

From the Pastor

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Dear Friends in Christ,

The need to pray for church vocations is greater than ever. *“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest”* (Mt 9:37-38). Here at St. Agnes, we are abundantly blessed with priests and women religious. We are also blessed by the dedicated lay people who work closely with us in this part of the Lord’s vineyard. However, the median age of priests, religious and deacons is increasing, and the number of new church vocations is decreasing. Please join us in praying to the Master of the harvest to send out more priests, sisters, brothers and deacons.

The Elijah Cup is a vocation program that encourages parishioners to pray for church vocation. Families and individuals are invited to sign up for the program after Masses this weekend in the gym.

For several weeks during Sunday Mass, the Celebrant will use the Elijah Cup as the chalice. After this sacred vessel is purified, the family or individual scheduled to receive the Elijah Cup will come forward after Communion. The priest will present the cup and lead the congregation in a prayer for vocations. The recipient(s) of the Cup will take it home and set it in a place honor, while making a commitment to pray for church vocations. On the following Sunday, the Elijah cup will be brought back to church at a designated Mass. The cup will be brought up to the altar during the presentation of gifts. Likewise, the Cup will be passed on after Communion to another family or individual. After this process occurs several times throughout each weekend Mass, the passing of the Elijah Cup will not occur within the Sunday Liturgy. It will take place outside of Mass, although this program may return during Vocation Awareness Masses.

Please sign up after Masses this weekend to be a part of the Elijah Cup Program. Please pray that young men and women from our community may step forward to serve the church as priests, religious and deacons. Please ask the Lord to bless your priests and women religious with perseverance. Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to foster and support vocations. Thank you.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim
Pastor



STEWARDSHIP

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

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$11,606.00**
Thank you.

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 Rectory
attention Building Fund,
or drop in the collection basket.
Thank you for your continued support.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 -- 12:8; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6;
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**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 in the St. Lucy Filippini Meeting Room which is located on the lower level of the new building. Please note that there will be no CFM class on the 28th due to Confirmation rehearsal. For further information, please call Sister Margaret at (732) 388-2560.

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

I was deeply touched by the loving and thoughtful greetings, mass cards and gifts sent to me during my recent surgery and recovery.

You cannot imagine what a boost of SPIRITUAL and PHYSICAL energy you gave me!

It is no wonder that I am convinced that St. Agnes is a WONDERFUL PLACE TO BE!



Love,

Sr. Claire

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 21st 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 5th.

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!**

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

When we lose a loved one by death, we are wounded. Just as a wound does, we need to heal from within, to express our thoughts and feelings, even when they seem crazy. We need to recognize that "crazy is normal."

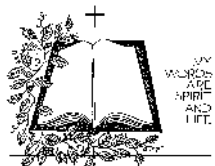
Knowing this will not lessen your grief, but it may help your healing to begin. A support group is a safe haven where we can talk, cry, share our anger, guilt, and fears with those who understand and care.

Grief, like a wound, takes time to heal. A support group is to the grieving like healing salve is to a wound; it soothes and comforts us while we heal.

We are here to offer information, to listen, to share feelings and to support one another.

St. Agnes Bereavement Support Group
starts
Thursday, September 28th
for six Thursdays
at 7:30 PM

Call the Rectory at (732) 388-7852 for more information or to register for the group.



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.

**Mother Seton Regional High School
Valley Road, Clark, NJ**

On Wednesday, September 27th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., there will be an Open House for sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their parents at Mother Seton Regional High School. Students and parents are invited to come, to bring their friends and to learn more about the high school options to them.

Mother Seton will also sponsor a "Freshman for a Day" program on Wednesday, November 1, 2006, from 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. for all interested sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls.

WOMEN'S RETREAT, OCTOBER 21ST

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____



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

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.

PART-TIME SCHOOL NURSE POSITION AVAILABLE. St. Agnes School is seeking to hire a part-time nurse (RN or LPN). Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (3-1/2 hrs.), Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (3/1/2 hrs.). Please call Sr. Claire for an interview at (732) 381-0850.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

CYO begins tonight, **Sunday, September 24th**.
Come join the fun. All are welcome.

7 to 8:30 PM
St. Agnes Gymnasium

Mass Schedule

This Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006	
5:30	People of the Parish
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2006	
7:30	Simone Palermo - Andrew King
9:00	Paul & Dorothy Hampson - Mary Beth Hampson
10:30	Eleanore Loomis - Rose Brinker
12:00	Mauro Pires - Family
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006	
7:00	Carmela Amari - The Ryan Family
9:00	Jean Meluso - Daughter
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2006	
7:00	Ruth & George Christensen - Ed & Marian Palimieri
9:00	Mr. & Mrs. L. Bator - Ted Kumor
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2006	
7:00	Michael Zizza - Jeannette Leonetti
9:00	George Heindel - Viola Suruda
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2006	
7:00	Alphonse Joseph Villari - Joseph & Adele Castellano
9:00	Crescenza & Donato Toto - Rose & Vito Toto
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2006	
7:00	Stella Zgurzynski - Valerie Zgurzynski
9:00	George Heindel - Viola Suruda
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2006	
8:30	Memorial Mass - Sarah Cox, Tony Neves, Javier Carrasco
5:30	Manuel Pacheco - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bantin

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	
8:45 AM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	CYO - Gymnasium
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
3:30 PM	Religious Education
5:30 PM	Cheerleading - Gymnasium
6:30 PM	Sandwiches - Team 2A
7:00 PM	Religious Education
7:00 PM	Liturgy Meeting - (Music Ministry Room)
7:30 PM	Scripture Sharing - St. Jude Room
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 26
7:00 PM	Religious Education
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 27
6:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal (School & Church)
7:30 PM	RCIA - OLG Room
7:30 PM	St. Agnes HSA Meeting - Gymnasium
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 28
6:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal (School & Church)
7:30 PM	Adult Choir
7:30 PM	Bereavement (OLG Room)
7:30 PM	Marketing Meeting - St. Lucy Filippini Room
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 30
8:30 AM	Mass - Marian
11:00 AM	Confirmation
12:00 PM	Choir Luncheon - Denis J. Whelan Center
2:00 PM	Confirmation
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 1
8:45 AM	Religious Education
1:30 PM	Baptism

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Betty Comer during the week of September 24th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Mauro Pires during the week of September 24th at the request of Grandchildren - Vicki, Michael & Aimee



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of September 24th were donated in memory of Rose Santucci at the request of Nieces and Nephews.



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, 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 Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, 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, Geraldine Disano

**'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE**

The Shaker hymn describes a circular journey from innocence to innocence with characteristic brevity:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.

This journey is easier sung about than done. It takes humility and time to recover a second innocence. Titles, positions of honor, money, and power are not requirements of the kingdom of God. Jesus says and demonstrates in today's Gospel that members of God's kingdom must hold in their embrace the most inconsequential of persons, for that person is identified with Jesus. This attitude ran counter to the intuition of the world of Jesus' time, as it does in ours.

The simplicity set forth by Jesus requires the shedding of unnecessary, unimportant, false, and burdensome attachments that earthly power demands. Membership in the kingdom is light enough to put a song in our heart.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2006

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.

– James 3:18