

Some More words on our return to the Church.
“For from you the Word of the Lord has sounded forth...”

I think that these words that Paul wrote to the Church at Thessalonika are also appropriate to all of you! From the Church of St. Agnes, “the Word of the Lord sounds forth” in all that we say and do. And our new worship space will help us to be better nourished by the Lord so that we may continue his work! With this in mind I would like to welcome you to part two of our series in anticipation of returning to the worship space. Last week I discussed several topics including:

- Liturgical Ministers: We are getting ready to train all of our Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers (including those who recently signed up). You will be contacted as soon as the construction schedule allows me to set dates.
- Liturgical Items: We are in need of purchasing several items for use in the new worship space. Please contact me if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one.
- The First Day: I discussed what would be the same and what would be different, especially on the first weekend that we’re back. I mentioned using the baptismal font to bless ourselves, and how our beautiful crucifix and statues are still present in the new space.

Now let’s add to our list!

Regarding the Tabernacle:

One thing that will be a major improvement in our worship space will be the location and design of our tabernacle. If you remember before, the tabernacle was placed against the back wall very close to a walk-way, which people used to enter the sacristy. Now the new tabernacle will have it’s own space, in a recessed niche along the same wall. This gives the tabernacle a place of proper honor in our worship space and permits us to place kneelers and chairs in front of it for private prayer outside of mass. Of course the tabernacle is still visible from most angles in the church so that one may pray in the pews as well. Genuflecting (kneeling on one knee) before the tabernacle is the proper way to acknowledge the true presence of Christ. Please be sure to recognize the true presence by genuflecting whenever one enters the church and passes before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.

Regarding Statues, Stations, and the Crucifix:

Last week, I mentioned that our statues, stations, and crucifix will return to the worship space and indeed they will. You may see some changes in where they are located however. In the new addition to the building, a separate space has been designated as a devotional area, allowing for private prayer, much like the tabernacle. Along this wall, the statues of the Blessed Virgin (holding the infant Jesus) and Joseph will be placed, along with the statue of the Sacred Heart. This area will also be used during Christmas time for our Christmas Creche. Having a space like this fosters a healthy devotional life in our parish family. It will permit people to kneel before the statues in prayer, or to explain the true meaning of Christmas to their little ones. The remaining statues will be placed in the side niches we’ve always had and the stations will be hung along the perimeter of the church. Finally our beautiful crucifix will return to our worship space, not attached to a wall, but suspended over the altar, a constant reminder of the sacrifice of Christ in giving us his Body and Blood. What a wonderful gift!

I hope that these articles are of some help in preparing for our return to the church. Besides helping you to adjust to new surroundings, may they help you to experience the excitement I feel at the thought of worshipping in a church that better reflects the love I see each day in the people of our parish. In the future, I will address some other topics including assistance for the disabled and those with young children. Until then...

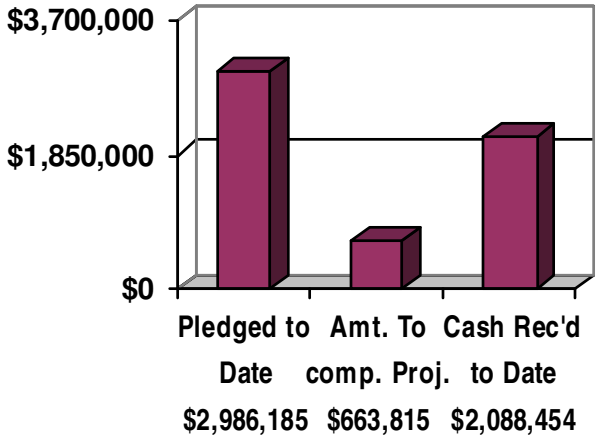
Thanks and God bless! Fr. John

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

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship – joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor’s need.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
 last week was \$11,000.00.
 Thank you.

■ Campaign Progress - Phase I



Total Cost of Project: \$3,700,000

Memorial incentives. Anyone who donates \$3,000 or more will be entitled to one memorial listing, in a decorative display, to be displayed in a public location, at a future date.

The following memorials are available for substantial donations (other larger memorial naming rights have already been secured):

- Church Organ \$100,000
- Tabernacle & Marble Base 50,000
- School Classroom 50,000
- Parish Multi-Purpose Room 100,000
- Parish Conference Room 75,000
- Parish Meeting Room 50,000

If you are interested in a memorial or would like further information, please contact the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.

READINGS FOR



THE WEEK

- Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Mal 1:14b -- 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131;
 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

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Ministry of Motherhood

The MOM Group at St. Michael’s Church in Cranford will host a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the cafeteria of the School at 100 Alden Street, Fun for the whole family!

The event will benefit St. Michael’s Parish, Rafael’s Life House, Cranford Family Care and MOM. Thank you for your support!





STELLA MARIS RETREAT CENTER
 981 Ocean Avenue, Elberon, N.J.
 (732) 229-0602

Circle of Women's Wisdom
 (1st Monday of each month beginning Oct. 3rd)
 \$10.00 per session

We offer women the time and space to explore the wisdom we have gained through our experience as women. Teresa Lampmann will lead the group and share her insights on the sacred in women's lives.

For more information on this retreat or others, please call the Rectory (732) 388-7852.

*St. Agnes 5th
 Tasting*



Annual Wine

*By
 Rotundo's Deli & Fine Wines, Clark*

*What wines to serve and give for the holidays
 Vendors will help with shopping
 and decorating ideas.*

*Thursday, November 10th
 Gran Centurions
 Madison Hill Rd., Clark - 7:00 PM*

*\$35.00 Per Person
 Includes wine tasting, fruit, cheese, pasta stations,
 coffee and dessert*

*For ticket information call the Rectory
 at (732) 388-7852*



A selection of premium wines.

**ATTENTION ST. AGNES
 PARISHIONERS!**

Let's do something for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Blood drives are held every fourth Thursday of the month at the Clark First Aid Squad, Raritan Rd., Clark. I am making an urgent call to all St. Agnes' Parishioners who have donated blood at our drive, and to all others who have not donated, try to make an effort to come out to one of the drives. Hours are from 3 PM to 8:30 PM. Platelets are also done at these drives with an appointment, which I can schedule. Their next drive is scheduled for October 27th. Thank you.

Lee Kelemen
 732-713-0951

HELP THE



SISTERS!

*Religious Teachers Filippini Senior Sisters'
 Christmas Bazaar*

**Villa Walsh Auditorium
 455 Western Ave., Morristown**

Sunday, November 6, 2005 - 12 PM to 5 PM

*Selections include handmade crafts, novelties, plants,
 paintings, baked goods, great raffles and good food*

Villa Walsh is opposite The National Armory - about two miles from the business area of Morristown

**Proceeds are Used for the Senior Sisters'
 Retirement Fund**

INCLUSIVE LOVE

Love of our neighbor is included in the
 love of God.

– St. Thomas Aquinas, thirteenth century

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Mount St. Dominic Academy 3 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell

Open Houses for 7th & 8th Grade girls and families
Sunday, October 16th and 30th at 1:30 p.m.
Any questions call (973) 226-0660, ext. 22

Oratory Preparatory School One Beverly Rd., Summit Catholic college preparatory day school for boys in grades 7-12

Open House Sunday, October 23rd at 3:00 p.m.
Any questions call (908) 273-5771, ext. 11

Seton Hall Preparatory School 120 Northfield Ave., W. Orange

Open House for 7th & 8th Grade boys and families
Sunday, October 30th from 1 to 4 p.m.
Any questions call Matthew Cannizzo,
Admission Office at (973) 325-6632



*Help is available for
your heating bills!*

NJ Shares is a non-profit organization that helps pay the gas and electric bills of households that are experiencing a temporary financial crisis. One-time grants of up to \$500.00 are available to eligible households.

For further information or to apply for a NJ Shares grant, please call the Catholic Charities Cranford Office at (908) 497-3966.

Mother Seton Regional High School Valley Road, Clark

On Friday and Saturday, November 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday November 20 at 2 p.m., Mother Seton Regional High School will present its annual school play "Cinderella". Tickets are **\$5.00 for senior citizens and children under 12 on Friday evening**. All other tickets are \$10.00. Tickets may be obtained by calling the school at (732) 382-1952 any weekday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Living the Fire

**Saturday, October 22, 2005
8:30 AM - 4:15 PM**

St. Mary's High School, Rutherford, NJ

KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Fr. Richard Loch,
Member of the National Service Committee
for the Charismatic Renewal and
Moderator of the Charismatic Renewal in the
Diocese of Scranton

WORKSHOPS:

*Charismatic Renewal 101 - Everything You've
Ever Wanted to Know About the Charismatic
Renewal - Deacon Fritz Kautz*

Living the Charismatic Renewal - Paul J. Griffo

*How Can We Reinvigorate Our Prayer
Meetings? - Fr. Richard Loch*

*The Life in the Spirit Seminar - A How-To workshop
presented by a panel from the Community of
God's Love.*

*How Can We Bring The Fire of Youth into Our
Communities Prayer Group? - Presented by a
panel of young adults and teenagers involved
in the Renewal.*

Music: REFUGE and The Community of God's Love.

*For information and registration material please
call 1-201-935-0344 or email
fanningtheflame@comcast.net.*

Sponsored by the Pastoral Team for the

Archdiocese of Newark Charismatic Renewal

*All the law and prophets depend on two commandments
- love of God primarily, then love of neighbor. It is in
these two commandments that the role of the Priest and
Religious is found. They are called to love God with
their whole being, while leading people to fall into that
same love with Christ. Do you strive to love God with
your whole being, before anything or anyone else?
You may have a vocation. Call the vocation office at
(973) 497-4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2005

5:30 Nancy Bucca - Antoinette Bucca

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2005

7:30 Michael & Mae DeNardis - Janet & Tony

9:00 Thomas DeNora - Sam & Mary

10:30 People of the Parish

12:00 Mathew C. Helminski - Krystyna Bodniewicz

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2005

7:00 Gus Granrath - 7:00 Mass Group

9:00 Anthony G. Pecoraro - Al & Joanne D'Addio

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005

7:00 George Caswell - Your Friends

9:00 Walter Hurley - Bernice Hurley

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2005

7:00 Gus Granrath - Clark Historical Society

9:00 Robin Helminski - Anne Marie Leone

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2005

7:00 Frances Litterio - Lynne & Roy Nunes

9:00 Jean Meluso - Daughter

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005

7:00 Mary Shipe - The Shipe Family

9:00 Joseph Kulbaba, Sr. - Hedy & Dorothy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2005

8:30 Memorial Mass - Gloria Jesus Nogueira, Joao Barreto, Cidalia Jesus Olveira

5:30 Loretta Mosso - Family

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 23**WORLD MISSION COLLECTION**

9:00 AM Religious Education

7:00 PM CYO - Gymnasium

MONDAY OCTOBER 24**NO SCHOOL - ST. AGNES**

3:30 PM Religious Education

7:00 PM Religious Education

7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge

TUESDAY OCTOBER 25

7:00 PM Religious Education

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

4:30 PM Brownies - Kindergarten

5:30 PM Girl Scouts - 6th Grade**THURSDAY OCTOBER 27**

3:30 PM Children's Choir

7:30 PM Adult Choir

7:30 PM Bereavement - Rectory Living Room

SATURDAY OCTOBER 29

8:30 AM Memorial Mass

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Peggy Phelan during the week of October 23rd.

The monthly meeting will be held on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST AT 8:00 P.M. IN THE CHURCH AUDITORIUM**. Members are asked to bring a holiday item. Christmas party tickets will be sold that event.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Stanley Rutkowski during the week of October 23rd at the request of Hillebrand Family.



BREAD & WINE will be offered in memory of Joseph, Jennie & Raymond Szmarda at the request of the Family.

Atlantic City Bus Trip

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

Ruth Christensen, Cosmo Macera

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann & Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Anna Manigold, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Wayne Tribble, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Gene Andre, Henry Latch, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Alice Bartlomiejczyk, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Josephine Pugnet, Florence Kempinski, Bart Zucosky, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Elizabeth Bell, Marie Telesco, Leon Orshak, Annette Drake

WHEN: November 17, 2005

TO: Caesar's

TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee & Buns

LEAVE: 12:30 PM From Gran Centurions

Parking Lot. Please park in back of lot.

COST: \$23.00

For reservations call:

Tony 388-2315

Joe 381-3395

**WE WILL BE RUNNING 1 BUS.
PLEASE CALL EARLY TO RESERVE
A SEAT. BRING A FRIEND.**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23, 2005**

You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

- Matthew 22:37

