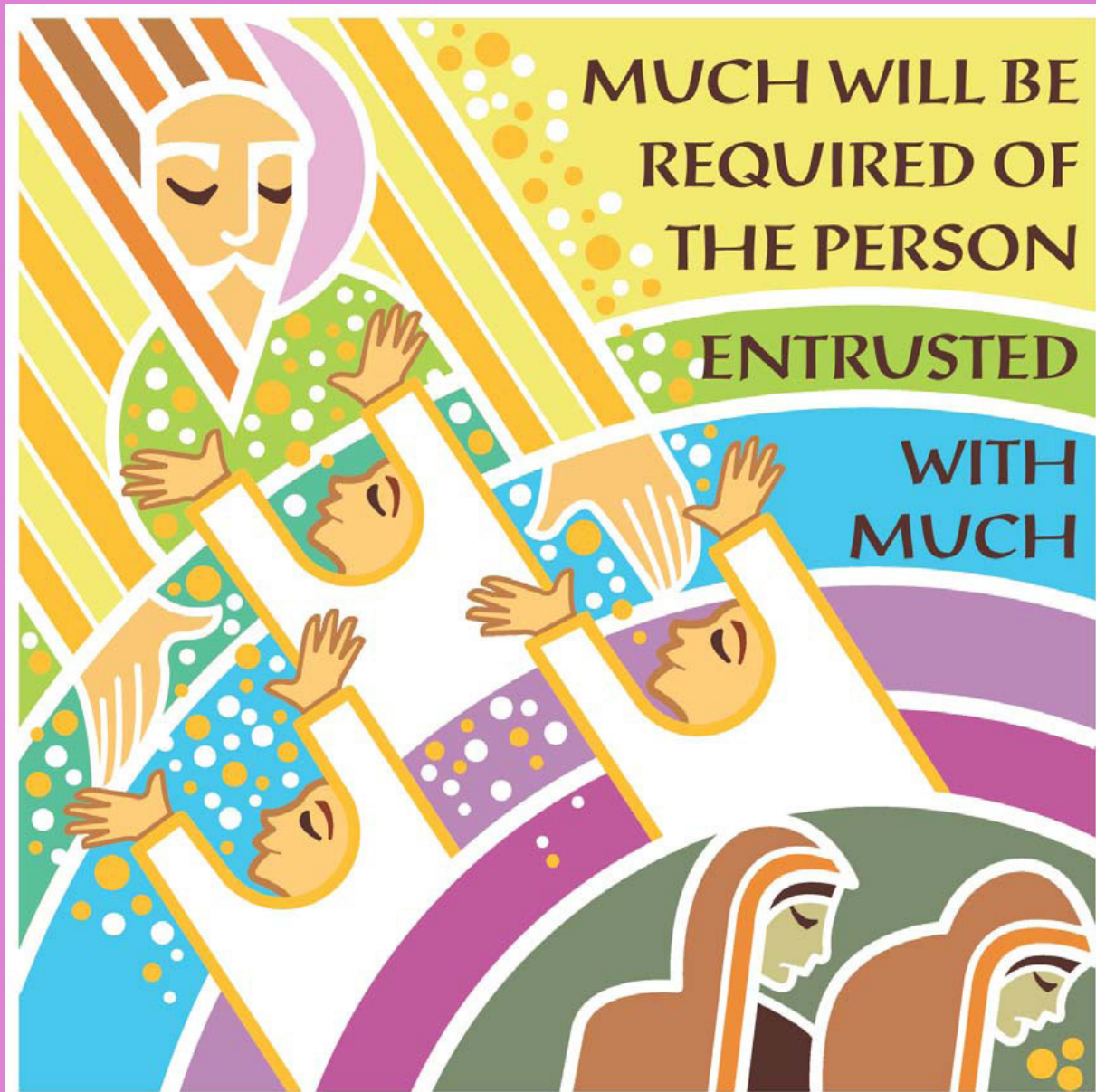




St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 10:45AM & 5PM

Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM

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Dear Friends,

A woman once approached John Wesley (1703-1791), with an interesting question: "Suppose you knew for certain that you were going to die and meet your Creator at the stroke of midnight tomorrow. How would you spend your time between now and then?" Wesley replied, "Well, madam, just as I intend to spend it now. I will preach this evening at Gloucester and again at five tomorrow morning. After that I will ride to Tewkesbury to preach in the afternoon and meet with the societies in the evening. Then I'll go home to dinner, talk and pray with the family as usual, retire to my room at 10 p.m., commend myself to God, lie down to rest and wake up to GLORY!"

