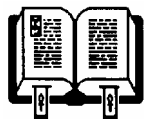


TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2009

**Scripture Readings for Today****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20**Scripture Readings for February 1<sup>st</sup>****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28

Dear Parishioners,

In our readings today Jonah tells Nineveh there is little **time** to repent; Paul tells the Corinthians **time** is running out, the world is passing away; and Jesus proclaims this is the **time** of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand – repent and believe in the Gospel. It is important we listen. This week we welcomed a new President and marked another year since our country began aborting children. As a country we apparently listen to the need for new leadership; yet we don't acknowledge the loss of 50,000,000 children to abortion. It is important we listen. The kingdom of God is at hand and our lives on earth are running out. Are we seeking the Lord's forgiveness and asking Him to erase the sin of abortion from our world? Or do we embrace the world of relativism where life is easy because everything is alright with everyone? Let us repent of our sins, each one of us. Live and believe in the Gospel of Life, and perhaps the Lord will be merciful toward our nation. Love the most innocent and vulnerable among us and repent because the Kingdom of God is at hand. Choose **now** to believe in the Gospel. It is important we listen, because God controls **time**.

Deacon Jack

**THE COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 17-18<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$15,346.00
Loose.....	\$1,066.59
Poor Boxes.....	\$335.80
Children's .....	\$53.39
Special Care Priests .....	\$7,925.62

**THE MASS COUNT FOR JANUARY 17-18<sup>TH</sup>**

5 PM – 220	7:30 AM – 146	9 AM – 398
10:30 AM – 327	12 PM – 298	Total – 1389



There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus **immediately**, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me – at **this** moment, in **these** circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

**Your first responsibility is to take care of your needs and the needs of your family – not necessarily all their wants. In looking at what we need versus what we want, we end up placing material things and money in their proper perspective.**

Children's Stewardship

Eight year old X. K. writes on his envelope:

Time: daily Mass

Talent: playing piano

Treasure: .80 ¢

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**, especially those in hospitals – 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.

**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 JAN 26- FEB 1<sup>ST</sup>**

MONDAY 1/26	6:30 a.m. – Int of Tykal family 8:00 a.m. – Virginia Showe
TUESDAY 1/27	6:30 a.m. – Leo Garvey 8:00 a.m. – Louis Kiszner
WED. 1/28	6:30 a.m. – Jamie Anonuevo 8:00 a.m. – William Hauf
THURS. 1/29	6:30 a.m. – Int of Fr. Carl, Fr. Tim & Fr. Nelson 8:00 a.m. – Int of Healy family
FRIDAY 1/30	6:30 a.m. – Donna J. Broccolino 8:00 a.m. – Int of Fr. Francis McCloskey
SAT. 1/31	8:00 a.m. – Int of Joanne & Gary Goble 5:00 p.m. – Int of John Dimmer
SUNDAY 2/1	7:30 a.m. – Regina Schott 9:00 a.m. – For the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. – Concetta Vinci 12:00 p.m. – Bernard Uhden

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>Monday</b> 1/26	<i>Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i> <b>Reading:</b> 2 Timothy 1:1-8 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 3:22-30
<b>Tuesday</b> 1/27	<i>St. Angela Merici</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 10:1-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 3:31-35
<b>Wednesday</b> 1/28	<i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 10:11-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4:1-20
<b>Thursday</b> 1/29	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 10:19-25 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4:21-25
<b>Friday</b> 1/30	<i>Weekday</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 10:32-39 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4:26-34
<b>Saturday</b> 1/31	<i>St. John Bosco</i> <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4:35-41

**FLOWERS:** To donate fresh flowers in loving memory or for a special occasion call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** begins today Jan. 25. Please join us for a School Open House from 10:00 a.m. – 12 Noon. The second collection to be taken up at all the Masses this weekend will benefit our school. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien asking that you make a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. This year, the theme of the Appeal is, **"DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD."** (1 Cor. 10:31 – 11:1) Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal of \$86,910.00. Then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. This year, we will commit our parish rebates to the building fund. **Please answer the Archbishop's request and make a generous pledge.** Thank you in advance for your support.

