

# 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 7 & 8, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Christian conversion is not a “once and all” event. It is a gradual process. Commenting on the Christian’s endless journey toward full conversion, Danish theologian Soren Kierkegaard said, “There is no such thing as being a Christian; there is only becoming a Christian.”

This ongoing conversion usually begins with a feeling of discomfort. If it is a radical conversion it usually begins with a feeling of “hitting bottom”. It is a dissatisfaction with either the direction of your life or some aspect of your life. Unfortunately, many of us ignore this feeling or we try to anesthetize it. We are not in touch with what God is trying to do with our life. Yes, God loves us just as we are, but God loves us too much to want us to stay just as we are. God wants us to be great lovers, honest pursuers of justice. In other words, God wants us to grow into Jesus in our own unique way.

Something usually triggers this feeling of discontent. It can be our own quiet reflections or maybe something someone says or possibly a bad or difficult experience. Whatever it is, it gets us thinking.

This reflection should lead us to concrete action, to some changes in our life. It could be something as simple as calling someone we have forgotten about, or volunteering at a soup kitchen, etc. What it is is Love expressing itself in deeds. We want a concrete action that expresses our deep desire to be a better person.

This process is something that should be going on continually in our life, but it takes the ability to really be in touch with ourselves and the deep desire to always be a better person.

*Raymond Allen, S.J.*

# 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>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>	Natalie Terry
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Marco Matute
<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>Consolation Ministry</b>	Naomi Mayer
<b>Finance Committee Chair</b>	Chris Roman
<b>Food Pantry Director</b>	Stacey Shaffer
<b>Funeral Ministry</b>	Jim Connor
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	Mary Alba
<b>Ignatian Spirituality Ministry</b>	Barbara Nelson
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Felina Lapuz
<b>Marriage Prep Classes</b>	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
<b>Peanut Butter Brigade</b>	Nancy Stretch
<b>R.C.I.A.</b>	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
<b>Rita da Cascia</b>	Cathy Collins
<b>Young Adult Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com">YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com</a>

## Oct. 7 & 8 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Isaiah 25.6-10a •  
Philippians 4.12-14, 19-20 • Matthew 22.1-14**

Date	Intention	Presider
<b>Oct. 7</b> 4:00 PM	Raymond Rosario (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
<b>Oct. 8</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Gus Vardakastanis (D) Michael St. Peter (D) Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender Fr. Donal Godfrey Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>Oct. 9</b> 8:30 AM	Joseph Moon (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Oct. 10</b> 8:30 AM	Karen L. Woods (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>Oct. 11</b> 8:30 AM	James Oswald, Sr. (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Oct. 12</b> 8:30 AM	Martin Burke (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>Oct. 13</b> 8:30 AM	Tom Peot (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>Oct. 14</b> 4:00 PM	Nancy Dennis (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Oct. 15</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes Gene Marty (D) Ramona Croce (D)	Fr. Joe Specht Fr. Kevin O'Brien Fr. Ray Allender

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: \$4,718**

Last year: \$3,381

4pm: **\$944**; 8:30am: **\$744**; 10:30am: **\$2760**; 6:00pm: **\$270**

**EFT for September: \$8,257.81**

## 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](http://www.ignatianspirituallifecenter.org).



## COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIANT SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Natalie Terry at [Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto: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. 19, 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](mailto:Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com) by October 10.

### Huddle for Justice Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00 – 1:30pm

St. Francis Room – St. Agnes Church

Join us for our monthly Huddle for Justice where we gather as a community to organize, work and build relationships as we live out our mission and call to make God's dream for the world, a dream rooted in mercy & compassion, a reality.

In January of 2017 St. Agnes Church became a sanctuary congregation and the Huddle for Justice serves as our time to plan and organize. Haven't attended a Huddle before? New to the St. Agnes Community? You are most welcome to join the group. Contact Natalie for more info.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Brennan Award Dinner –

Oct. 26, 2017, Fairmont Hotel

Honoring Joan and Bob McGrath, St. Agnes Parishioners

Please join us in congratulating Joan and Bob McGrath for this wonderful honor. To purchase tickets/sponsor, contact St. Vincent de Paul Society at [www.svdpsf.org](http://www.svdpsf.org), 415-757-6561. Proceeds from the dinner go to SVDS's works with the homeless and the homeless shelter legal clinic.

### Little Sisters of the Poor - Carriage House Sale

Help support St. Anne's Home for the elderly (300 Lake St.) on Friday, **October 20** and Saturday, **October 21**, 9am – 3pm. Featuring items such as clothing, accessories, jewelry, artwork, antiques, collectibles, books and other household items. We hope to see you there!

### St. Agnes Food Pantry Needs

The St. Agnes Food Pantry continues to provide weekly and monthly groceries to our neighbors in need. Donations may be placed in the green barrel by the side entrance. The pantry is especially in need of **pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned vegetables and meats, and men's sport socks or cold weather socks**. Thank you for your continued support.

### Save the Date: November 4-5

24 Hour Peace Vigil

Noon on Saturday, Nov. 4 – Noon on Sunday, Nov. 5  
at the 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](tel:415-487-8560) or [Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto: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](mailto:Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com).

## St. Agnes Offices will be Closed

In observance of Columbus Day, **Monday, Oct. 9**, the St. Agnes Office and the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center will be closed.

## New at Saint Agnes?

Welcome! If you feel you have found a spiritual home at Saint Agnes, please consider registering. This is a way to be included in the many offerings at the parish. See orange cards at the entrances of the Church.



### ONGOING AT THE IGNATIUS 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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