

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.

March 11 & 12, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

When I was teaching at Bellarmine in San Jose, we would have a wonderful tribute to our graduates at the Baccalaureate Mass. After communion, three faculty members would sing their rendition of "*His Eye Is on the Sparrow*," they added a beautiful refrain to the popular Gospel song: "For you are God's delight." The song stressed that if God's eye and care is on the birds of the air, so much more is God concerned and caring for you. It was a moving moment in the liturgy.

Last week's gospel centered on Jesus' temptation in the desert. But previous to that event is Matthew's Gospel, we have Jesus' baptism by John. Jesus hears the words: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." It was this graced bedrock belief, that he is God's delight, that enabled Jesus to withstand the devil's temptations.

Life is difficult and we have some real struggles that we need to get through. It is so important that deep within us is the belief that we are God's Beloved, that God's eye and care is on us just as it is on the sparrow. This faith and trust broadens our life and gives us courage. Lent is a wonderful time to often meditate / contemplate on God's singular love for each person.

Thank you for filling out our surveys. In an upcoming bulletin, I will offer some reflections on your responses.

Many thanks for your words and letters on the death of my mother. I was overwhelmed by the support I received. I am sure my mother was delighted.

Raymond Allen, 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.
Deacon	Stephen Pitts, 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 Asst.	Marco Matute
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
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

March 11th & 12th – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

**Exodus 17.3-7 •
Romans 5.1-2, 5-8 • John 4.5-42**

Date	Intention	Presider
March 11 4:00 PM	Margit Battha Ritchie (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
March 12 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Maria Rodriguez (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
6:00 PM	Patricia Fleshman (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
March 13 8:30 AM	Genie Allender (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
March 14 8:30 AM	Gladys Clary (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
March 15 8:30 AM	Warren Johnsrude (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
March 16 8:30 AM	Genie Allender (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
March 17 8:30 AM	David Wang (D)	Fr. Stephen Nduati
March 18 4:00 PM	Mary Jane Willers (D)	Fr. Tom Whelan
March 19 8:30 AM	Wanda McCormac (D)	Fr. Specht (Pitts)
10:30 AM	Tom McCormack (D)	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Specht (Pitts)

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: \$4,251

Last year: \$4,261

4pm: \$847; 8:30am: \$710; 10:30am: \$2,187; 6:00pm: \$507

EFT for the month of February: \$7,072

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.SaintAgnesSF.com/slc.html.



**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 x228.

SLC Office Hours: please call for appointment

**Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention
"Support for Persecuted Christians"**

"That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church."

Community Reading:

Mercy in the City

Thursdays – March 23, and April 6

7 – 8:30pm, ISLC

This Lent join St. Agnes & the ISLC for a community reading of *Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned & Keep Your Day Job* by Kerry Weber, Associate Editor at *America* Magazine. We'll gather for a book group at the ISLC to discuss the book and explore how God is calling us to live as people of mercy and compassion. For the March 9th meeting, we will discuss Chapters 1-8. To RSVP contact: Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Lenten Retreat: Spirituality in Relationships

Saturday, March 25, 10am – 3pm

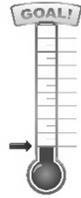
Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

Co-hosted by The Healing Well

Join us for a Lenten Retreat with spiritual writer, psychotherapist and teacher, Dave Richo for a day of prayer, reflection and mindfulness about cultivating conscious relationships in our daily lives.

On the theme of the retreat, Dave says: Relationships survive best when partners are committed to personal adult integrity and a spiritually conscious love. This means presence with unconditional attention, acceptance, appreciation, affection, and allowing others to be as they are. Love is also presence without the conditioned overlays of ego, such as judgment, fear, control—just what we let go of in spiritual practices like mindfulness and loving-kindness. To RSVP, contact: Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com

AAA 2017 – Ways to give!



We are on our way to our **\$69,583 goal!** We have received in gifts and pledges, **\$20,114!** Thank you to all those who have given already! Here are some helpful ways to still give:

ONLINE: www.SFArch.org/AAA

ONE TIME GIFT: You can use the brochure provided in the pews or go online at SFArch.org/AAA

PLEDGE: You can use the brochure provided in the pews to make a pledge. This allows you to pay over time. Just place the completed form in with the Sunday collection or mail it to the Parish office.

STOCKS, BONDS and MUTUAL FUND SHARES: Gifts of stocks, bonds and mutual funds can be given but require an authorization letter from you or your representative. Transfer instruction for parishioners and a sample letter can be given by the Parish office, just call or email. **THANK YOU AGAIN!!!!**

Holy Yoga

Monday Night Slow Flow Yoga with Emily Moss

7-8pm at the ISLC, every Monday during Lent

Join us every Monday of Lent (3/6-4/17) at 7:00 pm for one hour of **free** Lent Slow Flow. 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. We'll practice showing up as simply and honestly as we can manage so that our focus can shift from us to God, and we can begin to sense God's grace (Matthew 6:6). All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10min early to get settled in. **All are welcome**, regardless of age, body type, religion, gender, or experience with yoga.



Women Deacons Study & Prayer Series

Thursday, March 16, 2017

7:00 – 8:30pm, at the ISLC

Join our three-month study & prayer series on the history and future of women deacons in the Roman Catholic Church. During the month of March, we will pray in memory of Phoebe, one of our deacon foremothers and focus on part one of the book *Women Deacons: Past, Present and Future*. For more information and to RSVP to be part of the study series, contact Elaina Jo at ISLC@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Altar Servers Needed – Young and Old

To all the adults, young adults and children of the parish, if you have completed your First Communion this is your opportunity to become an Altar Server! We are in need of people to fulfill this wonderful ministry at St. Agnes, especially at the 4pm Mass! It's a great opportunity to give back to the St. Agnes community, no experience necessary, we provide the one-day training. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Marco in the Parish office at Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com.



ONGOING AT THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



Tuesday Morning Mindfulness

Tuesdays at 9:00 am – 10:00 am

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 and poetry we will meditate together. Led by Rev. Pat Kleinberg, Interfaith minister and spiritual director.

Monthly Peace Vigil

Fourth Thursday of the Month

March 23, 6-8pm

Each month we gather to pray for God's peace to be poured out upon the world. Carve out some time to pray in community and find your center. The chapel will be reserved for meditation, the library will be open and tea will be served.

Book Club

Diary of a Country Priest by George Bernanos

Friday, March 31 at 7pm

The Sympathizer by Viet Nguyen

Friday, April 28 at 7pm

The Book Club meets monthly (Sept.-June) all are welcome!

Faith Sharing

Thursdays 9:00 – 10:00 am

Join with others on Thursday mornings in a journey of faith and discovering God's action in our lives. All are welcome.

Young Adult Ministry

The St. Agnes Young Adult Group will meet on the **last Sunday of each month after the 6pm Mass** at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center for prayer and fellowship. Stay tuned for the line-up of theologians, activists and faith leaders who will join us at the YA gatherings throughout the year! 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