

*Let your light so shine before men that, seeing your good works,
they may glorify your Father in Heaven.*

-- Matthew 5:16

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday, October 29 has been established as **PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY** throughout the United States. This day has been set aside to provide parishioners, across the country, with an opportunity to honor and pray for the priests who minister in their parishes.

We at Saint Agnes have been and are blessed by the gifts of the priests who serve us. Fr. Jim is truly our pastor and a great leader. He leads us spiritually and administratively. He has moved our parish forward. Under his direction we remodeled our worship space, put an addition onto the school and added the much needed parish meeting rooms. Fr. Nuno is newly ordained and we feel blessed he is beginning his ministry with us. He, too, strives to be a HOLY priest.

We are additionally blessed with the presence of Fr. Bill, Fr. Don and Fr. Vinnie. They too share their spiritual and personal gifts with us. Five wonderful priests ministering in a parish is a gift! Let us not take their presence for granted. Let us support them in prayer and in our active presence in all that Saint Agnes Parish has to offer the people of God.

With much gratitude and love,

Sr. Claire, Sr. Margaret and Mary Ellen Theel
The Staff of St. Agnes Parish

*You came from among us
to be, for us, one who serves.*

*We thank you for ministering Christ to us
and helping us minister Christ to each other.*

*God our Father, we ask you to bless our priests
and confirm them in their calling.*

*Give them the gifts they need
to respond with generosity and a joyful heart.*

*We offer this prayer for our priest,
Who is our brother and friend,*

Amen.

STEWARDSHIP

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

Today's Psalm says, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy." Good stewards demonstrate by their living and giving that they understand God as the Source of all they are and have.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,621.00.**

Mission Sunday Collection **\$3,342.00.**

Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:32 -- 5:8; Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 [2a, 25-33]; Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
 Friday: Phil 1:1-11; Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18; Heb 7:23-28;
 Mk 12:28b-34

Phase 2 of the Elijah Cup Program

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.



I will lead them
to brooks of water.

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BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT

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

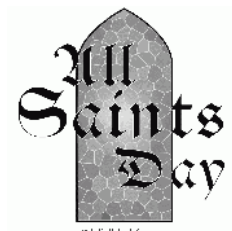
Total Building Costs	\$3,825,000.00
Pledges Collected	(-) \$2,680,753.25
Mtge. Reduction	
Collection	(-) 11,432.00
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ 250,000.00

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 Rectory
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 CFMArchdiocesan 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.



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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!**

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.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL "Highlight Zone"

There is an exciting flow of energy throughout St. Agnes School with the upcoming Student Council elections. As part of their campaign, candidates must write and deliver a speech to their respective classmates, in addition to creating a platform poster. We wish the students the best of luck in their endeavor!



"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process. We encourage *all citizens*, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate [more fully] *in building the culture of life*. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts." *Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility*.

Elections are the most important way for the faithful to voice our values and where we stand on issues of concern. It is necessary for the Catholic voice to be heard and represented in our governments through our representatives and their votes. Please get out and vote on Election Day, November 7, 2006! Please make your voice heard and answer the call to Faithful Citizenship!

New Energies Parish Transition Project

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.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL HOLIDAY PIE SALE

The 8th grade class of St. Agnes is sponsoring the **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PIE SALE**. The class is selling 9-inch freshly baked pies from **DELICIOUS ORCHARDS**. These pies are made with the highest quality ingredients. They contain no preservatives and must be refrigerated. The price of the pies are \$12.00 and come in several varieties. If you would like to order pies, please contact Brenda Makowski at 908-486-8447 or Diana Pytlowany at 732-499-8612, or you can visit www.stagnesparish.com to download the order form. **DEADLINE FOR ORDERING PIES IS NOVEMBER 7TH**. Forms can be dropped off at the school or rectory. Thank you for your support!

ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!

NOVEMBER 5, 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!!

**Religious Teachers Filippini****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.

**CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES**

An organ recital given by Renee Louprette (Associate Music Director, St. Ignatius Loyola, New York City) takes place in the Cathedral Basilica on Sunday, November 5th at 4 p.m. The program will include works of Bach, Messiaen and Durufle. Suggested donation \$15. For more information, please call (973) 484-2400, or visit www.cathedralbasilica.org.

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

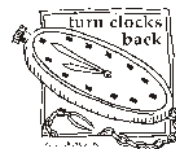
Any young man 18 years or older who may be discerning or open to a call to the Priesthood, please call the rectory at (732) 388-7852.

Mass Schedule



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2006	
5:30	People of the Parish
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2006	
7:30	Maria Yost - Betty Massarelli
9:00	Irene Knych - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tereshko
10:30	Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice Perriello - Dolores Clarke
12:00	George Heindel - St. Agnes Rosary Society
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2006	
7:00	Bordynko/Mulcahy Family-Leslie & Arthur Phelan
9:00	John D. Hassett, Jr. - Vincent & Betty Flanagan
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2006	
7:00	John Hinko - Gary & Joanne Cancro
9:00	Natale Cannao - Jeffrey & Concetta Sinoradzki
7PM (Vigil)	John Yonco - Kosuch & Yonco Families
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2006 - ALL SAINTS	
7:00	Edward Chadwick - St. Agnes Parish Family
9:00	Orencio & Maria Senra - Daughter
7 PM	Anna Spisak - Anna
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2006 - ALL SOULS	
7:00	All Souls
9:00	All Souls
7PM	Recently Deceased of the Parish
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2006	
7:00	All Souls
9:00	All Souls
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2006	
8:30	All Souls - No Memorials
5:30	Clara Matturro - Joseph Matturro

OCTOBER	
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8:45 AM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	CYO
MONDAY OCTOBER 30	
3:30 PM	Religious Education
5:30 PM	Cheerleading - Gymnasium
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room
7:30 PM	Sports Meeting - St. Thomas Aquinas Room
TUESDAY OCTOBER 31	
7:00 PM	No Religious Education
7:00 PM	Vigil Mass
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1	
ALL SAINTS DAY - NO SCHOOL	
7:30 PM	RCIA - OLG Room
7:00 PM	Mass
7:30 PM	HSA Executive Board Mtg. - Faculty Room
THURSDAY ALL SOULS DAY NOVEMBER 2	
3:30 PM	Children's Choir
7:00 PM	CFM Meeting - St. Lucy Filippini Room
7:30 PM	Bereavement - OLG Room
7:00 PM	All Souls Mass
7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3	
12:00 PM	Early Dismissal
7:30 PM	Girl Scouts - 5 th Grade Classroom
7:30 PM	School Board Meeting - St. Joseph Conference Room
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 4	
8:30 AM	All Souls - No Memorials
9:00 AM	St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Orencio & Maria Senra during the week of October 29th at the request of their daughter.

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Helen Paulkowitz during the week of October 29th.



SOUP KITCHEN

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, November 4th. Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the St. Agnes kitchen Friday or before 9 a.m. Saturday morning. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.

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

Joan Ryan

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, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern

TRUE BLINDNESS

Bartimaeus caused a stir. Normally he sat by the side of the road being a "good blind beggar." But one day Jesus passed nearby. Bartimaeus jumped up and called out to Jesus. We can imagine him turning toward the direction of the commotion and noise. He probably had his arms outstretched as he yelled out for the son of David.

The people who knew him were embarrassed by his outburst. They tried to hush him up and get him to sit back down by the roadside. Their actions spoke volumes: "Bartimaeus, you're not fit for Jesus." But it was okay for them and other "sighted" people to follow Jesus. In today's readings, we learn that true blindness is not a condition of our eyes but of our hearts.

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2006**

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed.

– Psalm 126:3

