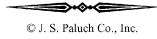


From the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Attached to this bulletin is our actual *Fiscal Year End Report for 2006-07*. As you will see, there is an overall deficit of \$38,445. Our parochial grammar school required additional funding to meet its financial needs. Hence, church subsidy to school was \$74,500 higher than the year before. Please know that Parish and School leadership will be working to reduce subsidy, while providing quality Catholic Education for our children. Thank you for your ongoing support. Your stewardship of time, talent and treasure are gifts that enable us to put the gospels into action.



This weekend, churches throughout our country are celebrating Catechetical Sunday. Let us pray for all of our children returning to religious education programs, for Sister Margaret, teachers, and the CFF staff. We could never run such a large program if it were not for dedicated staff members and volunteers. Thanks be to God for bringing them into our operation. May God continue to bless them all for their hard work and dedication to our children's religious education.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim
Pastor



MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT
ST. AGNES CHURCH
September 28 - 29



Name _____
Address _____

Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please return registration form to rectory at your earliest convenience. All participants are asked to help defray the cost for food and supplies by making a freewill offering of \$25.

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

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is *yours*." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

Your Stewardship in Treasure
last week was **\$12,843.00**,
Second Collection **\$2,823.00**.
Thank you.

TODAY'S READINGS

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8;
Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

HEALING MASS

"Only say the Word and I will be Healed."

Jesus wishes to heal and bless not only our bodies, but also our hearts, minds and spiritual lives. Please join us at St. John The Apostle Church in Linden (on Valley Road, Clark, off Stiles) on Wednesday, September 19, at 7:45 p.m. Individual Eucharistic blessing, Exposition, and Benediction. For more information or directions please call (908) 486-6363.

NEEDED

The thing that is most needed in homes
is a family.
—*Anonymous*

**BUILDING FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF 9/10/07**

Total Pledges	\$3,285,361.92
Pledges Collected	\$3,072,157.16
Outstanding Pledges	\$ 213,204.76
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Total Building Costs	\$3,830,672.97
Interest on Loan	(+) \$ 10,215.22
Pledges Collected	(-) \$3,072,157.16
Mtge. Reduction Collections	(-) \$ 94,287.27
Funds from Savings	(-) \$ <u>250,000.00</u>
Remaining Debt	\$ 424,443.76

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.

Baptisms

We wish to **WELCOME** the following who have entered into the faith community through the sacrament of Baptism:

JONATHAN MICHAEL DOWNEY
Son of Brian and Gina

ALLISON BERNADETTE KIEMPISTY-LACHOWSKI
Daughter of Zbigniew and Bernadette

MADISON NICOLE NAPLES
Daughter of Joseph and Stephanie

MARK RICHARD ORLOWSKI
Son of Mark and Lisa Ann

JACK RONALD SCHWARTZ
Son of Raymond and Stacy

JULIANA LYNN TRECOTT
Daughter of Glen and Michelle

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 27
for six Thursdays
at
7:30 PM

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



The Archdiocese of Newark invites you to its Festival of Faith, a day-long celebration of Catholic identity designed to enlighten, energize, and inspire you. The festival will take place on Saturday, September 29, 2007, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Grow closer to God and rediscover the treasures of the Catholic faith. Celebrate the richness of the cultures represented throughout the Archdiocese. Whether you are an active member of your church or just searching, come, join us! For more information, log on to: www.rcan.org.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

Our first meeting of the year will take place on Sunday, September 16th at 7 PM in the Gym. Come join the fun! All are welcome.

St. Agnes Tricky Tray

Thursday, October 17, 2007, 7:00 PM
at

The Gran Centurions

Come and Enjoy the Fun!

Admission Tickets \$15.00

For tickets contact Lori Knorowski
at (732) 680-1581.



MUM SALE

TODAY AFTER ALL MASSES

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
September 16, 2007

“Encountering the Living Christ”

In today's Gospel, Christ reminds us of His great love and mercy toward the lost and the sinner. In Paul's letter to Timothy, Paul reminds us that once we have encountered the living God and experienced His mercy in our lives we are called to minister to others.

There are 51 persons involved in the Catholic Faith Formation Ministry. This Sunday the Parish of Saint Agnes would like to honor the catechists who spent 16 hours of study in order to be certified in Theology and are working on 12 hours for specialization on their own.

Those Receiving Certificates and Pins

JOANNE FIORE
LORI KNOROWSKI
MONICA DE CARVALHO
CRISTINE GUARRACI
MARIA GUARRACI
ERNESTO J. MARTICORENA
FRED SPRATT
ANNA MARIE NENORTAS
PHYLLIS PIMPINELLI
ALICE MINNECI

**St. Agnes Walt Disney World
Vacation Package Raffle**

7 Days/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 17, 2007, at 11 PM

Winner not be present.

\$50 per ticket – Only 300 tickets will be sold!

Tickets may be purchased at Saint Agnes Rectory
or by calling Maria O'Connor at (732) 882-1893.

**Coming
Events**

at St. Agnes, Clark

Seventh Annual Wine Tasting by Rotundo's Fine Wines & Deli, Friday, November 16th, from 7 to 10 p.m. Save the date for this popular annual fundraiser. Get into the holiday spirit and learn about wines from various vineyards. Price of \$35.00 includes hot and cold buffet, dessert, soft background music and door prizes. See future bulletins for more information.

ROSARY SOCIETY



COMMUNION BREAKFAST

will be held

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

at

The Gran Centurions

following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Please call Betty at (732) 381-6073 or the Parish Office at (732) 388-7852 for tickets and more information. Please note that members may purchase tickets after all Masses on 9/16 and 9/23.

**THE DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING
TICKETS IS OCTOBER 1ST.
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AFTER THAT DATE.**



SCRIPTURE SHARING

Scripture Sharing will begin again on Monday, September 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the OLG Room located on the lower level of the Parish Center. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007	
5:30	Frank Comer - Family
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007	
7:30	People of the Parish
9:00	Joseph Heelan - Dolores Memmer
10:30	Rosa & Salvatore Loprete - Joe & Doreen Loprete
12:00	William Kelemen - Wife-Livia
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2007	
7:00	Michael Connors - Rick & Alicia Gregorio
9:00	Rose Marchitto - Family
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007	
7:00	Michael Connors - Bobby & Mary Pulidory
9:00	Victor "Bud" Joffe - Kawko/Wysocki Families
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007	
7:00	George Keiran - Jack & Eleanor McGovern
9:00	Edward J. Chadwick - St. Agnes Rosary Society
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2007	
7:00	Joseph T. Mercadante - Fr. Jim & Parish Staff
9:00	Edward J. Chadwick - Susan Delaney
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007	
7:00	Della Sebastian - Felice & Arlene Frese
9:00	Anthony Segreto - Terry & Joe Segreto
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007	
8:30	Memorial Mass - Antoinette Scocca, Rose M. Tomchak, Bart Zucosky
5:30	Paul & Dorothy Hampson - Mary Beth

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION	
8TH GRADE MUM SALE	
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
MORTGAGE REDUCTION COLLECTION	
8TH GRADE MUM SALE	
8:45 AM	CFF Classes Grades 1-2
9:00 AM	CFF Class - Kindergarten
7:00 PM	CYO - Gym
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
3:30 PM	CFF Classes
6:00 PM	Sandwiches - Team 21C
6:30 PM	Parent/Student Confirmation Meeting - Gym
6:30 PM	CFF Classes
7:00 PM	Scripture Sharing - OLG Room
7:00 PM	Sports Committee Meeting - St. Joseph Room
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
6:30 PM	CFF Classes
7:00 PM	Stewardship Meeting - OLG Room
7:00 PM	Sports Committee Meeting - St. Joseph Room
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
7:00 PM	St. Agnes Back to School Night Gr. K-5
7:30 PM	RCIA - OLG Room
7:30 PM	Men's Cornerstone Meeting - Fr. Whelan Center
8:00 PM	St. Agnes Back to School Night Gr. 6-8
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
6:00 PM	Volley Ball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM	CFM Program - St. Lucy Room
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
9:00 AM	St. John's Soup Kitchen

Altar & Rosary Society


TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Marge Elko during the week of September 16th.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Cecilia Smentkowski during the week of September 16th at the request of Irene Gajewski.



Devotional area flowers for the week of September 16th are in memory of Rose Tomchak, a gift from Robert Tomchak.



SOUP KITCHEN
Volunteers will be going to St. John's Soup Kitchen on Saturday, September 22nd. For more information please call Dee Memmer at 732-381-8956.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of September 16th were donated in memory of Bart Zucosky at the request of Terry & Joe Segreto.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those Who Have Died

Joan Ridenour, Joseph Zahorsky

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, Marie Telesco, Annette Drake, Louise Venezia, Lucia DeCristofaro, Barbara Steinberg, Nancy Liberti, Hazel McGuinness, 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, Rita Corrado, 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 Veza, William R. White, Brenda Vermeal, Angie & Anthony Plesh, Gabriella Giordano

RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2007**

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.

– Psalm 51:12

