

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners:

Every year in December parishes around the country take a second collection for the *Religious Retirement Fund*. Somehow a mistake was made this year in our envelope system. Our envelopes indicate that the collection is scheduled for the weekend of November 3-4. In order to avoid mass confusion, the special second collection for Religious Retirement will be conducted next weekend. In order to help sensitize us for this much needed charitable cause in our church, Father Vinny, who assists us on the weekends and is a Religious Priest himself, will be preaching at all Masses this weekend.

As you are aware, St. Agnes is extremely fortunate and blessed to have Religious presence in our parish. Sister Margaret, our Director of Christian Faith Formation, belongs to the Religious Order of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill. Sister Claire, our School Principal, belongs to the Filippini Religious Teachers. And, Father Vinny, our weekend Associate, is a Capuchin Friar. To have the presence of three Religious in one parish is very uncommon nowadays. We should count our blessings and give praise to God.

Religious women and men have faithfully served the Catholic Church in our country. They made (and continue to make) many sacrifices for our spiritual benefits. Now, these extraordinary workers in the Lord's vineyard need our assistance. The financial strain placed on their Religious Orders to care for their elderly member is great. It is now up to us to say thank you by generously supporting this annual collection. Saint Agnes responds generously every year. May we do the same next weekend. Thank you.

Faithfully yours Christ,

Msgr. Jim  
Pastor

### ***Archdiocese of Newark***

*An Annulment Information Evening is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 14, 2007**. A canon lawyer from the Archdiocese of Newark will discuss the most recent theology, guidelines and requirements for obtaining a Church annulment. The information will be presented in terms that all can understand. A question and answer period will conclude the session. Pre-registration is not necessary. This evening will be held at St. John the Baptist RC Church (Parish Center), 69 Valley St., Hillsdale, at 7:30 p.m. For more info, call 973-497-4327.*

**STEWARDSHIP  
&  
FAITH**

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

Both the first reading and today's Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. Have I been given the gifts – of time or money or abilities – to be the means by which God answers their need?

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$12,319.00;**  
World Mission Collection **\$3,795.00.**  
Thank you.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

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: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a  
Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40,  
or any readings from no. 668 or from the  
Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016  
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145;  
2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10



***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 November, the Elijah Cup will be in the homes of the following parishioners:

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| November 4  | Margaret & Bill Draghi     |
| November 11 | Jolanta & Walter Borowski  |
| November 18 | Flo & Tom Haas             |
| November 25 | Grace & Nicholas Antonelli |

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 10/22/07**

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Total Pledges</b>               | <b>\$3,291,956.12</b>     |
| <b>Pledges Collected</b>           | <b>\$3,082,987.97</b>     |
| <b>Outstanding Pledges</b>         | <b>\$ 208,968.15</b>      |
| -----                              |                           |
| <b>Total Building Costs</b>        | <b>\$3,830,672.97</b>     |
| <b>Interest on Loan</b>            | <b>(+) \$ 10,215.22</b>   |
| <b>Pledges Collected</b>           | <b>(-) \$3,082,987.97</b> |
| <b>Mtge. Reduction Collections</b> | <b>(-) \$ 100,503.77</b>  |
| <b>Funds from Savings</b>          | <b>(-) \$ 250,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Remaining Debt</b>              | <b>\$ 407,396.45</b>      |

***Christian Foundations for  
Ministry Program***

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.



## ***Pro-Life Committee Prayer Request***

We, the parishioners of St. Agnes Parish, along with 23 other local parishes, have been asked by the Priests For Life Organization to pray for the conversion and closing of the South Orange Women's Care Clinic in South Orange, New Jersey.

Please include the following prayer in your daily prayer routine:

*Prayer for the Closing of the Abortion Mill:*

*Father, all life is in Your care.  
You have entrusted us to one another,  
That we may show our brothers and sisters the same love  
you have for us.  
We pray, then, for the least among us, the children in the  
womb.  
Protect them from the violence of abortion.  
We pray for those that are scheduled to die at the South  
Orange Women's Care Clinic.  
Save them from death.  
Give new hope to their parents,  
That they may turn away from the desperate act of  
abortion.  
Grant conversion to the abortionist and to the staff.  
Show us how we are to respond to the bloodshed in our  
midst,  
And lead us to the day when this place of death  
Will be transformed into a haven of life.  
Guard us with your joy and your peace,  
For in You, life is victorious.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

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## ***Archdiocese of Newark Recognizing Post Partum Depression***

Post partum depression affects one in eight women in New Jersey each year, yet far too many of us do not know how to detect the problem and help families in this crisis. You are invited to learn about the signs and symptoms of post partum depression and the process for referring a woman for a complete assessment and treatment on Friday, November 16, 2007, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. This training session is being held at Annunciation Church, 50 Midland Avenue in Paramus. For more information or to register, call the Human Concerns Office (973-497-4341) or email [furlanca@rcan.org](mailto:furlanca@rcan.org).

## **Cursillo Candidates Wanted!**

The Women's 156<sup>th</sup> 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 173<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **WORD OF LIFE**

Every human life is sacred and a unique gift, and during this Respect Life month I invite you to not just respect life, but to love it and defend it! If there's something in the Church's teachings on life issues or sexual ethics that you don't agree with, then give the Church a chance by examining why She teaches as She does. You might be surprised by what you learn. But don't do it for the sake of the Church. Do it for yourself. You are too precious in God's eye not to.

