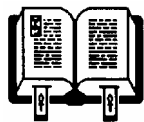


TODAY IS THE THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 16, 2008

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,**2nd Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

The “worthy wife” described in today’s first reading is a perfect example of active stewardship, reaching out her hands to the poor and extending her arms to the needy.

Scripture Readings for November 23rd**1st Reading:** Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**Gospel:** Matthew 25:31-46

Dear Parishioners,

“All of my possessions for a moment of time!” These were the dying words of Queen Elizabeth of England, and they embody a great truth. While we live in a world that measures wealth in dollars, time is the greatest treasure we have. In today’s Gospel, Jesus uses an analogy of the industrious use of “talents,” but it is a parable about the accounting we will give to God for all we have received, not just our material blessings. In a world that offers so many ways to squander time (the average American will spend about 16 years worth of consecutive waking hours watching television), we would do well to be inspired by the greater possibilities we have (extending the Kingdom of God), and mindful of the accounting we will give in the end. Here are a couple of excerpts for your consideration in the week to come:

“Therefore, be attentive to time and the way you spend it. Nothing is more precious. This is evident when you recall that in one tiny moment Heaven may be gained or lost. God, the master of time, never gives the future. He gives only the present, moment by moment, for this is the law of the created order, and God will not contradict Himself in His creation. Time is for man, not man for time.” (The Cloud of Unknowing)

“So while we are enjoying days of grace, while our Judge holds off the sentence, and the examiner of our sins awaits our conversion, let us soften our hardened hearts with tears and practice charity and kindness towards our neighbor. Then we can be sure that, if we offered ourselves during life as a victim to God, we will not need to have the saving Victim offered for us after death [an allusion to avoiding Purgatory]. (Pope Gregory the Great)

Fr. Tim

THE COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 8-9TH

Envelopes	\$16,432.85
Loose	\$1,010.61
Poor Boxes	\$586.82
Children’s	\$40.94

THE MASS COUNT FOR NOVEMBER 8-9TH

5 PM – 280	7:30 AM – 206	9 AM – 266
10:30 AM – 344	12 PM – 230	Total – 1326

Children’s Stewardship

Eight -year old S.B writes on her envelope:

Time: raking leaves

Talent: painting

Treasure: \$1.00

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Mary Straub, Jack Murray, Andrew Hill, Harry Hildebrand, Maribelle Jane Kursch, and Audie Murphy.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Tammy Randle, Lou Kaminski, Mary Van Dusen, Charles & Jacque Harris, John Joseph, Kyla Zeilinger, John Hartner, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, Noreen Newcomb, and Robert Nelson.

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; Nat’l Guard – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; Army – Timothy Muhl, 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 NOV. 17-23RD

MONDAY 11/17	6:30 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory 8:00 a.m. – Sr. Marie Edwina SSND
TUESDAY 11/18	6:30 a.m. – Joseph Terracina 8:00 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory
WED. 11/19	6:30 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory 8:00 a.m. – Colleen Waite
THURSDAY 11/20	6:30 a.m. – Francis & Peggy Levy 8:00 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY 11/21	6:30 a.m. – Victor Bryan 8:00 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory
SAT. 11/22	8:00 a.m. – Robert Fisher 5:00 p.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 11/23	7:30 a.m. – Albert Walters 9:00 a.m. – For the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. – John & Mary Ames 12:00 p.m. – Edwina Formhals

FLOWERS – Flowers on our Main Altar are in loving memory of Joseph Terracina, requested by Mary Lou. Flowers on the Holy Family Altar are in loving memory of Paula Anne Hoffman, requested by her family.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Training will be held this week for St. Agnes parishioners in the 5th grade or older who are interested in becoming Altar servers. Please call the parish office to register.

ST. AGNES MEN'S CLUB will meet this Wednesday, November 19th, at 7:30 PM in the Old School Hall. All men of the parish are welcome.

OUR DAILY BREAD: The next food delivery date is this Fri., Nov. 21st. Drop off time at Church will be Thursday evening 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. or Friday morning prior to the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Food donations are welcome: hard boiled eggs, foil wrapped macaroni and cheese casserole (either homemade or store bought frozen) and meatloaf. Pans are available at the entrances of Church. Thank you to all our volunteers for your dedication to our needy neighbors.

