clearly not followers of Jesus. God's great free-wheeling generosity confounded them all. Let this be, says Jesus. Just see to it that you who lead continue to be worthy of your calling.

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 1, 2006

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

– *Psalm 19:8*