



**Scripture Readings for Today**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28



Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

**Scripture Readings for February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Job 7:1-4, 6-7

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

One line from today's Gospel stands out: "The people were astonished at his teaching." Saint Mark, of course, is speaking about the Lord's teaching in the synagogue at the beginning of his public ministry. Too often we come to this holy place and the words that are proclaimed simply wash over us. When was the last time we were "astonished at his teaching"? Like the man with an unclean spirit in today's Gospel, we can have too many "spirits" that distract us, making us less receptive to the word of God. As we hear how Jesus drives the unclean spirit from the man, let us ask the Lord to drive from us any distractions that prevent us from knowing the true power of the word of God



**Stewardship involves a willingness to give from the very core of who we are and what we have; from substance rather than abundance.**

Children's Stewardship

Eight year old A. E. writes on his envelope:  
 Time: cleaning up  
 Talent: building things  
 Treasure: \$1.00

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of Ruth Eckert and Rev. John Nissel, S.J.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**, especially those in hospitals – Boyd Crotts, Joan Caton, Margaret Mary Neeley, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Glorioso Fowler, and Maribelle Kursch.

**PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED:** for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Florence Fink, Betty Wissman, Milton Getka, Dolores Carver, Fr. Vitesse, Margaret Blinke, Lou Kaminski, Charles & Jacque Harris, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, and Noreen Newcomb.

**THE COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 24-25<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$15,063.05
Loose .....	\$1,279.38
Poor Boxes .....	\$329.42
Children's .....	\$39.65
St. Agnes School.....	\$5,863.00

**THE MASS COUNT FOR JANUARY 24-25<sup>TH</sup>**

5 PM – 265	7:30 AM – 148	9 AM – 336
10:30 AM – 341	12 PM – 258	Total – 1348

**PRAYER FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE:** We ask



you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: USMC – Pvt. Harry Harrison Bruns, 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 – Daniel Gately; Army – Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, 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 FEBRUARY 2-8<sup>th</sup>

MONDAY 2/2	6:30 a.m. – Donna Broccolino 8:00 a.m. – Walter Burke Lowrey
TUESDAY 2/3	6:30 a.m. – Rosemarie McCloskey 8:00 a.m. – Teresa Cardinale
WED. 2/4	6:30 a.m. – Rick Holter 8:00 a.m. – Stephen J. Meyer
THURS. 2/5	6:30 a.m. – Mary Pirisino 8:00 a.m. – Marion Visel
FRIDAY 2/6	6:30 a.m. – Nicolena Reuter 8:00 a.m. – Ron Melvin
SAT. 2/7	8:00 a.m. – Bill Vogler 5:00 p.m. – Ethel Dunn
SUNDAY 2/8	7:30 a.m. – For the Parishioners 9:00 a.m. – Mary Palacorolla 10:30 a.m. – Marion Visel 12:00 p.m. – Martin Walter

### DAILY READINGS

<b>Monday</b> 2/2	<i>Presentation of the Lord</i> <b>Reading:</b> Malachi 3:1-4 <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 2:14-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 2:22-40
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/3	<i>St. Blaise, St. Ansgar</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 12:1-4 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/4	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:1-6
<b>Thursday</b> 2/5	<i>St. Agatha</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:7-13
<b>Friday</b> 2/6	<i>St. Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 13:1-8 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:14-29
<b>Saturday</b> 2/7	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:30-34

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the family of Victoria Lynn Mosher who was baptized in our church last weekend.

**FLOWERS:** Flowers on the Blessed Sacrament Altar are in loving memory of Jerry Cichowicz, requested by his wife Ann & family. To donate fresh flowers in loving memory or for a special occasion call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** will be held this Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the parish office. Parents wishing to have their child baptized at St. Agnes must participate in this class. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**FAMILY ROSARY:** Please join us this Wednesday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Church to pray the Glorious Mysteries. After Family Rosary, we will gather in the Cafeteria for refreshments.

**CONFESSIONS** will be held this Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. in preparation for First Friday.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASSES** will be held this Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 & 8:00 AM.

**HOLY HOUR** will be held this Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 8 p.m. After Holy Hour, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8 a.m. Saturday. Parishioners are needed to rest with Jesus. A sign-up sheet can be found in the front of Church.



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** – Our youth group will be outside after all Masses this weekend Jan. 31 – Feb. 1, collecting money for the Pregnancy Center West. This collection is part of a national effort to raise money and awareness for organizations helping women in need. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**MSGR. ROCHE SCHOLARSHIP:** This spring, the Msgr. Roche Scholarship Fund will make five awards of \$1000 per year for four years of Catholic high school. Eighth graders who have been parish members for at least a year and who are interested in applying for aid should obtain applications either at St. Agnes School, the Parish Office or at the Religious Education Office. For further details, call Ralph Lightner at 410-461-9357. Applicants are required to attend a meeting on Saturday, February 14, at 9:30AM in the main school building. They should bring their filled-out application forms to this two-hour writing session which is for applicants only.

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

### **Thank you:**

**to all** who so generously contributed to our St. Agnes School collection last week. Your support is a blessing to us.

**to our** fantastic parent volunteers who honored our faculty with a luncheon on Teacher Appreciation last Friday, and who give so much of their time and talents throughout the year!

**to our** St. Agnes School students—they are *our* treasure!

**Registration information:** New Student registration will take place on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM to 1:00PM. We currently have places available in Gr. N-7, so please plan to register your child now for the 2009-10 school year.\*\*

### **Dates to Remember:**

- 2/2** First Communion Parent meeting /7:00PM
- 2/6** First Friday Mass / 9:00 a.m. Welcome!
- 2/7** Middle School students compete in It's Academic at Cardinal Gibbons HS.
- 2/1** Oratorical Contest at Mt. St. Joe HS.

**\*\*Registration information:** Please bring your child's birth certificate, Social Security card, Immunization records, Baptismal certificate (if Catholic), the last 2 report cards and latest standardized test scores (Gr. 2-7), and the \$125.00 non-refundable registration fee. **It is not necessary for your child to be present. New student testing will take place in March.**

## **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

The St. Agnes Respect Life Committee extends a hearty THANK YOU to the parishioners of St. Agnes for their participation in recent pro-life activities. We had so much interest in attending the annual March for Life in Washington, DC, that we chartered a second 55-seat bus and nearly filled both buses! St. Agnes was well represented among the 300,000+ people at the March for Life.

We also sent 939 postcards to our U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives asking them NOT to support the anti-life Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), a dangerous piece of legislation that would invalidate any law that seeks to limit or reduce access to abortions and would even force Catholic hospitals to commit abortions. To find out more about fighting FOCA, go on the web to [www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org).

Thanks to the generous donations of those who attended these pro-life activities, not only were the costs of the second charter bus and the stamps for the FOCA postcards completely paid for, but there was EXACTLY enough money left over to buy an additional supply of blank FOCA postcards that will be available in the near future for those who were unable to fill out cards last weekend.

**If you are interested in joining the St. Agnes Respect Life Committee, contact Joe Healy at 410-788-4325.**

## **Religious Education News**

**Monday, Feb. 2** – First Communion parent meeting 7 p.m. in the lower Church.

### **Report Card Reminder**

Please return signed Report Cards to your teachers this weekend. Thank you.

### **Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Students and Parents!**

The passing of Confirmation does not mean classes have ended! We have had nine or ten of our class of fourteen the last few weeks. Please rejoin the rest of your classmates to finish off this year!

### **Confirmation News**

The registration form (blue form) from the Confirmation packet (distributed at the meeting on January 18) is due February 8-9. Please return the form and a payment for the Confirmation Fee (\$90) to your teacher or to the Office of Religious Education.

**SAYM NEWS:** Sunday, Feb. 1<sup>ST</sup> – No Youth Night

### **THE MEN'S CLUB BULL AND OYSTER ROAST**

happens again on Saturday, February 28 from 7 – 12 pm at The Lodge, in Catonsville. Catered by Monaghan's Pub! Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact Mike D. 410-788-6822 or any Men's Club member. Please help support the parish youth athletic program.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Theresa Edwards, this month's Silver Circle winner!

### **MEMORY VERSE**

### **PSALM 147:3**

The Lord heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.