



Scripture Readings for Today

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

Scripture Readings for May 10th

1st Reading: Acts 9:26-31
2nd Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Gospel: John 15:1-8

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is the good shepherd who will lay down his life for us so that he can take it up again for us. He loves us so much that he lived his life on earth entirely for us. We are also called to live for others in service and love. In our personal lives we serve our families and friends every day in small ways. At work we serve our co-workers in simple but important ways. We are also called to reach out further. Jesus calls us to serve those who are not in our immediate "world."



*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
 I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

THE MASS COUNT FOR APRIL 25-26TH

5 PM – 251	7:30 AM – 150	9 AM – 319
10:30 AM – 390	12 PM – 311	Total – 1421

THE COLLECTION FOR APRIL 25-26TH

Envelopes	\$14,742.51
Loose.....	\$730.69
Poor Boxes.....	\$324.06
Children's	\$52.60
Haiti Collection	\$10,710.95



To be good stewards we must be good shepherds, willing to lay down our lives for those committed to our care, not mere hired hands who run off, "leaving the sheep to be snatched and scattered by the wolf."

Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share out time, our talent and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of Doris Ryan, George Fodel and Melvin Leek.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Edna Fowler, John Wisniewski, and Bill Williamson.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Florence Dunne, Genevieve Randle, Cathy Parsons, Bonnie DeVito, Catherine Teal, Mike Steer Sr., Evana Feeney, Mary Barber, Heather LaMartina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Ruth Crotts, 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.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4- 10TH

MONDAY 5/4	6:30 a.m. – Elaine Flannagan 8:00 a.m. – Missy Russell Kondner
TUESDAY 5/5	6:30 a.m. – Ints. of Charles Pittinger Sr. 8:00 a.m. – Bernadette Lawler Middleton
WED. 5/6	6:30 a.m. – Mary MacDaniel 8:00 a.m. – Paula A. Long Hoffman
THURS. 5/7	6:30 a.m. – Ints. Bud & Bai McFarland 8:00 a.m. – Mary MacDaniel
FRIDAY 5/8	6:30 a.m. – Ints. of Phuong Vu 8:00 a.m. – Tammy Randle
SAT. 5/9	8:00 a.m. – Michael Sullivan 5:00 p.m. – Elaine Flannagan
SUNDAY 5/10	7:30 a.m. – Carmelina Lotz 9:00 a.m. – Jerome Schultz 10:30 a.m. – Jack & Mary Ames 12:00 p.m. – For the Parishioners

DAILY READINGS

Monday 5/4	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 11:1-18 Gospel: John 10:1-10
Tuesday 5/5	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 11:19-26 Gospel: John 10:22-30
Wednesday 5/6	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 12:24 – 13:5a Gospel: John 12:44-50
Thursday 5/7	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 13:13-25 Gospel: John 13:16-20
Friday 5/8	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 13:26-33 Gospel: John 14:1-6
Saturday 5/9	<i>Easter Weekday</i> Reading: Acts 13:44-52 Gospel: John 14:7-14



CONGRATULATIONS to the families of Matthew Joseph Arconti and Filmore Chibuchi Anizoba who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:



Second Time: Alexander Mui and Veronica Cherry, both of St. Agnes.

FLOWERS – Flowers on our Blessed Sacrament Altar are in loving memory of Earl J. Brushwiler, requested by Cecelia. To donate fresh flowers, please call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.

THE SECOND COLLECTION this weekend will be the ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN COLLECTION for the EDUCATION OF OUR SEMINARIANS. The Seminarians of today will be our Priests of tomorrow. Please be as generous as you can to help support the training of our future Priests. **Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Church.**

PARISH MAY PROCESSION will be held Sunday, May 3rd, after the 9:00 AM Mass. You may bring flowers from your garden to honor our Blessed Mother. This Mass will be the closing for our Religious Education program.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be held this weekend, May 2 & 3rd and next weekend May 9 & 10th. The candidates' pictures and bios are posted on the bulletin boards at each of the entrances to Church. Please stop by and take a look before you vote.

FAMILY ROSARY - This Wednesday, May 6th is the Family Rosary at 6:30 pm in the Church. All are welcome. Please join us to pray the Glorious Mysteries during this month that is dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Following Family Rosary, join us for fellowship in the Old School Hall.



OFFERTORY GIFTS – Parishioners are needed to take up the gifts of Bread and Wine at Mass. Please see the ushers prior to Mass to volunteer.

ATTENTION: We have several crock pots in the Parish office left over from Soup and Stations. The office is open M-F 8:30 – 8:00 pm, Sat & Sun 8:30 – 12:30 pm. Please stop by and claim yours.

