

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.

February 17 & 18, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

*“Take delight in the Lord
And He will give you the desires of your heart”
Psalm 37:4*

A long, long time ago I remember asking the Lord for oneness, for unity with Him. And when I experienced those intense moments of His presence, I knew my prayers were being answered. It was years before I understood that the original desire wasn't “mine.” It was placed within me by God.

Oh the mystery of that call; the beauty of divine love entwined with our loves and our lives!

With the support of the St. Agnes community, seven persons have been plumbing the depths of that mystery as they discern the call to follow Jesus Christ in the Catholic tradition. Such a decision is not taken lightly; some have been considering their call for years. Here at St. Agnes, together we have prayed and pondered, laughed and cried as we explored the mystery of God's grace, the beliefs and traditions of Catholicism through the RCIA program.

Please pray for them as they continue their journey toward the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on Holy Saturday.

*Chase
Julie
Ken
Kevin
Liz
Rebecca
Tanvi*

Blessings on your Lenten journey.

Cathy Collins

RCIA Co-Director, Bookkeeper

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
Art & Environment	Marilyn Thickett, Marco Matute
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

February 17 & 18 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

**Genesis 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18 •
Romans 8.31b-35, 37++ • Mark 9.2-10**

Date	Intention	Presider
Feb. 17 4:00 PM	George Ersilia & Charles DeBono (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
Feb. 18 8:30 AM	Lucy Lewis (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Thomas Dunn (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
Feb. 19 8:30 AM	Maria Moon (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Feb. 20 8:30 AM	Betty Castagnoli (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Feb. 21 8:30 AM	Andrea Cross (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Feb. 22 8:30 AM	Gertrude Genochio (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Feb. 23 8:30 AM	Ed Melchoir (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Feb. 24 4:00 PM	Rosa & Oscar Mausisa (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Feb. 25 8:30 AM	Margaret Walsh (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Carol Galletta (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler

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

Last Sunday Collection: \$4,057

Last year: \$3892

4pm: \$1022; 8:30am: \$700; 10:30am: \$1896; 6pm: \$439

Please consider EFT or PayPal donations



**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' February Prayer Intention

"Say 'No' to Corruption"

"That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption."

Return to Me:

A Lenten Movement Towards Sanctuary

2/22: Peace Vigil, 6:00pm, ISLC Chapel; Sanctuary Dialogue:

Migrant Voices in the Pulpit, 7:00pm, SF Interfaith

Council on Immigration, ISLC

2/28, 3/7, 3/14: Lenten Book Series w/Fr. Ray & Grace

Salceanu, 7-8pm, ISLC. In this 3 week series, Fr. Ray & Grace will lead us in a discussion of William Barry's book, *Finding God in All Things: A Companion To the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*, offering insight into the meditations that compose the four "weeks" of the *Spiritual Exercises* and allowing all of us to cultivate and live out of a rich interior life. Please RSVP to Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com. Books are for sale through the Spiritual Life Center for \$11.

3/11: A Day of Retreat, "Lord, Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary",

1-5pm. Sanctuary is a place of safety, refuge and healing. When we retreat to this place, how does it transform and animate us, affecting our everyday lives and offering life, healing and hope to others? Join us for a day of restoration and retreat as we pray with and explore the roots of sanctuary in our faith and lives. The retreat will be led by parishioner, Will Simpson. Suggested donation: \$10. Please RSVP to Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com

3/22: Peace Vigil, 6:00pm, on the steps of St. Agnes Church. We will close our Lenten programming as we began, praying our alms with an offering of peace.

Sanctuary Update

With the support of parishioners, the family that St. Agnes has been supporting has been able to find work and to enroll the children in school. Currently, the family is in **urgent need of permanent housing**. There is a non-profit that is willing to provide a stipend for rent but has given us to the end of March to secure housing. **If you know anyone who has available housing (at least a 2-bedroom apartment), please contact Grace at the Spiritual Life Center: Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com.** We are committed to finding the family a safe place to live.

Spirituality in Relationships Retreat

March 17, 10am – 3pm, ISLC

We were made to love and be loved but knowing that doesn't make it easy to do. Join David Richo, PhD in a day of retreat, focusing on how we can be gently led to love's inevitable outcome: having a heart that loves freely, fearlessly, and ultimately, universally. The retreat is free for Healing WELL members and \$20 for everyone else (covering lunch and program fees). RSVP to Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com.

**125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
ST. AGNES PARISH (1893 – 2018)**

Volunteers Needed! Come be part of the celebration for St. Agnes' 125th Anniversary. There are plenty of areas that we need volunteers, including several committees. Fill out the **yellow forms** at the entrances to the church and return them ASAP. Check out the **website** at:

<http://saintagnessf125.com/> or contact the Church office for more information.

Make a Prayer Flag

Saturday, March 10 at 1 – 4 pm, ISLC

Make a prayer flag in honor of our parish's anniversary! Join us on March 10th anytime from 1-4 pm in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. This is a great way for individuals or the whole family to become involved in the Anniversary celebration by creating a flag (with your name, artwork, etc.) in honor of St. Agnes' 125th Anniversary! The flags will be displayed on poles in the planter box, next to the elevators in the courtyard. The flags only cost \$25/flag, but feel free to give what you can afford. Our goal is to have 125 flags to make the display beautiful and reflective of our wonderful community. **Register today** at our Anniversary Website: <https://saintagnessf125.com/> or by calling the rectory at (415) 487-8560.

Block Party Kick-off

Page Street, between Masonic and Ashbury

Sunday, May 6, 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Join us for a community celebration on May 6th to kick-off the year-long 125th Anniversary for St. Agnes Church. We will have **food trucks** with a variety of foods to choose from; **kids games and activities** (including bouncy houses, face painting, etc.); a **St. Agnes Talent Show** (get your dance routines, singing voices, acting skills ready to go); a big **raffle** (including cash prizes, an enchanted stay in Wales, etc.); a **bake Sale**; and a bar set-up in the Gym with beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages for people to enjoy! Tickets go on sale in March through the web site and after the Masses.

San Francisco Interfaith Coalition for Immigration

February 21, 2018, 6-8 pm, Fromm Hall, USF

Join a discussion on what we as a parish have learned by offering housing hospitality to a family. Hear what other parishes are doing in their sanctuary work. If you'd like to attend, please email: Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com.



ONGOING AT THE



IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

Monday, Holy Yoga, 7pm – 8pm

Join us every Monday for Slow Flow yoga. This will be a sacred time using slow flow yoga postures and breath work to set our focus for the week. All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10 min. early to get settled in.

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.

Tuesday, Pathways Grief Support Group 4 – 5:30pm

Pathways Hospice offers a free grief support group for those suffering the loss of a family member or loved one. Sessions are held in 6-week programs, but people are welcome to join meetings as needed. **Tuesday sessions will be ongoing through Feb., March & April.** For registration and further information, please contact Dave Rutchman at 650-808-4603.

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.

Dorothy Day – The World Will be Saved by Beauty

By Kate Hennessey

Friday, February 23, 2018 at 7pm

Hidden Figures

By Margot Lee Shetterly

Friday, March 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@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