**BULL & OYSTER ROAST** – Celebrate a parish rite of Spring – 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.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE:** The Archdiocesan collection for the Catholic Relief Service originally scheduled for February 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until March 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>. An envelope for CRS was included in your Feb. mailing, please use this envelope March 7 & 8<sup>th</sup>.

**THE MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY PLAYERS** proudly present ***School House Rock Live!*** on Fri. & Sat Jan. 30 & 31 at 7 p.m. and Sun., Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Performances are held at the Mount St. Joseph auditorium. \$8 general admission. Please call Mount de Sales Academy at 410-744-8498 for more info or group tickets.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped decorate our Church this Christmas season. The Church looked beautiful! **Special thanks** to those who helped take everything down. We truly appreciate your time and talents!!

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

**Congratulations to: Teresa Tacka** (Class of '71) our NCEA 2009 Distinguished Catholic Graduate!

**CSW Events**; Many exciting events are planned for our students this week!

**Sunday** – Opening Mass 9:00 am  
Open House 10:15 am –12:00 pm

**Monday** – CSW Prayer Service/9:00AM  
Bake Sale for our sister parish in Haiti.

**Tuesday** – Student Appreciation / Free hot lunch and gift sponsored by the HSA  
St. Agnes Bowling Party after school

**Wed.** – Our fabulous Talent Show! 7:00 pm  
Bake Sale for our sister parish in Haiti.

**Thursday** – Pair-Share Service Activity  
Bake Sale for our sister parish in Haiti.

**Friday** – Teacher Appreciation Day  
This is the day to give your teachers cards and notes of appreciation.  
Teacher Luncheon  
12:30 Dismissal

**Thank you, dear families, friends, and fellow parishioners**, for your prayers and support for our school, and for your generosity to our St. Agnes School collection this weekend!

### **Dates to Remember:**

**2/2** 1<sup>st</sup> Communion parent meeting—7:00 pm  
**2/6** First Friday Mass / 9:00AM  
All are welcome!

## **Religious Education News**

### **Sunday, January 25**

**No Class – Catholic Schools Week**

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** – Our youth group will be outside after all Masses the weekend of 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.

**END OF YEAR TAX STATEMENTS** – 2008 contribution statements are available upon request at the Parish office 410-744-2900.

## **RESPECT LIFE CORNER**

The so-called "**Freedom of Choice Act**" (FOCA) is a dangerous piece of Congressional legislation that has a fair chance of being passed this year and signed into law by our new President. If you do not know what this means, please go to <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA/index.shtml> and read what the USCCB has to say about it.

**SIGN PRO-LIFE POSTCARDS!** Today St. Agnes parish, along with thousands of other parishes across the nation, will sign postcards urging Congress to oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and to retain existing laws against the government funding and promotion of abortion. Sign a postcard to your U.S. Representative and your two U.S. Senators. Let your voice be heard! Thank you for standing up for life at this important time! If you missed the postcard signing and would still like to participate, please call Joe Healy at 410-788-4325.

### **Pregnant, Need Help?**

Call the Gabriel Network – 1-800-ANGEL-OK  
Suffering Post-Abortion Stress?  
Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224

**MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT** – The St. Agnes and Patapsco Knights of Columbus Councils invite the men of our parish to attend a weekend retreat at the Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, Md., from Feb. 27- Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$215.00. For more information call Clif Ziegler at 410-747-2532 or Tom Slifker at 410-465-3485.

**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:** A celebration to recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church will be held Sat., Feb. 7 at the Motherhouse of the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Religious men and women are invited to join Archbishop O'Brien at 4:00 pm for a special Mass and dinner. To RSVP, please call the Office of Consecrated Life 410.547.5584.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

### **MARK 1:15**

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel."