

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.

December 30 & 31, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

As we all know, the year 2017 is drawing to a close, with a New Year beginning Monday. There are many reflections in the media on the year that is closing. Even though mostly they will deal with political and world issues, they seem to call each of us to reflect on our personal year.

In the spirit of Saint Ignatius, let us begin with thanksgiving to God for the year we have been given, the great gift of life and time that we have received. Then, with God's help, we can review the blessings of the year past. These, of course, must include the lessons we have learned (even if we learned them "the hard way") as well as the chances we were given to demonstrate our values as faithful Christians.

Many of us will reflect that this past year was full of challenges and had its own share of messiness, violence, and self-centeredness. However, in the midst of all this, we need to thank God for his presence in our lives. After all, it is in this crazy, messy, mixed up world that we experience God's love for each of us.

And, of course, next we need to thank God for the coming year. One statement I found on the internet was that a new year is always a call to hope. Another statement was that we are being given another chance "to get it right." We are given the gift of a new year to respond more completely to the urges the Holy Spirit gives us. We have a new year to deepen our relationships with each other and with God. For this extra chance we again end as we began, by giving thanks.

Perhaps it would be good to spend a little time reflecting on the prayer of Saint Francis that we say at every liturgy. This prayer does give us excellent suggestions on how to be better followers of Christ during 2018.

Joseph Specht, SJ

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	Grace Salceanu
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
Wedding Coordinator	Rita Clunies-Ross
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Peanut Butter Brigade	Marjorie Miles
R.C.I.A.	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
Rita da Cascia	Mary Lou & Kevin Johnson
Young Adult	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

December 30 & 31 – The Holy Family

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

**Isaiah 60.1-6 •
Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2.1-12**

Date	Intention	Presider
Dec. 30 4:00 PM	Tongson Family (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 31 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender
Jan. 1 10:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender
Jan. 2 8:30 AM	Helen Handelsman (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Jan. 3 8:30 AM	Bruce Samson (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
Jan. 4 8:30 AM	Sarah-Marie Crinnion (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Jan. 5 8:30 AM	Margaret Walsh (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Jan. 6 4:00 PM	Troyann & Bob Nilsen (L)	Fr. Tom Whelan
Jan. 7 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender

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. 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.

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

Due to early submission of the bulletin, we are unable to publish the collection amounts this week.

Please Remember St. Agnes in your year-end giving.



COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



1611 Oak Street

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

ISLC Office Hours: please call for an appointment

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention "The Elderly"

"That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations."

Welcome the New Director of the ISLC and Children's Faith Formation - Grace Salceanu

Please join us in welcoming Grace Salceanu to St. Agnes Church. Grace will start at the beginning of January as she takes over from Natalie Terry as Director of both the ISLC and CFF. Grace comes to us after helping to run the CASA Program in the Philippines. Fr. Ray will be introducing her at all the Masses in January. Welcome Grace!

Young Adult Retreat - *Being Friends with Jesus* February 16 - 18

(Non-silent Retreat for Women and Men Ages 21-40)
As his friends, Jesus invites us to go and follow him. But how do we discern what's the best path for us? During the weekend, spend some with other young adults to listen, pray, reflect, and discuss how it is that we discern Jesus' invitation in our lives. The retreat includes talks on the theme of discernment as well as opportunities for liturgy and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Join our former Deacons - Fr. Stephen Pitts, S.J. and Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, S.J. along with Miriam Noriega (a Lay Missionary of Verbum Dei) and Ann Naffziger (a Lay graduate of the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley) as they direct this retreat. The retreat takes place at the **Jesuit Retreat Center** (www.jrclosaltos.org) in Los Altos, CA.

St. Agnes Office Closed

The Parish office and the ISLC will be closed on **Monday, January 1st for New Year's Day!**

Advent Giving Tree - Thank YOU!

On behalf of *Hamilton Family Shelter, Rita da Cascia Program and Safe and Sound*, thank you to all who donated to our Advent Giving Tree. Your generous gifts helped many local families in need! Thank you for always being so generous!

Upcoming Retreats - El Retiro, The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos

Praying with the First Spiritual Exercises

Jan. 12 - 14 (Silent retreat for women and men)

Silent Contemplative Retreat: *Between West and East*

Jan. 19 - 21 (Silent retreat for women and men)

Talking Faith and Science

Feb. 2 - 4 (Non-Silent retreat for women and men)

Contact the Jesuit Retreat Center for more information or to register: WWW.jrcLosAltos.org

AAA 2017 - Last Chance

Help us Reach our Goal by Dec. 31st!

Raised: \$51,173

Goal: \$69,583

To Our Goal: \$18,410 (as of 12/21/2017)

Thanks to all those who have already donated and to those who will donate to help us reach our goal! We need YOU!

Thank You for Your Gifts in 2017

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the St. Agnes community in your time, talents and monetary donations throughout 2017! Thank you so much for supporting the many programs, events and the general running of this parish. You make St. Agnes the beacon of light and hope for the Church in the Haight and in San Francisco. Thank YOU!

Christmas Season Flowers

You are invited to make a special gift for the beauty of the church during the Christmas Season. You may remember your loved ones by donating for flowers in their names. There are special envelopes in the pews for this purpose. Your petitions will remain on the altar through the Christmas season.



New Years' Mass Times & Parking

New Year's Day: Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00am Mass (Parking in garage only)



ONGOING AT THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



Tuesday Morning Mindfulness 9am - 10am

There will be no Tuesday Morning Mindfulness on December 26 or January 2. See you on Jan. 9th!

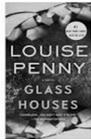
Thursday Morning Faith Sharing 9am - 10am

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.

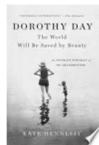
Glass Houses



By Louise Penny

Friday, January 26, 2018 at 7pm

Dorothy Day - The World Will be Saved by Beauty



By Kate Hennessey

Friday, February 23, 2018 at 7pm

Young Adult Ministry

The young adult group meets once a month in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. To receive Our emails, contact: YoungAdults@SaintAgneseSF.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