



*From the Desk of  
Sister Claire*

Dear Parishioners,

When I read the insert to our Sunday bulletin announcing the parish's celebration of my Golden Anniversary, I was especially pleased and touched to see PRINCIPAL OF SAINT AGNES SCHOOL AND FRIEND TO MANY PARISHIONERS.

This year begins my thirteenth year at Saint. Agnes. Throughout these years I have tried to immerse myself in the full life of the parish. Saint Agnes is my HOME, my place of WORSHIP and the parishioners my GIFT.

As I reflect on the years that have flown by, I recognize that my being missioned here by the Religious Teachers Filippini, was indeed God's special plan for me. It was love at first sight and that love deepens each year!

You have lovingly supported me through a bout with cancer in 2001. You continue to pray for me and inquire as to how I am feeling. My personal journey with cancer has allowed me to minister to a number of parishioners. Last year I had emergency surgery (unrelated to cancer). The parish's outreach was beyond expectation and deeply touching. This summer my 97 year old mother broke her hip and once again, I feel strengthened by your prayers.

I have been blessed to be loved and supported by two wonderful pastors, Fr. Marcone and Msgr. Jim. Each priest assigned to our parish has enriched my spiritual life. Our parish staff, Msgr. Jim, Fr. Nuno, Sr. Margaret, and Mary Ellen Theel are my friends.

The school faculty, staff, children, and parents know that for me Saint Agnes School is a **WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE.** It is their open hearts and arms that make it so everyday.

My 50 years of religious life have been filled with **AMAZING GRACES!** I have been blessed year after year! Today, I say **LOVING THANKS** to each of you for being a very special part of those **AMAZING GRACES.**

God bless you.

Love,

Sr. Claire

**STEWARDSHIP  
&  
FAITH**

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

Jesus healed ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord – indeed, all I am and all I have is gift! How and how often have I remembered to thank Him?

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$11,554.50**;  
Second Collection **\$1,552.00**.  
Thank you.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Lk 11:42-46  
 Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9  
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12  
 Sunday: Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121; 2Tm 3:14- 4:2;  
 Lk 18:1-8



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

**Next Weekend's 2nd Collection**  
  
**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**  
  
**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**  
**OCTOBER 22**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT  
AS OF 10/09/07**

**Total Pledges** \$3,291,863.42  
**Pledges Collected** \$3,082,480.94  
**Outstanding Pledges** \$ 209,382.48

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**Total Building Costs** \$3,830,672.97  
**Interest on Loan (+) \$** 10,215.22  
**Pledges Collected (-) \$** 3,082,480.94  
**Mtge. Reduction Collections (-) \$** 100,503.77

**Funds from Savings (-) \$** 250,000.00  
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**Remaining Debt** \$ 407,903.48  
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***Christian Foundations for  
Ministry Program***

*an adult formation and education program  
of the Archdiocese of Newark that strives  
to promote the call of all the baptized to  
participate in the mission and ministry of Jesus*

Saint Agnes Parish 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 will be 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***

*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!*

**Baptisms**

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

**NICHOLAS LUIS CARDOSO**

Son of Jose and Janette

**KAYLA MARIE KERSHAW**

Daughter of Steve and Maria

**GABRIELLA LUISA MURETTA**

Daughter of Stephen and Marlene

**CHASE EDWARD O'DONNELL**

Son of Edward and Amy

**THOMAS LUKE OSORIO**

Son of Leonardo and Susan

**EMILY GRACE PITTARI**

Daughter of Paul and Jennifer

**CAILEE ELISE SABATES**

Daughter of Mark and Cristina

**SEBASTIAN DEVIN SMITH**

Son of Sean and Gloria

**MARK WILLIAM WALSH**

Son of Brian and Heidi



***Concert for Catholic  
Schools***

This year the Schools Office  
of the Archdiocese of Newark  
is embarking on an exciting new endeavor to help our  
Catholic Schools. The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra has  
been hired to give a benefit concert in the Cathedral Basilica  
of the Sacred Heart on November 3, 2007, from 4:00 to 6:00  
p.m.

We look forward to your help and support. If every parish  
and school were to sell five tickets to this event, we would  
be able to raise over \$75,000. The tickets are \$30.00 each or  
two for \$50.00. This is quite a bargain for a group the  
caliber of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. See your  
parish office or school for an order form. Seating is limited  
to the first 2,000 respondents. If you have any questions,  
please call 973-497-4270.



***ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!***

***OCTOBER 21, 2007  
AFTER ALL MASSES***

We offer the following varieties:

Plain	Russian
Cinnamon/Raisin	Salt
Poppy Seed	Pumpernickel
Sesame Seed	Onion
Everything	Egg
Garlic	Wheat

***Thank you for your support!!***

## 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.”*

#### GIVE THANKS

Happy are they who grieve not for what they have not, but give thanks for what they do have.

– Anonymous

### 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*

## FALL OPEN HOUSES

### SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

145 Plainfield Ave., Metuchen, NJ

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007**

**11:30 to 2 PM**

**For further info call (732) 549-7600, ext. 221**

### ORATORY PREPATORY SCHOOL

One Beverly Rd., Summit, NJ

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007**

**1:00 to 3:00 PM**

**For further info call (908) 273-5771, ext. 11**





**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007**

5:30 People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007**

7:30 Teresa Hanselman - McElroy Family  
9:00 Joyce Mulvaney - Larry & Jeanne Krizer  
10:30 Pasquale Saracino - Donna Saracino  
12:00 Generoso Cicchetti - Family

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007**

7:00 Josephine Stefanik - Mochtak Family  
9:00 Joseph Heelan - Wife

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007**

7:00 Deceased Members of Parella Family - Tom & Beth Knych  
9:00 Emery O'Lenick - Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Lenick

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007**

7:00 Helen Rita Flanagan - Vincent & Betty Flanagan  
9:00 Julia & Chris Kumor - Ted Kumor

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007**

7:00 Mary & Theodore Haas - Family  
9:00 Casey Aklonis - Jean & Lorraine Aklonis

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007**

7:00 Wilma Catanzaro - Alt & Carbanaro Families  
9:00 Rosaria Cicola Cicchetti - Angela

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Mary Ficarra, Franco Cicala, Maria A. Mejias, Raymond Issler  
5:30 Deceased Members of the Salvia Family - Marion Salvia

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 14**

8:45 AM CFF Classes Grades 1-2  
9:00 AM CFF Class - Kindergarten  
9:00 AM CYO - Church Parking Lot  
12 PM Sister Claire's Golden Anniversary Mass/Reception

**MONDAY OCTOBER 15**

3:30 PM CFF - Confessions  
6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 2D  
6:30 PM CFF - Confessions  
7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - OLG Room

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 16**

6:30 PM CFF Classes  
6:30 PM Sports - Gym  
7:00 PM Adult Seminar - Fr. Whelan Center

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17**

6:00 PM St. Agnes Tricky Tray - Gran Centurions  
7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room/St. Joseph Room  
7:30 PM Men's Cornerstone Reunion - Fr. Whalen Center

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 18**

3:30 PM Children's Choir - Church  
6:30 PM Sports - Gym  
7:30 PM Adult Choir - Church  
7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 19**

**NO SCHOOL - ST. AGNES**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 20**

**WORLD MISSION COLLECTION**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 21**

**ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE  
WORLD MISSION COLLECTION**

**Altar & Rosary Society**

**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Garra during the week of October 14th.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Clara & Albert Juliano during the week of October 14th at the request of the Juliano Family.



Devotional area flowers for the week of October 14th are in memory of Jane Howell, a gift from the Howell Family.



**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** for the week of October 14th were donated in memory of Jane Howell at the request of the Howell Family.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

***Those Who Have Died***

Raymond Issler

***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, Hazel McGuinness, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezio, 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

**GRATITUDE**

Surely we can all recall at least a few days in our lives when things were going so well that nothing could put us in a bad mood. Maybe it was the day a very special person asked us to the senior prom, or perhaps it was our wedding day. Maybe it was the day we learned that we were expecting a long-awaited child, or the day we got an overdue promotion. There was elation in our hearts and lightness in our step, an extraordinary vitality throughout the day. We probably got on the phone right away to tell at least a few key people about our good fortune.

This is surely how Naaman and the leper must have felt when they were rid of their terrible diseases. They were hard-pressed to contain their gratitude, and although they were both unfamiliar with the customs of a foreign land, they had the good manners to thank the people responsible for their cures.

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**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 14, 2007**

If we have died with [Christ Jesus]  
we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere we shall also reign with him.

– 2 Timothy 2:11-12a

