
From the Pastor



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Welcome home everyone!

School and CCD are back in session. The parish organizations are gearing up. And our construction projects are on schedule. What an exciting time!

If you have been around St. Agnes the last two weeks, this bulletin article is going to sound like a broken record – repeating and repeating, over and over again. This is necessary because many parishioners have been away during weekends over the summer.

We are in countdown mode. Only 10 more weeks until we are back in church for worship! I want to thank everyone in advance for being good-natured regarding our temporary worship in a gymnasium. Now is the time that we will have to exercise Christian charity toward each other. We relocated into the gym in mid-June when school and CCD were out of session and numerous parishioners flew south for shore weekends. Now parking and available seating for Masses may be minor cause for inconveniences and perhaps even stress, but *“they will know that we are Christians by our love.”*

Over the past two weeks, whenever I encountered nuisances or inconveniences due to construction, I prayed for hurricane victims and their families. This brought me back to reality. We are so blessed here at St. Agnes, and whatever sacrifices are made to improve our parish is worth it. Please continue to pray for the people who are suffering and have real cause for stress and despair.

Last weekend we took a special collection to help the hurricane victims. It is not too late to make a donation. Please make checks payable to “St. Agnes – Hurricane Relief” and place in a regular envelope. You may drop in the Sunday collection, or bring it to the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Father Jim
Pastor



**We
are the
Lord's**



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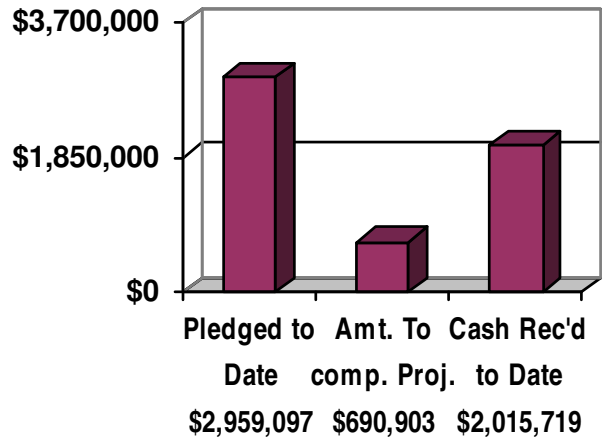
Time, Talent, Treasure.

Putting God First?

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$10,953.00.**
Thank you.

Campaign Progress - Phase I



Total Cost of Project: \$3,700,000

Memorial incentives. Anyone who donates \$3,000 or more will be entitled to one memorial listing, in a decorative display, to be displayed in a public location, at a future date.

The following memorials are available for substantial donations (other larger memorial naming rights have already been secured):

- Church Organ \$100,000
- Tabernacle & Marble Base 50,000
- School Classroom 50,000
- Parish Multi-Purpose Room 100,000
- Parish Conference Room 75,000
- Parish Meeting Room 50,000

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

If you are interested in a memorial or would like further information, please contact the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.

Coming Soon!!!



St. Agnes School Tricky Tray

Thursday, October 6th, 7:00 p.m.

The Gran Centurions

Tickets go on sale in August

Check the bulletin for information

Now accepting donations

(baskets or monetary)

Mark all donations St. Agnes School Tricky Tray

Drop off at the Rectory

For more information please contact:

Maria O'Connor (732) 882-1893



REMEMBER 9/11

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Important Religious Education News!!!

Ah! For the lazy days of summer!
Sand and Sea give way to pencils and books!

Sunday, September 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Classes begin for Grades K through 2

Monday, September 12th at 3:30 p.m.

Classes begin for Grades 3 and 4

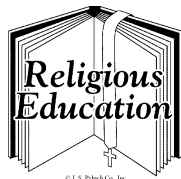
Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Classes begin for Grades 5 and 8

Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Classes begin for Grades 6 and 7

Please note: Due to the ongoing construction of our church and school, we will follow the same procedure we did in March and April of last year. All children will enter and be released from the back set of school doors adjacent to the trailers. Detailed information has been mailed to parents and children involved in the Religious Education Program.



BACK TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NIGHT

is

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

7:00 p.m.

in the Auditorium

**AT LEAST ONE PARENT
MUST ATTEND**



Music Ministry



Summer is over and our music ministry is ready to resume singing. If you love to sing, and are high school age or older, please consider joining our adult choir. We meet on Thursdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Our first meeting will be on September 22nd, in the 8th Grade classroom. All are welcome!

The children's choir is open to any parish child in second through eighth grade. Those rehearsals are on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in the temporary church space and begin on October 13th.

Finally, if you play an instrument and are looking for a chance to share your talent, we would love to have you as part of our music ministry. Think it over and let either Mary Ellen Theel or Kevin Daly know of your interest.

Remember what St. Augustine said: "He (or she) who sings, prays twice!"

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!!



MY
WORDS
ARE
SPIRIT
AND
LIFE

The Saint Agnes Women's Commission will be sponsoring a Women's Mini Retreat on Saturday, October 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The retreat will take place at Saint Joseph's Convent in Roselle, N.J. The theme will be "God's Mercy as seen Through the Eyes of Women." Sister Margaret will direct us through this prayerful experience. The cost of the retreat will be \$20.00. Lunch will be provided. Please respond as early as possible to insure a place. The deadline is October 8th. If you are interested, fill out the bottom portion and mail with your \$20 check made out to "Cash" to:

Arlene Firestone
51 Lexington Boulevard
Clark, N.J.

