

TODAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2010

**Scripture Readings for Today****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corin. 12:31-13:4-13**Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30**Scripture Readings for February 7<sup>th</sup>****1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2010****A Time for Reflection**

This week, you are asked to review the Archbishop's Annual Appeal tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "**When I called, you answered me...**" (Psalm 138:3)

The Annual Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides critical funding for the many programs and ministries of the Archdiocese. As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar raised until we reach our goal. After we reach goal, 50% of all over goal dollars are returned to us. This year, the rebates will help us to reduce the debt for our Activity Center. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of: Charles Pearce.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** especially those in hospitals: Kathy Worthington, Sr. Magdalene Bubenko, I.H.M., Concetta Portera, Rev. Edward Hemler, and Lillian Suman.

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

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: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, 2 Lt. Alex Kuziel, James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Spc. Stephen Grenfell, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephen Winter, Capt. Sheldon Broedel.

**THE COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 23-24<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelopes .....	\$15,096.00
Loose .....	\$1,273.61
Poor Boxes .....	\$355.01
Children's .....	\$57.60
Haiti Earthquake Relief.....	\$24,641.52

*Mass Intentions*



**MASSES FOR FEBRUARY 1-7<sup>TH</sup>**

MON. 2/1	6:30 a.m. – Hugh McConville 8:00 a.m. – Jacque Harris
TUES. 2/2	6:30 a.m. – John Deponai, Jr. 8:00 a.m. – Chip Kiszner
WED. 2/3	6:30 a.m. – Ellen Mosher 8:00 a.m. – Ann P. Hoffman
THURS. 2/4	6:30 a.m. – Stephen J. Meyer 8:00 a.m. – Henry & Cecelia Hoffman
FRI. 2/5	6:30 a.m. – Charlotte Heagy Bright Hollinger 8:00 a.m. – Mary Teresa Snyder
SAT. 2/6	8:00 a.m. – Charles Harris 5:00 p.m. – Ron Melvin
SUN. 2/7	7:30 a.m. – Sr. Mary Mark Carnes IHM 9:00 a.m. – Thomas Callanan 10:30 a.m. – Bill Vogler 12:00 p.m. – For the Parishioners

**DAILY READINGS**

<b>MON</b> 2/1	<b><i>Weekday</i></b> <b>Read:</b> 2 Sam. 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 5:1-20
<b>TUES.</b> 2/2	<b><i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i></b> <b>Reading:</b> Malachi 3:1-4, <b>Reading:</b> Hebrews 2:14-18 <b>Gospel:</b> Luke 2:22-40
<b>WED.</b> 2/3	<b><i>St. Blasé, St. Ansgar</i></b> <b>Reading:</b> 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:1-6
<b>THURS.</b> 2/4	<b><i>Weekday</i></b> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:7-13
<b>FRI.</b> 2/5	<b><i>St. Agatha, virgin and martyr</i></b> <b>Reading:</b> Sirach 47:2-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:14-29
<b>SAT.</b> 2/6	<b><i>St. Paul Miki &amp; his Companions</i></b> <b>Reading:</b> 1 Kings 3:4-13 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 6:30-34

**FLOWERS:** Flowers on the Main Altar are in loving memory of Mary Terracina, requested by Mary Lou. To donate fresh flowers in loving memory or for a special occasion, call Doris Mellendick at 410-747-2751.



**DIVINE MERCY:** This Sunday, January 31 the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament after the 12 pm Mass. O' Come Let Us Adore Him.

**MOUNT DE SALES ACADEMY** proudly presents *The Wizard of Oz* on Saturday, January 30 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 31 at 1 p.m. Performances are held at the Mount St. Joseph auditorium. Tickets are \$8 general admission.

**FEAST OF ST. BLASÉ** is Wednesday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Throats will be blessed at both the 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses.

**FAMILY ROSARY:** Please join us this Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Church to pray the Glorious Mysteries. All are welcome.

**CONFESSIONS** will be held this Thursday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. in preparation for First Friday.

**FIRST FRIDAY MASSES** will be held this Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 & 8:00 AM.

**HOLY HOUR** will be held this Friday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7 to 8 p.m. After Holy Hour, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8 a.m. Saturday. Parishioners are needed to rest with Jesus. A sign-up sheet can be found in Church.

**CONFIRMATION INVITATION LITURGY** – Please join us next Sunday, February 7 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass as we recognize and pray for our Confirmation candidates as they continue their Sacramental preparation.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** – Next weekend, February 6-7, we will hold our annual Souper Bowl of Caring collection. This collection is part of a national effort to raise money for local soup kitchens. Members of our youth group will be outside after Masses. Please place your donation in one of their soup pots. All donations will benefit My Brother's Keeper in Irvington.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Diane Kreft, this month's Silver Circle winner!

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

### ***Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life.***

**Congratulations to: Mrs. Kathy Diggs Wright,**  
Class of '80, our 2010 NCEA Distinguished Catholic Graduate!

**Congratulations to: Ms. Dale Smith,** St. Agnes School Teacher of the Year for 2010.

- 1/31** Opening Mass 9:00 Mass  
Open House 10:15- 12:15  
All are invited to visit the school.  
Refreshments in the Activity Center
- 2/1** Open House/ 9:00-2:00  
Current families and interested families are invited to visit classrooms to see our school in action.
- 2/2** Student Appreciation Day and Spirit Day  
Students will wear their class colors.  
Free hot lunch and gift from HSA  
Student Bowling Party  
AMF Lanes / 3:15-5:15
- 2/3** Student Talent Show 1:15pm &  
7:00 pm in the Activity Center
- 2/4** Student Service Day
- 2/5** First Friday Mass at 9:00. All are welcome!  
Teacher Appreciation Day  
12:30 Dismissal  
Teacher Appreciation Lunch from HSA.

### **New Student Registration: February 19, 2010 8:30 – 1:00pm / Activity Center**

Nursery - Tuesday and Thursday AM  
Monday – Friday AM  
Monday – Friday AM plus Extended Care

Pre-School – M, W, F AM  
Monday – Friday AM  
Mon. – Fri. Full Day

Kindergarten – Mon --Fri / Full Day and AM

Grades 1-7 – 8:05AM - 2:50PM

For more New Student Registration information visit our website: [www.stagnesschool.net](http://www.stagnesschool.net) or call the school office at 410-747-4070

**HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:** This spring, the Msgr. Roche Scholarship Fund will make five awards of \$1000 per year for four years of Catholic high school. Eighth graders who have been parish members for at least a year and who are interested in applying for aid should obtain applications either at St. Agnes School, the Parish Office or at the Religious Education Office. Applicants are required to attend a meeting on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the main school building. Candidates should bring their filled-out application forms to this two-hour writing session which is for applicants only. To resolve schedule conflicts or to obtain further details, call Ralph Lightner at 410-461-9357.

**RESPECT LIFE DAY OF REFLECTION:** Saturday, Feb. 13 is a retreat for all those interested in growing spiritually and reflecting on God's will for us during Lent, as we will soon begin the 40 Days for Life. Fr. Bart Karwacki, OFM. Conv. will lead the retreat beginning with Mass at the Shrine of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Rd., Ellicott City. A fee of \$25 will also include lunch. Please call the Respect Life Office at 410-547-5537 to make reservations.

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



**CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT 2010:** Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Monday, Feb. 15 for Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: support for pregnant women, poverty, Catholic schools, and marriage. Registration is required. Call the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155 or visit [www.mdccathcon.org](http://www.mdccathcon.org).

**BULL & OYSTER ROAST:** Celebrate a parish rite of Spring – The Men's Club Bull and Oyster Roast happens again on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 7 – 12 pm at The Lodge in Catonsville, catered by Monaghan's Pub. Tickets are \$40 per person. Contact your nearest Men's Club member or call Mike D. at 410-788-6822. Please help support the parish youth athletic program.

## St. Agnes Youth Ministry

### Sunday, January 31 –Movie/Pizza Night

Tonight, from 6-8 pm, we will be watching "Up" while enjoying pizza! Please note this changed time! Bring snack to share! Drinks will be provided.

### Sunday, February 7 –No Youth Night

### Sunday, February 14 –Open Gym Night

Please wear tennis shoes, and enter through the gray doors facing the school building. Please bring a snack or drink to share. Bring a friend!

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## Presentation of the Lord

Paul Turner

The Presentation of the Lord pulls many favorite mementos from the Catholic cupboard: candles, blessings, Christmas and church. The Mass of February 2 begins with a blessing of lighted candles held by the faithful, who glow with the memory of the birth of Jesus.

The origins of the feast lie in ancient Jewish custom. On the 40<sup>th</sup> day after childbirth, parents brought the infant to the Temple to present him/her to the Lord and to purify the mother. St. Luke tells that Joseph and Mary sacrificed two birds for the occasion after the birth of Jesus. Count up 40 days after Christmas and you'll come to February 2. Until the 1960's, we used to call this day "The Purification of Mary." The title changed for several reasons. We no longer believe that women who give birth need purification, and the true significance of the feast concerns Jesus coming to the Temple. He is the promised One, whose light will shine, beaming rays of hope to the entire world. Also on the old calendar, this feast closed the Christmas season. Now we end the Christmas season with the Baptism of the Lord. So, even though the date for the Presentation still depends on Christmas, it has become a feast of ordinary time. Since it is a feast of the Lord, it takes precedence even when it falls on Sunday.

On the day following this feast, our calendar permits the option of commemorating St. Blasé, a bishop and martyr of the early church. Legend has it that he once freed a child from choking. Our church still uses candles from the Presentation of the Lord in the blessing of the faithful's throats on St. Blasé's Day. Blessed candles in our churches and home signify the living presence of Christ in our community.

## **"IN HIS LIKENESS"**

### **ST. BLASÉ**

Feast Day – February 3<sup>rd</sup>

"Through the intercession of St. Blasé, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. . ."

These are the words of the special blessing of the throats customarily given on this day.

We know very little about St. Blasé other than that he was bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, in the early years of the fourth century. Legend takes over from there, and tells the story of an anxious mother who hurried to Blasé with her little boy who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. The saint called for two candles, lit them, held them in the form of a cross under the child's chin, recited prayers and blessed the boy. Immediately the bone loosened and was removed. Devotion to St. Blasé was very popular during the Middle Ages, and continues to this day.

We all want relief and protection from physical troubles and ailments of the throat - (hoarseness, choking, colds, cancer). But there are also spiritual diseases of the throat, more harmful often than the physical. We ask protection from these as well when we ask for deliverance "from ailments of the throat and *from every other evil*". These are spiritual troubles, which are beyond the cure of the greatest throat specialists. They are the evils of unkind speech, choking curses and gagging lies.

The Apostle Paul had these in mind when he wrote to the Romans (3:13), quoting Psalm 5, vs. 11: "Their throat is an open sepulcher. With their tongues they have dealt deceitfully. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness." Such spiritual illnesses are truly most harmful, and these, too, we want to be cured of through the intercession of St. Blasé.

As you receive the blessing of St. Blasé, ask through his intercession for deliverance from physical and spiritual evils of the throat and tongue.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

### **1 CORINTHIANS 13:5**

Love is patient. Love is kind. It is not quick-tempered; it does not brood over injuries, but rejoices with the truth.



St. Agnes School  
603 St. Agnes Lane  
Catonsville, MD 21229



COME VISIT US!

Open House

Sunday, January 31st  
10:15am- 12:15pm

Open House

Monday, February 1st  
9:00am - 2:00pm

Or you can call the school to schedule your own  
tour or to set up a shadow day for your child.

410 -747 -4070

An Exceptional Education and Faith Formation

Nursery Programs

3 year olds  
Tuesday and Thursday AM  
Monday - Friday AM  
Monday - Friday AM with  
After Care

Pre-K Programs

4 year olds  
M, W, F AM  
Monday - Friday AM  
Monday - Friday Full Day

Kindergarten Classes

Monday - Friday Full Day  
Monday -Friday Half Day

Grades 1-8

Spanish (Middle School) 2x a week	Gym 2x a week	Computer 2x a week	Music Class 2x a week	Art 1x a week
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Reading Specialist	Title I Tutor	Before and After Care
Student Government	Instrumental Band	Chorus Cherub Choir
CYO Basketball	Brand New Gym	Altar Servers School Play
It's Academic Team	Geography & Spelling Bees	Speech Contest