



**Scripture Readings for Today**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Numbers 21:4b-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel:** John 3:13-17



Even though the Lord led them out of Egypt and provided for their every need, the people in today's first reading were complaining and ungrateful. Does my stewardship reflect my gratitude for God's gifts?

**Scripture Readings for September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 55:6-9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

**Gospel:** Matthew 20:1-16a

Dear Parishioners,

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, I was reminded of this passage from a book written by a priest who spent five years in Dachau during WWII. He related this account given to him by a fellow prisoner: "I've spent 47 months in this place. They've given me the '25' twice. I've been 'hung' five times; I spent three months in the punishment squad and a fortnight in the bunker. How have I survived? The cross was my refuge and my salvation! I wouldn't exchange one day of this suffering for the world – for here in Dachau I found God. I've never been so happy in my life." While I would never wish this man's suffering on anyone, I pray that each of us may come to possess this same singular love for the Cross. The Cross of Christ gives us assurance of God's love for us, purpose in our hardship's, the promise of mercy when we sin, a reason to forgive when we are sinned against, the knowledge that evil has been defeated, even as we continue to witness its effects in our lives and in the world, and most importantly, the hope of eternal life. As we celebrate the Triumph of the Holy Cross, if the words of St. Paul, "far be it from me to glory in anything but the Cross of Christ," are as true for us as they were for this P.O.W., then we can be assured that, no matter what life throws at us, we will triumph as well.

Fr. Tim

**THE COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 6-7<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$15,841.00
Loose .....	\$1,530.01
Poor Boxes .....	\$573.01
Children's .....	\$46.87

**Children's Stewardship**

15 -year old J.F. writes on his envelope:

Time: praying Rosary with parents

Talent: helping others

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 – John Joseph, and David Hartge.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Lillian Suman, Mary Hall, Florence Fink, Charles Harris, Jim Ryan, James Anthony III, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, Tammy Randle, Joan Kerr, Noreen Newcomb, Christian Murray, Robert Nelson, and George Weinhold.

**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; **NAVY** – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Class Petty Officer John Benjamin Maggio;

**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.

**THE MASS COUNT FOR SEPTEMBER 6-7<sup>TH</sup>**

5 PM – 215	7:30 AM – 187	9 AM – 365
10:30 AM – 291	12 PM – 245	Total – 1303

*Mass Intentions*



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 15-21<sup>ST</sup>**

MONDAY 9/15	6:30 a.m. – Paul Hartman 8:00 a.m. – Shirley Kelly
TUESDAY 9/16	6:30 a.m. – Richard Maxwell 8:00 a.m. – Toni Reddy
WED. 9/17	6:30 a.m. – Laverne Phillips 8:00 a.m. – Bob Wissman
THURSDAY 9/18	6:30 a.m. – Sandra Garingalao 8:00 a.m. – Melvin Cerny
FRIDAY 9/19	6:30 a.m. – Francis & Peggy Levy 8:00 a.m. – Steve Bridge
SAT. 9/20	8:00 a.m. – Angelo Glorioso 5:00 p.m. – Irvin Stobie
SUNDAY 9/21	7:30 a.m. – Margaret Carlin 9:00 a.m. – Regina Schott 10:30 a.m. – William & Dorothy Hauf 12:00 p.m. – For the Parishioners

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Monday</b> 9/15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 5:7-9 <b>Gospel:</b> John 19:25-27
<b>Tuesday</b> 9/16	<i>Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian</i> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Corin12:12-14, 27-31a <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 7:11-17
<b>Wednesday</b> 9/17	<i>St. Robert Bellarmine</i> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Corin. 12: 31— 13:13 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 7:31-35
<b>Thursday</b> 9/18	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 7:36-50
<b>Friday</b> 9/19	<i>St. Januarius</i> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 8:1-3
<b>Saturday</b> 9/20	<i>Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon &amp; Paul Chong Hasang &amp; Companions</i> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Corin.15:35-37, 42-49 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 8:4-15

**FLOWERS** –Flowers on the Main Altar, Holy Family Altar and Blessed Sacrament Altar are in loving memory of Thelma Doyle, requested by her family. Flowers on the St. Agnes Statue are in loving memory of Agnes & Tom Callanan, requested by their family.



**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.

**SAINT AGNES MEN'S CLUB** will meet this coming Wed., September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Old School Hall. New members are always welcome.

**OUR DAILY BREAD VOLUNTEERS** – The next food delivery date is this Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Drop off times at church are Thursday evening, 6:30-7:45 PM and Friday morning prior to the 8:00 AM Mass. – hard-boiled eggs, foil-wrapped macaroni and cheese casserole or meatloaf. Thank you for helping our hungry neighbors!

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** next week will for our sister parish, St. Peter and St. Paul, in Desdunes, Haiti. Please see the excerpt, included in this bulletin, from Fr. Vitesse describing the extreme difficulties facing our sister parish. Thank you for your continued support.

**A NOTE FROM THE DRE:** I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful start to the new school year. It was nice meeting all of you, and I can't wait to work with you throughout the year!

**Sunday, Sept. 21 –Catechetical Sunday:** All school teachers and religious education catechists are invited to the 9 a.m. Mass where they will be recognized for their willingness to serve our youth. Teachers and catechists, please RSVP to Amanda Barrick by Thursday, Sept. 18.

**Monday, Sept. 22 –Confirmation Service Night**

Attention Confirmation candidates! This is your night! Your service coordinators will be presenting your accomplishments to you, your fellow candidates, your families and your sponsors. Please arrive to the lower church by 6:45 p.m.



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**

**First time:** Peter Ascosi and Kimberly Christensen, both of St. Agnes.

**FROM FR. VITESSE:**

The following is an excerpt from a message that Fr. Nicholas Vitesse, the pastor of our sister parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, sent just before tropical storm Hanna caused extensive flooding and heavy crop losses in Haiti. The six-fold increase in the cost of rice that Fr. Vitesse mentions preceded the flooding.

**Fr. Vitesse's e-mail:**

Life is hard. I am living very difficult moments. The misery which we face right now is very difficult. A measure of rice which used to cost 30 gourdes is now 180 gourdes. St Agnes parish helped us to feed the children for the rest of the school year and the remainder money allowed us to continue feeding them in the summer (even if it was not a daily meal). I thank St Agnes parish greatly. However, at the opening of the new school year, I don't know what to do. We have nothing to feed the kids. And we cannot open the schools without feeding the kids. They will get sick in the classrooms because of hunger. In addition, the parents cannot afford the tuition. I appealed to the government but did not get an answer.

Another problem I face: the church in Grand-Islet, thanks to ADVENIAT (Note by translator: A German Catholic church humanitarian organization) got a roof. But a windstorm destroyed it and I don't know what to do to rebuild. The people of Grand-Islet want a place of worship.

Please keep the parish of Desdunes in your prayers. We are facing great difficulties.

I am not doing too well. I am stressed and my diabetes level is high. I think that the situation of the country and of my parish is responsible for my health problems.

Thank you again and may God bless you.  
Father Nicolas Vitesse

**LOOKING BACK: 75 YEARS AGO** – The Rev. Ignatius Fealy, pastor of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Catonsville, narrowly escaped injury when a concession pony on which he was riding at the Church's fifty-fourth annual harvest festival, stumbled and fell, throwing him to the ground. Physicians said that he had suffered no ill effects from the mishap.

Catonsville Times, August 3, 2008

**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, either Hillcrest Clinic, 5602 Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville or Planned Parenthood, 330 N. Howard St. Our parishioners will be united in prayer with thousands of others across 175 U.S. cities. Information: call Linda Brenegan 410-547-5537, [www.40DaysForLife.com](http://www.40DaysForLife.com)

**OUR STEWARDSHIP FESTIVAL** will be held following all Masses Sept. 27 & 28<sup>th</sup> in the Old School Hall. Please plan to attend. There will be food, fun and fellowship! Come celebrate the great things happening here at St. Agnes.

**THE CRAB FEAST COMMITTEE** would like to



*Thank You*

thank all the wonderful Bakers of the parish who made homemade cakes/pies for the crab feast. The wheel was a huge success thanks to your generosity and kindness!

**ST. AGNES BASKETBALL** – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who are interested in playing basketball for our St. Agnes CYO team should call Sue Bianco at 410-788-3537. Cost is \$70 per child or \$100 per family. Deadline for registration is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. AGNES PARISH PICNIC** will be held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Avalon area of the Patapsco State Park from 1-5 p.m. There will be children's games and a playground area. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a salad or dessert to share, and your own drinks. Mark your calendar now! In order to prepare for adequate food, please use RSVP form below and place in collection basket or call the parish office.

**ST. AGNES PARISH PICNIC**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults attending: \_\_\_\_\_

# Children under 12 attending \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale** continues through 9/24—get your order in quickly with your favorite St. Agnes student!

**Thank you** to all our parents who made Back to School Night 2008-09 a great success! Your involvement and support are essential to our school.

**Box Tops for Education:** Please continue to send in box tops, labels, etc. with your child, or drop them off at the School Office. This simple fundraiser helps our school.

**Important Notice--** Parents, please check the backpacks and send in the Parent Income Survey if you have not already done so. This information is necessary for us to receive funds from the State of Maryland to help our school. All information is kept confidential. Thank you!

