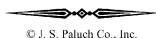


## From the Pastor



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Dear Parishioners:

Sister Claire, our School Principal, is celebrating her Golden Jubilee Anniversary this year. This is a wonderful blessing for Sister Claire, her community – Filippini Religious Teachers, her family and friends, and especially for us – the Parish Community of Saint Agnes.

Inspired by God and the extraordinary women serving the Lord in the Filippini Religious Order, Sister Claire entered that community on September 8, 1956. During the following year she was Invested and was Professed on September 4, 1960. This was a very good year indeed – I was born, ha!

Over the past fifty years, Sister Claire served in all four Counties of the Archdiocese: Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union. As a teacher, Sister's specialty was parochial junior high teaching (Grades 6, 7, 8). After acquiring much teaching experience and wisdom, it was natural for Sister to assume leadership positions in her ministries. Before coming to Saint Agnes, Sister Claire served in several assignments as Principal, Superior of local communities where Filippini Sisters live together, and other leadership positions in her Religious Order. The following lists the places of assignment:

1. Holy Family, Nutley
2. O.L. of Mt. Virgin, Garfield
3. St. Rocco, Newark
4. St. Bartholomew, Scotch Plains
5. O.L. of Mt. Carmel, Jersey City
6. O.L. of Mt. Virgin, Garfield (Principal)
7. St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge (Principal & Superior)
8. St. Francis Xavier, (Newark)
9. O.L. of Mt. Carmel, Jersey City
10. O.L. of Liberia, West New York
11. Coordinator of Elementary Education for Religious Order
12. O.L. of the Assumption, Bayonne
13. Coordinator of Elementary Ed. (again), Superior of Villa Victoria, and member of the Provincial Council
14. Principal of Saint Agnes since 1995 (in 13<sup>th</sup> year)

How blessed we are to have such a dedicated and faithful servant of God as our Principal. I'll always remember one of my first conversations with Sister Claire when I arrived in the parish. Although we spoke about parish life and school, the subject matter was spiritual in nature. Sister Claire Ouimet is a genuine woman of prayer who loves God and the families in our school and parish. Sister has been a source of support and strength for me personally, and to the entire staff. To say that Sister has blessed our parish and school would be an understatement. That is why we look forward to telling her in person.

Please save the date! A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on **Sunday, October 14, at noon**. A reception will immediately follow in the gymnasium. Please join us to express our gratitude to Sister Claire for her ministry in our parish, and for her 50 years in Religious Life. Thank you.

Respectfully yours in Christ,

Msgr. Jim  
Pastor

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

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

Your Stewardship in Treasure

last week was **\$11,915.00.**

Thank you.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24  
 Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14;  
 Lk 17:5-10

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

October 7	Chris & Charlotte Gessler
October 14	Cheryl & Richard Patti
October 21	Jolanta & Walter Borowski
October 28	Clo & Sam Malfatto

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 9/24/07**

**Total Pledges** **\$3,289,581.92**

**Pledges Collected** **\$3,077,180.39**

**Outstanding Pledges** **\$ 212,401.53**

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**Total Building Costs** **\$3,830,672.97**

**Interest on Loan** (+) **\$ 10,215.22**

**Pledges Collected** (-) **\$3,077,180.39**

**Mtge. Reduction  
Collections** (-) **\$ 100,503.77**

**Funds from Savings** (-) **\$ 250,000.00**

**Remaining Debt** **\$ 413,204.03**

***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.





*Sister Claire's  
Golden  
Anniversary*

*On Saturday, October 6, 2007,  
Sister Claire Ouimet, M.P.F.,  
Principal of St. Agnes School and  
Friend to Many Parishioners,  
is celebrating the  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her  
Investiture as a Religious Teacher  
Filippini.*



*Please join us in celebrating  
this milestone  
on  
Sunday, October 14, 2007,  
Beginning with the 12 Noon Mass.  
A Reception will immediately follow  
in the gymnasium.  
We hope you can join us on this  
special occasion!*



**RECYCLE!**

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Our collection drive is off and running for the fifth year. The success has been better than expected. Remember, this is a fund raiser that does not cost anything . . .

**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?** Simply collect any used inkjet/laser print cartridges, copier toner containers, and cell phones from your house, from your place of business, and from your family/friends.

**WHERE DO YOU BRING THEM?** Any school/CFF day, send them to St. Agnes with your son or daughter and your child can simply drop them in the specially marked container located in the gym, in the hallway by the old Principal's office.

**CAN YOUR COMPANY PARTICIPATE?** Yes, we can also arrange for you to bring a specially marked box to your place of business and have the cartridges shipped "PREPAID UPS" directly to the recycling company. **IF YOU WANT TO USE YOUR OWN BOX FOR SHIPPING, WE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH JUST THE PREPAID SHIPPING LABELS.**

Please keep the items coming because every single one counts. Thank you for all the support. Any questions, please call Jeff Dattilo at (908) 486-4480 (daytime) or email [jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com](mailto:jeff.dattilo@baywaylumber.com).

