

TODAY IS THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 12, 2009

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Amos 7:12-15**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-14**Gospel:** Mark 6:7-13**Scripture Readings for July 19th****1st Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

Dear Parishioners,

Last summer I asked an acquaintance how he was spending his summer. He said that he was helping to coach his son's little league baseball team. He went on to talk about the many practices, games, tournaments, and travel involved. His son's team played over 60 games in the summer; sometimes as many as two or three on a Saturday or Sunday! Several Sundays ago I asked a parishioner what he was going to do the rest of the day. He said he had to take one child to a basketball game and another later on to a lacrosse practice.

How different life is today than it was when I was growing up. No stores were open on Sunday except the drug store and that only until noon. There were no little league games or practices. It was a relaxed leisurely church and family day.

Eleven years ago Pope John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter entitled *Dies Domini* (the Day of the Lord) — about keeping the Lord's Day holy. He lamented civilization's loss of the meaning of Sunday. He wrote, "Unfortunately, when Sunday loses its fundamental meaning and becomes merely part of a 'weekend', it can happen that people stay locked within a horizon so limited that they can no longer see 'the heavens'". The pope was spot on when he wrote this. If we are honest, other than attending Mass, how else do we keep Sunday holy? While Sunday is a rest from week day work, it is also supposed to be a time to rest in the Lord and relax with family members and friends.

This past weekend we celebrated with picnics, barbecues, and other social gatherings. We gathered to celebrate our independence and freedom. But are we truly free? I wonder if we are not in fact slaves to the many organized sports events taking place on Sunday and turning the Lord's Day and the Lord of all days into just another day of the weekend.

Fr. Carl



Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

THE MASS COUNT FOR JULY 4-5TH

5 PM – 135	7:30 AM – 173	9 AM – 270
10:30 AM – 450	12 PM – 298	Total – 1326

THE COLLECTION FOR JULY 4-5TH

Envelopes	\$14,447.00
Loose	\$959.96
Poor Boxes	\$375.24
Children's	\$54.35

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS
of Joseph Eichelman and Mary Van Dusen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS,
especially those in hospitals – Bill Herman, Carolyn Beck, Mary Hall, Mildred Ere, Stephen Peter, Sr, Carol Black and Douglas Wink.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Teddy Skinner, John L. Bastress, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Fred Replik, Jr., Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Cathy Parsons, Bonnie DeVito, Catherine Teal, Evana Feeney, Mary Barber, Heather La Martina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Patty Kuzmak, Milton Getka, Margaret Blinke, 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** – James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, 1st Lt. Sheldon Broedel.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13-19TH

MONDAY 6:30 a.m. – Cecelia Burdinski
7/13 8:00 a.m. – Thomas Rice Sr.

TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. – John Joseph
7/14 8:00 a.m. – John Jahnigen

WED. 6:30 a.m. – Diane Hastings
7/15 8:00 a.m. – Catherine Dougherty

THURS. 6:30 a.m. – Zachary Shiflet
7/16 8:00 a.m. – Rev. John Nissel S.J.

FRIDAY 6:30 a.m. – Joseph Blackert
7/17 8:00 a.m. – Rosemarie Coyne

SAT. 8:00 a.m. – Michael Ventura
7/18 5:00 p.m. – Leo Hughes

SUNDAY 7:30 a.m – Boyd Crotts
7/19 9:00 a.m – Michael Blum
10:30 a.m – Rosalie Schultheis
12:00 p.m – For the Parishioners

OPEN GYM AND YOUTH NIGHT– Wednesdays 7- 9 pm, July 15 - August 12. All high school youth are invited! Join us for basketball, food, fun and a talk by Fr. Tim. Tennis shoes only please. Guys should bring drinks and ladies should bring snacks to share. **See you this Wednesday!**

SAINT AGNES MEN'S CLUB will meet this coming Wednesday, July 15th, at 7:30 PM in the Old School Hall. New members are always welcome.

DISCOVERING CHRIST for YOUNG ADULTS: **Thursdays @ 7pm, July 16 – July 23** Join fellow young adults (ages 18-35) in exploring who Jesus Christ is and His relevance to your life in today's world. Join us at St. Anthony's Shrine in Ellicott City. Visit www.christlife.org/discover or call Pete Ascosi at 410.531.7701

OUR DAILY BREAD: The next food delivery date is Friday, July 17th. Drop-off time at Church is Thursday evening, 6:30 – 7:45 PM or Friday morning, prior to the 8:00 AM Mass. Thank you!

BLOOD DRIVE SIGN UP WEEKEND: Members of our youth group will be outside after Masses this weekend, signing up blood donors for the July 18 blood drive. **This blood drive will be held in the parking lot, on a Bloodmobile. Check-in will be outside (weather-permitting) or in the New School Hall.** Sign up to give the gift of life!

OUR FAREWELL MASS for Fr. Carl will be held Sunday, July 26 at 12 Noon with a reception following in the Activity Center. Fr. Carl, who joined our St Agnes family, May 1, 2002, has been re-assigned and will be leaving us to become Pastor at St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish in Pasadena, August 1st. Please join us as we say "Thank You" to Fr. Carl for his dedicated leadership and "Best Wishes" as he begins his new assignment.

FR. CARL'S FAREWELL: If you are able to donate baked goods to serve at Fr. Carl's Farewell, please call Sue Krebs at 410.455.0179. Thank You!

SCRAPBOOK FOR FR. CARL – We are making a St. Agnes Scrapbook for Fr. Carl. Please send in a picture of yourself/your family with your name (s) on the back, to be included in this book. Pictures may be brought to the parish office or put in the Offertory basket at Mass. Please have pictures in by Sunday, July 19th. Thank You!

DAILY READINGS

Monday *St. Henry*
7/13 **Reading:** Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Gospel: Matthew 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday *Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*
7/14 **Reading:** Exodus 2:1-15a
Gospel: Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday *St. Bonaventure*
7/15 **Reading:** Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-27

Thursday *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
7/16 **Reading:** Exodus 3:13-20
Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30

Friday *Weekday*
7/17 **Reading:** Exodus 11:10 — 12:14
Gospel: Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday *St. Camillus de Lellis*
7/18 **Reading:** Exodus 12:37-42
Gospel: Matthew 12:14-21

FLOWERS –on our Main Altar, Blessed Sacrament and Holy Family Altars are in loving memory of Jaime Anonuevo requested by his family. Flowers on our St. Agnes statue are in loving memory of Sam La Martina, requested by Mary Lou.



ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, July 12 – Adoration

Please meet in the New School Hall. We will gather there before heading over to Adoration at 7:30. Please have all Kings Dominion forms in tonight!

Saturday, July 18 – Blood Drive

Please call or email Amanda to sign up to help with the blood drive!

Sunday, July 19 – Fr. Carl Night

Tonight, Fr. Carl will be showing a film and leading a discussion on Santiago de Compostela, one of the greatest pilgrimage shrines! Please join us, and bring a friend! All Kings Dominion forms are due by tonight at the latest!

OUR 4th ANNUAL PARISH CRAB FEAST will be held Friday, September 4th. Proceeds will benefit the building fund. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information.



THE VOCATION OFFICE and St. John, Severna Park have teamed up to offer another opportunity for young men to grow in their faith and learn more about a vocation to the priesthood! **Operation Genesis**, being held on July 21st, is for young men ages 12-14. **Dare to Follow**, being held on July 23rd, is for young men ages 15-17. Both events run 9am-5pm. These days feature sports, Mass, Adoration, food, and inspiring talks. The cost is free and includes lunch. Please contact the Vocation Office at 410-547-5426 or vocations@archbalt.org.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING WEEK IS July 19-25th. Natural Family Planning is a call to celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality. For inner peace and for family happiness, you have to let God reign in your heart and in your marriage. Please contact Tom and Patty Strunck at 410-696-2269 or strunckfamily@cclcentralmd.org

FR. JUDE WINKLER, OFM Conv. invites everyone to visit www.companionsofstanthony.org to listen to his reflections on the daily Mass readings. You can keep up with his schedule and talk with him at www.blog.companionsofstanthony.org.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL is accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. For more information and a tour, please call 410-747-4070 or email sbanks@stagnesschool.net.



ST. AGNES COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is celebrating their 53rd year of participation and support of St. Agnes Parish. The Knights invite all parish men to find out what it takes to join the largest Catholic family organization in the world. The Knights are over 1.6 million members strong and growing. Please call Bernie McNulty at 410.480.0661 for more information.

CALLING ALL parishioners, former parishioners & students of **St. Thomas More Parish Community**. We want you to join in our 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2010. For details about the year's events, call 410.444.6500 or email us at stmmail@churchstmore.net.

MARRIED COUPLES: Give your marriage a well-deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy! Upcoming dates are August 14-16, and November 6-8. To register call 1-877-558-LOVE or visit www.wwme.net.



PROJECT RACHEL: Hope and Healing after Abortion – Project Rachel provides referrals for counseling, spiritual support and Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for hope and healing after an abortion. For more info call 410-354-6900; or visit www.project-rachel.net.

Pregnant, Need Help? Call the Gabriel Network 1-800-ANGEL-OK

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1.410.676.6000 or visit the web at www.masstimes.org.



MEMORY VERSE

PSALM 85:8

Show us, Lord, your love; grant us your salvation.