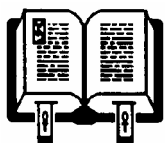


TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2009

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Acts 4:32-35**2nd Reading:** 1 John 5:1-6**Gospel:** John 20:19-31**Scripture Readings for April 26th****1st Reading:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19**2nd Reading:** 1 John 2:1-5a**Gospel:** Luke 24:35-48

Dear Parishioners,

Do you get the point? Thomas was missing from the room where the risen Christ visited the disciples. No doubt Thomas was mourning the death of Jesus and perhaps he wanted to be alone in his sorrow. Or it's possible something distracted him from being present. The point is that we get distracted too. We are not always where we should be. Most of our world is not praying to God, seeking God or loving God by serving the poor and neglected among us. Most of us have a little bit of Thomas in our hearts. Whenever we are not drawn to Christ's presence by our faith, we are like Thomas. Our secular media, computers, iPods, cell phones and cars, can overwhelm our time and distract us from what is most important to our lives...eternal life. Jesus did not abandon Thomas just because he didn't show up in the room the first time. He came back for him and Thomas was overwhelmed by Jesus' love and mercy. The point is we need to get overwhelmed by Jesus every day we live. Only then may we honestly express joy in our lives as Thomas did by praying aloud, "my Lord, and my God."

Deacon Jack

THE COLLECTION FOR APRIL 11-12TH

Envelopes	\$27,094.50
Loose.....	\$2,693.51
Poor Boxes.....	\$577.21
Children's	\$61.05
Building Fund	\$11,865.92



The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held

everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

Every one of us is talented in some way. Stewardship encourages us to use our talents to benefit an individual, the Church, or the community.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Mary Krischik and Catherine Cleaver.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – William Williamson, Mildred Fertita, Miriam Votta, and Ronald Toth.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for: Cathy Parsons, Bonnie DeVito, Catherine Teal, Mike Steer Sr., Evana Feeney, Mary Barber, Heather LaMartina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Ruth Crofts, Patty Kuzmak, Charles Payne, Mary Van Dusen, Florence Fink, Milton Getka, Margaret Blinke, Charles & Jacque Harris, Mr. & Mrs. William Lang.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT'L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; **NAVY** – David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel.

THE MASS COUNT FOR APRIL 11-12TH

8 PM – 215	7:30 AM – 274	9 UC – 418
9 LC – 75	10:30 UC – 495	10:30 LC – 192
12 PM – 419	Total – 2088	

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 20-26TH

MONDAY 4/20	6:30 a.m. – Ralph Burbo 8:00 a.m. – Rainer Ludloff
TUESDAY 4/21	6:30 a.m. – Mary Metcalfe 8:00 a.m. – Paula A. Long Hartman
WED. 4/22	6:30 a.m. – Dwayne Nicodemus 8:00 a.m. – Marion Collins
THURS. 4/23	6:30 a.m. – Brad Benefiel 8:00 a.m. – Cecilia Giustino
FRIDAY 4/24	6:30 a.m. – Blaise Fusting 8:00 a.m. – Robert Bockmiller
SAT. 4/25	8:00 a.m. – Mary Plazek 5:00 p.m. – Sr. Janet Margaret Seubott
SUNDAY 4/26	7:30 a.m. – Jay Marlatt 9:00 a.m. – Claire Anderson 10:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 12:00 p.m. – Mariel Bartolome

DAILY READINGS

Monday 4/20	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 4:23-31 Gospel: John 3:1-8
Tuesday 4/21	<i>St. Anselm</i> Reading: Acts 4:32-37 Gospel: John 3:7b-15
Wednesday 4/22	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 5:17-26 Gospel: John 3:16-21
Thursday 4/23	<i>St. George and St. Adalbert</i> Reading: Acts 5:27-33 Gospel: John 3:31-36
Friday 4/24	<i>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i> Reading: Acts 5:34-42 Gospel: John 6:1-15
Saturday 4/25	<i>St. Mark</i> Reading: 1 Peter 5:5b-14 Gospel: Mark 16:15-20



FLOWERS –To donate flowers for our Altars in loving memory or in celebration of a special occasion, please call Doris Mellendick at 410.747.2751.

EASTER FLOWERS: In addition to the names listed last weekend, flowers on our Altars are in loving memory of Robert Fisher, Sr.

WELCOME to the following members of our RCIA class of 2009, who were received into the Church at our Easter Vigil: LC Greenhill, Ferry Sutiano, Matthew Gregory and Patricia McCarthy.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 1:15 p.m. Many graces are received by participating in this beautiful Divine Mercy celebration on Mercy Sunday.

