

# St. Agnes Catholic Community

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Diverse  
Inclusive Jesuit



## Liturgy Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am	Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
10:30am	Weekdays: 8:30am
6:00pm	Holy Days: 8:30am & 5:30pm

### Mission Statement

#### **We the people of Saint Agnes are:**

an inclusive urban community, rich in diversity of age, ethnicity, gender, orientation, culture, talent, & treasure; a faith community, enlivened and empowered through Baptism to celebrate and proclaim the presence of Christ among us.

#### **We declare to one and all that we commit ourselves to:**

grow spiritually as disciples of Christ to become men and women for others build community through hospitality, ecumenism and social & cultural events understand cultural differences and accept them as sources of enrichment give loving service & outreach to those in need promote social justice issues in our neighborhood and in the larger community of city, nation, and world.

**We pledge ourselves to be a light in the darkness through the love that we share in the name of Christ and through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

## January 12 & 13, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Since this weekend marks the end of the Christmas season in the Church, I have been reflecting on the contrast between our Church life and the secular world we live in. How many Christmas lights have disappeared in the last couple of weeks, from Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> on? It seems our secular life (and retailers) have marked the end of the Christmas season several weeks ago.

Human ways state that Christmas is over on December 26<sup>th</sup>. The Church is saying the celebration of Christ's birth begins December 25 and lasts until this weekend. So, what is going on? Is the church out of it?

The Church season says, along with many times stated in the Gospel, that God does not follow human ways. (Actually, we humans usually do not follow God's ways.)

For instance, during this season we reflect that God uses the insignificant to do his mighty will of changing the world. He used Bethlehem, which we were told in Scripture was too small to matter, and He went to an insignificant town of Nazareth in a backwoods part of an insignificant (by secular standards) country. By coming as a tiny baby from a peasant teenage girl from a non-important town, God changed human history. This is clearly not the way any one of us would have tried.

I am reminded of Mary's words in the Magnificat: "He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty." God certainly does not do things the way you and I would.

Now that we, in the church, are entering "Ordinary Time" where do we go with this in the crazy mixed up world that we live in? This is something valuable to think about during the coming weeks until Lent.

*Joseph Specht, SJ*

# Parish Information

## Parish Staff & Ministries

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Fr. Joe Specht, S.J.
<b>Priest in Residence</b>	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
<b>Priest in Residence</b>	Fr. Lourdu Mummadi, S.J.
<b>Priest in Residence</b>	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan, S.J.
<b>Director of Liturgy &amp; Music</b>	Frank Uranich
<b>Director of Operations &amp; Admin.</b>	Maureen Beckman
<b>Director of Children's Faith Formation &amp; Ignatian Spiritual Life Center</b>	Grace Salceanu
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Marco Matute
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Cathy Collins
<b>Sexton</b>	Mario Hernandez
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Grinthal
<b>Sacristans</b>	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
<b>Altar Linens &amp; Vessels</b>	Nita Zarilla
<b>Art &amp; Environment</b>	Marilyn Thickett, Marco Matute
<b>Consolation Ministry</b>	Naomi Mayer
<b>Finance Committee Chair</b>	Chris Roman
<b>Food Pantry Director</b>	Stacey Shaffer
<b>St. Agnes &amp; St. Ignatius Comm. Food Bank</b>	Kathy Devine
<b>Funeral Ministry</b>	Jim Connor
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	Mary Alba
<b>Ignatian Spirituality Ministry</b>	Barbara Nelson
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	Shannon McMillen Evans
<b>Marriage Prep Classes</b>	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
<b>Peanut Butter Brigade</b>	Marjorie Miles
<b>R.C.I.A.</b>	Cathy Collins
<b>Rita da Cascia</b>	Mary Lou & Kevin Johnson
<b>Young Adult</b>	<a href="mailto:YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com">YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com</a>

## January 12 & 13 - Baptism of the Lord

*For your prayerful consideration,  
readings for next week:*

**Isaiah 62.1-5 •  
1 Corinthians 12.4-11 • John 2.1-12**

Date	Intention	Presider
<b>Jan. 12</b> 4:00 PM	Timoteo Leano (D)	Fr. Tom Whelan
<b>Jan. 13</b> 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Victor Caglieri (D)	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Kate Sedgwick (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Jan. 14</b> 8:30 AM	Melvina Sexton (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Jan. 15</b> 8:30 AM	Shar Evans (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>Jan. 16</b> 8:30 AM	Barbara Steiner (L)	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan
<b>Jan. 17</b> 8:30 AM	Grace Ternullo (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Jan. 18</b> 8:30 AM	Mary Donnelly (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>Jan. 19</b> 4:00 PM	Martin McHale (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Jan. 20</b> 8:30 AM	Joseph & Maria Moon (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>6:00 PM</b>	Jack Callery (D)	Fr. Joe Specht

D = Deceased; L = Living

## New Parishioners

You are Home! Welcome to a great parish community! Please fill out a registration form found at the entrances to the church or stop by the rectory to add your name to our mailing list. All are welcome!

## Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office for information about the following: Anointing of the Sick \* Baptism \* Children's Faith Formation & Liturgy of the Word \* Communion for the Homebound \* Marriage \* Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

## Children's Care during Liturgy

Care is provided for children 18 months through 5 years of age during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Our Daycare Room is located across from the daily mass chapel. Parents with children under 18 months are welcome to use the daycare room as long as at least one parent stays with the child.

## Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

The Spiritual Life Center (1611 Oak Street) provides programs and services to the parish and larger faith community through educational programs, opportunities for prayer, and community events. Visit [www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org).

## Archdiocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse; or you suspect sexual abuse, please call (415) 614-5506 for help.

## Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays • 3pm - 3:45pm or by appointment

## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9am to 4:30pm  
(Closed Noon-1pm for lunch)

Phone: 415-487-8560

Fax: 415-487-8575

## St. Agnes Stewardship

**Last Sunday Collection: \$3865.42**

Last year: \$4,484

4pm: \$1149; 8:30am: \$542; 10:30am: \$1395; 6pm: \$779.42

Christmas Eve: \$8,449 and Christmas Day: \$4,648



## COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Grace Salceanu at  
[Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com) or 415-487-8560 x225.

[www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org)

### Pope Francis' January Prayer Intention

*"Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world."*

### New Men's Group

Sunday, January 13, 12pm; ISLC

Are competing demands at home and at work stretching you thin? Do you struggle to balance your roles as a husband, father, and co-worker? Do you wonder how to live out your faith as life pulls you in many directions? You are not alone! Join other men from St. Agnes and St. Ignatius for pizza and wings at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center to discuss potential formats and times for a new men's group to be launched in early 2019.

Contact Doug Conover at 415-680-5048 or [dougconver@yahoo.com](mailto:dougconver@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Delegation to the Border

This week, January 9-13, Parishioners - Kate Carter, Judy Reuter, Annette Lomont (St. Ignatius Parish) and Grace Salceanu (Dir. Of ISLC) will be participating in a delegation to the border in El Paso, TX and in Juarez, Mexico facilitated by the Encuentro Project. The goals of the immersion are to:

- Encounter and minister to migrant, refugee, or vulnerable immigrant individuals in shelters, guest houses, and/or parishes;
- Participate in site visits with individuals and NGO's serving the El Paso and Ciudad Juarez region;
- Connect Catholic Social Teaching to migrant and border realities;
- Engage in group reflection and prayer;
- Consider ways to bring the stories of those they meet on the border back to their Jesuit parish community.

Please pray for them and stay tuned for an event where they will share their experience and discuss ways of living out our sanctuary commitment in the new year.

## 125th Anniversary Events & Happenings



### Save the Dates: April 6 & 7, 2019

Dinner Gala (Marine's Memorial, SF) and  
Rededication Mass of St. Agnes Church

Dinner Gala (Marine's Memorial) - **Saturday, April 6, 2019**  
Church Rededication Mass - **Sunday, April 7, 2019**

### Dinner Gala Auction

During our gala event, we will hold an auction to raise funds for a new church sound system, and we need your help. We are looking for fun, interesting donated items to be auctioned off such as vacation home stays, airline miles, sports tickets and other unique goods. We will also be collecting gift cards for baskets. **Starting this weekend**, auction committee members will have a table in the hospitality area after Mass. You will be able to drop-off items and also sign-up to provide an item for the event. For more information or to arrange a donation please **contact Ruth Mitchell at [rfmitch@pacbell.net](mailto:rfmitch@pacbell.net) or 415.661-9104.** Thank you!

### History Committee

Do you like to write? As part of the St. Agnes 125th anniversary celebration, a small History Committee is working on showcasing our parish history through activities and articles. *We need help with writing articles about various topics for different outlets - displays, blog posts and a parish book.* Please contact Shannon Kastner at [shannonkastner@gmail.com](mailto:shannonkastner@gmail.com) or by phone, (415) 813-0551 for more information and to help out!

### New Parish Photo Directory - Sign UP!

(Photos Sessions: Feb 27 & 28; March 1 - 3, 2019)

Sign-ups for the new parish directory's photo-taking sessions will **begin on Jan. 19th** and continue for the next month. Sign up in two ways: **1)** in person before and after weekend Masses, or **2)** online - instructions for which will be included in the weekly bulletin. If you are retired and aren't constrained by time, we ask if you would sign-up for the weekday afternoon times if at all possible, leaving the evening and weekend times for working folks and families with school children. **One volunteer is needed at each weekend Mass Jan. 19 - Feb. 17** to assist in signing up parish households for their photo-taking session. If you are a regular at one of the Masses and are willing to do this, 15 minutes before the Mass and 15 minutes after, on 1 or all 5 weekends, please contact or **email Mike Henseler at [hensemike@yahoo.com](mailto:hensemike@yahoo.com).** Instructions will be provided.

## Office Closed

The Parish Office and the ISLC will be closed Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

## Tenors Needed for Choir

St. Agnes is looking for tenors to join the choir. If you have experience singing in a choir or other relative experience singing, please contact Frank Uranich at [Frank@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Frank@SaintAgnesSF.com), (415) 487-8560, x 230.



## ONGOING AT THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



### Holy Yoga - Cancelled

Unfortunately, there will no more Holy Yoga at St. Agnes. We have been blessed for the past couple of years to have Emily Moss provide this service to us, but she is now starting Grad School and can no longer do it. Thanks to Emily for providing such a wonderful service to the St. Agnes Community.

### Tuesday Morning Mindfulness 9am - 10am

Join us for an opportunity to use music, poetry & spiritual reading to meditate together, hold the prayers of our community and enjoy the gift of our presence to one another.

### Thursday Morning Faith Sharing 9am - 10am

Each week, participants have the opportunity to reflect on how and where God has been working in their lives and the world and to share their insights with others in a safe and respected space. The morning begins with prayer, and then moves into silence and then into discussion.

### Book Club

If you enjoy lively discussion over a glass of wine and tasty snacks, come join us! The Book Club meets monthly (Sept. - June) the last Friday of the month at 7:00pm.



### *Winter Soldier*

By Daniel Mason  
January 25, 2019

### *Siddhartha*

By Hermann Hesse  
February 22, 2019

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
And ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## Stewardship Prayer

Lord and source of all gifts, I rejoice in the fullness of your generosity. I thank you for those whose lives are visible signs of your love and blessing to others. Give me the courage to do the same. Make me a good steward of all I have received generously sharing my time, abilities and material resources to build up your kingdom of love and justice. We ask this through Jesus Christ, in whom we begin and end all things. Amen.

## Prayer of St. Francis

*(Prayer for Peace)*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we  
receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and  
it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen