

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

Last week we printed in the bulletin a more detailed financial report for the Phase I construction. Some parishioners have asked me why the total debt jumped from \$552,600 (printed in the bulletin previously) to \$914,962? **NO WE DID NOT INCUR ADDITIONAL DEBT!**

Prior bulletin reports reflected expense minus (-) *Total Pledge* amounts. We are still in the process of collecting pledge payments to the sum of \$498,861 (all figures are from the October 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin issue). In the new bulletin format, we show *Total Pledges*, *Pledges Collected*, and *Outstanding Pledges*. As pledges continue to be paid, the categories of *Pledges Collected* will increase, *Outstanding Pledges* will decrease, and *Remaining Debt* will decrease accordingly. Therefore, if all pledges were paid in full the total debt would total \$416,101.

We are also printing our monthly maintenance collection, which is now our monthly mortgage reduction collection, in the financial bulletin report. **Please do not use the monthly mortgage collection envelopes to submit your pledge payments.** This collection is supplemental and is restricted for eliminating parish construction debt, over and beyond what we did not raise in campaign pledges. **Pledge payments should be submitted in plain stationary envelopes and marked "capital campaign payment."** Placing pledge payments in the monthly maintenance envelope will create a horrific red tape quagmire that will distort reports and prevent proper acknowledgements for pledges paid in full. Thank you for your cooperation. Thank you also for your sacrifices being offered for the betterment of our parish.

We have our work cut out for us, but I trust in God that we will be able to eradicate parish debt in a timely fashion. Please join me in prayer for this blessing. I pray that St. Agnes will inspire all parishioners to be generous, as we work to make dreams come true.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor



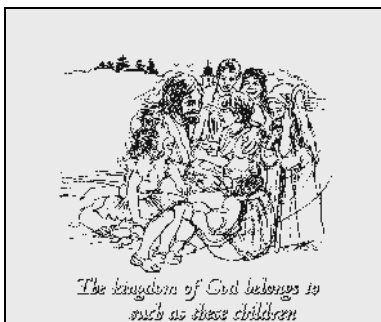
**STEWARDSHIP  
&  
FAITH**  
*Time, Talent, Treasure.  
Putting God First?*

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$11,192.50.**  
Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Heb 4:12-13;  
Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



**St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group  
Westfield, NJ**

A support group for those caring for the elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first non-holiday Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the parish center of St. Helen's Church on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. These are information and sharing sessions. For more information, please call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 233-8757. The next meeting is on Monday, November 6.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$3,160,634.95</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>\$2,670,048.01</b>
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 490,586.74</b>
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<b>Total Building Costs</b>	<b>\$3,825,000.00</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>(-) \$2,670,048.01</b>
<b>Mtge. Reduction</b>	
<b>Collection</b>	<b>(-) 6,143.00</b>
<b>Funds from Savings</b>	<b>(-) \$ 250,000.00</b>
 <b>Remaining Debt</b>	 <b>\$ 898,808.99</b>

*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.

**ALL WET**  
To repent and not to amend is like paying a debt by writing a check on water.  
- Anonymous

## 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!**

## WOMEN'S RETREAT CANCELLED

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the retreat at St. Joseph's Convent scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled. We will reschedule in the spring. If you have already paid for this retreat, please contact Arlene Firestone at (732) 388-2560. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## NEW ENERGIES PARISH TRANSITION PROJECT

The following people are on the Core Committee to do parish planning as part of the New Energies Parish Transition Project: Fr. Jim Choma, Pastor; Mary Ellen Theel, Staff; Rose Brinker, Co-Chair/Pastoral Council; Susan Delaney, Stewardship Chairperson; Bob O'Flynn, Parishioner/Marriage Prep. Team.

The Core Team will be overseeing the evaluation of parish ministries based on the Standards, including the 28 Principles developed by the Task Force on Parishes. The 28 Principles are divided into six categories: Spiritual Life, Education and Formation, Life of Service, Parish Community Life, Administrative Life and Pastoral Life Ministry. If anyone would like to see a complete copy of the Standards, including the 28 Principles, please contact Bob O'Flynn at (201) 446-5383.



We wish to **WELCOME** the following who have entered into the faith community through the sacrament of Baptism:

### MICHAEL JOSEPH MANOCHIO

Son of Michael and Clementine

### TYLER JUSTIN RIVERA

Son of Thomas and Blanca

### LACEY ELIZABETH VILL

Daughter of Robert and Danyelle

### LANCE AREN WILLIAMS

Son of Stefan and Ivette

## Elijah Cup Program



Please prayerfully consider bringing 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 October are:

October 1	10:30 a.m.	Delaney Family
October 8	9:00 a.m.	Bonavitacola Family
October 15	7:30 a.m.	Susko Family
October 21	5:30 p.m.	Behrend Family
October 29	12:00 p.m.	Rendeiro Family



## *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, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. If you need any additional information, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.

## 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!



**TODAY**

AFTER ALL MASSES

*Thank you for your support!!*

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

**Mount Saint Mary Academy, 1645 Highway 22,  
Watchung, NJ**

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The Mount is a private Catholic college-preparatory school for girls and offers transportation from all areas. The ENTRANCE TEST for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be held at the Academy on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required. For further information please call the Admissions Office at (908) 757-0108 ext. 4506 or email [dtoryak@mountsaintmary.org](mailto:dtoryak@mountsaintmary.org).

**St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, NJ**

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mcannizzo@shp.org).

**Mount Saint Dominic Academy**

**3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, NJ**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.**

Open House for seventh and eighth grade girls and their families. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (973) 226-0660, ext. 22.



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**Columbus Day**


**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006**

5:30 Frances Miele - Mr. &amp; Mrs. D. Cook

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2006**

7:30 William & Anna Kelly - William & Carol Kelly  
 9:00 People of the Parish  
 10:30 Dorothy & James Johnson - The Johnson Family  
 12:00 John Delaney - Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bonavitacola, Jr.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2006**

7:00 Ruth Christensen - Marion Salvia  
 9:00 Earl Hassler - Hassler Family

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006**

7:00 John Fresco - MaryAnn Fresco  
 9:00 Thomas DeNora - Sam & Mary Gianti

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2006**

7:00 Michael Zizza - Jerry & Lidia Winiarczyk  
 9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kumor - Ted Kumor

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2006**

7:00 Ruth & George Christensen - Faith, George, Gerard & Marylou  
 9:00 Christopher & Helen Koscica - Mr. & Mrs. Peter Koscica

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2006**

7:00 Michael Zizza - Michael & Beth Cheeka  
 9:00 Rose Marchitto - Family

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Alice & Ben Bartlomiejczyk, Vincent Gabriele, Catherine O'Connell  
 5:30 George Wadle - Arline & Tom Foster


**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 8****ROSARY BAGEL SALE**

8:45 AM Religious Education  
 7:00 PM CYO - Gymnasium

**MONDAY OCTOBER 9****COLUMBUS DAY - NO SCHOOL**

3:30 PM No Religious Education  
 5:30 PM Cheerleading - Gymnasium  
 6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1B  
 7:00 PM No Religious Education  
 7:00 PM RCIA Inquiry - OLG Room  
 7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - St. Jude's Room

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 10**

7:00 PM Religious Education  
 7:30 PM Holy Name Society Meeting - Fr. Marcone Room

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11**

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 12**

3:30 PM Children's Choir  
 7:00 PM CFM Meeting - St. Lucy Filippini Room  
 7:00 PM Protecting God's Children Workshop - Gymnasium  
 7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room  
 7:30 PM Adult Choir

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 13**

9:00 PM Mass - School

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14**

8:30 AM Mass - Memorial  
 10:00 AM CYO - Pumpkin Picking & Painting

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 15****MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

8:45 AM Religious Education  
 11:30 AM CYO - Deliver Painted Pumpkins to Nursing Home



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Margaret Firestone during the week of October 8<sup>th</sup> at the request of All of Us at St. Agnes Rectory.



St. Agnes Holy Name Society's general meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Marcone Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. All men of the parish are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Elaine Mastropasqua during the week of October 8th.

**Altar & Rosary Society Coming Events . . .**

Dinner/Fashion Show will be held on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Fashions by Annie Sez. More information to follow.

Annual Cookie Sale will be held on the weekend of December 9/10. Cookies will be sold after ever mass.

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

Theresa Hanselman

***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

**TOWARD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

From the beginning of creation, God intended for people to live together in relationship with one another. Much of scripture shows us how to do this as it illustrates and clarifies God's plans. The readings this weekend guide us in the value and care of our relationships. Specifically, the Gospel focuses on the circumstances of failed relationships. Unlike the Pharisees, we would do well not to focus on the laws that pertain to failed relationships, but concentrate instead on what God really intended for us. Healthy bonds require a lot of our time and energy. They certainly require trust and honesty. Jesus demonstrated a deep commitment to his friends and to us. As our brother, he gave his very life for us. Children work hard at friendships. They trust, forgive, and love without conditions. The final words of today's Gospel invite us to welcome Jesus and the people of our relationships with the fresh enthusiasm of a child.

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 8, 2006**

Let the children come to me;  
do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God  
belongs to such as these.

– *Mark 10:14*