

TODAY IS THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 5, 2008

**Scripture Readings for Today****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 5:1-7**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 4:6-9**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43**Scripture Readings for October 12<sup>th</sup>****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 25:6-10a**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

Dear Parishioners,

During World War II, England had a recruitment poster which pictured a young father, sitting comfortably in his easy chair amidst his nice possessions. One of his children, playing at his feet, asks, "Daddy, what did you do during the war?" The father, of course, is embarrassed because he did nothing. The poster conveys a man who kept a comfortable distance while others fought and sacrificed for the greater good.

In the parable of the sheep and the goats, Jesus teaches us that our final judgment will be something like this. "What did you do?" I was hungry...thirsty... naked...in prison... what did you do? Did you sacrifice to attend to My needs, or comfortably keep your distance? Surely Jesus will ask us how we responded as thousands of unborn children lost their lives everyday to abortion. On this "Pro-life Sunday," the Church calls each of us to reflect upon the greatness of God's gift of life, and to consider our own response as so many are denied the right to life.

In the information age, each of us can be informed about the basic biological and statistical facts that may help to educate and persuade another. We should be able to articulate the reasons for the Church's doctrine, contribute financially to pro-life programs if our means allow and, most importantly, pray.

Jesus came "that they might have life, and have it abundantly." To be pro-Christ is to be pro-life, and in His name each of us needs to do our part that this precious gift of life we have received is not denied to anyone else.

Fr. Tim



In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers, but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

**"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
John 20:21**

**THE COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 27-28<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$13,074.50
Loose .....	\$1,127.57
Poor Boxes .....	\$349.85
Children's .....	\$37.83
Fuel Collection .....	\$8,929.65

**THE MASS COUNT FOR SEPTEMBER 27-28<sup>TH</sup>**

5 PM – 240	7:30 AM – 180	9 AM – 316
10:30 AM – 330	12 PM – 252	Total – 1318

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Elizabeth Amy Kursch.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**, especially those in hospitals – Maribelle Jane Kursch, Bill Amann, and Audie Murphy.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: John Hartner, Charles Harris, Jim Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, Tammy Randle, Noreen Newcomb, Christian Murray, 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 – Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephen Winter, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Sheldon Broedel, Recon Scout Matt Lambert.

*Mass Intentions*



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6-12<sup>TH</sup>**

MONDAY 10/6	6:30 a.m. – Nancy Wright Pushak 8:00 a.m. – Paul Hartman
TUESDAY 10/7	6:30 a.m. – Jim McDonnell 8:00 a.m. – Marion Larkin
WED. 10/8	6:30 a.m. – Craig Lowman 8:00 a.m. – Louis Frazetti
THURSDAY 10/9	6:30 a.m. – James Briggs 8:00 a.m. – Robert Fisher
FRIDAY 10/10	6:30 a.m. – Ralph Anderson 8:00 a.m. – Robert Bockmiller
SAT. 10/11	8:00 a.m. – Int. of Charlie Evans 5:00 p.m. – Thomas Dougher
SUNDAY 10/12	7:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 9:00 a.m. – Paul Hartman 10:30 a.m. – Sr. Marie Edwina SSND 12:00 p.m. – Sr. Jane Theresa

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Monday</b> 10/6	<i>St. Bruno</i> <b>Reading:</b> Galatians 1:6-12 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10:25-37
<b>Tuesday</b> 10/7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> <b>Reading:</b> Galatians 1:13-24 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10:38-42
<b>Wednesday</b> 10/8	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:1-4
<b>Thursday</b> 10/9	<i>St. Denis &amp; Companions</i> <i>St. John Leonardi</i> <b>Reading:</b> Galatians 3:1-5 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:5-13
<b>Friday</b> 10/10	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Galatians 3:7-14 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:15-26
<b>Saturday</b> 10/11	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Galatians 3:22-29 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 11:27-28

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the families of Anna Thérèse Christensen, Patrick Dishon, Veronica King, and Logan Schriefer, who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

**FLOWERS** – Flowers on our Altars are in honor of Fr. Carl, Fr. Tim, Fr. Nelson and Dcn. Jack in grateful appreciation of their service to our parish. To donate fresh flowers, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

**PREGNANCY CENTER BABY SHOWER:** During the month of October our parish will conduct a Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Center West. There will be a bassinette placed at the Blessed Mother's Altar during the entire month for you to place new baby articles or a check. Items of need include: size 6-9 month sleepers, infant boys' clothes, winter hats and mittens, snowsuits and coats. Please make all checks payable to Pregnancy Center West.



**PARISH PICNIC** will be held this Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Avalon area of the Patapsco State Park from 1-5 p.m. Hamburgers and hot dogs are provided but you need to bring drinks for your family and a dessert or side to share.

**SAINT AGNES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** will be held this Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the school library. Each parish organization should have a representative present.

**TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** – The U.S. Catholic Bishops have designated the first Sunday of October as 'Respect Life Sunday' and all of October as 'Respect Life Month'. The theme for this year's program is "**Hope and Trust in Life!**" Pope Benedict calls all U.S. Catholics "to proclaim the gift of life, to serve life, and to promote a culture of life. ...." By letting the love of Jesus Christ permeate our lives and actions in defense of our vulnerable brothers and sisters, we can transform our nation, building a culture where all people can again hope and trust in life!

**ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN** has asked every parish to join a nationwide prayer effort to end abortion called **40 Days for Life**, Sept. 24--Nov. 2. The goal of the vigil is to have fervent prayers said continuously in the Archdiocese for twelve hours each day, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. In addition to prayer and fasting, the faithful are encouraged to pray outside an abortion facility – Hillcrest Clinic, 5602 Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville. Our parishioners will be united in prayer with thousands of others across the U.S.

**HAITI COLLECTION**— Fr. Vitesse, pastor of our sister parish, St. Peter and St. Paul, in Desdunes, Haiti will be visiting St. Agnes next weekend, October 11 -12<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Vitesse will speak at all the Masses and we will have a special collection to benefit his parish, which has suffered extreme hardship due to the recent hurricanes and tropical storms that have devastated the countries' crops and infrastructure. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Church.

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

**THANK YOU** to all our students, teachers, school families, and parishioners who so generously supported our Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser. You are a blessing to our school and our children! Special thanks to Beverly Mannion and the multitude of parent volunteers who organized the fundraiser.

**4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
 Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> Order your tickets now and don't miss this wonderful family event! Tickets are available for two seatings—1:00-2:30 and 3:00-4:30. Ticket prices are: Adults--\$10, Children (4-12)--\$5.00, Family Rate--\$30.00. There will be a cake wheel, raffles, and instant lottery tickets available, so join us on the 19<sup>th</sup> for a great meal and help our school at the same time! Call Karen Geary at 410-744-9548 for tickets.

Please, please **update** your school designation for the **A+ Bonus Bucks** program at Giant Food. The program has begun for this year and we do not receive any money from your purchases unless you update your card. Visit [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) and designate St. Agnes School ID **01597** or call 1.877.366.2668.

#### **Dates To Remember:**

- 10/6** School Closed/ Archdiocesan Conference
- 10/7** School Closed/ Archdiocesan Conference
- 10/8** Chik-Fil-A Night 5-8pm Dine In or Take Out Trimester 1 Interims -Check the backpacks!
- 10/14** Confirmation Retreat—Please pray for our Confirmandi as they prepare to receive this beautiful Sacrament.
- 10/15** Bring in a Pound of Pasta Day
- 10/19** Spaghetti Dinner
- 10/21** 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Parent Mtg 7pm.

#### **Save the Dates:**

- 10/29** 12:30 Dismissal

### **St. Agnes Youth Ministry**

#### **Sunday, October 5 – Game Night**

Tonight, we will focus on fun and fellowship! Join us for a game night! Please bring a snack or drink to share!

#### **Sunday, October 12 – Service Night**

In need of service hours? Come by youth group tonight for an opportunity to reach out to those in our community.

#### **Sunday, October 19 – Praise and Adoration**

Join us for praise and worship in the youth room before heading over to the church for Adoration.

#### **Sunday, October 26 – Halloween Party**

All high school-aged guys and ghouls are invited to our annual Halloween party tonight from 7-9pm. Come for fun, food, games and prizes! Guys: Please bring a drink. Ladies: Please bring a snack.

**CHERUB CHOIR** will hold its first rehearsal on Friday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Church from 2:50 to 3:30 p.m. They will sing at Mass on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. There will be an additional rehearsal Oct. 12 at 8:30 am in the lower Church. All parish children from grades 2 through 8 are welcome to join our Children's Cherub Choir. For more information e-mail Marianne Gregory at [mmjgreg@aol.com](mailto:mmjgreg@aol.com).

#### **FOURTH ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER - St.**



Agnes School will host their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Bring the whole family and enjoy this delicious sit-down dinner served by our own 7th and 8th graders in the Old School Hall! The two seatings are 1:00-2:30 and 3:00-4:30. There will be a cake wheel, instant lottery tickets and incredible raffle prizes such as FREE hot lunch every day for a month! For reservations and ticket information please contact Karen Geary 410 -744-9588. Hope to see you there!

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** builds strong families! It is medically safe, morally acceptable, and highly effective. Build intimacy and increase communication in your marriage. Share the responsibility for birth regulation. NFP is inexpensive and reversible. For more information call Tom & Patti Strunck at 410-696-2269, [strunckfamily@cclcentralmd.org](mailto:strunckfamily@cclcentralmd.org).

**ST AGNES YOUNG ADULTS** – We would like to form a young adults group to meet at St. Agnes. Young adults, who are looking for a community for prayer, fellowship and fun, please contact Annabelle Dando at [abelledando@gmail.com](mailto:abelledando@gmail.com).

**OUR LADY'S CENTER CHAPEL**, 3301 S. Rogers Ave., Ellicott City has Eucharistic Adoration every Friday afternoon and evening following the Friday 12 noon Mass until the 8 PM Mass Friday evening. A Holy Hour begins at 7 PM every Friday followed by Confession, the Rosary, Benediction and Mass. 410-461-5066.

**GIANT FOOD A+ BONUS BUCKS** – You can earn great awards for our school simply by shopping at Giant and using a bonus card! Please remember, that you must designate St. Agnes School (ID 01597) before we will receive your credits. School designations must be updated with each new school year. Please go to [www.giantfood.com/aplus](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus) or call 1.877.366.2668 to designate St. Agnes School (ID 01597) today!

**CATHOLIC ANSWERS FOR THE AGING** is a free and confidential information and referral service for older adults, their families, friends and caregivers. Referral specialists take the time to listen to callers' questions and concerns and can help identify the specific type(s) of service(s) needed. If you are feeling overwhelmed at the prospect of trying to find the right service among hundreds of service providers, please call Answers for the Aging at 410-646-0100, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**CARDINAL GIBBONS PARENT CLUB** – will sponsor a Fall Flea Market Oct 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – 1 pm at the Cardinal Gibbons School lower parking lot (Desoto Rd). Cost is \$10 / space. Call Cindy 410.636.5271 or [dust1993@yahoo.com](mailto:dust1993@yahoo.com).

**JOHN JAHNIGEN MEMORIAL FUND:** A Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Rolling Road Golf Club to benefit the John Jahnigen Scholarship Fund. Golfers and sponsors are needed. Call Laura Jahnigen Rudy at 410.788.1499



**WOMEN'S RETREAT** – Oct. 17-19<sup>th</sup> at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Cost \$215. Retreat information packets are at the Church exits. Call Cathy Arini 410.747.7736 for more information.

**FOOD CERTIFICATES** - If you'd like to support St. Agnes School at no cost to you, purchase a food certificate for Shoppers or Giant. A \$100 certificate costs you \$100 and buys \$100 of groceries and St. Agnes School receives \$5. Let your grocery shopping support the children who attend St. Agnes School. Thank you!

**CHILDRENS OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** are available in the parish office for parish children who do not attend St. Agnes School or Religious Education. The envelopes feature a different patron saint each week, so they can learn about the heroes of our faith. Children can write down their time, talent and treasure given to God each week. Help your child form a lifelong habit of giving back to God.

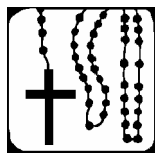
**MOUNT DE SALES HOMECOMING** will be held on Sat. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or Shine! The day includes: food, field hockey and volleyball games, crafts, and activities for the children. Alumnae from the classes of the 3's and 8's, this is your reunion year! Please, contact Alicia Denardis '04, at 410.744.8498 or [adenardis@mountdesales.org](mailto:adenardis@mountdesales.org). Admission is \$2 per vehicle.