What would you do if you knew that this day would be your last?

The central theme of today's readings is the necessity for trusting faith in God's promises and vigilant preparedness among Christ's followers. The first reading cites the faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting faith in their God's promises gave them hope. We are told how their faith and hope resulted in their liberation. With expectant hope, the Hebrews sacrificed the first Passover lamb and ate the first ritual meal, as prescribed by their God through Moses. They awaited their imminent release and were prepared for it.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal life in His kingdom. But they are to be prepared at all times, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world, whichever is earlier. Using the master-thief parable, Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil), may not steal our treasure of Divine grace by his temptations.

Let us always remember the words of the Book of Revelation: "*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me*" (3:20). Since nobody is sure about the time and circumstances of his or her death, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Savior. This preparedness takes place by entering into a deeper relationship with God in daily prayer and by obeying Jesus' commandment of love, offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

Fr. Johnson

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR JULY 31: \$10,585.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$2,279.00

Includes Faith Direct Giving

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 6, 2016

5:00 p.m. Ronald Cuffy—Repose
Deceased members of the
Grewis Family—Repose

Sunday, August 7, 2016

7:00 a.m. Ron Artale—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Margaret N. Archuleta—Repose
10:45 a.m. Anna Lunardi—Repose
Amanda Rubio—Repose
George & Lynda Conlow—
Special Intention
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Monday, August 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Chachi Abraham—Repose
Elpidio Santos—Repose

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Maria Teresa Legaspi—Repose

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, August 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. Ed Joaquin—Repose
Loreto Santos—Repose

Friday, August 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Felicisimo Santos—Repose

Saturday, August 13, 2016

8:00 a.m. Fr. Paul Schmidt—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Lorenza Amoncio—Repose
James Joseph Garry—Repose

Sunday, August 14, 2016

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
9:00 a.m. James Joseph Garry—Repose
10:45 a.m. Ronald Cuffy—Repose
Anna Lunardi—Repose
Santo Toribio Romo—Special Int.
5:00 p.m. Maria Bisschops—Repose
Eileen Oswald—Repose
George & Lynda Conlow—
Special Intention

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Hospitality offered after all Sunday Masses.

Monday, August 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Reaching Out Committee—G.P.
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council—A.R.

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:45 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Baptism Class—A.R.
7:30 p.m. Schola Practice—Music Room

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Young Adults Meeting—Cauchi Hall

Thursday, August 11, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

Friday, August 12, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel

Saturday, August 13, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
6:00 p.m. Retrouville—A.R.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Dominic
Tuesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
(Edith Stein)
Wednesday: St. Lawrence
Thursday: St. Clare
Friday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Saturday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus;
Blessed Virgin Mary

The Faith in Action Committee would like to thank all who signed the letter to the Concord City Council regarding housing issues the weekend of July 23/24. St. Agnes collected 192 signatures. A total of 2,203 signatures were collected that weekend by parishes in our Deanery.

Parish News and Activities

Welcome New St. Agnes School Families

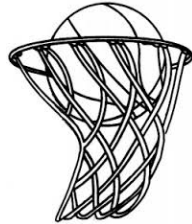
Your St. Agnes School P.A.C.E. Board invites you to join us on **Sunday, August 14, for the 10:45 a.m. Mass, followed by donuts and a Campus Tour.**



We will meet outside Cauchi Hall to show you and your family around campus, share some helpful hints and answer any questions in preparation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Please contact Brad Talmadge with any questions at Pace-Vice-President@stagnesconcord.com. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

ST. AGNES CYO BASKETBALL 2016-2017 Season Sign-Ups



Registration opens on August 1st for the 2016-2017 season.

CYO Basketball sign-ups are open to all boys and girls in grades 2-8 who attend St. Agnes School, live within the St. Agnes Catholic Church Parish boundaries or who participated in the St. Agnes CCD program in the 2015-2016 school year.