Rev. Timothy S. Reid, Homily, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Charlotte, NC (Oct. 1, 2006)

### **PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE ACTION ALERT**

Get ready to work to defeat the New Jersey **embryonic stem cell Bond** proposal on this year's November ballot. The State House and Legislature are pushing to require New Jersey taxpayers to fund unethical, immoral, impractical, unproductive, and unnecessary research using stem cells harvested from human embryos (including cloned human embryos) resulting in the destruction of innocent human life.



**ALL SAINTS DAY  
NOVEMBER 1, 2007**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass Schedule: Vigil, Wed., 10/31: 7 p.m.; Thurs., 11/1: 7, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

**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: 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.

**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.

The **Greatest Spiritual Books Program** invites you to its next **Book of the Semester Club Meeting** on *The Life of St. Francis of Assisi* and *The Journey of the Mind of God* by St. Bonaventure  
 Saturday November 10, 2007  
 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please join us for two presentations and an open discussion of these two great spiritual books.

Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology  
 Lewis Hall, Seton Hall University  
 Cost: \$15 payable at door (includes lunch and refreshments). To register please contact Debbie Kurus at (973) 313-6329 or [kurusdeb@shu.edu](mailto:kurusdeb@shu.edu).

**ST. AGNES**



*7<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting*  
 by *Rotondo'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**

**SETON HALL PREP**  
 120 Northfield Ave., W. Orange, NJ  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007**  
**1 PM to 4 PM**  
**For further info call (973) 325-6632**



**MOTHER SETON REGIONAL H.S.**  
 One Valley Rd., Clark, NJ  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007**  
**7:30 to 9:30 PM**  
**For further info call (732) 382-1952**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2007**

5:30 Mae & Michael DeNardis - Janet & Anthony  
Bucca

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007**

7:30 Edward Chadwick - Tom & Beth Knych  
9:00 People of the Parish  
10:30 Anthony Iacovantuono - Carol & Rick Lindemann  
12:00 Antonette & Salvatore Canzonieri - Mary Bove

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007**

7:00 Gloria Nogueira - Leonor Dos Santos & Family  
9:00 Joseph Kulbaba, Sr. - Hedy Ott & Dorothy Long

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2007**

7:00 Ann Reilly - Sr. Claire Ouimet  
9:00 Walter Kawko -Tereshko Family

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2007**

7:00 Teresa Hanselman - Crowley Family  
9:00 John Yonco - Aldo & Gloria Kosuch  
7 PM Vigil: Frank Telleri - Janine & Joanne

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2007- ALL SAINTS**

7:00 Edward Chadwick - Dolores Memmer  
9:00 Earl Hassler - Helen Hassler  
7 PM John A. Gerrity - Mary Beth Gerrity

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007 - ALL SOULS**

7:00 Antonio Senra - Sister  
9:00 Mauro Pires - Family  
7 PM Recently Deceased of the Parish

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2007**

8:30 Memorial Mass - Teresa Hanselman, W. Ed Ross  
and Jim Ross, Angela Mejias, Max Kudlak,  
Bart Zucosky, Al Geist  
5:30 Giacomo & Maria Denora - Sam & Mary Gianti

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 27**

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 28**

**MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION**

8:45 AM CFF Classes Grades 1-2  
9:00 AM CFF Class - Kindergarten  
10:30 AM CYO Mass/Rake & Run  
3:00 PM St. Agnes Halloween Party - Gym

**MONDAY OCTOBER 29**

3:30 PM CFF Classes  
6:30 PM Sports - Gym  
6:30 PM CFF Classes  
7:00 PM Book Club - St. Thomas Room  
7:00 PM Boardwalk Meeting - St. Joseph Room

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 30**

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

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31**

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

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1**

7:00 PM CFM - St. Lucy Room

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2**

9:00 AM School Mass  
12 PM St. Agnes School - Early Dismissal  
3:30 PM Children's Choir  
7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3**

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**

9:00 AM St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen  
1:00 PM Fr. Mee Tournament - Gym  
7:00 PM Fr. Mee Tournament - Gym



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Carman Ciavarella during the week of October 28th at the request of Doris & George Allen.



**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Mary Marciano during the week of October 28th.



**SOUP KITCHEN**

Volunteers will be going to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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***

May They Rest in Peace

***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, 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 and Anthony Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Mercer Wilkinson, Mark Shipe

**NO COMPARISONS**

How many times have we read or heard about someone who's gotten into trouble – maybe even fired from a job – because of a brush with the law? While our “Christian” minds tell us to be sorry and even pray for the person, a little voice inside our heads may also be saying, “I’m glad I would never do anything like that.”

And perhaps we wouldn't. But are there some things we do that are still not pleasing in God's eyes? Today's readings caution us not to look so intently at someone else's wrongdoing that we overlook our own weaknesses and shortcoming. When we measure ourselves against the worst people we can think of, we come out looking pretty good. There is a danger, however, in using someone else's behavior as a way of reflecting our own goodness.

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 28, 2007**

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.

– *Sirach 35:17-18a*

