

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.

November 11 & 12, 2017

Dear St. Agnes Parishioners,

Today I write to you a letter of gratitude. This month marks two years since I began my journey with all of you, with the Children's Faith Formation program and the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. In that time, you have formed me as a minister, shown me what it means to be church and given me the courage to continue to say yes to God's call in my life. In short, my heart is full. As I have said before, I am in awe of the Community of St. Agnes and the openness of our hearts as the Spirit, constantly and unfailingly, moves us to love God and our neighbors ever more deeply.

One of my spiritual companions, Thomas Merton, eloquently articulates the gratitude that I have for all of you:

To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything God has given us -and God has given us everything...

*Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but **by experience**.*

And that is what makes all the difference.

(Thomas Merton)

All in all, my brothers & sisters, you have given me new eyes to see the beauty, love and heart of God. For that, I am eternally grateful.

Today I also write to you to share some news that comes after a challenging discernment this Fall. After hearing clearly God's call for me to embark on a road not yet travelled in God's journey for me, I will be transitioning out of ministry at St. Agnes & the ISLC at the end of December. Throughout the next two months I look forward to spending time with you and to preparing the Children's Faith Formation program and ISLC for all that God has in store next. Dearest St. Agnes Community, my heart is full. As Merton says, because of my experience in community with you, you have awoken me to wonder and to praise the goodness of God.

In Gratitude,

(Director of the ISLC & Children's Faith Formation)

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
Bookkeeper	Cathy Collins
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	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

Nov. 11 & 12 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Proverbs 31.10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31++ •
1 Thessalonians 5.1-6 • Matthew 25.14-30**

Date	Intention	Presider
Nov. 11 4:00 PM	Members of the Legion of Mary (D)	Fr. Stephen Pitts
Nov. 12 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Gladys Clary (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
6:00 PM	Pope Francis (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Nov. 13 8:30 AM	Margaret Walsh (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Nov. 14 8:30 AM	Victims from 1 st Baptist Church, TX (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Nov. 15 8:30 AM	Russ Roide, S.J. (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Nov. 16 8:30 AM	Paul Bernadicou, S.J. (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Nov. 17 8:30 AM	John Chandler, S.J. (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Nov. 18 4:00 PM	Gloria Petrovich (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
Nov. 19 8:30 AM	Joseph & Maria Moon (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Nick Papapietro (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	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: \$4,547

Last year: \$6,111

4pm: \$968; 8:30am: \$659; 10:30am: \$2377; 6:00pm: \$543

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' November Prayer Intention "Christians in Asia"

"That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions."

A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sr. Maura Book Series Continued Thursday, Nov. 16 from 6-8pm

Do you remember where you were in December of 1980 when you heard the news that four Catholic Church women were killed in the midst of the political unrest in El Salvador? Even if you were still only a twinkle in your mother's eye, this story is one that is worth remembering... Please join us **Thursday, Nov. 16** at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center for prayer, reflection, and dialogue, about the new book by Eileen Markey, *A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sister Maura*.

The program will continue as follows: **Nov. 16** (Anniversary of UCA Martyrs) Gathering and light soup supper 6:00 – 6:30; Discussion of Chapter 8 – Epilogue

Solidarity on Tap Sunday, November 19 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Solidarity on Tap is a simple gathering for socializing and social justice for Jesuit school alumni (21+ over), Jesuit parish members, current & former Jesuit Volunteers, Ignatian Volunteer Corps members, Jesuit institution staff, Jesuits, etc.

GUEST SPEAKERS: **Laura Slattery** has been the Executive Director of the Gubbio Project since 2010. Prior to that, she worked at Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service for 7 years as a nonviolence trainer, workshop facilitator and organizational coordinator. She is co-author of the workbook "Engage: Exploring Nonviolent Living." **Flavio Bravo** currently serves as a live-in volunteer at the Oakland Catholic Worker supporting their immigrant accompaniment program. Prior to arriving to the Bay Area, Flavio served as a volunteer with Brophy College Preparatory's Alumni Service Corps in Phoenix where he led monthly delegations to the Kino Border Initiative in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico. Flavio is currently pursuing an MA in Migration Studies at the University of San Francisco.



SOLIDARITY ON TAP

Holy Yoga Advent Series

Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00pm

In Holy Yoga will spend the seven weeks leading up to Christmas meditation on the seven names of God used in the O Antiphons (a set of prayers the church has been using since the 6th century!) These are the prayers that inspired the verses of the song *O Come O Come Emmanuel* and they each represent our deepest needs and longings as people. Join us each week for a heart, soul, mind, body meditation.

Anointing of the Sick

On Saturday, November 18th we will have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 4pm Liturgy.



Call for Dessert! For the Sleepout to End Homelessness

Thursday, November 16, 8:30pm

Meet up at Powell St. Cable Car Turnaround

This Thursday the Coalition on Homelessness will be hosting a "Sleepout to End Homelessness" in Downtown SF. With 1000+ people on the shelter waitlist in SF, this event hopes to shed light on the injustices that folks experiencing homeless face. People will be sleeping out overnight at the Powell St. Cable Car Turnaround and the Coalition is in need of folks to offer hospitality to all those gathered. Interested in helping out? **Deliver dessert to the rectory** anytime from **9am-12pm or 1-4:30pm on Thursday** or meet up at the Powell St. Cable Car Turnaround with Natalie and a group from the ISLC to deliver dessert on Thursday night at 8:30pm. If you are interested in meeting up at Powell St with the ISLC group, **text Natalie** at [510-838-1027](tel:510-838-1027) or **email** at Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com

Thanksgiving Day at St. Agnes

Please join us on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23) for **Mass at 10 am**. Traditionally at the Mass, people bring **non-perishable items** along with **socks for men and women**. This helps our food pantry tremendously with our need for pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables, canned meats, etc. Please help us re-stock our food pantry during the holidays. Thank you in advance!

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.

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help for Thanksgiving!

Help Catholic Charities provide a memorable Thanksgiving meal by providing food baskets, turkeys, or pumpkin pies to families in need. Volunteer at one of their programs on Thanksgiving, lunch or dinner. Visit: CatholicCharitiesSF.org/All-Opportunities, (415)972-1246. Help spread holiday cheer by volunteering or donating food.



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. (please note there is no meeting of the book club in November)

Working Stiff

By Judy Melinek

Friday, December 1st 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.

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