EASTER EGG HUNT - All parish children, ages nine and under, are invited to our third annual youth-led Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held on the lawn in front of the Saint Agnes statue immediately following the 12pm Mass on Sunday, April 19. Please bring your own basket!

ST. AGNES BASKETBALL AWARDS NIGHT will be held **Friday April 24th at 7:00 p.m.** in the lower Church. Refreshments will follow in the Old School Hall.

HAITI COLLECTION - The second collection taken up at all the masses next weekend will be for our sister parish in Desdunne, Haiti, St. Peter and St. Paul. Fr. Vitesse, the pastor, reports that the school year has been extended until July, due to the tropical storms last fall that closed schools for many weeks. Fr. Vitesse is asking for our help. His school provides a meal each day for the 1380 students, and for many, this is the only meal they have. It will cost approximately \$12,000.00 to feed the children in May and June. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our sister parish.

CELEBRATE! ST. AGNES SCHOOL AUCTION AND DINNER - APRIL 25 6-11 pm.



tickets are still available! Join us "Under the Boardwalk" for a night of fun and fundraising for our School at our brand new Activity Center. Tickets are \$40 each and will include appetizers, buffet dinner, desserts, beer, wine, live entertainment, silent and live auction items, raffles and more! For tickets, contact Tracy at 410.744.3839. Tickets must be reserved by Monday, April 20th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parents: Please keep an eye out for important information coming home with your children April 19. Re-registration forms for next year will be included.

Confirmation News: Sponsor Forms were due Sunday-Monday, **March 29-30**. Please have the sponsor form **filled out, signed AND stamped** before handing it in to your teacher, even if the sponsor is from St. Agnes! Please hand in your sponsor forms as soon as possible!

Communion News: Anyone who has not yet paid the \$10 sacrament fee for Communion can send in his payment to a second grade teacher or to the parish office.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, April 19 – Game Night

All high school youth are invited to join us for a game night! Some games will be provided, but please feel free to bring your favorite to share! Please also bring a snack to share.

PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Saturday, **April 25**, Archbishop O'Brien will lead parishes from the Archdiocese of Baltimore on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. This pilgrimage will be a wonderful way to celebrate the Year of St. Paul. Set aside the morning and afternoon to join Archbishop O'Brien and Catholics from around the Archdiocese for a special time of prayer and fellowship. More details will follow.

LECTURE: Fr. Basil Cole, O.P., will present a free lecture, "The Hidden Enemies of the Priesthood", that focuses especially on how the seven deadly sins attack priests and what remedies can be found. Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. at Mount de Sales Academy. See www.piusv.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: May 1 – May 3, 2009 A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion trauma will be held in Baltimore, MD. The confidential retreat may assist you in the journey toward healing and reconciliation. Please call 1-800-286-4224. Or visit www.project-rachel.net.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

Dates to Remember:

- 4/20/09** School reopens
- 4/22/09** Chick-Fil-A Night/5-8pm
- 4/23/09** STAND training 6:30 p.m.
- 4/25/06** **Celebrate Auction and Dinner in the Activity Center/ 6-11PM**
- 4/27/09** First Communion practice 6:30 p.m.
Trimester 3 Interims will be sent home.
- 4/30/09** 1st Eucharist Banner Ceremony 6:30PM
- 5/1/09** First Friday Mass at 9:00AM.
- 5/2/09** **First Holy Eucharist 10:00AM**

Registration for new students is on going. Please call the school office at 410-747-4070 for info or to schedule a tour and/or a shadow day.

Part Time Spanish Teacher: St. Agnes School is looking for a Middle School Spanish teacher to teach two days a week for the 2009-2010 academic year. Please call Mrs. Banks at 41-747-4070.

SYMPOSIUM FOR CATHOLIC MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ON CONSCIENCE CONCERNS:

Sensitive to the legal, cultural, and moral pressures facing Catholic healthcare professionals, Archbishop O'Brien invites them to join him on **May 9** for the 1st Annual Symposium for Catholic Medical Professionals, *Conscience and Ethical Dilemmas in Catholic Healthcare*. This event will feature Dr. Janet Smith's "*Humanae Vitae* and Conscience" and a panel addressing rights of conscience; providing healthcare that truly reflects a Catholic approach to human life, the body, and fertility; and practical issues facing a Catholic physician. Join us May 9 at 1PM at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson. Visit www.archbalt.org/respect-life/catholic-healthcare-symposium/. RSVP by May 1 to 410 547-5537.

RICK GETZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: One girl and one boy will receive a one-time \$1000 award to be paid to the Catholic High School of their choice. All St. Agnes parishioners who are going on to a Catholic High School are asked to contact the Parish Office for an application.

MEMORY VERSE

1 JOHN 5:5

Who is it that overcomes the world? The one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.