

## From the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

St. Agnes Parish is beginning the *NEW ENERGIES* process, which is being coordinated by the Archdiocese. Every parish throughout the Archdiocese must undergo a self-evaluation. You may remember a survey sent to you last spring asking for your input. There are 28 principals for us to measure against. These principal categories constitute a healthy and vibrant community:

Worship, Evangelization, Stewardship, Baptismal Call, Call to Holiness, Education & Formation, Parish School, Educational Leaders, Catechetical Programs, Social Teaching Education, Public Life, Responding to Human Needs, Respect for Life, Ecumenical and Interfaith, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Women's/Men's Groups, Family Life, Finance Council, Pastoral Council Leadership, Financial Stability, Ministerial Plan, Families per Priest, Professional Pastoral Staff, and Parish Staff.

The Archbishop has formed a task force to help parishes evaluate our operations in order to plan for a stronger, more vibrant future. Every parish engaged in the process must form a five member New Energies Committee. The following people are members of said Committee:

|                  |   |                                 |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Fr. Jim Choma    | - | Pastor                          |
| Mary Ellen Theel | - | Staff                           |
| Rose Brinker     | - | Co-Chair/Pastoral Council       |
| Susan Delaney    | - | Stewardship Chairperson         |
| Bob O'Flynn      | - | Parishioner/Marriage Prep. Team |

The New Energies Committee is to serve as an elision between the professional staff and parishioners at large. After conducting a formal self-evaluation, we will then engage in dialogue with neighboring parishes.

The Archbishop's expectation is that each parish will share more resources with other parishes in need; avoid unneeded duplication of services; and fill in the gaps where service and ministry have not been available. The New Energies process is based on the conviction that we will be stronger working and planning together than we will be in isolation from neighboring parishes.

Please pray for the success of the New Energies process, which is a year-long endeavor. May the Lord continue to bless St. Agnes Parish and may the fruits of our labor make us a more vibrant community of faith. With every good wish and prayer, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim  
Pastor

**STEWARDSHIP  
&  
FAITH  
Time, Talent, Treasure.  
Putting God First?**

In the second reading today, St. James has harsh words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."

Your Stewardship in Treasure  
last week was **\$12,792.00**  
European Relief **\$2,789.00.**  
Thank you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13; Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16 -- 4:3;  
Mk 9:30-37

**Archdiocese of Newark  
Marriage Enrichment Weekend - Oct. 13-16, 2006**

Did you know that for couples in the sacrament of marriage a privileged place for seeking the Lord is in their relationship? Reawaken the grace of your sacrament by spending a weekend building and deepening that relationship. We'll provide the room, the meals and the food for thought; you bring your love and God will do the rest. For more information or to register, please call Sal and Sylvia Vassallo at 800-823-5683. Marriage Encounter – making good marriages better for more than 25 years.



**BUILDING FUND**

*To complete Phase I projects  
we still need to raise –*

**\$552,600.00**

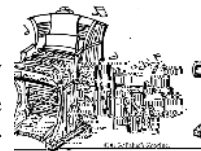
*If you would like to make a donation,  
please make check payable to  
St. Agnes Church and mail to the Rectorry  
attention Building Fund,  
or drop in the collection basket.  
Thank you for your continued support.*

**CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR  
MINISTRY PROGRAM**

Saint Agnes Parish will be 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 every Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., September to May. The first class will be September 14<sup>th</sup> in the St. Lucy Filippini Meeting Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. For further information, please call Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

**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 21<sup>st</sup> in the church. All are welcome!



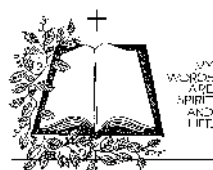
The children's choir is open to any parish child in second through eighth grade. Those rehearsals are on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in the church space and begin on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

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.