Any questions please call (732) 388-2560, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Women's Retreat, October 15th

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____



Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

- *Is the Lord calling you to a closer relationship to Him?*
- *Are you interested in formally joining the Catholic faith?*
- *Do you have questions about what it means to be a Catholic?*
- *Do you know anyone who would like to be a Catholic?*
- *Are you presently an adult Catholic who has not received Eucharist or Confirmation?*

If you answered "YES" to any of these, the RCIA process is for you. New sessions are starting very soon.

Please call St. Agnes Rectory at (732) 388-2560 for further information.

Our first formal RCIA Session will take place on Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory living room. Inquiry Sessions will continue throughout the year for those interested in the Catholic faith.

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We are in need of volunteers to help in our Ministry to the Sick, both the homebound and those in our Nursing Home. Volunteers in this ministry visit the sick and administer communion. Our ministry to the homebound is in particular need of assistance. One training session is necessary to distribute the Eucharist. If anyone is interested, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852. Thank you for your help in this important ministry.

Eighth Graders and their families interested in attending a Catholic high school in September 2006

THE COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION for participating Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, November 11, 2005

Application forms and Handbooks for this test and a listing of all Catholic High Schools and their admission requirements are available from:

- CTB/McGraw-Hill at their Web site, www.ctb.com/coop or email coop@ctb.com
- Catholic Elementary Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Catholic High Schools of the Archdiocese of Newark

QUESTIONS? Please call 1-800-569-2667 or visit www.ctb.com/coop

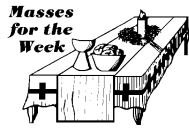


**St. Helen's Church
Westfield, N.J.**

You are invited to join us at St. Helen's Church, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield on **Friday evening, September 16th, from 8:00-10:00 p.m.**, to offer prayer for the cause of life and for the women and men attending a Rachel's Vineyard retreat at a nearby location. Rachel's Vineyard retreats are attended by women and men who are seeking spiritual healing from the trauma of having a role in an abortion. The evening of prayer will include exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, scripture and song, sustained silence for personal prayer, a rosary for life, and Benediction. Your prayer is of utmost importance and is deeply appreciated. Please join us for whatever time you can.



St. Agnes Holy Name Society will have a general membership meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:30 p.m. **Please note that this meeting will be held at the Gran Centurions due to the ongoing construction project.** Refreshments will be served.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2005

5:30 Stanley Stefanik - Josephine Stefanik

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

7:30 Michael Versusky - Family
 9:00 People of the Parish
 10:30 Victims & Families of 9/11 - Lois & Ray Kolibas
 12:00 Joseph Corrigan - Ann Corrigan

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

7:00 Joanne Stumbers - Arlene Wellbank
 9:00 Joanne Stumbers - Scripture Sharing Group

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

7:00 Rose Mangiavillano-Mr. & Mrs. Michael Palumbo
 9:00 Ralph Neuhaus - Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2005

7:00 Robin Helminski - Sr. Claire Ouimet
 9:00 Stanley Rutkowski - Mary Rutkowski

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2005

7:00 Robin Helminski - Helen Hassler
 9:00 Sarah Lombino - Rose Brinker, Jeanne Danatzko

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2005

7:00 Luis Minguela, Jr. - Carmen & Ruben Melendez
 9:00 Salvatore Gualtieri - Catherine & Ray Giacobbe

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2005

8:30 Memorial Mass - Geraldine Nowag
 5:30 Cindy Rasmus - Paul, Justin, Alex & Miranda

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10

EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

EASTERN EUROPE COLLECTION

9:00 AM Religious Education
 1:30 PM Baptism

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12

PRE-K BEGINS

3:30 PM Religious Education
 6:00 PM Sandwiches - Team 1A
 7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:30 PM Scripture Sharing - Teachers' Lounge

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 PM Religious Education
 7:30 PM Holy Name Society - Gran Centurions

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 14

4:30 PM Brownies - Kindergarten
 7:00 PM Religious Education Back to School Night
 7:30 PM RCIA - Rectory Living Room

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15

11:30 AM Holy Name A/C

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM School Opening Mass
 7:30 PM HSA Executive Board Meeting



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Alan Salvatore during the week of September 11th at the request of the Castellano Family.



ALTAR FLOWERS that decorate our sanctuary this weekend are in memory of Alan Salvatore at the request of the Castellano Family.



BREAD & WINE will be offered in memory of Alan Salvatore at the request of the Castellano Family.



Scripture Sharing will begin again on Monday, September 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge. All members of the parish are welcome to attend



TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Marge Elko during the week of September 11th.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

Joseph Bellini, Anthony DiSavino,
Helen Ann Mayes

Those Who Are Sick

Aileen Sasala, Florence Iasello, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Ann & Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Anna Manigold, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Louise Venezia, Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Wayne Tribble, Linda Ruth, Vincent Flanagan, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Gene Andre, Henry Latch, Thaddeus Zbikowski Sr., Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Maria Conforti, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Alice Bartlomiejczyk, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Edward Alfano, Robert McKeon, Michael Newman, Andre Kovacs, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Cecelia Smentkowski, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Josephine Pugnet, Florence Kempinski, Bart Zucosky, Stefan Nowak, James Breslin

Atlantic City Bus Trip

WHEN: September 15, 2005
TO: Caesar's

TIME: 11:30 AM Coffee & Buns

LEAVE: 12:30 PM From Gran Centurions
Parking Lot. Please park in back of lot.

COST: \$22.00

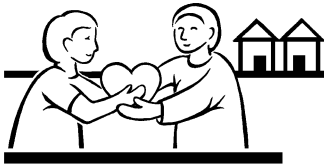
For reservations call:
Tony 388-2315
Joe 381-3395

**WE WILL BE RUNNING 2 BUSES.
PLEASE CALL EARLY TO RESERVE
A SEAT. BRING A FRIEND.**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 11, 2005**

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

- Sirach 28:2



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