

TODAY IS THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2010

**Scripture Readings for Today****1st Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**Gospel:** John 2:1-11**Scripture Readings for January 24th****1st Reading:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

When I called, you answered me...

Psalm 138:3

The **Archbishop's Annual Appeal** is now underway. Many of our parishioners have received a mailing from Archbishop O'Brien, asking that you make a pledge to the 2010 Appeal. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese serve as a sign of our gratitude not only for God's answers to our prayers but also as a sign of our recognition that all that we are and all that we have are gifts given to us by God.

Your gift will enable archdiocesan support of ministry, education, and service that touch thousands of lives throughout the world.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar contributed up to our goal, then, we receive 50% of the additional funds received. This year, we will commit our parish rebates to paying down the debt of our new Activity Center. Please answer the Archbishop's request. Thank you in advance for your support.

THE MASS COUNT FOR JANUARY 9-10TH

5 PM – 235	7:30 AM – 148	9 AM – 268
10:30 AM – 375	12 PM – 265	Total – 1291

THE COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 9-10TH

Envelopes.....	\$13,407.45
Loose.....	\$1,348.02
Poor Boxes.....	\$352.78
Children's	\$28.35



In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that these gifts are given for the good of all. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: especially those in hospitals: Francis Vizzini, Rev. Edward Hemler, Albert Grochmal, Martin Wheatley, and Doris Keene.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR: all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for Peggy Schneider, Joseph Kruger, Preston Scibek, Rob Coxe, Mary Strunck, Robert Scheile, Alice Tates, Jane McManus, Patrick Daschbach, Catherine Applegarth, Bernard Maddox, Milton & Timothy Getka, Beth Szczybor, Therese Lipscombe, Quinn Degenhard, Brother James Kelly, Edward Flannagan, Kyla Zeilinger, Jo Keyes, Teddy Skinner, Bill Herman, James DeMatteo, Margaret Peter, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Evana Feeney, Heather La Martina, Ann Finnel, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Margaret Blinke.

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, Spc. Paul Ascosi; **NAVY** – Harrison Seward, David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – Lt. Julian Cardinale, SSG Patrick Flanagan, Sgt. Alex Kuziel, James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Spc. Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, Capt. Sheldon Broedel.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR JANUARY 18-24TH

MONDAY 1/18	6:30 a.m. – Sr. Mary Mark Carnes, IHM 8:00 a.m. – Deceased of the Bianco & Lancelotta families
TUESDAY 1/19	6:30 a.m. – Francis Daly 8:00 a.m. – Eleanor Sturm
WED. 1/20	6:30 a.m. – Ann Goolsby 8:00 a.m. – Mary Van Dusen
THURS. 1/21	6:30 a.m. – Janine Marshall 8:00 a.m. – Amy Adams
FRIDAY 1/22	6:30 a.m. – Robert Fisher 8:00 a.m. – Larry Keener
SAT. 1/23	8:00 a.m. – Regina Schott 5:00 p.m. – James Greene
SUNDAY 1/24	7:30 a.m. – Simon Avara 9:00 a.m. – For the Parishioners 10:30 a.m. – Chip Kiszner 12:00 p.m. – Eugene Kelly

DAILY READINGS

Monday 1/18	Weekday Reading: 1 Samuel 15:16-23 Gospel: Mark 2:18-22
Tuesday 1/19	Weekday Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Gospel: Mark 2:23-28
Wed. 1/20	St. Fabian & St. Sebastian Read: 1 Sam. 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Gospel: Mark 3:1-6
Thurs. 1/21	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Reading: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Gospel: Mark 3:7-12
Friday 1/22	St. Vincent; Day of Penance Reading: 1 Samuel 24:3-21 Gospel: Mark 3:13-19
Sat. 1/23	Weekday Read: 2 Sam. 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Gospel: Mark 3:20-21

FLOWERS: on our Main Altar are in loving memory of William (Chip) Kiszner, requested by his family. To donate fresh flowers in loving memory or for a special occasion, call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.



RCIA will be held Monday, January 18th at 7 p.m. in the New School. The topic will be **The Four Last Things**. All are welcome.

ST. AGNES MENS CLUB will hold their monthly meeting this Wednesday, January 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Old School Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend

RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH will be held on Friday, Jan. 22nd; in Washington D.C. St. Agnes will have two buses. Departure time is 10:30 a.m. from the Shoppers lot, returning at 4:30 p.m. To reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Joe Healy at 410.322.1481 or st.piusx@gmail.com. Free-will donations will be accepted on the day of the March.

LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO sponsored by St. Agnes Men's Club will be held on **Friday, January 22nd**, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17.00 at the door. Sorry, no one under 16 years old will be admitted. For ticket information contact Buck Sipes at 410-747-5143.

VIGIL AGAINST VIOLENCE: Join Archbishop O'Brien, Bishop Madden, and other religious leaders in Baltimore on **January 25** at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen for a prayerful vigil against violence in Baltimore City. Together, through our faith, we will promote peace.

ALL MARRIED COUPLES are cordially invited to join Archbishop Edwin O'Brien for the special World Marriage Day Mass and Reception at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, February 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. The Mass will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREATS will be held at the Priestfield Retreat Center, WV, on the weekends of Feb. 26, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, and April 30. These retreats have been held for over 35 years and couples who attend come away feeling spiritually refreshed and enlightened. For more info, call Elaine @ 410-252-5355.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

Catholic Schools Week is Coming! This year we will celebrate our Catholic schools from Jan. 31 – Feb. 6th.