**VISIT OUR RECYCLE WEBSITE**

[www.stagnesschool.com/PrintCartridgeRecycle.htm](http://www.stagnesschool.com/PrintCartridgeRecycle.htm)

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**VOLUNTARY COLLECTION  
CHURCH IN AFRICA - OCTOBER 6/7**

**SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN AFRICA:** Next weekend our parish will take up a special collection for the Church in Africa—the fastest growing and poorest part of our family of faith. The Church in Africa needs our support to strengthen pastoral outreach, catechetical programs, Catholic schools, evangelization, and education of seminarians and clergy.

**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.**

**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: October 9: Awareness is Your Best Friend; 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.

**“Schools Can't Raise Kids  
Parents Can.  
Trained Parents Will.”**

**St. Agnes Tricky Tray**

**Wednesday, 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.**

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

Thursday, October 4th, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis had a great love and respect for all of God's creation, especially animals. It has become a tradition in the church that on the feast of St. Francis we bless animals. Here at St. Agnes Parish we will bless the Animals on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4th, at 3:30 PM outside the front doors of the Church.

**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 includes hot and cold buffet, soft background music, door prizes and holiday shopping from local artisans. See future bulletins for more information.

Mass Schedule



<b>SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007</b>
5:30 Cosmo Macera - Macera Family
<b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007</b>
7:30 Edward Chadwick - John & Barbara Greve
9:00 Nicholas Raguseo - Anna Biase
10:30 People of the Parish
12:00 Frank Della Ragione - Sister-Livia
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007</b>
7:00 Toni Carlino - Arline Lotano
9:00 Nicholas Biase - Nick & Anna Biase
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2007</b>
7:00 Bertha Rioux - Noelia Ouimet
9:00 Ed James - Ted Kumor
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2007</b>
7:00 Richard Sinoradzki - Jeffrey & Concetta Sinoradzki
9:00 Stanley Ciurczak - Ted Kumor
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007</b>
<b>FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI</b>
7:00 Maureen Walsh - Marie Sekarek
9:00 Crescenza & Donato Toto - Rose & Vito Toto
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007</b>
7:00 Teresa Hanselman - Joan McElroy
9:00 Lillian Benjamin - Susan Harvey
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007</b>
8:30 Memorial Mass - Teresa Hanselman, W. Ed Ross & Jim Ross, Franco Cicala, Bart Zucosky
5:30 Ira & Lorraine Melick - Melick Family

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 30</b>
8:45 AM CFF Classes Grades 1-2	
9:00 AM CFF Class - Kindergarten	
7:00 PM CYO - Gym	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 1</b>
3:30 PM CFF Classes	
6:30 PM CFF Classes	
7:00 PM Scripture Sharing - OLG Room	
7:30 PM St. Agnes 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parents Mtg. - St. Joseph Room	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 2</b>
6:30 PM CFF Classes	
7:30 PM Rosary Meeting - Church/Msgr. Flusk Room	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 3</b>
7:30 PM RCIA - OLG Room/St. Joseph Room	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 4</b>
3:30 PM Blessing of Animals - Front of Church	
7:00 PM CFM Program - St. Lucy Room	
7:00 PM Protecting God's Workshop - Fr. Whelan Center	
7:30 PM Bereavement - OLG Room	
7:30 PM Adult Choir	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 5</b>
7:30 PM Girl Scouts - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom	

Altar & Rosary Society

TRAVELING MADONNA - Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the home of Doris Allen during the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>.



SANCTUARY LAMP will burn in memory of Joseph Heelan during the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> at the request of Betty & Michael Rainone.



Devotional area flowers for the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> are in memory of Nicholas & Martha Raguseo, a gift from Anna Biase.



ALTAR BREAD AND WINE for the week of September 30<sup>th</sup> were donated in memory of Teresa Hanselman at the request of The Crowley Family.



Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, October 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. Members are asked to assemble for the rosary in the church prior to the meeting.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

***Those Who Have Died***

Edward G. Masol, Maryann Varrichio, William Nusse

***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, 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 Vezza, William R. White, Brenda Vermeal, Angie & Anthony Plesh, Gabriella Giordano, Florence Whalen

**LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES**

The message found in today’s readings is an oft-told story. Citizen Kane, Daddy Warbucks, and King Midas are only a few of the familiar fictional characters who thought enormous wealth could buy happiness and fulfillment. Daddy Warbucks admitted stepping on a few people in his climb to the top. Kane tried to buy the printed word and stardom for his young wife, while King Midas conjured immense wealth and tragedy by his very touch.

We learn clearly in today’s readings that none of this is really possible. True happiness comes from caring for someone other than ourselves. It comes from the pursuit of the virtues Paul described to Timothy: faith, love, gentleness, godliness, righteousness, and endurance. The Gospel reminds us that we dare not ignore the needs of others, acting as though we don’t notice their suffering. God’s call to us is much too clear to disregard for even one more day.

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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
September 30, 2007**

Pursue righteousness, devotion,  
faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

– 1 Timothy 6:11