**FOOD CERTIFICATES  
The Perfect Fund Raiser**



- \*No extra money out of your pocket\*
- \*We all need groceries each week anyway\*
- \*Shoprite, A&P, Foodtown, Pathmark all participate\*
- \*Our personal family food shopping will strongly benefit St. Agnes Community's financial need, since 5% goes back to St. Agnes\*
- \*PLEASE HELP US BY PURCHASING FOOD CERTIFICATES BEFORE OR AFTER MASS\***
- \*Call the Rectory office for more information (732) 388-7852\***
- Thank you for your support!**



**ATTENTION ALL WOMEN!!**

The Saint Agnes Women's Commission will be sponsoring a Women's Mini Retreat on Saturday, October 21st 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 "Fruits of the Holy Spirit." 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 ensure a place. The deadline is October 12th. 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. 07066

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

**WOMEN'S RETREAT, OCTOBER 21ST**

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. Inquiry Sessions are held monthly. Our next Inquiry Session is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. If you need any additional information, please call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852.

**PART-TIME CUSTODIAN POSITION AVAILABLE.** St. Agnes School, M-F, 5:30 to 10:30 PM. Duties include cleaning of school classrooms and bathrooms. Anyone interested should call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852 to set up an interview.

**Eighth Graders and their families interested in attending a Catholic high school in September 2007**

**THE COOPERATIVE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION for participating Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be administered on Friday, November 10, 2006**

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

–C.B./McGraw-Hill at their Web site, [www.ctb.com/coop](http://www.ctb.com/coop) or email [coop@ctb.com](mailto: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](http://www.ctb.com/coop)**

## ROSARY SOCIETY



### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

will be held

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15th**

at

**The Gran Centurions**

following the 9:00 a.m. mass

Fr. Nuno will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$18.00 per person. Please call Rose at (732) 574-0023 or the Rectory at (732) 388-7852 for tickets and more information.

**THE DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING TICKETS IS OCTOBER 9th.  
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER THAT DATE.**

### *CD of Classical Organ Music Featuring our Organist, Kevin Daly*

Recorded on the New Walker Organ at St. Agnes Church this past February. The CD is now available to Parishioners. The Walker Company requested that Mr. Daly record the CD at St. Agnes to use as their new Demo. The CD contains a little over 50 minutes of music by

### *Bach, Handel, Franck, Mansfield and Daly*

and includes a full color insert with photographs taken by St. Agnes Music Director Mary Ellen Theel.

To obtain your copy, we're asking those interested to send \$12.00 per CD to:

Mr. Kevin Daly  
165 Griggs Drive  
Princeton, NJ 08540

50% of all proceeds goes to St. Agnes Church, balance to cover production cost and shipping.

### Saint Agnes Tricky Tray Walt Disney World Vacation Package Raffle



7Days/6 nights at Disney's Port Orleans Riverside Resort\* For a Family of Five Plus Five 6-day Park Hopper Passes  
Drawing to be held at the Tricky Tray on October 5, 2006 at 11 PM

**Winner need not be present.**

**\$50 per ticket**

**Get your tickets early.  
Only 300 tickets will be sold!**

Tickets may be purchased at Saint Agnes Rectory or by calling Cheryl Fiumefreddo at (732) 259-4088



Disney Vacation Raffle Tickets will be sold next weekend, September 23/24, after all Masses. Thank you for your support!

### **ROSARIANS BAGEL SALE!**



**TODAY AFTER ALL MASSES**

**Cost: .60 each  
\$7.20 per dozen (bakers' dozen - 13 bagels)**

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

**Mass Schedule**

*This Week*

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2006</b>  |   |
| 5:30                                 | Samuel & Helen Gianti - Sam & Mary Gianti   |
| <b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006</b>    |   |
| 7:30                                 | Simone Palermo - Andrew King  |
| 9:00                                 | William Kelemen - Wife Livia  |
| 10:30                                | Rose & Salvatore Loprete - Mr. & Mrs. Loprete   |
| 12:00                                | People of the Parish  |
| <b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2006</b>    |   |
| 7:00                                 | Salvatore De Nichilo - Sr. Claire Ouimet  |
| 9:00                                 | James Breslin - Rose Brinker  |
| <b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2006</b>   |   |
| 7:00                                 | Mr. & Mrs. Frank Beviano - Maryann Fresco   |
| 9:00                                 | Frank Comer - Family  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2006</b> |   |
| 7:00                                 | Andre Kovacs - Josephine Kane   |
| 9:00                                 | Mr. & Mrs. W. Ostrowski - Ted Kumor   |
| <b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2006</b>  |   |
| 7:00                                 | MaryLou Wallace - Ted Wallace   |
| 9:00                                 | Concetta Della Sebastian - Antoinette Malloy  |
| <b>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2006</b>    |   |
| 7:00                                 | Aldona Getchis - John Getchis   |
| 9:00                                 | George Heindel - Peggy Phelan   |
| <b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006</b>  |   |
| 8:30                                 | Memorial Mass - Thaddeus Zbikowski, Joseph Mlynarski, Gennaro Marciano, Antoinette Bootkoski, Marie Sheehan, Arsenio Saporito |
| 5:30                                 | People of the Parish  |