CONGRATULATIONS to Arthur Menna, our Silver Circle winner this month!

PONTIFF PROCLAIMS YEAR FOR PRIESTS:

Pope Benedict XVI is proclaiming a Year for Priests on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of St. Jean Marie Vianney, who the Pope calls, "a true example of a pastor at the service of Christ's flock."

The theme for the priestly year is "Faithfulness of Christ, Faithfulness of Priests." During this year, a compilation of texts by the Pope will be published on the core issues of the life and mission of priests in the modern times.

The Pope is scheduled to open the year with a celebration June 19, 2009. The closing ceremony will take place one year later, with a World Meeting of Priests in St. Peter's Square.

REQUEST: A parishioner will be traveling to Haiti on a medical trip and is requesting donations of medical supplies such as non-latex gloves, gauze, band-aids, medical tape, alcohol supplies, q-tips, masks, cotton balls, sterile saline, hand sanitizer, ace bandages, vitamins, ziploc bags and shampoo. Donations can be brought to the parish office until May 17. For information call 410-744-2900. Thank You!!!

RECYCLE AT ST. AGNES! Please help us to be good stewards of our environment and earn money for St. Agnes School by bringing your weekly recyclables to our new bin outside the New School! Bring us your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, and junk mail. Your recyclables will be made into newsprint for local newspapers; therefore **NO CARDBOARD, NO FOOD CONTAINERS, NO PHONE BOOKS** can be recycled in this bin. Thank you so much!

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, May 3 – Movie Night

Please bring a movie. We will vote & watch the most popular movie. Please bring a snack to share.

Sunday, May 10 – No Youth Night

Happy Mothers' Day!

Sunday, May 17 – Mass and Catholic Concert

Join us as we head to St. Isaac Jogues for Mass with Bishop Madden. After Mass, Catholic recording artist Steve Angrisano will perform live! This is a free event. We will leave St. Agnes at 4:30 and return by 9:30pm. Please bring money if you would like a Frosty on the way home. You must turn in a permission form if you would like to attend. Forms are due to the parish office by Sunday, May 10.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

St. Agnes School second graders received the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on May 2, 2009. Blessings on each of these children and their families. A very special thank you to Mrs. Baldwin and Ms. Kraning for preparing the children so well for the sacrament.

National Physical Fitness Awards: 25 of our student athletes received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award and 118 earned the National Fitness Award. Thank you, Mrs. Armstrong for preparing our students for achievement and congratulations to our physically fit students!

Celebrate St Agnes 2009: There are not enough words to express our gratitude and thanks to the Auction Committee and the many families and parishioners who supported the Celebrate 2009 Auction and Dinner. It was a huge success and our new Parish Activity Center looked absolutely transformed into a beautiful summer evening at the beach. St. Agnes School is so blessed to have such a generous and supportive community who come together to make St. Agnes School the wonderful school that it is. God bless each of you!

Dates to Remember

- 5/8** School May Procession and Mass
Starts at 8:45 in the parking lot
- 5/9** Archdiocesan Track Meet at Calvert Hall
7:45AM – 3:30PM
- 5/12** HSA Meeting and Art Show/ 6:30PM
Volunteer Appreciation Night
sponsored by the faculty
- 5/13** Field Day / Rain Date on 5/14.

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 410-747-4070.

Part Time Kindergarten Teacher: St. Agnes School is looking for Kindergarten teacher for Monday – Friday mornings from 7:45 – 12:45 for the 2009-2010 academic year. Please call Mrs. Banks at 410-747-4070.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration has opened for the 2009-2010 Religious Education school year! Students currently enrolled in the program have already received their forms. Registration instructions and forms are available in the parish office. Anyone wishing to receive First Holy Communion in 2nd grade or Confirmation in 8th grade must enroll into the Religious Ed class the year prior to the Sacrament year (1st or 7th grade). Please call 410.747.9073 for more info.

Thank you to everyone for such a Wonderful year! We will see you in the Fall!

CATHOLIC ANSWERS FOR THE AGING is a free and confidential information and referral service for older adults, their families, friends and caregivers. Referral specialists take the time to listen to callers' questions and concerns and can help identify the specific type(s) of service(s) needed. If you are feeling overwhelmed trying to find the right service providers, please call Answers for the Aging at 410-646-0100, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM FOR CATHOLIC MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS: 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. This event will feature 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. RSVP 410 547-5537. www.archbalt.org/respect-life/catholic-healthcare-symposium/

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulty. The program will be held May 15-17 in Laurel MD. For confidential info call Tom & Carol Moran at 301.468.6764 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



ARE YOU A SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMAN? Did you ever think about becoming a religious sister? The Dominican Sisters, who teach at Mount De Sales, are having a vocations retreat at their Motherhouse in Nashville, TN entitled "Discernment and the Consecration to Dominican Life" on May 20th-24th. If you are a single Catholic woman between the ages of 17 and 30 and you are interested in attending the retreat or in finding out more about the consecrated religious life, please call Sister Mary Emily at 615-256-0147 or e-mail at (vocations@op-tn.org).

BLUE MASS: Archbishop O'Brien will celebrate a Blue Mass to honor the brave women and men of the police and fire departments on Sunday, May 24, at 10:45 a.m. at the Basilica. Fr. Jeff Dauses will concelebrate and Cardinal William Keeler will preside.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB, a social organization for professional, single, Catholics, invites you to their Memorial Day picnic at Cox Point Park on Monday, May 25 from noon to 5 pm. For info, visit cacbaltimore.org or call 410.580.1250.

ROCKING FOR THE ELDERLY – Rock with us to raise funds for the Little Sisters of the Poor and the elderly poor at St. Martin's Home - Saturday, June 13 10 am – 2 pm at 601 Maiden Choice Lane in Catonsville. To reserve your Rocking chair, 410.744.9367 ex. 174.



ST. AGNES SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Before you go to the store, stop by the Food Certificate table after Mass and purchase a \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 or \$100 food certificate to put toward your groceries at Giant or Shoppers. You get dollar for dollar value, and St. Agnes School will receive 5% of your grocery bill -- at no cost to you! Certificates are available in both the School and Parish offices Monday – Friday.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL is planning an **ALL CLASS REUNION** on Saturday, June 6. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to sasallclassreunion@yahoo.com with your name (maiden name), address, phone #, and graduation year or call Susan Thompson at 410-465-6999. Visit www.stagnesschool.net and click on Alumni for more information.

THE EASTER CANDLE

Paul Turner



The first sound of the Easter season is the crackling of new fire. Even before the presider greets the people, the Easter flame burns to warm the hearts of believers and to fascinate our eyes, which long to behold the glory of God.

The Easter candle that leads the procession into the church at the Easter Vigil becomes a dominant symbol for the season. Tall, bright, decorative, stately, it creates the first light for the faithful and dispels the darkness which belies our sins. The Easter candle first announces the news of the resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation. Christ is risen!

So big is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Easter candle burns in our churches every day during those seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!

The Easter candle appears in our liturgy on two other very significant occasions: baptisms and funerals.

Whenever infants are baptized, we light the Easter candle. The resurrection of Christ foreshadows our own resurrection. Baptism incorporates us into the body of Christ and gives us a share in his resurrection. Whenever the baptismal waters are poured, the Easter candle burns bright. Parents and godparents light a baptismal candle from the Easter candle. They accept the responsibility of keeping the flame of faith alive in the heart of the newly baptized. Parents carry this candle home, where it may shine on baptismal anniversaries to symbolize the first news of the risen Christ.

We also light the Easter candle at funerals. In the midst of our grief, we call upon the symbols that enliven our faith. Several images of baptism reappear at the funeral: the sprinkling with holy water, the placing of a white pall (like a white garment) over the casket and the lighting of the Easter candle. Christ rose from the dead so that we too might pass from death to life. Every death reminds us of Easter. And every Easter gives us hope that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness to eternal light.

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. For more information, please contact Lee or Kacy Thomas at 410.744.8681. Thank you.

ARCHBISHOP KEOUGH'S Class of 1974 is holding their 35th reunion Saturday, October 10 at the Princess Royale Resort in Ocean City, MD. Tickets are \$65. Checks should be made payable to Keough Alumnae and mailed to P.O. Box 470 Sykesville 21784. To pay by Paypal, send to bcijis@comcast.net. Call Connee Rauser Sheckler 410.370.0157 for more information.

OUR LADY'S CENTER, 3301 S. Rogers Ave., Ellicott City, MD, 410-461-5066, has Eucharistic Adoration every Friday afternoon after the 12 noon Mass followed by a Holy Hour from 7 to 9 PM which includes, Adoration, Confession, Rosary, Stations of the Cross (during Lent) and Mass. All are invited!

BULLETIN ADVERTISERS – Many of our parish families advertise their business on our bulletin cover. We ask that you patronize them whenever possible. Thank you.

NEXT TO YOUR BIRTH CERTIFICATE and marriage license, your Will may be the most important legal document of your life. When you write or revise your Will, please consider naming St. Agnes Parish as one of your beneficiaries.

MEMORY VERSE

ACTS 4:12

There is no salvation but through Jesus, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.