



## 5th Sunday of Lent

### PLEASE PRAY...

- ✠ For those preparing to enter the Church this Easter, that the love and mercy of our God and Savior would flood their hearts
- ✠ For all who are suffering from illness, both mental and physical, that they may unite their suffering with Jesus in obedience to God the Father
- ✠ For those within our parish communities who are preparing for the Sacraments of Eucharist, Confirmation, and Marriage
- ✠ For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life

April 9th & 10th, 2011

### PENITENTIAL SERVICE AT ST. AGNES

Sunday, April 10th, St. Agnes will be hosting a Penitential Service **beginning at 7:00pm**. There will be four priests available for individual confessions.

#### Prayer Before Confession

*Come Holy Spirit into my soul, enlighten my mind that I may know the sins I ought to confess and grant me Your grace to confess them fully, humbly and with contrite heart. Help me to firmly resolve not to commit them again.*

*O Blessed Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, mirror of innocence and sanctity, and refuge of penitent sinners, intercede for me through the Passion of Your Son, that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession.*

*All you blessed Angels and Saints of God, pray for me, a most miserable sinner, that I may repent from my evil ways, that my heart may henceforth be forever united with yours in eternal love. Amen.*



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of St. Agnes and Sacred Heart, are inspired by the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist. We strive to use our time, talents and resources to become a real presence of Christ.

Our mission is to reach people for God, to welcome them into His Holy Church and to lovingly strengthen and support them as we journey toward our eternal home.

**SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS**

Key: SA = St. Agnes, Walker & SH = Sacred Heart, Hackensack

- SH 4:00pm **4/9 Mass**—*Intention for Leatrice Schevich*
- SA 5:30 pm **4/9: Mass**—*Intention for All Parishioners*
- SH 8:30 am **4/10: Mass**—*Intention for Ed Mergens*
- SA 10:00 am **4/10: Mass**—*Intention for Guy & Carrie Kemp*
- SA 8:00 am **4/12: Mass**—*Intention for Carla Ellis*
- SA 8:00 am **4/13: Mass**—*Intention for Gary Smith*
- SA 8:00 am **4/14: Mass**—*Intention for Vaughn Cope*
- SH 8:00 am **4/15: Mass**—*Intention for Leo & Monica Kerfeld*

To request a Mass Intention, contact the Parish Office

SEE OUR PARISH CALENDARS FOR APRIL 2011, AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX, FOR UPCOMING EVENTS. **MAY CALENDAR DEADLINE IS 4/20.**

**A NOTE FROM FATHER FRANCIS**

Dear Parishioners,

Today's "Praying the Mass Anew" insert is entitled "Our Words of Prayer Increase our Love of God." Please read this insert to learn how the words that we use can have an effect on the way we open our hearts more fully to God and his beauty. The insert also speaks of general origins of the Church's written prayers and how they have been passed down to us through the centuries. **Please take time to read this important article.**



I also want to remind all that our **Penitential Service** is this Sunday evening at 7pm. We all need healing and forgiveness and what a better way to prepare for Easter by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition to myself, 3 other priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

Our first **Seder Meal** celebration will be at St. Agnes this Thursday at 6pm. We have over 70 people signed up. Thanks to MJ Warren and all who have helped with the planning of this new event!

Finally, I hope you like, as I do, the new choir area addition at St. Agnes. I am hoping it will encourage even more to come forward and sing with our choir. Many thanks to **Dick Strub** for staining the panel wall and also to **Lampert's Cabinets** for their fine craftsmanship! We are still working on the railings for the Sanctuary as well as remodeling within other areas of the church building as earlier communicated.

May God bless your week,  
Fr. Francis

**MOTO HOPE MISSION—WE REACH OUT. WE EMPOWER.**

Please pray for the Moto Hope Mission! If you are interested in learning more about Kenyan mission outreach, watch the bulletin for additional details on an upcoming June event.



**HELP US MEET OUR UCA GOALS**

It's not too late! There are still a couple of weeks remaining before we begin our 2011 UCA Appeal. We thank those who have already helped us try to meet our 2010 goals noted at right, though we are still short.

**DO YOU HAVE AN INTENTION FOR OUR PRAYER CHAINS?**



**For St. Agnes:** Call Betty Meeks at 547-1347 or (alternate) Zola Bleth at 547-2239.  
**For Sacred Heart:** Call Joan Rueter at 682-2324 or (alternate) Lucille Abbott at 675-6102.

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ST. AGNES SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**



All parishioners and visitors are invited to join us in the Social Hall after Sunday Mass for coffee and rolls; we would like to get to know you!



Volunteers are needed to serve coffee: please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For questions, contact Rich & Gerri Majcin at 224-2655.

*Thanks to Ken & Harriet Nerad for serving coffee this weekend!*

**ANGELS OF ST. AGNES**

A meeting of the Angels of St. Agnes will take place Monday, April 11th at 9:30am in the Social Hall.

**ST. AGNES PASTORAL COUNCIL**

A meeting of the St. Agnes Parish Pastoral Council will be Monday, April 11th at 5:30pm in the office meeting room at St. Agnes.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The March Board of Ed meeting will be Tuesday, the 12th, at 4:00pm in the office meeting room at St. Agnes.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**



**NO** Women's Bible Study at Rosemary's on Tuesday, April 12th as the WAPSC Banquet will be taking place that evening.

**FINANCE COUNCILS MEET NEXT WEEK**

**St. Agnes's** Finance Council will be meeting on Wednesday, April 13th at 10am at St. Agnes. **Sacred Heart's** Finance Council will meet the same day (4/13) at 12 noon at Sacred Heart.

**SACRED HEART CCW**

The April meeting will be held Wednesday, April 20th at 10:00am in the Sacred Heart Social Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend!



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, USHERS, LECTORS, AND SERVERS**

April schedules are now available in the info rack in the Narthex



**TIME, TALENT, & TREASURE**

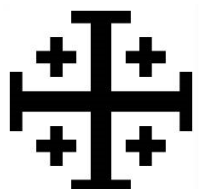
	St. Agnes	Sacred Heart
Plate	\$675.00	\$486.00
Envelope	\$1,298.00	\$1,452.00
UCA	\$15,765 (65%) Goal: \$24,405	\$9,919 (46%) Goal: \$21,565

**St. Agnes Building Balance Remaining: \$179,901.92**

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.



## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

**YOUTH GROUP** is on for this week! See you on 4/13!

**HS RELEASE RETREAT:** High Schoolers, thank you for your attendance at our Release Retreats this year! We look forward to seeing you at Youth Group and our summer events! Thanks also to our small group leaders and speakers!

### K-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

**K-6TH GRADERS: NO DIVING DEEPER THIS WEEK**—the next session will be April 27th.

**PARENTS OF 1ST COMMUNION STUDENTS:** Next class is after school on 4/27. Remember to keep your calendar open for our Retreat on 5/1.



HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUTH ACTIVITIES?  
PLEASE CONTACT LORI AT DRE@STAGNESCATHOLIC.COM

*Know God. Love God. Serve God.*

## PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

### HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE ON 4/17

40 Days for Life will draw to a close next weekend. Please join us for a Holy Hour for Life on Sunday, April 17th from 6-7pm in the Adoration Chapel at St. Agnes. Prayer resources will be provided. Contact Beth Bohannon with questions: 547-0481 or 218-770-7621.



*"God is more powerful than any wicked force behind abortion. Prayer unleashes that power. 40 Days for Life lets us participate in what God wants to do, if only He were asked."* —WENDY WRIGHT, President, Concerned Women for America

### WEEK 3: "NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD"

*\*\*This weekly pro-life education tool will follow the development of a child in the womb from now till Christmas.\*\**

Lucy has implanted in the wall of the uterus, which usually takes place 10 to 14 days after conception. Immediately, physical changes start taking place with the mother; her uterus will increase its capacity by 1000 times during pregnancy! The placenta starts to form, protecting the new baby and providing it with nutrients. Luke's Gospel says that Mary went in "haste" to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. Jesus, a tiny embryo, was greeted by a fetus (John) who leaped with joy at the presence of his Savior, "for nothing is impossible with God."



## YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED!

### TRAVELLING FAMILY ROSARY

In order to engage in prayer for the Diocesan Strategic Planning Process, Bishop Sirba has asked each parish to commit to praying the Rosary. We have a **travelling family rosary** for each parish.

Families are invited to take a special Rosary home for the week, praying each day, then return it to church for the next family over the weekend. **Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex** for those families who would like to participate.



## LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Follow our Lord through his Passion and Death by making the Way of the Cross. **At St. Agnes:** Thursdays at 5:30pm. **At Sacred Heart:** Following 8:00 Mass each Friday morning.



### I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE

The scriptures this weekend are rich with the theme that God brings the dead to life. God has made us all to share life with Him, and so all humans have rights and responsibilities to the basic goods of the earth. In Kenya and elsewhere, Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl helps people receive the basic right of an education.



### LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES IN HACKENSACK

The final evening of the series *Christ in the Strangest Places: Foreshadowed, Fulfilled, Forever* will be this Wednesday (4/13) beginning at 6pm at Sacred Heart. Soup and sandwich supper will be served. We hope to see you there!

### ANNUAL LENTEN ECUMENICAL BREAKFAST HACKENSACK

Pastor Michael Smalls will keynote this breakfast with a presentation of his August 2010 trip to Israel and Palestine with *Christians for Fair Witness*. The breakfast will be on April 11th at 9am at Union Congregational Church. RSVP to 675-6300.



### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Chrim Mass @ Cathedral (Duluth) at 5:30pm



#### Holy Thursday (4/21)

Mass at 5:30pm at St. Agnes

#### Good Friday (4/22)

Service at 12 noon at Sacred Heart



#### Easter Vigil (4/23)

Mass at 8:00pm at St. Agnes

(regular Saturday evening Masses **WILL NOT** take place)



#### Easter Sunday (4/24)

8:30am Mass at Sacred Heart

10:00am Mass at St. Agnes



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### VISIT OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."* - St. Angela of Foligno on the Eucharist



Sacred Heart has a **Holy Hour each Tuesday** from 4:00 to 5:00 pm and St. Agnes has Jesus exposed Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in our **Adoration Chapel** beginning at 8:30 Tuesday mornings through Wednesday afternoons. Additional adores are always welcome and needed! See the sign up info in the Chapel.