

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Jeremiah 20:7-9**2nd Reading:** Romans 12:1-2**Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-27**Scripture Readings for September 7th****1st Reading:** Ezekiel 33:7-9**2nd Reading:** Romans 13:8-10**Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

Dear Parishioners,

Like so many, I have enjoyed watching the Olympics these last few weeks when time permits. Several days ago I saw the wonderful witness to the Glory of God from one of the participants. After running for several hours in the men's marathon, the winner, Samuel Kamua Wansiru from Kenya, crossed the finish line, went to his knees, bowed his head and made the Sign of the Cross. Having observed the reactions of other athletes who won medals, it was humbling and reassuring to witness Samuel's.

Our readings today tell us simply to live each day for Jesus. No matter what our state in life, it is possible to do this. Take up your cross (i.e., occupation, home life, or illness) and walk with Christ. How? Look to Saint Monica (Feast 8/28) and Saint Augustine (Feast 8/29). Saint Monica prayed daily for the conversion of her husband and her son, St. Augustine. Her husband converted before he died. Saint Augustine sinned often. His conversion is detailed in a book titled, "Confessions". His conversion story is profound and now he is a Doctor of the Church.

All of us sin and most of us pray. We need to sin less and pray more. The cross Jesus asks us to carry for Him is witnessed by our life experiences. Let Christ be your 1st response in life, like Samuel Kamua Wansiru of Kenya. His actions reflect the words in today's psalm, "Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name." As you carry your daily crosses, pray or "call" often seeking the intercession of the saints, acknowledging the cross of Christ as the only true sign of salvation, for it is "good, pleasing, and perfect".

Deacon Jack



In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

THE COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 23-24TH

Envelopes	\$13,050.50
Loose	\$1,265.56
Poor Boxes	\$612.96
Children's	\$35.80

THE MASS COUNT FOR AUGUST 23-24TH

5 PM – 214	7:30 AM – 226	9 AM – 296
10:30 AM – 401	12 PM – 269	Total – 1406

Children's Stewardship

Six -year old C.R. writes on his envelope:

Time: helping Mom make dinner

Talent: playing baseball

Treasure: \$1.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Norene Scheeler.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Jim Ryan, and Lucile Marlatt.

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

PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember those 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; **NAT'L 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.

Mass Intentions**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1-7TH**

MONDAY 9/1	6:30 a.m. – Monica Kuyawa 9:00 a.m. – Thomas Jurgenson
TUESDAY 9/2	6:30 a.m. – Peter Feddor 8:00 a.m. – Antoinette Reddy
WED. 9/3	6:30 a.m. – Michael Sullivan 8:00 a.m. – Stanley Nagel
THURSDAY 9/4	6:30 a.m. – Ann P. Hoffman 8:00 a.m. – Frances Shaver
FRIDAY 9/5	6:30 a.m. – Henry & Cecelia Hoffman 8:00 a.m. – Francis & Peggy Levy
SAT. 9/6	8:00 a.m. – Shirley Kelly 5:00 p.m. – Rosalie Quail
SUNDAY 9/7	7:30 a.m. – Edith Myers 9:00 a.m. – Richard Burkett 10:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 12:00 p.m. – Elizabeth Littleton

DAILY READINGS

Monday 9/1	<i>Weekday – Labor Day</i> Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Gospel: Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday 9/2	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 Gospel: Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday 9/3	<i>St. Gregory the Great</i> Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Gospel: Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 9/4	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11
Friday 9/5	<i>First Friday</i> Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Gospel: Luke 5:33-39
Saturday 9/6	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Micah 5:1-4a Gospel: Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23

TOMORROW, MONDAY, SEPT 1ST IS LABOR DAY, a National Holiday – Masses will be held at 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. **There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass on Labor Day.** The Parish Office will be closed.

FLOWERS – Flowers on our Main Altar are in loving memory of Jo Terracina, requested by Rose. To donate fresh flowers, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS will be held this Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. Parents must attend this class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please call the Parish Office to register.

FAMILY ROSARY – Please join our parish family this Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm in the Church to pray the Joyful Mysteries in honor of the Blessed Mother's birthday September 8th.

CONFESSIONS will be heard this Thursday, September 4th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in preparation for First Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES will be held this Friday, September 5th at 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR will be held this Friday, Sept. 5th, from 7 to 8 p.m. After this Hour the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8 a.m. Saturday. Parishioners are needed to rest with Jesus during these 12 hours. A sign-up sheet can be found in the front of church.

THE SECOND COLLECTION to be taken up at all the Masses next weekend will be the Annual Archdiocesan Collection for Pope Benedict XVI (Peter's Pence). Your contribution allows the Pope to respond to the thousands of requests he receives each year. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Church. Thank you!

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: formation sessions for adults interested in becoming full members of the Catholic Church will begin Monday, September 15 at 7 p.m. 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 7th from 10:05-11:20 a.m. Please call Amanda Barrick, Director of Religious Ed. at 410.747.9073 to register.

CONGRATULATIONS to Helen Bopp, winner of the Men's Club crab feast raffle! Thank you to everyone who supported this successful fundraiser. Proceeds benefit the parish youth athletic program.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

Back To School Night will be held this Thursday, September 4th, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Old School Hall. Join us for an informative evening and the opportunity to meet your child's teachers.

Gift Wrap Sale Our annual Innisbrook Gift Wrap sale begins this week! See your favorite St. Agnes student to place your order. Thank you!

Dates To Remember:

- 9/2** Nursery Orientation 9:00-10:00 A.M.
- 9/3** Pre-K Orientation 9:00-10:00 A.M.
- 9/4** Nursery School begins
**Back to School Night 6:30 P.M.
In the Cafeteria**
- 9/5** Pre-K begins
Opening School Liturgy 9:00 A.M.
All are Welcome!

Save the Dates!

- 9/7** Catholic High Schools Fair -UMBC 3-5pm.
- 9/11** **STAND Video Training**-required for all volunteers in our school 6:30 am.* & 6:30 pm.
* **Please call the school office to make an appointment for the 6:30AM training.**
- 9/14** Catholic High Schools Fair
Notre Dame College 3-5pm
- 9/19** **No School – Faculty Retreat**

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. For more information call Sr. Gracette at 410.747.5827. Thank you for your support!



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS! New members are welcome for the Men's, Women's, Funeral and Children's Cherub Choirs. If you enjoy singing please join us as we praise God in song! Rehearsals begin Wednesday, Sept. 10th – Women's 6:30 to 8 p.m. and Men's 7:30 to 9 p.m. Children's choir will begin in Oct. Call Marianne at 410-744-2900 or e-mail MMJJGreg@aol.com.

St. Agnes Youth Ministry

Sunday, Aug. 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!

ATTENTION GIRLS! New Girl Scout Registration will be Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Old School Hall. Adult volunteers are also needed. Call Patty Watkins-Wilson at 410-242-6632 or Suzanne Jones at 410-788-1240.

10TH ANNUAL ST. AGNES OPEN to benefit the St. Agnes School Athletic Program will be held Monday, September 22nd at 1:00 P.M. at Oakmont Green Golf Club in Hampstead. Cost: \$75.00 includes Greens Fees, Cart and a steak dinner. Individual, group or business sponsors are needed! Call Mike Williams 410.947.9471.



OUR STEWARDSHIP FESTIVAL will be held following all Masses Sept. 27 & 28th. Please plan to attend. There will be food, fun and fellowship!

ST. AGNES PARISH PICNIC will be held on Sunday, October 5th at the Avalon area of the Patapsco State Park. Mark your calendar now!



THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: Catonsville, are in need of Adult and Youth Volunteers for various tasks including: outside work, kitchen help, minor carpentry project, sewing, occasional bus driver (no special class needed), visiting residents, etc. Please contact Susan Z. Smith 410-744-9367 x 124.

MEMORY VERSE

ROMANS 12:1

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.