Congratulations to our 2nd grade students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on January 11th and thank you to Ms. Kraning and Mrs. Kearney for their dedicated preparation of the children.

Re-registration papers were sent home with your child this week. Please complete the form and return it to the School Office to confirm your child's place for the 2010-2011 school year. It is very helpful to have this information as we begin to plan for the next school year. Thank you!

Feast of St. Agnes Liturgy will be held on Thursday, January 21st at 9:00AM. Please join us as we celebrate the parish and school's patron saint

Dates to Remember:

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| 1/18 | Martin Luther King Day/ School Closed |
| 1/20 | St. Agnes Chick-Fil-A Night 5-8 pm
Dine In or Drive Thru |
| 1/21 | Feast of St. Agnes Mass 9:00am
All are welcome to celebrate with us. |
| 1/22 | Trimester 2 Interims go home |

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Thank you so much for participating in the Box Tops for Education program. St. Agnes School received a check for **\$874.75**. Box tops may be sent to school with your favorite St. Agnes student, or dropped off at the school or parish offices. Thank you!

FOOD CERTIFICATES - If you'd like to support St. Agnes School at no cost to you, purchase a food certificate for Shoppers or Giant. A \$100 certificate costs you \$100 and buys \$100 of groceries and St. Agnes School receives \$5. Food certificates may be used in the pharmacy too!! Panera Bread & Dunkin Donuts cards are available also. Thank you!

MEMORY VERSE

JOHN 2:5

Mary said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Attention 7th Grade Parents!

Our Confirmation information meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, at 7pm in the lower church. 7th grade students and at least one parent should attend this meeting.

Catholic Schools Week

On Sunday, January 31, there will be no Religious Education classes.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, January 17 -Service Night

This Sunday, we will be making cards to send our sponsor child, Angel. You will receive service hours for youth group this evening. If you have a form for school that you will need signed, please bring it with you.

Sunday, January 24 -Open Gym Night

Join us in the gym for basketball! Bring a volleyball if you would like! Please wear tennis shoes, and enter through the gray door facing the school building. Please bring a snack or drink to share.

Sunday, January 31 -Movie/Pizza Night

Please see next week's bulletin for more information.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2009:

Contribution statements will be mailed the week of January 18th for all parishioners who have requested statements in previous years. If you are new to the parish or have never requested a statement in the past, please fill out the form below and return to the parish office.

PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF MY 2009 CONTRIBUTIONS.

NAME: _____

ENVELOPE #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

St. Agnes Virgin, Martyr

Feast Day: January 21

Agnes was a beautiful, wealthy Roman girl who decided in childhood to dedicate herself to God. She was only 12 years old when she suffered martyrdom for her Faith. Agnes had made a promise to God never to marry. Since she was very beautiful, many young men wished to marry Agnes, but her response to them was, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

One suitor, Procop, the Governor's son, tried desperately to win her for his wife with lavish gifts and promises, but Agnes insisted, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!" Furious, Procop accused her of being a Christian (the religion of Rome at that time was pagan, and Christians were persecuted) and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes rich gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He then tried to coerce her by putting her in chains, but her lovely face only shown with joy. Viciously, he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her from harm. At the end of his evil recourses, he condemns her to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was unafraid. She ignored those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" At her martyrdom, she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword.

The body of St. Agnes was placed in a sepulcher covered by a slab bearing the inscription *Agne sanctissima*. It is believed to be the same one which is now preserved in the Museum at Naples. Agnes was highly revered by Christians throughout the early days of the Church. During the reign of Constantine, a basilica was erected over the grave of St. Agnes, which was later entirely remodeled by Pope Honorius (625-638), and has since remained unaltered.

Since the Middle Ages, St. Agnes has been represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virginal innocence. On her feast two lambs are solemnly blessed, and from their wool are made the vestments sent by the Pope to archbishops. Her feast day is January 21. She is the Patroness of girls.

First Corinthians

Paul Turner

On Sundays between the Christmas season and Lent, the second reading at Mass is taken from the "First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians." On Ordinary Time Sundays throughout the year, the second reading gives us several excerpts from the same New Testament letter for several consecutive weeks. Usually we hear from a given letter for one series of weeks every three years. But Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians is an exception. It is a long, important letter, so the lectionary divides it up into three parts. We hear from it every year as Ordinary Time first gets underway.

Earlier in his career, Paul had made a lengthy visit to Corinth. After he left, members of the young Christian community contacted him about some problems and questions they were facing in his absence. Paul deals with these issues one by one. When we read the letter today, we learn about the challenges in the early church and the position Paul held on controversial topics, and we realize that some things haven't changed. It is comforting to know that the issues we face today are not new and that the solutions Paul proposes are still practical and inspirational.

The letter includes many famous passages: the divided community of Corinth, God's choice of the weak instead of the strong, the cross of Christ as a stumbling block for many, the unmarried life, the imperative to preach the gospel, the body of Christ, the gift of love, the resurrection of Christ, and the eternal life of believers. For several weeks each year, we hear familiar passages from one of the Bible's great letters. The pastoral, hopeful message of Paul can always inspire those who drop everything else and listen to his words.

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*Christ has made my soul beautiful with
the jewels of Grace and Virtue. I belong
to Him whom the angels serve.*

St. Agnes