



Dear Parishioners:

Catholic parishes across our Country are celebrating **Respect Life Sunday** today. Here at Saint Agnes, we join our sister churches, as we commit ourselves to the mission of creating a new culture of life. A culture rooted in the Gospel of life leads to a transforming way of life. Unfortunately, our society mistakenly embraces the culture of death. A greater respect for human life must be fostered at all costs. Human life is a gift from God, and demands greater reverence from the time of conception to natural death.

It is a frightening reality that human cloning and embryonic stem cell research is gaining momentum in our state and country. Archbishop Myers states: ***“Powerful elements of the medical and scientific community are aggressively seeking public approval and funding for this type of research, which is not only ineffective but morally unacceptable.”***

The New Jersey Catholic Conference, in conjunction with diocesan Respect Life Offices is conducting a statewide educational initiative on Stem Cell Research. All parishioners are invited and strongly encouraged to stop by the Father Whelan Center immediately after Mass and watch a 13 minute film entitled: **“The Science of Stem Cells: Finding Cures and Protecting Lives.”** Please take a few moments and allow yourself to be informed about very, very important matters that affect our state and local communities.

The Stem Cell Research Bond Act will appear on the ballot this November. Every citizen will be asked to spend \$450 million using public funds to finance stem cell research. Despite the fact that funds will go for research on adult stem cells and for umbilical cord blood donations, the Bishops oppose this referendum because it includes the funding of embryonic stem cell research, which **involves the destruction of human life.**

Please make the time to watch the film. Please be informed. Please stand up for life. Please let our elected officials know when enough is enough. Thank you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim  
Pastor



## ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults***

Our next Inquiry Session is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Jude Room which is located on the lower level of the parish center. If you need any additional information, please call Sr. Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

## ***Music Ministry***

The children's choir is open to any parish child in second through eighth grade. Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in the church and will begin on Thursday, October 11th.

**STEWARDSHIP  
&  
FAITH**

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

When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only *total* stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$12,931.00.**  
Thank you.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37  
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42  
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4  
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13  
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26  
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28  
Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98; 2 Tm 2:8-13;  
Lk 17:11-19



***Elijah Cup Program***

Please prayerfully consider taking 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. During the month of October, the Elijah Cup will be in the homes of the following parishioners:

October 7	Chris & Charlotte Gessler
October 14	Cheryl & Richard Patti
October 21	Jolanta & Walter Borowski
October 28	Clo & Sam Malfatto

Please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. A week that is convenient for you will be assigned. Thank you.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF 10/01/07**

<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$3,290,901.92</b>
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	<b>\$3,080,337.39</b>
<b>Outstanding Pledges</b>	<b>\$ 210,564.53</b>
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<b>Total Building Costs</b>	<b>\$3,830,672.97</b>
<b>Interest on Loan</b>	(+) \$ 10,215.22
<b>Pledges Collected</b>	(-) \$3,080,337.39
<b>Mtge. Reduction Collections</b>	(-) \$ 100,503.77
<b>Funds from Savings</b>	(-) <u>\$ 250,000.00</u>
<b>Remaining Debt</b>	<b>\$ 410,047.03</b>

***Christian Foundations for Ministry Program***

***Congratulations!***

Saint Agnes Parish congratulates parishioners Grace Bradley, Marie McCarthy, and Robert Rasmussen upon their completion of Christian Foundations for Ministry Program, a three-year process of adult spiritual formation/education sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark. Saint Agnes is 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 are held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m., September through May in the St. Lucy Filippini Room located on the lower level of the parish center. For further information, please call Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560.



***Sister Claire's  
Golden  
Anniversary***

*On Saturday, October 6, 2007,  
Sister Claire Ouimet, M.P.F.,  
Principal of St. Agnes School and  
Friend to Many Parishioners,  
is celebrating the  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her  
Investiture as a Religious Teacher  
Filippini.*



*Please join us in celebrating  
this milestone  
on  
Sunday, October 14, 2007,  
Beginning with the 12 Noon Mass.*

*A Reception will immediately follow  
in the gymnasium.*

*We hope you can join us on this  
special occasion!*

*Respect life*



***Prayer to End Abortion***

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,  
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.  
I know there is nothing that destroys more life  
than abortion,  
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the  
Resurrection of Your Son.  
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.  
Today I commit myself  
Never to be silent,  
Never to be passive,  
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.  
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life  
movement,  
And never to stop defending life  
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,  
And our nation once again becomes  
A nation with liberty and justice  
Not just for some, but for all,  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Missionaries of the Gospel of Life, Lay Association  
[www.priestsforlife.org/missionary](http://www.priestsforlife.org/missionary)

**VOLUNTARY COLLECTION**

**CHURCH IN AFRICA - OCTOBER 6/7**

Thank you for your generosity.

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND -  
October 26-28, Villa Pauline, Mendham, NJ**

For men and women who know the pain of separation, divorce or the death of a spouse, a Beginning Experience weekend provides participants with the opportunity of taking the first step toward resolution, wholeness and a new direction. For information, call Peggy O'Neil at (973) 887-4541. Reservations must be made prior to October 12, 2007.

**ST. AGNES SCHOOL**  
**IS PROUD TO PRESENT**  
**“PARENT-TO-PARENT”,**  
**A national Parent Awareness Campaign.**

Parent-to-Parent is a DVD based program for parents who are challenged with raising kids in today's Toxic Culture. Please save the following dates: October 9: Awareness is Your Best Friend; November 6: Remember the Difference; November 20: Expect and Inspect; December 4: Never Trust the Net; and December 11: Traps to Avoid. All sessions will be held on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 PM in the Fr. Whelan Center located on the lower level of the Parish Center. For more information or to register, please call the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852. There is no charge for this seminar. Please invite family and friends to this important parent awareness campaign.

