

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.

September 1 & 2, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the centuries the People of God, like their Hebrew ancestors, have met crises that were a call to renewal of commitment and redemption. Last Sunday's readings focused on two of these crises.

In the Book of Joshua, the Hebrew people have reached their destination of the Promised Land and there they find inhabitants who worship other gods. They find themselves called to reaffirm their commitment: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods" (Joshua 24:15-17). Yet, along with their renewal of commitment, there is adaptation. The People profess their faith at the Canaanite Sanctuary of Shechem and erect a stone monument, a Canaanite practice. Yes, commitment with adaptation.

In John 6, last week's gospel, we once again heard of the Bread of Life. The Johannine Community of Jewish Christians struggled with forsaking their Hebrew heritage to make the Eucharist their center. They must decide to center the community around the Eucharist: "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:69). Yet, with this commitment came the belief that Jesus is the fulfillment of Judaism and they adapted so many of their practices in line with Jewish tradition. Yes, commitment and adaptation.

The Catholic Church is now in a period of crisis. It is a call to affirm our faith in Christ Jesus' presence in the church and to also adapt to what Jesus is calling us to. This is where the work begins. Are we too male dominated? Should we decentralize so the needs of particular cultures can be better met? Should our priestly formation be more holistic and open to married people? What should be a greater role for women in the Church and its leadership? Are not celibacy and priestly ministry distinct gifts? We have a lot of work to do.

Raymond Allen, S.J.

Parish Information

Parish Staff & Ministries

Pastor	Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.
Parochial Vicar	Fr. Joe Specht, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Lourdu Mummadi, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan, 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
St. Agnes & St. Ignatius Comm. Food Bank	Kathy Devine
Funeral Ministry	Jim Connor
Gabriel Project	Mary Alba
Ignatian Spirituality Ministry	Barbara Nelson
Wedding Coordinator	Shannon McMillen Evans
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

Sept. 1 & 2 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:*
**Isaiah 35.4-7 •
James 2.1-5 • Mark 7.31-37**

Date	Intention	Presider
Sept 1 4:00 PM	George, Ersilia, Charles DeBono (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
Sept. 2 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
10:30 AM	Frank Beering (D)	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
6:00 PM	Pauline Haas (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Sept. 3 8:30 AM	Anne Childs (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
Sept. 4 8:30 AM	Joseph & Maria Moon (D)	Fr. Lourdu Mummadi
Sept. 5 8:30 AM	Anne Childs (D)	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan
Sept. 6 8:30 AM	Joyce Bowe (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Sept. 7 8:30 AM	Mary Toomey (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Sept 8 4:00 PM	Patrick J. McKenzie (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Sept. 9 8:30 AM	The Loyola Guild (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Jean Kelly (D)	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. 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. 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 Ignatian 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. Visit www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org.

Archdiocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse; or you suspect sexual abuse, please call (415) 614-5506 for help.

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: \$3,760.97

Last Year: \$3,330.80

4pm: \$1012; 8:30am: \$916; 10:30am: \$1410; 6pm: \$422.97

EFT for August: \$7,991.50



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.

www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org

Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention "Young People in Africa"

"That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries."

19th Annotation: The Spiritual Exercises, Sept. 2018 – May 2019

Are you longing to deepen your relationship with God? Do you desire to discern how God is at work in your life and enjoy the freedom that comes with this? Consider making the 19th Annotation Retreat. St. Ignatius realized that not everyone could make the Spiritual Exercises as a 30-day silent retreat and created a provision, the 19th Annotation, for people to make the retreat in daily life. Over the course of 9 months, retreatants commit to daily prayer using Ignatius's contemplations and meeting weekly one-on-one with a spiritual director. It is a profound and incredibly rewarding journey of faith. If you feel called to experience the 19th Annotation this September-May 2018/19, please contact ISLC@SaintAgnesSF.com. Applications are due: September 5.

San Francisco Interfaith Coalition on Immigration Wednesday, Sept. 12 @ 6-7:30pm, ISLC

Join St. Agnes and other San Francisco sanctuary congregations in our monthly conversation on immigrant justice facilitated by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. Together, we will discuss current events in immigration and ways forward as people of faith committed to justice. Contact Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com for more information.

Sanctuary Meals

Support our sanctuary family with a home-cooked, well-balanced meal for six people. There are no dietary restrictions, and the kids are open to trying new things! We have current opportunities for Sept. 20 & Oct 18. Contact Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com for more details.



September is Nametag Month!



September is nametag month at St. Agnes! Nametags are a St. Agnes tradition during the month of September so we all get a chance to become re-acquainted with each other after the summer break. It's also a great opportunity to introduce yourself to someone new at the parish as well!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing Baptism, Confirmation and full admission into the Catholic Church? Sessions will begin in September. Names are being gathered at the Parish Offices now. Please call Cathy Collins at 415.487.8560, or email Cathy@saintagnessf.com for more information.



Registration is Open for Children's Faith Formation

Our Children's Faith Formation Program for 2018-2019 will begin with orientation **Sept. 16** and classes on **Sept. 23** for children in 1st - 8th grades. This year, we will also begin a new Confirmation preparation class. If you wish to enroll your child in Faith Formation and/or Sacramental Preparation classes, you can do so today in three easy steps:

- 1) Go to our website: www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff.html
- 2) Fill out the registration form.
- 3) Pay online or send a check (payable to St. Agnes Church) to 1025 Masonic Ave, SF 94117, Attention: Grace Salceanu.

CFF is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents alike to experience the presence of God in their lives and come to a new and deeper understanding of our church and community. Feel free to contact Grace if you have any questions, 415-487-8560 x225.

St. Agnes Offices will be Closed

In observance of Labor Day, Monday, September 3, the St. Agnes Office and the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center will be closed.



Pathways Grief Support Group



Pathways Hospice offers a free grief support group for those suffering a loss of a loved one. The group provides a safe place for sharing and support, along with discussions about the grieving process, loneliness, longing, anger, coping skills, lifestyle transitions and much more. Sessions are held in 6-week rounds with 2-week breaks. The next round begins **Tuesday, Sept. 11** and meets in the ISLC from **4-5:30pm**. To register and for further information please contact Kylin Navarro at **408-773-4295**.



ONGOING AT THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



[Holy Yoga is Back! Mondays, 7-8pm](#)

Join us Mondays for 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. 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 His grace (Matthew 6:6). All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10min early to get settled in. All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10 min. early to get settled in.

[Tuesday Morning Mindfulness starts 9/4 at 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. All are welcome, no need to RSVP.

[Thursday Morning Faith Sharing starts 9/6 at 9am](#)

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, moves into silence, and then discussion. All are welcome, no need to RSVP.

[Book Club](#)

Book Club will be taking a summer break and **resume September 28th**. See you in September!

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