DAILY READINGS

Monday 11/17	<i>St. Elizabeth of Hungary</i> Reading: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 Gospel: Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday 11/18	<i>Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul</i> Reading: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday 11/19	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Revelation 4:1-11 Gospel: Luke 19:11-28
Thursday 11/20	<i>Weekday</i> Reading: Revelation 5:1-10 Gospel: Luke 19:41-44
Friday 11/21	<i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin</i> Reading: Revelation 10:8-11 Gospel: Luke 19:45-48
Saturday 11/22	<i>St. Cecilia</i> Reading: Revelation 11:4-12 Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

OPERATION CRECHE KRINGLE - Again this year St. Agnes will be given the opportunity to make the love of Jesus visible by participating in Operation Crèche Kringle. It will begin **next Sunday Nov. 23rd**, the Solemnity of Christ the King. If you have any questions please call Richard or Cookie Hauf at 410-747-0398.

THE SECOND COLLECTION to be taken up at all the Masses next weekend will be the Annual Archdiocesan Collection for **The Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD helps people in our archdiocese break the cycle of poverty by supporting self-help projects for low-income people. Your generosity is appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Church.

DEACON JACK'S TURKEYS - Throughout the month of November, Deacon Jack will be collecting money to purchase CHRISTMAS Turkeys for the Transfiguration Parish in Baltimore City. Donations may be placed in an envelope marked **Deacon Jack's Turkeys** and placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. If donations exceed the cost of the turkeys, the extra funds will be sent to our sister parish in Haiti. Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS to the family of Taylor Marie Hook, who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

GRANDPARENTS DAY - Wednesday, Nov. 26th. We invite all of our grandparents to join us for a special prayer service in their honor at 9:45 in the Church followed by a visit to your grandchild's classes.

Come and visit us from 9:45 until dismissal at 12:30. We would love for you to meet our teachers and see our parish school!

Dates to Remember

11/21 Trimester I ends / 12:30 Dismissal
11/24 Confirmation Practice / 7PM
11/26 Grandparents Day / 9:45- 12:30
11/27- 11/30 Thanksgiving Break

ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS CARDS – Christmas cards may be purchased in the parish office. Cost: 25 cards \$15; 50 cards \$29. Proceeds will benefit our Building Fund.

BUILDING DEDICATION: If you are able to donate baked goods to serve at the celebration of the dedication of our new building, please call Sue Bianco at 410.788.3537. Thank You.

LOURDES & ITALY PILGRIMAGE: Join Fr. Leo Patalinghug on a pilgrimage that will take you from Lourdes, France to Rome, Italy ~ May 11-21, 2009. The tour begins in Lourdes where the Blessed Mother appeared to the shepherd girl Bernadette in 1858, then on to Avignon, Nice, Florence, Assisi, concluding with an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Brochures are available in the parish office.

OUR DAILY BREAD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for men will be held on Dec. 13th. Donations of the following “unwrapped” items are being sought: gloves, wool hats, scarves, socks, flannel shirts (sizes M, L, XL, and 2XL), and bags of toiletry articles (soap, shaving cream, razors, combs, deodorants). Boxes for collecting donated items will be placed in Church Nov. 29th. Thank you for your continued support of ODB!

USE FOOD CERTIFICATES to shop for your family's Thanksgiving meal and benefit the children of St. Agnes School, at no cost to you! Certificates are available in the school office and after the weekend Masses. Thank you!

St. Agnes Youth Ministry

Sunday, November 16 – Father Tim Night
Join us for another great talk by Father Tim Fell!
Please submit your topic suggestions to Amanda.

Friday-Sunday, November 21-23 – Baltimore Youth Catholic Conference

This weekend, nine of our high school students and two chaperones will be attending BYCC in Ocean City, Maryland. Please pray for their safe travel and open hearts. **There will be no youth night on Sunday, November 23, as they will be returning from the conference that afternoon.**

Sunday, November 30 – Thanksgiving Pot Luck
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share for tonight's dinner. Following dinner, we will have an Advent Prayer Service.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, November 23 – Grade 8 Confessions – Confession will be offered to our 8th grade students-during RE class 10 – 11:20 am- in preparation of their Confirmation on December 4.

Monday, November 24 – Confirmation Practice
The first of our two required Confirmation practices is this night! This practice is for students. The following practice, on December 2, is for students and their sponsors. (Please note that the second practice was moved from December 1st to the 2nd.) Both practices will be held in the upper and lower Church at 7pm. Please gather in the lower Church.

Sunday, November 30 – No Religious Education Classes – Happy Thanksgiving!

TRAVELING FOR THE HOLIDAY? For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1-410-676-6000, or visit www.MassTimes.org.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: Please remember in prayer, those parishioners and friends of St. Agnes, listed on the plaques at the end of each pew. Thank you.

MEMORY VERSE

PROVERBS 31:30

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.