

Dear St. Agnes Faithful:

I find myself writing a lot about money nowadays. Believe it or not, I long for the days when I was an Associate Pastor, like Father Nuno. Ah, a blessed time in the life of a priest when one does not have to worry about bills, leaky roofs, broken boilers, air conditioners, rising salaries/benefits, and collections that do not increase to keep up with inflation. So, in a manner of speaking, the *buck* stops with the pastor.

Here at St. Agnes we are fortunate that we have addressed numerous capital maintenance projects. We should not have to exhaust large sums of money for unexpected maintenance projects. Notwithstanding, the pressure is on us to redeem campaign pledges and to reduce our building debt in a timely fashion. Until this is accomplished, ordinary operations will be strained.

Enclosed in this bulletin is a Statement of Revenue & Expense Report for year ended June 30, 2006. There is a \$24,188 deficit (not including building debt). The reason for this debt is because we have been using our monthly maintenance collections to off set capital building expenses. If we did not do this, there would be a marginal surplus. I thank the Finance Council for helping parish management be a good steward of the donations that you entrust to our care.

Monthly maintenance collections are now being used for mortgage reduction payments and anticipated interest payments. Thanks to the Archdiocese, a no interest construction credit line was graciously extended to us. However, beginning in January 2007, we will begin paying 5.25 % interest on our loan.

Please be assured that I am working closely with our Trustees, Finance Council, and Pastoral Council to be fiscally responsible in ordinary operations, and mortgage reduction. The following is our course of action.

- **REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING PLEDGES.** Rounding off numbers, there is roughly \$500,000 in pledges to be collected. Once, these funds are collected our mortgage will be \$400,000, which is a manageable mortgage. All parishioners with pledge balances are asked to be faithful in paying off commitments sooner rather than later (if possible).
- **SOLICITATION OF NEW PARISHIONERS AND PARISHIONERS WHO DID NOT MAKE A DONATION.** We will be asking parishioners who have joined our parish within the past two years, to make a pledge to our building fund. We will also ask parishioners who did not support our building plan to reconsider and make a donation now.
- **REQUEST TO OUR STEWARDSHIP ANGELS.** Some of our faithful supporters have fulfilled their pledges and have made additional donations. We would be eternally grateful to anyone who voluntarily makes a donation over and beyond their original pledge amount.
- **MONTHLY MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION.** Knowing that the monthly maintenance collection will be used for mortgage reduction and interest payments, we are hoping that this collection will raise \$8,000 to \$10,000, without adversely affecting our regular Sunday collection, which is necessary to meet ordinary operation expenses.

Everyone who toured the new facilities in September was impressed and satisfied. If you missed the tour and would like to see the facilities, just ask any of the priests after mass. We will be happy to let you walk around and to see the fruits of your sacrifice. I am so grateful to all who have been generous in making this dream come true. Now I have to ask if we can all do a little more? I cannot wait until the day when I do not always have to be talking about money. Please support our mortgage reduction efforts and that day will be here before we know it. Thank you.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor

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

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,932.00.**
Mtge. Reduction Collection **\$5,289.00.**
Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



**The Office of Stewardship
of the Archdiocese of Newark
Presents Annual Archdiocesan
Stewardship Day**

This year's Archdiocesan Stewardship Day will be on Saturday, October 28th at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. The program starts at 9 a.m. and includes a series of stewardship talks aimed at building parish life, lunch and ends at 3 p.m. There is no cost to attend. Register online at www.rcan.org/stewardship or call Monica Bernardes at (973) 497-4104.



BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT

Total Pledges	\$3,161,169.79
Pledges Collected	\$2,680,753.25
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 480,416.54

Total Building Costs	\$3,825,000.00
Pledges Collected	(-) \$2,680,753.25
Mtge. Reduction	
Collection	(-) 11,432.00
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00

Remaining Debt	\$ 882,814.75
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*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.

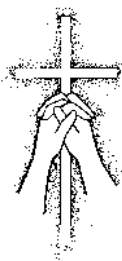
VISION AND WORK

Vision without work is a dream;
Work without vision is drudgery;
Vision with work is a dawn—
new hope and a new day.
—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!**



Attention St. Agnes Women!

Come join together for a holy hour of prayer, Tuesday, October 24th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the church. Please bring rosary beads.

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



Phase 2 of the Elijah Cup

Please prayerfully consider taking the Elijah Cup into your home, outside of the liturgy for one week. If you would like to have the Elijah Cup in your home, while you pray for a perseverance and increase in vocations in the Church, please call the rectory for a date that is convenient for you. There is a sign-up sheet in the rectory. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call the rectory at (732) 388-7852.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains will hold Informational Coffees for prospective 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and families on November 1 and November 30 at 7:00 p.m. For additional information please call (908) 889-1600, ext. 328.

Bicycle Collection – Pedals for Progress

Putting used bikes to good use

Rain or Shine

\$10 Donation per bike is needed to complete delivery of your bike overseas. Sponsored by Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ, Sunday, Oct. 29, 2006, 1 to 4 PM. It costs \$28 per bike from pick-up to delivery, a cash donation is needed, suggested minimum \$10. For more info please call (908) 889-1600 or (908) 889-1613.

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL
“Highlight Zone”**



As part of Fire Prevention Week, SAS students were visited by the Clark Fire Department. In addition to receiving fire safety instruction, students enjoyed a “hands-on” demonstration on equipment used by fire fighters. Special thanks to Deputy Chief Frank Cerasa for his informative and “fun” presentation.

***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.



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**SENIOR SISTERS' CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR**

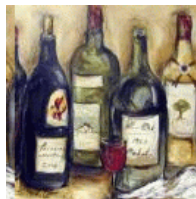
**Villa Walsh Auditorium
455 Western Ave., Morristown, NJ
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2006, 12 to 5 PM**

Selections include handmade crafts, novelties, plants, paintings, baked goods, raffles, auction and good food.

***Save the Date
St. Agnes***

***6th Annual Wine Tasting
by Rotundo's Deli & Fine Wines
Friday, November 17, 2006
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM***

***For ticket information
please call (732) 669-9643***



Rosary/Holy Name Societies' Joint Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, November 7th
TIME: Meeting begins at 7:00 PM
Presentation begins at 7:30 PM
PLACE: Fr. Denis Whalen Center
PRESENTATION: Wills & Planned Giving
Speaker: Mr. Kenneth DePaola
Archdiocese of Newark
Office of Development

All members of the parish are invited to attend.

ST. AGNES ROSARY SOCIETY



FASHION SHOW
will be held

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
ST. AGNES SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
FASHIONS BY ANNIE SEZ
Doors open at 2:00 PM**

Sit Down Dinner/Fashion Show
Amount: \$20.00 Per Person
For tickets call Rose at (732) 574-0023
Tickets will also be available at the Rectory
Tables of 10 will be reserved

**LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**

***Archdiocese of Newark
Vocations Awareness Dinner
Tuesday, November 7th, 6:15 - 8:30 PM
Hosted by His Grace, The Most Reverend
John J. Myers and the Vocations Office***

Any young man 18 years or older who may be discerning or open to a call to the Priesthood, please call the rectory at (732) 388-7852.

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2006	
5:30	George Heindel - Diane & Ed Alfano
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2006	
7:30	Ruth Christensen - Shirley Gamble
9:00	George Finger - Carol Szipszky
10:30	Michael & Stella Carr - Richard & Marie Carr
12:00	People of the Parish
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2006	
7:00	Bordynko/Mulcahy Family-Leslie & Arthur Phelan
9:00	Joseph & Jennie Szmerda - Sophie Szmerda
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006	
7:00	John Fresco - Mary Ann Fresco
9:00	Jack Brennan - Robert & Ginny, Ed & Sharon
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2006	
7:00	Bordynko/Mulcahy Family-Leslie & Arthur Phelan
9:00	Walter Hurley - Bernice Hurley
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2006	
7:00	Anne Beecher - Joe & Jane DeVito
9:00	Joseph Kulbaba, Sr. - Hedy Ott & Dorothy Long
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2006	
7:00	Michael & Antoinette Caterino - Theresa Dobbin
9:00	W. Ed Ross - Mr. & Mrs. John Ross
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2006	
8:30	Memorial Mass - Joseph Zucaro, Sebastian Noto, Wilson Lara, Joseph Mercadante
5:30	People of the Parish

SATURDAY	OCTOBER 21
WORLD MISSION COLLECTION	
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 22
WORLD MISSION COLLECTION	
8:45 AM	Religious Education
1:00 PM	CYO
MONDAY	OCTOBER 23
3:30 PM	Religious Education
5:30 PM	Cheerleading - Gymnasium
6:30 PM	Sandwiches - Team 2B
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room
7:00 PM	SAS 7 th Grade Parents Mtg. - St. Joseph Conf. Room
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 24
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group - Church
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 25
7:30 PM	RCIA - OLG Room
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 26
3:30 PM	Children's Choir
7:00 PM	CFM Meeting - St. Lucy Filippini Room
7:30 PM	Bereavement - OLG Room
7:30 PM	Adult Choir
7:30 PM	Marketing Meeting - St. Jude Room
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 28
8:30 AM	Mass - Memorial

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING

MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Charlotte Gessler during the week of October 22nd.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Josephine Monetti during the week of October 22nd at the request of the Family.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of October 22nd were donated in memory of Joseph, Jennie & Raymond Szmerda at the request of Sophie Szmerda.

An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8, 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 the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, at 7:30 p.m. For more info, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327.

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

Donald Howell

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, Thomas Ficarra, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin

**GOD'S WORK OF SALVATION**

God's work of salvation is the focus of this weekend's readings. From the prophetic event of Isaiah to Jesus' understanding of the human condition in Hebrews, concluding with Jesus paying our ransom in Mark, God is in control. There may be failings and misunderstandings along the way. We may move away from God, but at our conversion, God leads us back. Like James and John, we may let greed and power blur our vision of what Jesus wants us to know about the Kingdom; but tirelessly we are taught and re-taught what life in the Kingdom will be. Jesus has paid our ransom to ensure that we will share in the Kingdom.

It is not unusual to think of Jesus' ransom as a punishment that he endured. However, it is more accurate, and more like Jesus, for us to recognize ransom as God's gift to us.

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**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 22, 2006**

Through his suffering, my servant shall
justify many.

– *Isaiah 53:11b*