

From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners:

The New Energies Plan between St. John, St. Elizabeth and St. Agnes has been successfully launched. Our first joint spiritual venture, Men's Cornerstone Retreat was a success. A Woman's Cornerstone Retreat is planned for April 18-19, 2008. Prior to this first three-parish partnership venture, St. Agnes supported St. John's Divine Mercy Service this past year. More inter-parish programs and services are being prepared.

From my September 9th bulletin, you are aware that St. John's has a Perpetual Adoration Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, throughout the year. Adorers are needed to be present at all times and St. John's is asking for our assistance. The two times in need of adorers are:

Thursdays, 7 – 8 pm
Saturdays, 2 – 3 pm

We are looking for a number of people to sign up as group to make a private holy hour during the above times. A group assures that at least one person will be present every week. Perpetual Adoration cannot happen unless adorers are present. If you are available and are willing to join one of the groups, please call the parish office and let us know. Thank you.

In Christ,

Msgr. Jim
Pastor



Perpetual Adoration

**STEWARDSHIP
&
FAITH**

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

Today's Gospel calls all of us – not just the apostles – to “go . . . and make disciples.” If we cannot actually go to the missions, we can answer Jesus' call by giving generously of our prayers and financial resources to support those who can and do.

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,099.00.**
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8,
16-18; Lk 18:9-14



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.

Vocation Reflections

Today's Gospel offers us a valuable insight for discerning our vocation: Be persistent! Never stop asking God to show you the way He wants you to follow Him in this life so that you may be happy with Him in the next. If we heed the words of our Lord to “pray continually and never lose heart,” then he is bound to make it clear to those of us who are called to serve the Church as a priest, religious or deacon. Pray about it, and if you think God might be calling you to consecrated life, then contact the Vocation Office at (793) 497-4365 or email kellybar@rcan.org.

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 10/15/07**

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| Total Pledges | \$3,291,863.42 |
| Pledges Collected | \$3,082,599.27 |
| Outstanding Pledges | \$ 209,264.15 |
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| Total Building Costs | \$3,830,672.97 |
| Interest on Loan | (+) \$ 10,215.22 |
| Pledges Collected | (-) \$3,082,599.27 |
| Mtge. Reduction Collections | (-) \$ 100,503.77 |
| Funds from Savings | (-) \$ <u>250,000.00</u> |
| Remaining Debt | \$ 407,785.15 |

***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.

Archdiocese of Newark

Reporting of Sexual Abuse Information

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407.3256.

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Centesimus Annus - Pro Pontifice Meeting

On June 10, 2007, Archbishop Myers introduced several hundred of our archdiocese's faithful to an international initiative of the Holy Father to promote understanding and implementation of the social teaching of the Church. The name of the organization is **Centesimus Annus – Pro Pontifice**, after Pope John Paul II's landmark encyclical letter synthesizing the rich and important legacy of the vision of the Church of human dignity and life in community.

The Group, which is lay-led and Vatican-based, seeks to implement the social teaching of the Church through lay Catholic business, academic and professional leaders. It is also characterized by a special relationship with the Holy Father, who meets with its members who are able to attend each year.

On behalf of Archbishop Myers and the members of Centesimus Annus – Pro Pontifice, you are cordially invited to the Newark Archdiocese Chapter meeting for the formalization of our diocesan structure. The meeting will take place on, at Jubilee Hall at Seton Hall University, South Orange. November 11, 2007 Registration will take place at Jubilee Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m., with Mass following at 10 a.m. After Mass, the meeting/presentation will begin and should conclude at around 1 p.m.

If you are interested in joining CAPP and attending this significant meeting, please respond by October 22 to js@olvcommunity.org or call (201) 261-6080.



ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!

**OCTOBER 21, 2007
AFTER ALL MASSES**

We offer the following varieties:

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

Thank you for your support!!

Cursillo Candidates Wanted!

The Women's 156th Cursillo Weekend will take place October 25-28, 2007. The atmosphere of a Cursillo differs from the individual solitude of retreats. Christ's teachings are discussed in a climate of joy. Talks and discussions are interspersed with prayer, Eucharists, songs, laughter and times of reflection. The Cursillo begins on Thursday at 7 p.m. and concludes Sunday evening. **Rev. Donald K. Hummel** will be serving as one of the Spiritual Directors on the weekend. For more information on Cursillo, to obtain an application for the weekend, or to sponsor a candidate, please contact Fr. Hummel at (732) 388-7852. In addition, the Men's 173rd Cursillo Weekend will take place on November 8-11, 2007. Anyone interested in the Men's weekend may contact Ed Alger at (201) 391-0405.

STEWARDSHIP



Saint Agnes School is beginning the process of PURCHASING BOOKS and AUTOMATING the new Library/Media Center.

Volunteers are needed to set up the shelves, bar code books, and to enter the books into the computerized card catalog. Training will be available. An experienced librarian would be God's gift to St. Agnes School. If interested, please call (732) 381-0850.

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.

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.

Compassionate Care of NJ

Compassionate Care of NJ is seeking mature, caring individuals interested in providing in-home care. Compassionate Care of NJ provides care to the elderly who wish to stay in their home but need support with the essentials of daily living. For more information, please call (732) 450-3690.

ST. AGNES



7th 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

ST. AGNES SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY



*** Sunday, October 28th ***
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

\$9.00 per person – children under 4 are free!

Party Activities

DJ, Gift Basket Raffles, 50/50, Tattoos, crafts
 Costume Contest, and new this year...
 Trick or Treating for all children!

For ticket information please contact Patti Janowski
 at (908) 925-7139.



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| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007 |
| 5:30 Deceased Members of the Salvia Family - Marion Salvia |
| SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007 |
| 7:30 People of the Parish |
| 9:00 Frances Rodriguez, Rose Pollacana - Joseph & Marie Shear |
| 10:30 Michael & Stella Carr - Marie & Richard Carr |
| 12:00 Mark Albert Costa - Parents & Brothers |
| MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2007 |
| 7:00 Bertha Rioux - Sr. Claire Ouimet |
| 9:00 Joseph & Jennie Szmerda - Family |
| TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007 |
| 7:00 Dorothy Kupka - Deborah Goodell & Son, Edward |
| 9:00 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kumor - Ted Kumor |
| WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2007 |
| 7:00 Helen Keimig - Rick & Carol Lindemann |
| 9:00 Josephine Monetti - Family |
| THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007 |
| 7:00 Thomas H. Reid - Mary Villari |
| 9:00 Walter Hurley - Bernice Hurley |
| FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007 |
| 7:00 W. Ed Ross - Mr. & Mrs. John Ross |
| 9:00 Mario & Nancy Bucca - Janet & Anthony Bucca |
| SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007 |
| 8:30 Memorial Mass - Dorothy Kupka, David Roland, Vincent Vaccaro |
| 5:30 Mae & Michael DeNardis - Janey & Anthony Bucca |

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| SATURDAY | OCTOBER 20 |
| WORLD MISSION COLLECTION | |
| SUNDAY | OCTOBER 21 |
| ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE | |
| WORLD MISSION COLLECTION | |
| 8:45 AM | CFF Classes Grades 1-2 |
| 9:00 AM | CFF Class - Kindergarten |
| 10:30 AM | CYO - Rake & Run |
| MONDAY | OCTOBER 22 |
| 3:30 PM | CFF Classes |
| 6:30 PM | Sports - Gym |
| 6:30 PM | CFF - Confessions |
| 7:00 PM | Pastoral Meeting - St. Joseph Room |
| 7:00 PM | Book Club St. Thomas Room |
| TUESDAY | OCTOBER 23 |
| 6:30 PM | CFF Classes |
| 6:30 PM | Sports - Gym |
| 7:00 PM | Adult Seminar - Fr. Whelan Center |
| WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 24 |
| 7:00 PM | Confirmation Rehearsal - School & Church |
| 7:30 PM | RCIA - OLG Room/St. Joseph Room |
| THURSDAY | OCTOBER 25 |
| 3:30 PM | Children's Choir - Church |
| 6:30 PM | Sports - Gym |
| 7:00 PM | CFM - St. Lucy Room |
| 7:30 PM | Adult Choir - Church |
| 7:30 PM | Bereavement - OLG Room |
| 7:30 PM | Marketing - St. Jude Room |
| FRIDAY | OCTOBER 26 |
| 6:30 PM | Sports - Gym |
| 7:30 PM | Girl Scouts - 5 th Grade Classroom |
| SATURDAY | OCTOBER 27 |
| MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION | |
| 11:00 AM | Confirmation - Church/Gym |



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Irene Finger during the week of October 22nd.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Cecilia Smentkowski during the week of October 21st at the request of Jane & Frank Smentkowski.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of October 21st were donated in memory of Joseph, Jennie & Raymond Szmerda at the request of the family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

Ann Sheridan, Helen Puchalski, Carmela Orlando,
Therese Werner

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, Mark Shipe

DEPENDING ON GOD

“Getting by with a little help from our friends” is not an idea that began with the Beatles. Certainly the idea of “getting by with a little help from God” goes back at least to the first reading today from Exodus. How we get that help, however, is the key to this weekend’s scriptures.

No matter how inadequate Moses felt to the task God had given him, he persevered—even though he needed help from the people around him. The Israelites especially depended on God for freedom. The woman in the Gospel, desperate and destitute, had no one to depend on, but still she would not give up. She could not afford to bribe the unscrupulous judge, but she pestered him into weariness until finally he met her demands.

We sometimes need to turn to others to help us through difficult times; but if we always turn to God, we won’t be disappointed, for our help, the psalm assures us, is from the Lord.

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**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 21, 2007**

I lift my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

– Psalm 121:1-2