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| <b>SUNDAY</b>                             | <b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>  |
| <b>CATECHETICAL SUNDAY</b>                |  |
| <b>ROSARY BAGEL SALE AFTER ALL MASSES</b> |  |
| 9:00 AM                                   | Religious Education  |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                             | <b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>  |
| 3:30 PM                                   | Religious Education  |
| 5:30 PM                                   | Cheerleading - Gymnasium                                   |
| 6:30 PM                                   | Sandwiches - Team 2A                                       |
| 7:00 PM                                   | Religious Education  |
| 7:00 PM                                   | RCIA Inquiry - OLG Room                                    |
| 7:00 PM                                   | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parent Mtg. - Gymnasium |
| 7:30 PM                                   | Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room                          |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                            | <b>SEPTEMBER 19</b>  |
| 7:00 PM                                   | Religious Education  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                          | <b>SEPTEMBER 20</b>  |
| 7:30 PM                                   | RCIA - OLG Room  |
| 7:00 PM                                   | St. Agnes Back to School Night Gr. K-5                     |
| 8:00 PM                                   | St. Agnes Back to School Night Gr. 6-8                     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                           | <b>SEPTEMBER 21</b>  |
| 7:00 PM                                   | CFM Program - St. Lucy Filippini Meeting Room              |
| 7:30 PM                                   | Adult Choir  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                             | <b>SEPTEMBER 22</b>  |
| 7:30 AM                                   | Girl Scouts - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom              |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                           | <b>SEPTEMBER 23</b>  |
| <b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>             |  |
| 8:30 AM                                   | Mass - Memorial  |
| 9:00 AM                                   | St. John's Soup Kitchen                                    |
| 9:30 AM                                   | Altar Servers' Recognition Mass & Breakfast                |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                             | <b>SEPTEMBER 24</b>  |
| <b>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</b>             |  |
| 9:00 AM                                   | Religious Education  |

*Altar & Rosary Society*

**TRAVELING MADONNA** - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Betty Comer during the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>.



**SANCTUARY LAMP** will burn in memory of Stanley Rutkowski during the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> at the request of Grandchildren - Vicki, Michael & Aimee



**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** for the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> were donated in memory of Winifred Burns at the request of Irene Finger - Sister.



**SOUP KITCHEN**

Volunteers will be going to St. John's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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***

Aileen Sasala, Mary Zelanko, Joe & Irene Margeton, Michael Dudek, Frank LaVerda, Alvera Martin, Ann Lesko, Irene Sisko, Noel Stevenson, Leilla DiLeone, Michael Denora, Mary Morelli, Anthony Szablowski, Robert Szabo Jr., Jean Williams, Mary Lawrence, Ann Miller, Linda Ruth, Barbara Rygiel, Anna Reichenstein, Henry Latch, Vickie Tomasco, Mary Marrin, Alice Triano, Barbara Guinta, Ronald Francisco, George Stanka, Earl Miller, Margaret Shea, Hank Kaczka, Robert McKeon, Patrick Miller, Louise Regeci, Wendy Sullivan, Jean Subliskey, Robert Palumbo, Stefan Nowak, Barbara Slack, Theresa Hanselman, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, MaryLou Loffa, James MacConchie, Louise Venezio, Lucia DeCristofaro, Patricia Zych, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, Marian Heelan, Giovanna Tripicchio, Sam Roglieri, Pauline Liotti, Bart Zucosky, Marie Cerone, Josephine Stefanik, Andy Pavelko, Richard O'Lenick, Declan Mulcahy, Jr., Dolores Acquisto, Daniel Palumbo, Jim MacConchie, Victor Fernandes, Sr., Eileen Imbriaco, Josephine Zbikowski

**SERVANT**

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, "The Lord GOD is my help" (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 17, 2006**

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.

– *Isaiah 50:7*