### **Dates to Remember:**

- 9/18** Picture Day—Gr. 1-5
- 9/19** Faculty Retreat / **School Closed**
- 9/22** Confirmation Service Night 7:00 P.M.
- 9/24** Gift Wrap Sale ends

**GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER** - The St. Agnes School Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser has begun! Please see any St. Agnes student to order or stop by the school office for a catalog. Order online at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com), school ID 103943. Thank you for supporting our school.

**ST. AGNES SENIOR CLUB** welcomes new members to join them each Monday for an afternoon of Bingo and playing cards. They meet in the Old School Hall from 1-4 p.m. For more information call Ann at 410-944-2361.

**FOOD CERTIFICATES** for Giant and Shoppers are available Monday through Friday in the school office and each weekend after the 5 p.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon Masses. Our school receives 5% of each certificate sold. Please support our school by purchasing these gift cards for your weekly food shopping.

**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!

## **St. Agnes Youth Ministry**

### **Sunday, September 14 – Guitar Hero Battle**

Come see the finalists battle for the top prize!

### **Sunday, September 21 – Worship**

Join us for praise and worship followed by Adoration in the church.

### **Sunday, September 28 –The Internet**

Tonight, a guest speaker from the Archdiocese of Baltimore will talk to our teens about the immense world of cyberspace and how to remain safe while visiting!

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ST. AGNES OPEN** to benefit the St. Agnes School Athletic Program will be held Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!** New members are welcome for the Men's, Women's, Funeral and Children's Cherub Choirs. Rehearsals continue Wednesday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:MMJJGreg@aol.com)

### **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 projects, sewing, occasional bus driver (no special class needed), visiting residents, etc. Please contact Susan Z. Smith 410-744-9367 x 124.

### **THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY**

in Ellicott City invites young adults (age 20+) interested in developing their relationship with God through faith-sharing and fellowship to join them Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm RSVP 410-531-2800.

## Our Lady of Sorrows by Paul Turner



On the day after the church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we commemorate Mary under the title of "Our Lady of Sorrows" (Sept. 15). Those who suffer emotional pain find inspiration from the strength of the Blessed Virgin, whose grief for her son never disturbed her faith. The devotion became so popular in the Middle Ages that the church reserved a day on the calendar to foster its spread.

The Gospel for the Mass is either of two stories about Mary. As a young mother, she and Joseph dutifully brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Once they arrived there, Simeon rejoiced to see the Messiah. But he also prophesied that a sword would pierce Mary (Lk 2:33-35). This is understood as a metaphor for the sorrows that awaited her. The other Gospel option tells of Mary standing at the foot of the cross with the Beloved Disciple while Jesus entrusted each to the care of the other (Jn 19:25-27).

A tradition evolved that Mary's life was marked by seven sorrows, sometimes called "dolores," an otherwise little-used synonym in English. Three come from the stories of Jesus' childhood: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, and the loss of Jesus in the Temple. The others relate to his passion: meeting Jesus on the road to Calvary, standing at the foot of the cross, observing his descent from the cross, and attending his burial.

A popular hymn to the sorrowful mother, "Stabat Mater," may be sung as the sequence following the first reading on Sept. 15. It is a popular choice for praying the Stations of the Cross, and it may be sung during the veneration of the cross on Good Friday.

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## 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. Contact Project Rachel at (410) 354-6900 or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).

**WANTED: OLD BICYCLES AND PORTABLE SEWING MACHINES** – St. John's Catholic Church in Columbia will send your repairable bikes and working portable sewing machines to needy families in Latin America and Africa. Drop off at the Wilde Lake Interfaith Center on Twin Rivers Road, Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. For further info call Tom McCarthy at 410-869-0705

**THE SHRINE OF ST. ANTHONY** is offering their Dinner Concert "Under the Arches" October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:30 pm. Mike and Kim Dvorak will provide Contemporary Christian music for the delightful Italian dinner. The raffle includes Ravens tickets! Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 pm. Cost \$25 per adult, \$15 per child, \$30 per adult at the door. For tickets and/or additional information, call 410-531-2800.

**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. Please call Laura (Jahnigen) Rudy at 410.788.1499

**"ATTEND, MY PEOPLE, TO MY TEACHING..." (Today's Psalm)** Allow the word of God to work wonders in your Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Nov. 7-9. For more information call 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit [www.wwme.net](http://www.wwme.net)

**MAKE A WILL** – No matter the size of your estate, if you want to provide for your surviving relatives, friends, and others, 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.

### MEMORY VERSE

**JOHN 3:16**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that he who believes might have eternal life.