



Scripture Readings for Today

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Scripture Readings for April 5th

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish Mission begins today. Wherever you are on the road to Jesus' heart this Lent today is the day you answer the question, "What are you willing to die for?" This is meant figuratively. Today Jesus announces that his hour has come to be glorified. He asks us to die to ourselves, bearing much fruit by abandoning our life of sin and to be His servant. If you need to think about your answer to the question "What are you willing to die for?" it is good for you to come to our Parish Mission. If you have no intention of answering this question, you should make time to attend our Parish Mission. If you believe you serve God well and your answer to this question is obvious, you should come to our Parish Mission too. Why? Because Jesus Christ loves you and you need to express your love for Christ in Church with the Parish Community, praying 'Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner.' For a few hours this week abandon the world in which you live and touch *the cross of Jesus Christ*.

Deacon Jack

THE MASS COUNT FOR MARCH 21-22ND

5 PM – 220	7:30 AM – 155	9 AM – 262
10:30 AM – 338	12 PM – 326	Total – 1301

THE COLLECTION FOR MARCH 21-22ND

Envelopes	\$16,205.00
Loose	\$1,558.74
Poor Boxes	\$394.78
Children's	\$43.27



"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Stewardship allows us to give without questioning what we will get in return.

Children's Stewardship

Five year old I.H. writes on her envelope:

Time: washing dishes

Talent: singing

Treasure: .25¢

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of Margaret McGuirk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Dorothy Mihalovic, and Shirley Bory.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Mike Steer Sr., Evana Feeney, Mary Barber, Heather LaMartina, Ann Finnel, Cecelia Brushwiler, Margaret Booker, Mary Krischik, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Ruth Crotts, Patty Kuzmak, Charles Payne, Catherine Cleaver, Mary Van Dusen, Florence Fink, Milton Getka, Dolores Carver, Margaret Blinke, Lou Kaminski, Charles & Jacque Harris, Mr. and Mrs. William Lang, and Noreen Newcomb.

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, Matt Lambert.

Mass Intentions**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR. 30–APR. 5TH**

MONDAY 3/30	6:30 a.m. – Mrs. Chen 8:00 a.m. – Joseph Haynes Sr.
TUESDAY 3/31	6:30 a.m. – Dorothy Hauf 8:00 a.m. – Helen P. Meyer
WED. 4/1	6:30 a.m. – Mary Plazek 8:00 a.m. – E.J. Mellendick
THURS. 4/2	6:30 a.m. – Thomas Mitchell 8:00 a.m. – James Ryan 7:00 p.m. – Jenny Hale
FRIDAY 4/3	6:30 a.m. – Claire Anderson 8:00 a.m. – Paula A. Long Hoffman
SAT. 4/4	8:00 a.m. – Mary MacDaniel 5:00 p.m. – Samuel Adams
SUNDAY 4/5	7:30 a.m. – Frank Lewis Jr. 9:00 a.m. – Christopher Maddox Jr 10:30 a.m. – Mickey Battinelli 12:00 p.m. – For the Parishioners

DAILY READINGS

Monday 3/30	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Reading: Daniel 13: 41c – 62 Gospel: John 8:1-11
Tuesday 3/31	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Reading: Numbers 21:4-9 Gospel: John 8:21-30
Wednesday 4/1	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Reading: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Gospel: John 8:31-42
Thursday 4/2	<i>St. Francis of Paola</i> Reading: Genesis 17:3-9 Gospel: John 8:51-59
Friday 4/3	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 Gospel: John 10:31-42
Saturday 4/4	<i>St. Isidore of Seville</i> Reading: Ezekiel 37:21-28 Gospel: John 11:45-56



CONGRATULATIONS to the families of Liam Gabriel Parker, Tyler Anthony Ostopowicz, and Thomas Leo Downey who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

“From Lent to Easter: Carrying the Cross Toward Our Resurrection”: Our Parish Mission begins today Sunday, March 29. Friar Joachim Anthony Giermek, OFM Conv. is our Mission Leader. Please join us and be renewed! March 29 – April 2 at 7 p.m

Sunday – Evening Prayer and Homily
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Wednesday – Penance Service
Thursday – Solemn Closing and Mass

FAMILY ROSARY - Join us for the Family Rosary, Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the lower Church. We will be praying the Sorrowful Mysteries. After praying the Rosary, we will join the Mission Penance service at 7 p.m.

CONFESSIONS will be held this Thursday, April 2nd at 4:30 p.m. in preparation for First Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES will be held this Friday, April 3rd at 6:30 & 8:00 am.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held this Friday, April 3rd, following Stations of the Cross until 8 a.m. Saturday. A sign-up sheet can be found in the front of church. Allow the *real* presence of Jesus to speak to your heart.

LENTEN SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Daily Mass – 6:30 & 8:00 a.m. Monday - Friday.
8:00 a.m. Saturday.

PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING – All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence - no meat is to be eaten by anyone who is 14 or older.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held each Friday during Lent at 1:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Join us in the cafeteria at 6 p.m. for Soup & Pizza before the evening Stations of the Cross.

EASTER FLOWERS – Donations for Easter flowers on our Altars in memory of a loved one are being accepted. Please include the donation and the name of the person(s) to be remembered and place the envelope marked Easter Flowers in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish office. The suggested donation is \$15.00. The deadline is Friday, April 3rd.

CONGRATULATIONS to Catherine Sullivan, this month's Silver Circle winner.

TWO OF OUR PARISH YOUTH: James Szczybor and Jesse Felts are traveling to Hinche, Haiti on a Catholic Missions trip. They will be traveling with three other students from Mount St. Joseph High School for their senior project. Your prayers would be greatly appreciated along with any financial support you feel called to give. Donations can be sent to the parish office; checks can be made payable to St. Agnes Church. Thank you!

\$20,000 RAFFLE TICKET SALE: St. Agnes H.S.A. is selling raffle tickets for \$50 each; only 1000 tickets will be sold. There are 6 winners: 1 Grand Prize of \$15,000; 4 - \$1000 winners and \$1000 for the top ticket seller. Drawings will be held at the Celebrate! St. Agnes School Auction April 25. For tickets, call Jeff Haskell at 410.747.2714 Thank You for your support!

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



Join us "Under the Boardwalk" for a night of fun and fundraising for our Parish School at the very first major event to be held in 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 Calderone 410.744.3839. Anyone interested in making a donation to the auction should contact Tracy. Thank you for your support!

RICK GETZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Rick Getz was an honored member of the St. Agnes Men's Club, and we are proud to offer a scholarship in his name. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation – Sponsor forms are due **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!

First Holy Communion – The \$10 Sacrament fee for Communion is due. Please send in this payment to a second grade teacher or to the parish office.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO the following Eighth graders who were recognized in the Catholic War Veterans "*What Veterans Day Means to Me*" Essay Contest:

- State Competition winners
 - 1st Place – John Bilenki
 - 2nd Place – Elizabeth Dulaney
- Regional Competition winner
 - 1st Place – Elizabeth Hill

Registration for new students is on going. Please call the school office at 410-747-4070 for information or to schedule a tour of the school.

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. If you are interested, please call Mrs. Banks at 410 -747- 4070.

Dates to Remember

- 3/30-4/1** School Book Fair
- 4/3/09** First Friday Mass 9:00 AM
All are invited to join us!
Stations of the Cross 1:45 PM
- 4/8/09** 12:30 Dismissal
Beginning of Easter Vacation
- 4/20/09** School Reopens

TUITION ASSISTANCE DEADLINE: Completed applications are due in the Parish office by March 31, 2009. Applicants must be registered, active parishioners. **No late applications will be accepted.**

ST. AGNES SCHOOL BOOK FAIR will be held in the school library March 30 – April 1st from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to come by and see the wonderful selection of books for children of all ages.



MT. DE SALES ACADEMY 10TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on Wednesday, May 6th at the Oakmont Green Country Club. Sponsors are needed. All proceeds will benefit Mount de Sales Academy. For more info: contact Maureen McCollum mpmccollum@comcast.net.

“May Lent be for every Christian a renewed experience of God’s love given to us in Christ, a love that each day we, in turn, must ‘re-give’ to our neighbor, especially to the one who suffers most and is in need.”

Pope Benedict XVI

What Almsgiving REALLY Means



Giving alms has always been an important part of Lent. For many people, it means giving money to Catholic charities or some other good cause.

But the concept of almsgiving goes much deeper. It is our response to the teachings of Jesus that encourage us to reach out to people in need – not just with our money – but with our time and our talents.

Lent gives us the opportunity to cultivate a spirit of generosity. It gives us a chance to share what we have and who we are with other people. It puts us in communion with others and helps us understand that we are all members of the Body of Christ.

Think carefully about how you will share your time, your talents and your treasure during Lent. “Keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’ ” (Acts 20:35).

Our Sunday Visitor, February 3, 2008

CATONSVILLE EMERGENCY FOOD MINISTRY:

Volunteers are needed to assist with food donations and answer phones. If you are able to volunteer, please call 410.747.HELP and visit www.catonvillehelp.org or www.CEFM.org.

LOAVES & FISHES: St. Agnes Parish donates non-perishable food items to My Brother's Keeper and the Catonsville Emergency Food Ministry each Monday. Please consider assisting those in our area who are less fortunate, by dropping off donations to our sacristy when you come for Mass. Items needed include: canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, Spam, soups, instant potatoes, canned meats, jelly, fruits, peanut butter, and tomato sauce.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Good Friday Way of the Cross: Led by Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, this annual prayer procession will begin at 8:00 am, from St. Alphonsus Church, Saratoga St. & Park Ave. Baltimore, MD 21201. Come and pray the Stations of the Cross while walking to Planned Parenthood, 330 N. Howard St., pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary while standing across the street from Planned Parenthood. For more details, call Linda at the Archdiocese Respect Life Office, 410-547-5537

Pregnant, Need Help? 1-800-ANGEL-OK
Suffering Post-Abortion Stress? Call Project Rachel – 1-800-286-4224

PRETZELS: A LENTEN TREAT – Pretzels



originated in Europe during the Middle Ages. A monk was making unleavened bread for Lent with flour and water because eggs, milk and lard were not consumed as part of the Lenten fast. He twisted some of the dough into the shape of people praying with both arms folded across their chests. He decided it would be a perfect treat for children learning to say their prayers. He called the treats *pretiola*, the Latin word for “little reward.”

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, March 29 – Parish Mission

Tonight, we will join the rest of the parish at this year’s Parish Mission. Please find me in Church so we can all sit together. Parents and family are welcomed to sit with us!

Sunday, April 5 – Tenebrae Practice

Tonight, we will practice for the Good Friday Tenebrae Service. All youth who have roles in the service must attend. All are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, April 8–Tenebrae Practice

All youth who have roles in the service must attend this second practice. We will meet in the Church from 7-8:30pm.

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 12:26

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.