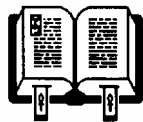


TODAY IS THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2008

***Scripture Readings for Today*****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 55:10-11**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:18-23**Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-23***Scripture Readings for July 20<sup>th</sup>*****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Wisdom 12:13, 16-19**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 8:26-27**Gospel:** Matthew 13:24-43

Dear Parishioners,

In the familiar parable of the sower and the seeds, Jesus referred to those seeds which sprung up at once, yet withered under the midday sun for a lack of roots. It is important to note that Jesus did not blame the withering on the heat of the sun, but on the lack of roots. In this parable, the heat of the sun is an analogy for the burdens and hardships of life that can test our faith. Yet, when "the heat of the midday sun," the trials and toils of life, lead our faith to wither, the problem is our own lack of roots, not the trial itself. It is much easier to blame external events for a crisis of faith, but Jesus assures us that the problem lies within. Difficulties can only overcome us when we first weaken our own foundations.

Pope John Paul II once wrote that, in the life of the soul, we can not coast on past gains. We must always be feeding our souls with a consistent life of prayer and regular meditation upon the Scriptures and other spiritual writings. Sometimes, even when people have a sincere faith, there can be a tendency to allow the spiritual life to weaken and wither, then suddenly, we find ourselves in the midst of a crisis and desperately try to recapture a spiritual peace and strength which we once possessed, or at least had frequently resolved to achieve.

In today's second reading, St. Paul wrote, "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed." Wouldn't it be great to have that kind of faith which truly considers life's hardships as "nothing," rather than allowing them to become a constant source of fear, anxiety and unhappiness? The same grace of God which brought St. Paul to this level of faith is available to us as well. We only have to take the time to prepare the field of our hearts, and once our part is done, the sower will not delay in doing His.

Fr. Tim



May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred – or sixty – or thirtyfold!

**THE COLLECTION FOR JULY 5-6<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$15,985.60
Loose .....	\$1,458.12
Poor Boxes .....	\$499.24
Children's .....	\$40.20

**THE MASS COUNT FOR JULY 5-6<sup>TH</sup>**

5 PM – 232	7:30 AM – 179	9 AM – 243
10:30 AM – 301	12 PM – 300	Total – 1255

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**, especially those in hospitals – Elizabeth Quinn, Bruce Gemmill, Betty Gapsis, Jen King, Christopher Wetheral, and Elizabeth Letmate.

**PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE:** We ask you to remember the following: parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: LCpl. Joseph Bytella; Capt. Brian Gallagher; 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer John Benjamin Maggio, Pfc. William O'Brien; Pvt. Harry Harrison Bruns, USMC; Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, National Guard; Recon Scout 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Matt Lambert, David Parker, National Guard; Army Sgt. Joshua Callow, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Stephen Winter, U.S. Army; LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick; LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr; Sgt. David Burton, USMC; LCpl Alex Webb; Army Specialists: Steve Grenfell and Sheldon Broedel.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Tammy Randle, Noreen Newcomb, Christian Murray, Robert Nelson, Melvin Marshalek, Boyd Crofts, Nancy Baucom, Milton Getka, and George Weinhold.

*Mass Intentions***MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14-20<sup>TH</sup>**

MONDAY 7/14	6:30 a.m. – Emmaline V. Fodel 8:00 a.m. – John Jahnigen
TUESDAY 7/15	6:30 a.m. – Evelyn Geary 8:00 a.m. – Alva Slicher
WED. 7/16	6:30 a.m. – Marie Serio 8:00 a.m. – Nellie Maggio
THURSDAY 7/17	6:30 a.m. – John Merbach Sr. 8:00 a.m. – Kenneth Zeller
FRIDAY 7/18	6:30 a.m. – Kay Bartolini 8:00 a.m. – John Ascosi
SAT. 7/19	8:00 a.m. – Rose Aruny 5:00 p.m. – Sean Walsh
SUNDAY 7/20	7:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 9:00 a.m. – Joan Luecking 10:30 a.m. – Wayne Harting 12:00 p.m. – Carmelina Lotz

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Monday</b> 7/14	<i>Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha</i> <b>Reading:</b> Isaiah 1:10-17 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 10:24-33
<b>Tuesday</b> 7/15	<i>St. Bonaventure</i> <b>Reading:</b> Isaiah 7:1-9 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 11:20-24
<b>Wednesday</b> 7/16	<i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i> <b>Reading:</b> Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 11:25-27
<b>Thursday</b> 7/17	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 11:28-30
<b>Friday</b> 7/18	<i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i> <b>Reading:</b> Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 12:1-8
<b>Saturday</b> 7/19	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Micah 2:1-5 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 12:14-21

**FLOWERS** – Flowers on our Main Altar are in loving memory of Cecelia Blair requested by her family. To donate fresh flowers, call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

**SAINT AGNES MEN'S CLUB** will meet this coming Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in the Old School Hall. New members are always welcome.