*“Schools Can't Raise Kids  
 Parents Can.  
 Trained Parents Will.”*

***ADULT SEMINAR RETURNS!!***

***SAVE THE DATES!***

***October 16, 23 & 30***

***Theme:*** Synoptic Gospels  
 Matthew, Mark & Luke

***Presenter:*** Rev. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L.  
 Professor of Scripture at  
 Immaculate Heart Seminary

***Where:*** Fr. Whelan Center  
 (Lower Level of Parish Center)

***Time:*** 7:00 to 9:00 PM

*Registration not necessary.*



***ST. AGNES***



***7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting  
 by Rotundo's Deli & Fine Wines  
 Friday, November 16, 2007  
 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM***

*Sample and Learn  
 About Wines from Various Vineyards*

*Hot/Cold Buffet*

*Soft Background Music*

*Door Prizes*

*Tickets \$35.00 Per Person  
 Special Purchase Price  
 \$30.00 if purchased before 10/26/07*

*For ticket information  
 please call (732) 388-7852*

***Happy Autumn***

*St. Agnes School Class of 2008  
 would like to thank everyone  
 who supported our first ever Mum Sale.*

*It was a huge success!*

*Thank you!*



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007**

5:30 Ira & Lorraine Melick - Melick Family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2007**

7:30 Lontka Family - Gessler Family

9:00 Anthony Iacovantuono - Ann Cerreto

10:30 James Carlin - Ryan Family

12:00 People of the Parish

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2007**

7:00 George Kiernan - Joan Groves

9:00 Barney Clarke, Angelina, Charles & Felice Perriello - Dolores Clarke

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2007**

7:00 Joan Ryan - Sr. Claire Ouimet

9:00 Edward Alfano - Helen Heindel

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007**

7:00 Josephine Stefanik - Joyce Hoehn

9:00 Thomas DeNora - Sam & Mary Gianti

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007**

7:00 Teresa Hanselman - Crowley Family

9:00 Edward J. Chadwick - Anne Marie Leone

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2007**

7:00 Rose Tomchak - Dolores Memmer

9:00 Edward J. Chadwick - Shipe Family

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Joseph Gesumaria, Bart Zucosky, Antonio Antolin, Michael Russo

5:30 People of the Parish

**SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 7**

8:45 AM CFF Classes Grades 1-2

9:00 AM CFF Class - Kindergarten

1:30 PM Baptisms

7:00 PM CYO - Gym

**MONDAY**

**OCTOBER 8**

**COLUMBUS DAY  
NO SCHOOL/NO CFF CLASSES  
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1D

6:30 PM Liturgy Meeting - MET Room

7:30 PM RCIA Inquiry - St. Jude Room

**TUESDAY**

**OCTOBER 9**

6:30 PM CFF Classes - Confessions

7:00 PM Parent-to-Parent - Fr. Whelan Center

7:30 PM Holy Name Society Meeting - St. Joseph Room

**WEDNESDAY**

**OCTOBER 10**

7:00 PM First Penance Meeting - Gym

7:00 PM St. Agnes Sports Meeting - Fr. Whelan Center

7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room/St. Joseph Room

**THURSDAY**

**OCTOBER 11**

3:30 PM Children's Choir - Church

6:30 PM Sports - Gym

7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Room

7:00 PM Stewardship - St. Joseph Room

7:30 PM Adult Choir - Church

7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room

**FRIDAY**

**OCTOBER 12**

9:00 AM School Mass

6:30 PM Sports - Gym

7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Elaine Mastropasqua during the week of October 7th.



The next meeting of the Holy Name Society will take place on Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Joseph Room. Fr. Nuno will be the guest speaker. All men of the parish are welcome to attend.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Joseph, Jennie & Raymond Szmerda during the week of October 7th at the request of the Family.



**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** for the week of October 7th were donated in memory of Anthony Mortellito at the request of Jo & Tom Evans.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

***Those Who Have Died***

Florence Whalen, Wasyl "Max" Kudlak,  
Gregory M. Ofenleger, Vincent Vaccaro

***Those Who Are Sick***

Mary Zelanko, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Linda Ruth, Barbara Rygiel, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Barbara Guinta, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Giovanna Tripicchio, Pauline Liotti, Marie Cerone, Andy Pavelko, Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski, Geraldine Disano, Antonina Manto, Warren Sidney, Kenneth McLoughlin, Elizabeth Kate Chern, William Miskovich, Zackary Infante, Angela Decker, Vincent Flanagan, Helen Kiempista, Carmelina & Andrew Giacobbe, Marie Farese, Joseph Loria, Rose Gerhardt, Robert & Esther Quinlivan, Mariani Rocco, Dominic Preite, Marge Geist Gais, Jack Cogan, Noelia Ouimet, Jerry Vezza, William R. White, Brenda Vermeal, Angie & Anthony Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Mercer Wilkinson

**LET GO AND LET GOD**

Many twelve-step programs use the phrase "Let go and let God." In all their simplicity, these five words are the heart of today's readings. For people who struggle with addictive behavior, these words plainly remind us that we can't manage, control, or manipulate certain areas of our lives. How many times can we look back in our lives and find evidence of some plan at work other than our own? These are the moments when, for whatever reasons, we let someone greater than ourselves work the plan. We probably didn't even recognize at the time that we were letting go of anything, but in retrospect, we see God's hand and loving presence. It is our awareness of these moments that gives us the courage and initiative to let go again later on. It is this courage and initiative that are highlighted in today's readings. We come to call it "faith."

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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 7, 2007**

Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

