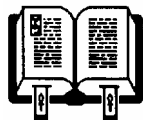


TODAY IS THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 3, 2008

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-3**2nd Reading:** Romans 8:35, 37-39**Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21**Scripture Readings for August 10th****1st Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a**2nd Reading:** Romans 9:1-5**Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-33

Dear Parishioners,

It has been a while since I've badgered all of you to go to Confession, and since the lines have not gotten any longer I can only assume it is time to do so again! Actually, this is a very appropriate time to reflect upon this Sacrament, as Monday is the feast of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests. St. John would routinely spend 18 hours a day hearing confessions, and could read souls and thus was able to help the reticent penitent who withheld sins due to their embarrassment. Yet, if St. John could not get them to renounce the sins of which he was aware, he would say, "My friend, you are damned." But, with great sorrow, added, "how frightful." It is a bit ironic that people are more fearful of confessing a sin than retaining its guilt, or worse still perhaps so presumptuous as to think it is up to them to decide the means by which the God they have offended should offer forgiveness. God spoke of this mentality to St. Hildegard, saying, "But one who refuses to lay bare the wounds of sin, and follows his own wishes by trying to cure himself in silence without the help of another, is deceiving himself. For he wishes to be his own priest, but without the help of another he cannot rise; as Man did not rise up and stand by himself but was saved by My Son. Hence let one who desires to be saved never despair of confessing his sins, even at the end of his life." In the words of St. John, "Remember that when the priest gives you absolution, you have but one thing to think of – the blood of the Good God is flowing over your soul to purify it and make it as bright as it was made in Baptism."

Fr. Tim



In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, *shared*, will always be more than enough.

Have you given thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given you?

THE COLLECTION FOR JULY 26-27TH

Envelopes	\$13,070.02
Loose	\$685.64
Poor Boxes	\$437.57
Children's	\$37.06
Missionary Cooperative	\$5081.69

THE MASS COUNT FOR JULY 26-27TH

5 PM – 222	7:30 AM – 167	9 AM – 240
10:30 AM – 284	12 PM – 250	Total – 1163

Children's Stewardship

Eight-year old E.R. writes on her envelope:

Time: reading to my brothers

Talent: singing at Church

Treasure: \$1.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of our deceased parishioners.

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, Ornella Oldfield and Joseph Hallameyer.

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4 – 10TH

MONDAY 8/4	6:30 a.m. – Catherine Cairone 8:00 a.m. – Catherine Schumann
TUESDAY 8/5	6:30 a.m. – Francis & Peggy Levy 8:00 a.m. – Shirley Kelly
WED. 8/6	6:30 a.m. – Evelyn Geary 8:00 a.m. – John Ascosi
THURSDAY 8/7	6:30 a.m. – Mr. & Mrs. Kammann 8:00 a.m. – Florence Sanker
FRIDAY 8/8	6:30 a.m. – Kathleen Gallo 8:00 a.m. – Paul J. Dietrich
SAT. 8/9	8:00 a.m. – Regina Hajek 5:00 p.m. – Bob Wissman
SUNDAY 8/10	7:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 9:00 a.m. – Irene Mandras 10:30 a.m. – Richard Degenhard 12:00 p.m. – William B. Murray

DAILY READINGS

Monday 8/4	<i>St. John Vianney</i> Reading: Jeremiah 28:1-17 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday 8/5	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Jerem.30:1-2, 12-15, Gospel: Mt. 14:22-36
Wednesday 8/6	<i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i> Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9
Thursday 8/7	<i>St. Sixtus II</i> Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-23
Friday 8/8	<i>St. Dominic</i> Reading: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Gospel: Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday 8/9	<i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the cross</i> Reading: Habakkuk 1:12—2:4 Gospel: Matthew 17:14-20

FLOWERS – Flowers on our Main Altar are in loving memory of Marian Cummings, requested by her family. To donate fresh flowers in loving memory or for a special occasion, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held August 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. Parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Agnes must participate in this baptism class prior to scheduling their child's baptism. Please call the Parish Office to register.

FAMILY ROSARY – This Wednesday, August 6th, the Feast of the Transfiguration, we will be praying the Luminous Mysteries at 6:30 pm in the Church. All are welcome! After Family Rosary, please join us at Opie's for snowballs.

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.



SCHOOL NEWS – The summer hours for St. Agnes School are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The 2008-2009 school calendar is available from the school website www.stagnesschool.net.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS – The summer hours for the Parish office are as follows: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY – 12290 Folly Quarter Rd, Ellicott City, welcomes the *Singers Madrigale* of Annapolis to their dinner concert "Under the Arches" on Sunday, August 10th, from 6 pm - 8:30 pm. Enjoy a delicious dinner and listen to the madrigal group in full Renaissance costumes. Tickets are \$25.00; \$30.00 at the door and \$15.00 for children. Please call 410 - 531-2800 for more information.

OUR 3rd ANNUAL PARISH CRAB FEAST will be held Friday, August 29th. Proceeds will benefit the building fund. For ticket information, please call Sue Bianco at 410.788.3537 or visit our parish website www.stagnescatholicchurch.org.



"IN HIS LIKENESS"

ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST
Feast day – August 4

St. John Vianney (1786-1839) spent as many as eighteen hours a day hearing confessions. This tells of the dedication of the holy priest we honor today. God "made him outstanding in his priestly zeal and concern" for his people.

Born in 1786 at Lyons, France, John was ordained a priest in 1815. Due to his great difficulty with his studies, a priest interceded for him, and the decision was made that "his goodness was sufficient to offset his deficiencies". Father John Vianney was appointed Cure' of Ars in 1817 where he remained until his death in 1839.

Fr. John set himself the task of waging war on religious indifference, immorality and frivolity, and eventually he reformed the entire village. Word of his goodness and his gift of insight into the minds and souls of people led to many seeking him for confession and spiritual direction. His life belonged to these people who entrusted their souls to him. He had little time for a private life and often longed for a life of solitude. He left the village several times, but always came back. Fr. John had a great appreciation of prayer, and he expressed it in his Catechism of Prayer. There we read: "This is the glorious duty of man: to pray and to love. If you pray and love, that is where a man's happiness lies. Prayer is nothing else but union with God ... This union of God with a tiny creature is a lovely thing. It is happiness beyond understanding... Through prayer we receive a foretaste of heaven and something of paradise comes down upon us."

Liturgical prayer he saw as especially efficacious: "Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there; if you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky-, public prayer is like that."

The suggested gospel reading for today (Matthew 9:35-10:1) is most appropriate and applicable to St. John Vianney, model priest and pastor, faithful follower of the Good Shepherd. What was said of Jesus may be said of John: "He proclaimed the good news of God's reign, and he cured every sickness and disease. At the sight of the crowd his heart was moved to pity."

St. Agnes Youth Ministry**Sunday, August 3 – Frederick Keys Faith Night**

Join us as we head to Frederick for faith, fun and fireworks! We will meet on the Shoppers lot at 2:45pm. Pre and post game activities include: playing ball in the outfield, a praise and worship concert, appearance by the Veggie Tales, testimonials from the Frederick Keys players and coaches and a fireworks display. The cost for this trip is \$8. Permission forms can be printed from our website www.stagnescatholicchurch.org.

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

ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Before you go to the store, stop by the Food Certificate table after Mass and purchase a \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 food certificate to put toward your groceries. You get dollar for dollar value, and St. Agnes School will receive 5% of your grocery bill -- at no cost to you! Certificates are also available in the School and Parish offices.

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

**MEMORY VERSE****ROMANS 8:39**

Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.