

**Scripture Readings for Today****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 11:33-36**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20**Scripture Readings for August 31<sup>st</sup>****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 12:1-2**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27

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Dear Parishioners,

“Time makes heroes, but dissolves celebrities.” Of the countless number of people who strive to be famous, comparatively few ever succeed, and fewer still are long remembered. The saints, on the other hand, often followed an opposite pattern. They sought total anonymity and obscurity, and instead ended up changing their own world, and having a deep influence on generations of people yet unborn. One such person is St. Bernard of Clairvaux, whose feast was this week. He entered a monastery with a longing to be forgotten by the world and known to God alone. Instead, he founded sixty seven other monasteries, renewed the fire of faith in tens of thousands of people, and his counsel was sought by popes and kings. Centuries later, his writings continue to educate and inspire, and the “ripple effect” of his numerous religious communities through the ages is known to God alone.

As St. Bernard demonstrates the power of a single life, we should never underestimate the potential of our own. God can use us to help and inspire people in great ways, even if not as quantifiable or long-lived as the efforts of St. Bernard. In the end, perhaps it amounts to putting things in their proper order. If you want to make the world a better place, become a better Christian, and you will already have succeeded. Beyond that, God alone knows the good He accomplishes through us once our own house is in order.

Fr. Tim

**THE MASS COUNT FOR AUGUST 16-17<sup>TH</sup>**

5 PM – 232	7:30 AM – 177	9 AM – 210
10:30 AM – 352	12 PM – 295	Total – 1266



In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans — and us — that all things come from God: “For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things.” Good stewards understand that *all* is gift and

they share generously their gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

***“Love one another as I have loved you...I have chosen you to go forth and bear much fruit.”***

John 15:12, 16

**THE COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 16-17<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$12,491.50
Loose .....	\$1,266.63
Poor Boxes .....	\$580.02
Children's .....	\$ 39.31
Assumption .....	\$3,787.77

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Mary Palacorolla.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**, especially those in hospitals – Joan Kerr, Ernest Gruber, Marie Cronise, Mary Agnes Stricker, and Joseph Hallameyer.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Charles Harris, James Anthony III, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, Tammy Randle, Noreen Newcomb, Christian Murray, Robert Nelson, Boyd Crofts, and George Weinhold.

**PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE:** We ask you to remember the 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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer John Benjamin Maggio; **NAT'L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; **ARMY** – Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephen Winter, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Sheldon Broedel, Recon Scout Matt Lambert, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne.

*Mass Intentions***MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25-31<sup>ST</sup>**

MONDAY 8/25	6:30 a.m. – Shirley Kelly 8:00 a.m. – Robert Redfern
TUESDAY 8/26	6:30 a.m. – Mr. Culp 8:00 a.m. – Maura Hudson
WED. 8/27	6:30 a.m. – Antoinette Reddy 8:00 a.m. – Karen Martin
THURSDAY 8/28	6:30 a.m. – Peter Fedder 8:00 a.m. – Kathy Sanders
FRIDAY 8/29	6:30 a.m. – Dorothy Fryer 8:00 a.m. – Jo Terracina
SAT. 8/30	8:00 a.m. – Charles Hunkler 5:00 p.m. – Barbara Fritter
SUNDAY 8/31	7:30 a.m. – Monica Kuyawa 9:00 a.m. – Int. of Ann McFarland 10:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 12:00 p.m. – Shirley Kelly

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Monday</b> 8/25	<i>St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz</i> <b>Reading:</b> 2 Thess. 1:1-5, 11-12 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday</b> 8/26	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> 2 Thess. 2:1-3a, 14-17 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday</b> 8/27	<i>St. Monica</i> <b>Reading:</b> 2 Thess. 3:6-10, 16-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 23:27-32
<b>Thursday</b> 8/28	<i>St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor</i> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Corin. 1:1-9 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 24:42-51
<b>Friday</b> 8/29	<i>Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist</i> <b>Reading:</b> Jeremiah 1:17-19 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:17-29
<b>Saturday</b> 8/30	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Corin. 1:26-31 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 25:14-30

**FLOWERS** – Flowers on our Altars are in loving memory of Bob Mellendick, requested by his family. To donate fresh flowers, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

**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 call the parish office at 410-744-2900.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** – Classes will resume Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:05-11:20 am. Please call Amanda Barrick, Director of Religious Ed. at 410.747.9073 to register by Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>. A part-time secretary (10-12 hrs per wk) is needed in the Religious Ed. Office. Please call Amanda Barrick at 410.747.9073.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:** beginning August 25, St. Agnes School will open at 8:05 a.m. Children will begin arriving on our parking lot at 7:50 a. m. Parishioners who wish to park on our lot to attend 8 a.m. Mass, please arrive prior to 7:50 a.m. If you are able, please park on the Shoppers' Food Warehouse lot. Thank you.

**OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PARISH CRAB FEAST** will be held Friday, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> from 7- 11 pm at The Lodge, 2832 Nine Mile Circle, in Catonsville. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.



**CALLING ALL BETTY CROCKERS:** Due to the popular demand of homemade cakes at the Spring Gala, we would like to include a cake wheel at the Annual Crab Feast. If you would like to donate a homemade cake or pie, please call Julie Williams 410.242.9205. Cakes may be dropped off on the Church parking lot on Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup> between 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. OR we will pick them up. As always, thank you for your continued support!



**JOIN THE IHM SILVER CIRCLE** – For \$25.00, you can participate in 330 drawings from Oct. 2008 - June 2009, with prizes ranging from \$50 to \$1,000. In addition to your chance to win, you are helping the IHM Sisters raise money for their Retirement Fund. Please help support our retired IHM Sisters. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information or call Sr. Gracette at 410.747.5827. Thank you for your support!



## **ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!**

**Welcome** to our new and returning students and parents! School reopens on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:05 A.M., and we look forward to an exciting school year!

**Remember, our school day is now 8:05 AM until 2:50 PM.**

**“We Are Called”** is our Religious Theme for 2008-2009. There are class and school-wide activities planned around our theme with several opportunities for classes to share events.

**HSA Volunteer Night** will be held Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to come to hear about the many volunteer opportunities we have this year!

**Back-to-School Night** will be held on Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 P.M. in the Old School Hall. Please plan to join us for this informative evening and meet your child’s teachers.

**Treasure Hunt:** Parents, please check your child’s backpack for important notices and forms! Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Dates To Remember:**

<b>8/25-8/28</b>	12:30 dismissal each day
<b>8/26</b>	HSA Volunteer Night 7 pm.
<b>8/29</b>	School closed
<b>9/1</b>	School closed — Labor Day
<b>9/2</b>	Nursery Parent / Student Orientation 9:00-10:00 am.
<b>9/3</b>	Gift Wrap Sale begins! Pre-K Parent / Student Orientation 9:00-10:00 am.
<b>9/4</b>	Nursery Program begins Back-to-School Night 6:30
<b>9/5</b>	Pre-K begins <b>First Friday Mass 9:00 am</b> Please join us as we begin our school year with the celebration of the Eucharist.

**HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** will have a Volunteer Meeting Tues. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> 7 pm in the Cafeteria. All school families are required to fulfill 20 hrs of volunteer service per year. Learn more about our volunteer opportunities. You will receive 1 hour just for attending!

## **St. Agnes Youth Ministry**

### **Sunday, August 31 – Back to School Prayer Service**

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Place your worries, fears and doubts in God’s hands tonight as we pray for His blessings on the upcoming school year.

### **Sunday, September 7 – Guitar Hero Battle**

We will have two systems set up so we can battle it out, Guitar Hero style! No experience is necessary! It’s easy to learn! Come play and cheer on your teammates. The overall winner will receive a prize!

### **ST. AGNES BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:**

Basketball registration forms for players in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> should have previous playing experience. Please look for information on registration for players in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at a later date.

### **ATTENTION GIRLS!** Girl Scouts is a great way to



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make new friends. There will be New Girl Scout Registration on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Old School Hall. Please come join us and find out about some of our fun events. All girls from Kindergarten and up are welcome. Adult volunteers are also needed. Hope to see you there! For more information please call Patty Watkins-Wilson at 410-242-6632 or Suzanne Jones at 410-788-1240.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP FESTIVAL** will be held following all Masses Sept. 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend. There will be food, fun and fellowship! Come celebrate the great things happening here at St. Agnes.

### **ST. AGNES PARISH PICNIC** will be held on



Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Avalon area of the Patapsco State Park. Mark your calendar now!

## Sign of the Cross

By Paul Turner



Each Mass begins with the sign of the cross. The priest says, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit," and the people answer, "Amen." Meanwhile, all make the traditional gesture in accompaniment. Usually they use their right hand to touch their forehead, breast, and left and right shoulders while the names of the Trinity are pronounced. In some cultures, people kiss their thumb afterward or fold their hands. Some lower their head or close their eyes, but others look straight ahead to draw inspiration from the faith of the entire community.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the priest gestured the sign of the cross alone while saying the words silently. Pope Paul VI personally requested that a communal sign of the cross be introduced at the start of the Mass, where it has been since 1969.

The sign of the cross is a popular way to begin and conclude prayer. For example, a mealtime blessing often opens and closes with it. It verbally proclaims our faith in the Holy Trinity as it announces our intentions to do and say all things in the name of God.

At times during Mass, the priest traces a cross in the air with his right hand raised up; fingers extended, and palm facing his left. He positions his hand in the direction of people or things he blesses. He does this, for example, after putting incense on burning coals, while blessing the deacon before he reads the Gospel, while calling down the Spirit over the bread and wine during the Eucharistic Prayer, and while blessing the people just before the dismissal. His first and last words at Mass are the sign of the cross.

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## BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES



### Work Completed Past Two Weeks

- Sidewalk and stairs East side completed
- Lighting rough in to gym complete
- Block veneer 95% complete
- Playground installed
- Sprinkler system 60% complete
- Island on parking lot installed

### Scheduled Work for Next Two Weeks

- Metal siding to west side
- Skylights installed
- Sidewalk to west side install
- BGE to set transformer for power to building
- Finish roofing work and install downspouts

### **A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE** – Retrouvaille



(pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulty. Our next weekend will be September 12-14<sup>th</sup>. For confidential information call 410.647.0350 or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**FOOD CERTIFICATES FACTS** – If every family in the parish used a \$10 certificate toward their grocery bill this week, St. Agnes School would make \$420.00. Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse gift cards are available for sale after the Masses on the Old School Porch each weekend. Our school receives 5% of the face value of each certificate sold at no additional cost to the purchaser. Please support our school by purchasing these gift cards. Thank you!

**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

### MEMORY VERSE

### ROMANS 11:36

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.