**JOIN MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY** – Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> as it celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the Constance and Samuel Pistorio Sports Complex with the Inauguration of the Mount de Sales Academy Athletic Hall of Fame and Casino Night from 5:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Hall of Fame Induction Dinner in the Mount de Sales Academy Music Hall begins with cocktails from 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. and the induction dinner will take place from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Casino night will be held in the sports complex from 8 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Tickets are available for the Induction Dinner and Casino Night, or just Casino Night. Please contact Janet McKinnon at 410.744.8498 x163

**DAY OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION** – *As We Wait in Joyful Hope*, Saturday, October 18th, 10 AM to 4 PM at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg. A day committed to deepening our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Speakers include Fr. Jack Lombardi, Fr. Larry Adamczyk, Deacon Skip Comegna, and Deacon Richard Montalto. The day will include Reconciliation, Mass, Rosary, and Benediction. Cost is a free will donation to the Grotto. Bring a bag lunch. Sponsored by Cursillo of Baltimore.

## Rosary

By Paul Turner



The rosary is a prayer based on the repetition of the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and the Glory Be. During its recitation the believer reflects upon the birth, death, and glory of Jesus Christ and the role of Mary. A chain of beads resembling a garland of roses gave the rosary its name. The beads are not essential to the prayer, but they help count through 50 Hail Marys (five decades). The recitation of 15 decades permitted unlettered Christians to imitate more simply the monastic practice of reciting all 150 psalms in weekly prayer.

In addition to meditation, the rosary leads to petition. It implores Mary's intercession in bringing our prayers to God. As she won the cooperation of Jesus at the wedding feast at Cana, so we ask her to bring our needs to the Holy One of God.

The precise origins of the rosary are obscure, but it probably formed in imitation of meditative practices of Islam and after the Christian desire for prayer in a language more easily understood than the Latin of the Mass. Its popularity increased after the 15th century due to the zealous encouragement of the followers of St. Dominic, who believed our Lady had miraculously given the rosary to him. Because believers who attended Mass at that time had less to say, do, or see compared with today, the recitation of the rosary during Mass became a popular Catholic devotion much encouraged by religious educators. The popes of the church have continually cultivated the rosary as part of the faithfuls' private devotion and especially in family prayer. Many Catholics recite it privately or in groups before Mass. The liturgy for the dead calls for a vigil service of Scripture readings on the night before the funeral, but many parishes replace it with the rosary, even though the rubrics make no such provision.

Catholics may observe some people praying the rosary during Mass. This was an honored custom for many centuries. Today we are encouraged to participate in the Mass and to pray the rosary apart from the Eucharist.

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**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** will hold their Annual Bazaar and Bake Sale Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Martin's Home 601 Maiden Choice Lane in Catonsville from 9 am- 4 pm. Ceramics, crafts, home-made baked goods and more!

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** – will be holding a luncheon Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11 am – 2 pm at the Richlin Ballroom in Edgewood (just off I-95 at Rt. 24). Speaker, Fr. John Rapisarda, ordained June 2008, will give his personal faith story. Cost is \$18. Reservations are necessary and due by Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Check payable to Catholic Women's Fellowship P.O. Box 127 Upper Falls, MD 21156. More info, call Maria 410.592.2160.

### HEALING THE WOUNDS OF ABORTION

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Sparks, MD Oct. 24-26. The retreats are confidential and emotionally safe for those struggling after abortion. Project Rachel 410.354.6900 or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

**RETROUVAILLE** – Is your marriage in trouble? If your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce, we believe that Retrouvaille (French for rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) can help. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. Our next weekend is November 7-9, 2008. All calls and inquiries are confidential. For more info, call 410-647-0350 or visit [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

**OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION** will be held Nov. 2 - 4<sup>th</sup>. Please set aside these dates and plan to attend. Fr. Tim Fell will conduct the services.

### DONATE YOUR CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Call 410-625-8444 or toll free at 1-866-486-6140 or donate online at [www.cc-md.org](http://www.cc-md.org). FREE pick-up and towing!

#### MEMORY VERSE

#### Philippians 4:6

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.