**OUR DAILY BREAD:** Notice to all Volunteers – The next food delivery date is Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. Drop-off time at church can be either Thursday evening, 6:30 – 7:45 PM or Friday morning, prior to the 8:00 AM Mass. Confirmation Candidates can also bring food donations – hard-boiled eggs, foil wrapped macaroni and cheese casserole or meatloaf. Thank you for your dedication to our hungry neighbors.

**CHRISTLIFE:** Join local college-age Catholics for a course on evangelization called *Sharing Christ*. This course teaches you how to share your personal friendship with Jesus Christ with others. It began on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and continues every Thursday through July 24, from 7:30-9:30 pm at UMBC Interfaith Center. Sponsored by ChristLife; Contact Pete Ascosi at [pete@christlife.org](mailto:pete@christlife.org) or 410.531.7701.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS** – The summer hours for St. Agnes School will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tuition may be paid at the Parish Office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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



**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.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK IS** July 20-26<sup>th</sup>. Natural Family Planning is a call to celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality. For inner peace and for family happiness, you have to let God reign in your heart and in your marriage. For more info, please contact Tom and Patty Strunck at 410-696-2269 or [strunckfamily@cclcentralmd.org](mailto:strunckfamily@cclcentralmd.org)

**OUR 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL PARISH CRAB FEAST** will be held Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar now. Proceeds will benefit the building fund.



## **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES**



### **Work Completed Past Two Weeks**

- Metal siding begun
- Metal roof decking 90% complete
- Electrical rough-in begun
- 65% of block veneer completed
- Spiral duct installation to gym begun

### **Scheduled Work for Next Two Weeks**

- Continue metal siding
- Complete block veneer
- Install roof drains
- Rough-in for lighting
- Install sheet metal duct returns

In the coming month, the large oak tree near the church and parking lot will need to be removed. There have been several branches that have died and fallen, one striking a child. Recently the tree was evaluated by a tree preservation specialist. It was his opinion that the tree was dying and would pose a continued threat to the safety of parishioners and school children from falling limbs. Once the tree is removed and the new playground is installed on the site of the temporary playground, a new tree will be planted.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY EXPO** — will be held July 25-26, at Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City. The EXPO provides inspiring and practical talks for Catholics of all ages, in addition to a book and exhibitor fair in the church gym. There will be Mass each day and opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more info visit [www.nache.org](http://www.nache.org) or call 443-539-4140.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:** Oct. 17-19, 2008 at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Cost \$215. The retreat will be limited to 12-15 women. Call Cathy Arini 410.747.7736 for more info.

**PROVIDE FOR YOUR LOVED ONES** – No matter the size of your estate, if you want to provide for your surviving relatives and friends, you need to have a will. If you die without making a will, you lose the ability to control the disposition of your assets. After you have provided for your loved ones, we hope that you will designate a gift for St. Agnes Parish. Your bequest can be a specific amount of money, property or stock. Just tell your lawyer or Fr. Carl what you want to do. You can also name our parish as a contingency beneficiary if someone named in your will is no longer living.

## **ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY**

### **Sunday, July 13 – Steubenville**

Since Friday, July 11, 31 of our high school youth ministry members and 5 of our adult chaperones have been in Ohio for the annual youth conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Please keep them in your prayers as they return from their trip this Sunday. **Note: There will be no youth night this weekend.**

### **Sunday, July 20 – Steubenville Testimonies**

Tonight, we will view pictures and videos from our trip and discuss our favorite memories. Please bring your cameras and the cables that will connect them to a television for viewing!

### **Sunday, July 27 – Movie Night**

Please bring a G or PG rated movie for voting! We will watch the winner.

**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 for your weekly food shopping. Thank you!

**TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?** For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1.410.676.6000 or visit the web at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

**PROJECT RACHEL: Hope and Healing after Abortion** – Project Rachel provides referrals for counseling, spiritual support and Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for hope and healing after an abortion. For more info call 410-354-6900; or visit [www.project-rachel.net](http://www.project-rachel.net).

**Pregnant, Need Help?** Call the Gabriel Network 1-800-ANGEL-OK

### **MEMORY VERSE**

### **ROMANS 8:18**

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed.