

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.

October 21 & 22, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

It is really striking how Life is a process, an adventure. We hear so often that Life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved. We never know what is going to come our way. Just look at our recent natural disasters and the unpredictable nature of our president. We must always go forward. We can never go backwards. In the Catholic Church there are those that would like to go back to the 50's and Latin Mass and a hierarchal church. As Archbishop John Quinn stated it won't happen, "the horse is out of the barn" yet we struggle to find our way and be Jesus' Presence for the 21st Century. We can remember Kierkegaard's words: "There is no such thing as being Christian, only becoming Christian". We have to trust our own personal evolving history and that of the world's. God never abandons us.

In a recent Catholic San Francisco there was a wonderful story told by Ronald Rolheiser that really captures our evolving personal life: "A number of years ago I attended a funeral. The man to whom we were saying goodbye had enjoyed a full and rich life. He'd reached the age of 90 and was respected for having been both successful and honest. But he'd always been a strong man, a natural leader; a man who took charge of things. He had a good marriage, raised a large family, been successful in business and held leadership roles.....He was a man who commanded respect..... His son, a priest, was presiding at his funeral. He began his homily this way: 'Scripture tells us that 70 is the sum of a man's years, 80 for those who are strong. Now, our dad lived for 90 years. Why the extra 10 years? Well, it's no mystery really. It took God an extra 10 years to mellow him out! He was too strong and cantankerous to die at 80! But during the last 10 years of his life he suffered a series of massive diminishments. His wife died, he never got over that. He had a stroke, he never got over that. He had to be moved into an assisted living complex, he never got over that. All these diminishments did their work. By the time he died, he could take your hand and say: 'Help me.' He couldn't say that from the time he could tie his own shoelaces until those last years. He was finally ready for heaven. Now when he met St. Peter at the gates of heaven he could say: 'Help me!' rather than tell St. Peter how he might better organize things.' "

God is not finished with you or me!

Raymond Allender, S.J.

Parish Information

Parish Staff & Ministries

Pastor	Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.
Associate Pastor	Fr. Joe Specht, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
Director of Liturgy & Music	Frank Uranich
Director of Operations & Admin.	Maureen Beckman
Director of Children's Faith Formation & Ignatian Spiritual Life Center	Natalie Terry
Administrative Assistant	Marco Matute
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
Altar Linens & Vessels	Nita Zarilla
Consolation Ministry	Naomi Mayer
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Food Pantry Director	Stacey Shaffer
Funeral Ministry	Jim Connor
Gabriel Project	Mary Alba
Ignatian Spirituality Ministry	Barbara Nelson
Legion of Mary	Felina Lapuz
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Peanut Butter Brigade	Nancy Stretch
R.C.I.A.	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
Rita da Cascia	Cathy Collins
Young Adult Contact	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

Oct. 21 & 22 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Exodus 22.21-27 •
1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10 • Matthew 22.34-40**

Date	Intention	Presider
Oct. 21 4:00 PM	Mike Scanlon (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Oct. 22 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Sally Tongson (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
6:00 PM	Virginia Snyder (L)	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
Oct. 23 8:30 AM	Chris Rodgers (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
Oct. 24 8:30 AM	Nelida Belarde (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Oct. 25 8:30 AM	Firefighters	Fr. Ray Allender
Oct. 26 8:30 AM	Michael Byrnes (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Oct. 27 8:30 AM	Church Leaders	Fr. Joe Specht
Oct. 28 4:00 PM	Knuth-Tokarski Family (L)	Fr. Stephen Pitts
Oct. 29 8:30 AM	19 th Annotation Retreatants	Fr. Tom Whelan
10:30 AM	Maria Rodriguez (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht

D = Deceased; L = Living

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: \$6,316.99

Last year: \$3,596

4pm: \$933; 8:30am: \$702; 10:30am: \$4,327; 6:00pm: \$354.99

Please consider donating using PayPal or EFT!

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. We invite you to support Saint Agnes generously and to participate in the various programs that are offered here and through the Spiritual Life Center. 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 and is open for all Masses. 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. It houses a library, book center, garden, and chapel. Visit www.ignatianspirituallifecenter.org.



COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Natalie Terry at Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com or 415-487-8560 x225.

ISLC Office Hours: please call for an appointment

Pope Francis' October Prayer Intention "Workers and the Unemployed"

"That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good."

Conscious Aging Workshop
Thursdays, Oct. 26; Nov. 9, 30;
Dec. 14; Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 1
1:00 – 3:00pm at the ISLC

What do you want to do with the second half of your life? To help foster growth, connection, and learning, each Conscious Aging workshop session features an interplay of activities that includes listening to one's inner wisdom and guidance, integrating inspirational ideas and best practices, sharing in intimate conversation circles, and harvesting the collective wisdom of the group. Sign up for this new workshop at the ISLC facilitated by Rev. Pat Kleinberg. For more info on the workshop, visit the ISLC table in the church or our website.

Registration for the program is \$100. To register, call or e-mail Natalie at (415)487-8560,x225 or Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com by October 17.

Save the Date: Thursdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16
A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sister Maura
By Eileen Markey (Book Series)

For the first session (Nov 2) we will discuss the Introduction through chapter 3. Series facilitated by Spiritual Director & 19th Annotation retreat director, Patti May.

November Remembrances

During the month of November, we commemorate All Saints and All Souls. You are invited to bring photographs of your deceased loved ones and place them in the windows of the Church. Also, you may write the names of your deceased beloved on paper leaves and attach to a banner that will be carried in Liturgical processions through November.



Parking in the Garage – We need every space!

Please remember to **pull all the way forward** so we can utilize **every space** in the garage. If you need to leave early from Mass, or you are coming for CFF and not staying for Mass afterwards, try parking in the neighborhood, parishioners seem to be able to find parking if they need it. Thank you for your cooperation.

Grief Support Group

Pathways Hospice will be offering a free grief support group for those suffering a loss of a family member or loved one, which will take place on Tuesday evenings at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. The group is intended to provide a safe place for sharing and support, along with discussions about the grieving process, loneliness, longing, anger, coping skills, lifestyle transitions and much more. For registration and further information please contact Dave Rutchman at 650-808-4603.

24-Hour Peace Vigil
Noon on Saturday, Nov. 4 –
Noon on Sunday, Nov. 5
Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

The Peace Vigil is an invitation for our community to gather in prayer to acknowledge the violence and suffering present in our global and local communities, to ask God for merciful hearts, and to stand as prophetic witnesses for peace and nonviolence in our city, country and world. Interested in volunteering with the Peace Vigil Team this year? Sign up with Natalie, 415-487-8560 x225 or Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com

Sanctuary Update – Donate Today!

We began to accompany an undocumented family from Mexico this Summer and in July they came to stay with us at St. Agnes for a respite. As they continue to get settled in San Francisco and move through their asylum case, we will help provide an apartment for them to live for 8 months. To provide this support, **we need 200 people** (100 people from the St. Agnes Community and 100 from the St. Ignatius Community) **to commit to donate \$20 a month to our Sanctuary Fund** to pay for rent and living expenses. Would you like to make this commitment? You can sign up at the ISLC table in the hospitality area or e-mail Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com.

2017 AAA Campaign

You still have time to donate (up to December 31st) for this year's AAA campaign! We need your help in making our assessment. Here is the breakdown:

Goal: \$69,583

Raised: \$37,269

Need: \$32,314 (we are at 54% collected)

We want to thank those who have contributed already either through the AAA or as an unrestricted gift to St. Agnes. There are envelopes in the pews you can place your donation in; you can drop a check in the weekly collection made out to: "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2017"; or go onto the Archdiocese website and make an online donation. **THANK YOU for helping us meet our goal!**



ONGOING AT THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



Tuesday Morning Mindfulness 9am - 10am

Are you feeling worried and stressed out? You will experience a peaceful start to your day as you join us at the ISLC for 9 AM Tuesday Morning Mindfulness where using music, poetry & spiritual reading we will 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 from 7:00 - 9:00pm.

The Nightingale

by Kristin Hannah

Friday, October 27th at 7pm

Young Adult Ministry

The young adult group meets once a month in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. Check back next week for information on our next meeting. To receive our emails, contact:

YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Holy Yoga - Mondays, 7pm - 8pm

Join us every Monday at 7:00 pm for one hour of Slow Flow yoga. This will be a sacred time of using a slow flow yoga postures and breath work to ground into truth and set our focus for the week. All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10min early to get settled in.

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