Online registration will run from August 1st through September 7th. **To register on-line, visit our website at <http://www.stagnescyo.com>.**

Walk-in registration is September 7, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Cauchi Hall.

Cost is \$215.00 per player (\$250 after Sept. 7.)

New players need to provide:

1. If in-person, a check made payable to St. Agnes CYO. (No player refused due to financial circumstances.)
2. Copy of birth certificate (not needed for St. Agnes School Students or returning players).
3. Proof of residency—PG&E, phone, or cable bill (not needed for St. Agnes School Students).



THE ST. AGNES ITALIAN DINNER Has been postponed to August 27, 2016

6:00 p.m.—No Host Cocktails
7:00 p.m.—Dinner

Menu:
Chicken Parmesan, Pasta
Salad and Dessert

Adults: \$25.00
Children 4-11: \$5.00
Under 3: Free

Come join your parish community for an evening of fun, fellowship and great food.

Tickets are for sale at the Welcome Table or in the Ministry Center during the week.

Special Request: If you have any raffle items that you can donate for the Italian dinner, please call Marlene at the Church Office or email Kathey Ambacher at akamb@astound.net. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY UPDATE:

The first meeting of the Young Adult Ministry was attended by 22 people—a wonderful turnout of fine parish members between 21 and 35 years of age, and they have decided to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to join or help in planning outings, contact Toni Garcia at garcia23@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 6-7 Hospitality after all Masses
- 14 Tour of School after 10:45 a.m. Mass
- 20-21 Fair Trade after all Masses
- 22 First Day of School
- 27 Anointing Mass at 10:30 a.m.
- 27 Italian Dinner
- 30 STARS Luncheon, 11:00 a.m.

Community News

HEALING THE HEART WORKSHOP

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, you are invited to attend our Healing the Heart workshop. We offer a safe place to express grief and begin healing after the loss of a loved one.

The grief workshop is a six-week program characterized by trust in prayer, open sharing and spirituality. You do not need to be a Catholic or a member of St. Bonaventure Parish to attend.

The next grief workshop begins Tuesday evening, August 23, 2016 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. Please call Helene Bellici at 925-686-4870 for more information and to register. **There is no cost to attend the workshop, but registration is required by August 10, 2016.**

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church is located at 5562 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521, telephone: 925-672-5800.

IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY, LET US REMEMBER TO GIVE THANKS

THERE IS ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR...

A famous writer was in his study room. He picked up his pen and started writing:

- Last year, I had a surgery and my gallbladder was removed. I had to stay stuck to the bed due to this surgery for a long time.
- The same year I reached the age of 60 years and had to give up my favorite job. I had spent 30 years of my life in this publishing company.
- The same year I experienced the sorrow of the death of my father.
- And in the same year my son failed in his medical exam because he had a car accident. He had to stay in bed at hospital with the cast on for several days. The destruction of car was another loss.

At the end he wrote: Alas! It was such bad year!!

When the writer's wife entered the room, she found her husband looking sad and lost in his thoughts. From behind his back she read what was written on the paper. She left the room silently and came back with another paper and placed it on the side of her husband's writing.

When the writer saw this paper, he found this written on it:

- Last year I finally got rid of my gall bladder due to which I had spent years in pain.
- I turned 60 with sound health and got retired from my job. Now I can utilize my time to write something better with more focus and peace.
- The same year my father, at the age of 95, without depending on anyone or without any critical condition met his Creator.
- The same year, God blessed my son with a new life. My car was destroyed but my son stayed alive without getting any disability.

At the end she wrote: This year was an immense blessing of God and it passed well!!

See!! The same incidents, but different viewpoints. If we ponder with this viewpoint that what could have happened more, we would truly become thankful to the Almighty.

Moral: In our daily lives we must see that it's not happiness that makes us grateful but gratefulness that makes us happy. There is always, always, always something to be thankful for!! Stay Blessed !!

- Author Unknown



Denny Keane and Doris DaSilva present the first 100 rosaries to Fr. T. C. George of Bangalore, India, on July 18.

On the left, a photo of Denny and Judy Wigitt making rosaries and a photo of our Lady and her rosaries.

We need more rosary makers to carry out this ministry.

If you can help, contact Denny by telephone at 925-768-7033 or e-mail thedinemercyguy@gmail.com.