

TODAY IS THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 10, 2008

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a**2nd Reading:** Romans 9:1-5**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33**Scripture Readings for August 17th****1st Reading:** Isaiah 56:1, 6-7**2nd Reading:** Romans 11:13-15, 29-32**Gospel:** Matthew 15:21-28

Dear Parishioners,

The words 'fear' and 'hope' play out in all three readings this weekend. Elijah fears for his life fleeing from Queen Jezebel. He hopes for protection from the God he finds in the 'whispering sound'. St. Paul is troubled. He is afraid that his kinsmen (the Israelites) abandoned God because they have not accepted Jesus as the Messiah. He hopes they recognize their redemption. In the Gospel the disciples in the boat are afraid of the storms causing the waves to toss them about. When they see and recognize Jesus, they hope to be saved from imminent death.

These readings help us to know that fear may lead to sorrow, yet 'hope' springs eternal. The question we must ask is, "How do I conquer all my fears and embrace hope?" The answer is simple. Pray to and follow the example of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. Mary was touched by 'fear' when the angel Gabriel appeared and when her young son was lost in the temple. Her sorrow was unmatched at the foot of the cross. Her hope for eternal joy with God was realized in her son's resurrection from the dead.

When we see evil in our world, i.e. abortion, ethnic-cleansing, troubled marriages, etc., it is easy to turn away from them and ask someone else to do something about it. Yet, if we are true sons and daughters of Jesus Christ we must follow the example of Elijah, St. Paul and the disciples in the boat. **We must seek the Lord in prayer, friendship, forgiveness and sacrifice.**

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most perfect prayer. This Friday we celebrate the Assumption of Mary (*a holy day of obligation*). Mary loves her son. Follow her example of humility in all you do. Humbly seek her intercession at Mass on Friday. She will hear your prayer. She will take you to her Son. And you will hear *the tiny whispering sound*, "it is I. Do not be afraid."

Deacon Jack



Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world

to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

THE COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 2-3RD

Envelopes	\$14,741.85
Loose	\$1,310.49
Poor Boxes	\$535.62
Children's	\$21.35
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$3,224.57

THE MASS COUNT FOR AUGUST 2-3RD

5 PM – 221	7:30 AM – 180	9 AM – 217
10:30 AM – 314	12 PM – 226	Total – 1158

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Ornella Oldfield and Joseph Johnson.

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the following parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: USMC: Pvt. Harry Harrison Bruns, LCpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton, USAF: Capt. Brian Gallagher, Navy: 2nd Class Petty Officer John Benjamin Maggio, National Guard: Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; Army: Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel, Recon Scout Matt Lambert, 101st Airborne.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Joan Kerr, Douglas Wink, and Joseph Hallameyer.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for: James Anthony III, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, Tammy Randle, Noreen Newcomb, Christian Murray, Robert Nelson, Boyd Crotts, and George Weinhold.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11-17TH

MONDAY 8/11	6:30 a.m. – Tony Reddy 8:00 a.m. – Emily Burke
TUESDAY 8/12	6:30 a.m. – Sr. Marie Edwina 8:00 a.m. – Jay Marlatt
WED. 8/13	6:30 a.m. – Monica Kuyawa 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Cecelia Hoffman
THURSDAY 8/14	6:30 a.m. – Ann P. Hoffman 8:00 a.m. – Eileen Feeney 7:00 p.m. – Special Intentions
FRIDAY 8/15	6:30 a.m. – Francis & Peggy Levy 8:00 a.m. – Alvin Keough
SAT. 8/16	8:00 a.m. – Regina Hajek 5:00 p.m. – Mary Terracina
SUNDAY 8/17	7:30 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory 9:00 a.m. – Brian Butkier 10:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 12:00 p.m. – Shirley Kelly

DAILY READINGS

Monday 8/11	<i>St. Clare of Assisi</i> Reading: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c Gospel: Matthew 17:22-27
Tuesday 8/12	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4 Gospel: Matt. 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday 8/13	<i>St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus</i> Reading: Ezek. 9:1-7, 10:18 - 22 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20
Thursday 8/14	<i>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i> Reading: Ezekiel 12:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 18:21—19:1
Friday 8/15	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Read: Rev. 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab Reading: 1 Corinth. 15:20-27 Gospel: Luke 1:39-56
Saturday 8/16	<i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i> Reading: Ezek. 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32 Gospel: Matthew 19:13-15

FLOWERS – Flowers on our Main Altar are in loving memory of Erma Wagner, requested by her family. Flowers on our Holy Family Altar are in loving memory of Kathleen Gallo, requested by her family.



Flowers on our Blessed Sacrament Altar are in loving memory of Dick Degenhard, requested by Helen and his children.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION, A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION will be celebrated this Friday, August 15th. The Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Thursday evening (Eve of Holyday): 7:00 p.m.
Friday (Holyday): 6:30, and 8:00 a.m.

OUR DAILY BREAD: Notice to all Volunteers. The next food delivery date is Friday, August 15th. Drop off time at church is either Thurs. evening 6:30 – 7:45 PM or Fri. morning, prior to the 8:00 am Mass. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: formation sessions for adults interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Church will begin this fall on Monday evenings. If you or someone you know is interested in these classes, which prepare you to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion, please call the parish office at 410-744-2900.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Classes will resume Sunday, September 7th from 10:05-11:20 am. For more information call Amanda Barrick, Director of Religious Education, at 410.747.9073. Two catechists are needed for the upcoming school year - Kindergarten and 1st grade. If you would like to share your love for the Lord by teaching in our Religious Education program, please call Amanda Barrick at 410-747-9073.

8 A.M. DAILY MASS: Parishioners who attend the 8 a.m. daily Mass, please be advised that beginning August 25, 2008, St. Agnes School will begin at 8:05 a.m. and end at 2:50 p.m. Children will begin arriving on our parking lot at 7:50 a. m. To reduce congestion on our lot, Fr. Carl asks parishioners arriving for the 8 a.m. Mass and parking on our lot, to please arrive prior to 7:50 a.m. and if you are able, please park on the Shoppers' Food Warehouse lot. Thank you for your assistance.



CONGRATULATIONS to the family of Matthew Nicholas Bushar who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

SCHOOL OPENS – at **8:05 a.m.** Monday, August 25, for students in K-8. The first week of school Monday, August 25 – Thursday, August 28 will end in a 12:30 dismissal. School will be closed on August 29th and September 1st for the Labor Day Holiday weekend. Tuesday, September 2nd will be a full day **8:05 a.m. — 2:50 p.m.**

SCHOOL TUITION: The Book Bill and first tuition payment for the new school year was due Tuesday, July 15th. The Book Bill is \$195. per child for all children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The second tuition payment is due August 15th.

The 2008-2009 school calendar is available from the school website www.stagnesschool.net.

ST. AGNES BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:



Basketball registration forms for players in grades 3rd through 8th have been mailed. Cost is \$70 for one player and \$100 per family. This will be our only registration. If you have not played in our program in the past and would like to register please call Sue Bianco 410-788-3537. Players in grades 6th through 8th should have previous playing experience. Please look for information on registration for players in 2nd grade at a later date.

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Call 410-625-8444 or toll free at 1-866-486-6140 or donate online at www.cc-md.org. FREE pick-up and towing!

A RACHEL'S VINEYARD weekend retreat for



spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Marriottsville, MD. September 12-14, 2008 and Sparks, MD. October 24-26, 2008.

The retreat is a confidential and an emotionally safe environment for those struggling after abortion. Contact Project Rachel at (410) 354-6900. Visit www.project-rachel.net or www.rachelsvineyard.org or call the toll-free national hotline, 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

OUR 3rd ANNUAL PARISH CRAB FEAST will be



held Friday, August 29th. For ticket information, please call Sue Bianco at 410.788.3537 or visit our parish

website www.stagnescatholicchurch.org.

St. Agnes Youth Ministry

Sunday, August 10 – Movie Night

Please bring your G or PG rated films to youth group. After a vote, the winning film will be viewed.

Sunday, August 17 – Fr. Tim Night

Join us for a talk by our very own Fr. Tim Fell!

Sunday, August 24 – O's Outing

Come see the O's take on the Yankees at this afternoon game! Bring the whole family! Permission forms and \$10 are due by Sunday, August 17. Game time is 1:35pm. We will leave from the Shoppers lot at 12:45pm.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to buy crab feast raffle chances from the MEN'S CLUB. Win 2 bushels of steamed crabs, 1 bushel of corn, beer and soda. \$1 per chance; 6 chances for \$5 and 15 chances for \$10. Winner drawn August 20th. Call Mike D. at 410-788-6822. Proceeds benefit the Parish Youth Athletic Programs

DONATIONS NEEDED – A parishioner is accepting donations to send to Cameroon Africa to help needy people. Items requested include household items, clothing, and toys. Please no furniture. For more information call 410-814-1343 or 443-636-5499.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Oct. 17-19, 2008 at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Cost \$215. Since there are 4 parishes participating, St. Agnes is limited to 12-15 women at this time. Call Cathy Arini 410.747.7736 for more info

FOOD CERTIFICATES: Shop for your family's summer picnics, and cookouts at Giant or Shoppers' Food Warehouse using food certificates from St. Agnes School and our school will receive 5% of your purchase! Let your family fun support our school. Thank you!

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1.410.676.6000 or visit the web at www.masstimes.org.

MEMORY VERSE

MATTHEW 14:27

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid