



# *St. Agnes* Catholic Community

*Our Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Him known by welcoming all, teaching and sharing the Faith, and providing worship and spiritual growth opportunities and serving those in need.*

**27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Thank you to our dedicated Ushers  
at St. Agnes Parish.**

*October 8, 2017*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

### Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

### Adoration in the Chapel Daily

6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM

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## A Farewell Message from May Hembrador

After 17 years of singing praises to God with you, my St. Agnes family, the time has come for me to bid farewell! I am retiring as your Director of Music Ministry, and my final mass will be at the 11 a.m. mass on October 29th.

Pete Frevele will be taking my place beginning on November 1st! Let us all welcome Pete and help support him with his new calling and continue singing praises to our Lord under his leadership.

As I take leave of my music ministry at St. Agnes, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the honor you have given me in serving God through music, and for the love, friendship, and support you have extended to me throughout these past 17 years.

To my adult choir who has stood by me throughout the years, I shall miss the many events we have worked together on the weekly Thursday rehearsal, Sunday mass singing, during the Christmas, Holy Week, Easter seasons; also Thanksgiving, Confirmation, Caroling for the seniors in Oakland, and for the many other events like the 40th and 50th Broadway musical concerts. I will miss all these memorable events with you more than you'll ever know!

To my children's choir, my little angels who have been my joy hearing your angelic voices and to your parents, entrusting your children to me, supporting them by taking them to rehearsals and the masses, I thank you!

To my cantors and music leaders, for sharing your God given talents and the pleasure of working with you all, I thank you!

To Father George, for the honor he gave me, entrusting this ministry to me even though I didn't think I could do it, thank you, Father, for the faith you placed in me!

To Father Johnson, for allowing me to continue this ministry under your pastoral leadership, I thank you!

To my mom (Mama Lily) who is always there for me through many challenging moments, especially when you were not always feeling well and still continued to support me, thank you, Mom. I love you!

And most of all, to our Almighty God, who has filled me with the Holy Spirit, helping me to lead His people in singing praises to Him these past 17 years. Thank you, Lord!

May God continue to bless all of us and our parish in the years to come.

My sincere gratitude and love to all,

May Hembrador

**SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 1: \$12,943.00**

**Includes Faith Direct Giving**

**We thank you for your Stewardship.**



# Calendar for the Week

## Mass Intentions

## Parish Events and Meetings

### Saturday, October 7, 2017

5:00 p.m. Veronica Velasco—Repose  
Deceased Members of the Lee Family  
Deceased Members of the Nguyen Family

### Sunday, October 8, 2017

7:00 a.m. Jim Clarke—Repose  
Marcella Colarich—Repose  
Marcelina Valencia—Repose

9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living and Deceased

11:00 a.m. Marcella Colarich—Repose  
Richard Dameron—Repose  
Mary Kay Fitzgerald—Repose

5:00 p.m. George Conlow—Repose  
Roland & Raymonde Hamel—Repose  
Marie-Jose Murray—Special Intention

### Monday, October 9, 2017

8:00 a.m. Marcela Colarich—Repose  
George Conlow—Repose  
Elpidio Santos—Repose

### Tuesday, October 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. Oscar & Kay Grewis—Repose  
Maria Teresa Legaspi—Repose  
St. Agnes Vincentians—Special Intention

### Wednesday, October 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

### Thursday, October 12, 2017

8:00 a.m. Anne Carey—Repose  
Gene Hersom—Repose  
Manuela Santos—Repose

### Friday, October 13, 2017

8:15 a.m. Marcella Colarich—Repose  
Beatriz Legaspi—Repose

### Saturday, October 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. Eduardo Joaquin—Repose  
Priscilla, Jose & Raymundo Manalac—Repose

5:00 p.m. Ricardo Encarnacion, Jr.—Repose  
Veronica Velasco—Repose  
Ernesto Bantay—Special Intention

### Sunday, October 15, 2017

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living & Deceased

9:00 a.m. George Conlow—Repose  
Thomas Maguire—Repose  
Joseph Streich—Repose

11:00 a.m. Peggy Coenen—Repose  
Deceased Members of the Frisbee Family  
Deceased Members of the LoGrasso Family

5:00 p.m. George Conlow—Repose  
Joe De Graca—Repose  
Ernestina Esquebil—Repose

### Sunday, October 8, 2017

3:00 p.m. Confirmation—Cauchi Hall

### Monday, October 9, 2017

#### Ministry Center Closed for Columbus Day

6:30 p.m. Reaching Out Committee—G.P.  
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council—A.R.

### Tuesday, October 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting—A.R.  
6:00 p.m. PACE Meeting—School  
6:30 p.m. Women's Guild Meeting—A.R.  
7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class—G.P.  
7:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds—EX

### Wednesday, October 11, 2017

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Rosary Makers—G.P.  
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Band Practice—Church

### Thursday, October 12, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Tutoring Ministry—G.P.  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study—A.R.  
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice—Church  
6:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry—G.P.  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

### Friday, October 13, 2017

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church  
9:45 a.m. Wheel-a-Thon Meeting—GP  
1:30 p.m. Ministry to the Sick—A.R.  
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Mass—Church

### Saturday, October 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church  
9:30 a.m. Parent Retreat for 1st Recon/Communion—  
School & Cauchi Hall

6:00 p.m. Retrouvaille—AR  
6:00 p.m. Crab & Tri-Tip Dinner—Church Hall

### BEDDING FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

Christ the King Church will be sending a truck to Houston with collections of bedding. Our St. Vincent de Paul is helping out by collecting items after Masses this weekend. If you have any **new** bed linens (sheets, comforters, blankets or bedspreads), new pillows, new bath towels, new undergarments, new shoes or clothing store gift cards you can donate, please drop them off after any Mass this weekend. May God bless you for helping others, and please remember to keep all the victims of the recent disasters in your prayers.

# Parish News and Activities

## WOMEN'S GUILD TEA October 21, 2017



The Women's Guild Autumn Tea is Saturday October 21st. If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift card to the Raffle, please contact Dianna Strupeck at [925-998-6398](tel:925-998-6398). You can pick up the form to request tickets at the Welcome Table in the back of the church. Please contact Sandi Rigor at [925-682-0387](tel:925-682-0387) if you have any questions. **Tickets must be purchased no later than Monday, October 9th.** No tickets will be sold at the door. We know you will enjoy sitting at one of these beautiful tables sipping Tea with friends.

## FAITH DIRECT

Thank you to those parishioners who participate in our Faith Direct electronic giving program! If you have filled out and turned in a commitment card in celebration of Stewardship of Treasure, make sure you take the next step if making a change by either:

1. e-mailing Faith Direct at [info@faithdirect.net](mailto:info@faithdirect.net);
2. calling Faith Direct customer service at toll-free 866-507-8757;
3. filling out an enrollment form at the parish office and returning it to Faith Direct in the mail; or
4. chatting with a Faith Direct customer service representative online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net).

For your security, we do not have the authority to make changes to your account. May God bless your generosity to St. Agnes Parish!

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The **Book of Remembrance** will be in the church during the month of October. Parishioners are invited to enter the names of their loved ones to be remembered on All Souls Day and the **Mass of Remembrance which is scheduled for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.**

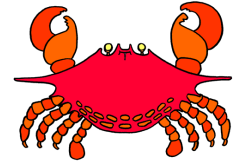
## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 10 a.m.

Any Parishioner who has experienced the death of a family member, loved one or friend whose service WAS NOT held at St. Agnes Church AND would like their name added to our **Mass of Remembrance Scroll**, please call Sharon Ouimet at 685-1361.

## CRAB & TRI-TIP DINNER OCTOBER 14, 2017

The Knights of Columbus will host a Crab and Tri-Tip Dinner on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

No-host cocktails at 6 p.m.  
Dinner served at 7 p.m.  
Price: \$50 each; children 4-12 \$5 (no crab)  
Menu: Hors d'oeuvre, sliced bread, salad, pasta,  
Tri-tip and Dungeness Crab!



**Tickets will be offered for sale after Masses on October 7-8 as well as in the Ministry Center.** No tickets will be sold at the door or after October 10th.

If you have any raffle items to donate, please drop them off at the Church Office.

For additional information, contact: Sumner Peery at [speery@astound.net](mailto:speery@astound.net) or David Wood at [david@koc15344stagnes.org](mailto:david@koc15344stagnes.org).

## FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a Bible and Faith Study beginning Thursday, October 5 at 7 pm. All those ages 21-35 are welcome. Please contact Toni Garcia at [stagnesyoungadultmin@gmail.com](mailto:stagnesyoungadultmin@gmail.com) for more information.



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER

- 8 Confirmation Kick-Off, 3:00 p.m., Cauchi Hall
- 9 Parish Office Closed—Columbus Day
- 13 Fatima Mass, 7:30 p.m., Church
- 14 Crab and Tri-Tip Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Hall
- 15 Enrollment Celebration for 1st Communion at 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Baptisms, 12:15 p.m., Church
- 21 Women's Guild Tea, 11:30 a.m., Church Hall
- 22 Friends and Family Mass, 11:00 a.m.
- 27 School Fall Fest
- 28 International Rosary, 6:00 p.m.

## Community Activities

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** During October our church asks us to pray for all Respect Life issues, especially the protection of human life from conception to natural death. For information about Respect Life events, please pick up a flier from the table in the back of the church.

**40 Days For Life** The annual 40 Days for Life Campaign of prayer, fasting, and being present at clinics is Sept. 27 - Nov. 5 daily 7am-7pm, except Sundays. A kick-off rally will be held at St. Mary's Church Gym, Walnut Creek on Sept. 24 at 5:30pm. For more information, go to: [www.40DaysForLife.com](http://www.40DaysForLife.com).

**Birthright of Concord Dinner Event** Birthright's annual fundraiser dinner/auction will feature speaker Josh Burger at St. Mary's Church in Walnut Creek, Saturday, Oct. 14 at 5:30pm. Tickets available at: [www.birthrightdinner-eventbrite.com](http://www.birthrightdinner-eventbrite.com) or by calling Dot at 925-287-0246. Adults \$40, Children 5-12 \$20. Deadline to reserve a seat is Fri., Oct. 6.

**International Population Conference** This online conference begins at 9am on October 17, 18 and 19. Speakers are from several international Catholic Respect Life organizations, such as Human Life International. Anyone may attend free of charge by registering at: <http://populationconference.com>. Sponsored by the Lepanto Institute.

**Post Abortion Services** The Oakland Diocese provides confidential healing groups, scripture studies, free counseling, and weekend retreats for healing the pain of abortion. For more info go to: After the Choice Ministry at [www.oakdiocese.org](http://www.oakdiocese.org) or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). Rachel's Vineyard National Hotline: 877-HOPE4ME (877-467-3463). National Hotline for Abortion Recovery: 866-482-LIFE (866-482-5433) Hope After Abortion: 888-466-HOPE (4673) or [www.HopeAfterAbortion.org](http://www.HopeAfterAbortion.org).

### MEDICAL ISSUES FORUM

#### Preventing Teen Suicide

Saturday, November 18 at 1 p.m.

Join us for a presentation on Teen Suicide Prevention and information about the HIPPA Privacy Authorization Form. There will also be Q. & A. This is especially appropriate for all adults working with teens in ministry, leadership, and education. To register, contact Diana Farias at [sairafL@yahoo.com](mailto:sairafL@yahoo.com) or 925-825-7123. Refreshments provided. Hosted by the St. Agnes Respect Life Committee.

### FREE TO PRAY AS A CHILD OF GOD

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church

5562 Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94521

Join us in an exercise in Intercessory Prayer with Fr. Joe Kim on October 14, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Begins with Mass in the Chapel, followed by a FREE workshop. All are welcome to attend. Continental breakfast will be served.

FREE CHILDCARE! Please contact Donna to arrange childcare of if you have any questions: [dmbrie@gmail.com](mailto:dmbrie@gmail.com) or 925-250-4630.

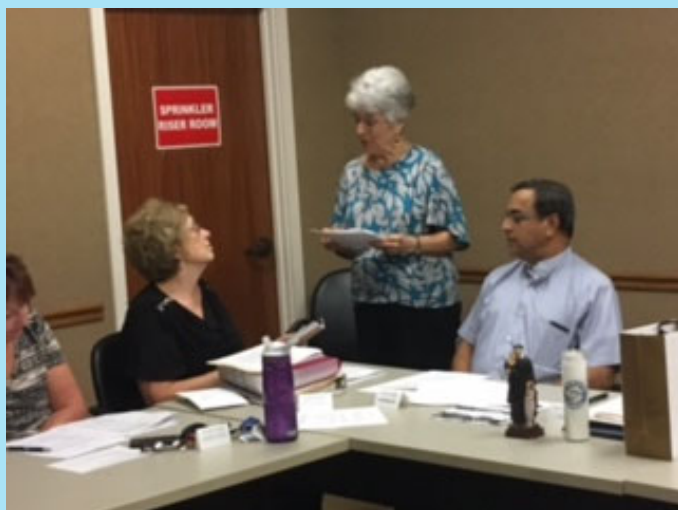
### OPEN HOUSES AT DE LA SALLE AND CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOLS November 5, 2017

Open Houses will be held at De La Salle on Nov. 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, and at Carondelet from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Complete and submit on-line applications at the schools' websites. Visit [www.dlshs.org/admissions/welcome](http://www.dlshs.org/admissions/welcome) or [www.carondeleths.org/admissions](http://www.carondeleths.org/admissions).

For 8th grade boys who are interested in the arts, De La Salle is hosting "One Night Only" October 25 for students interested in visual arts, music, band or theater. **Register before October 11th** at [www.dlshs.org/arts/one-night-only](http://www.dlshs.org/arts/one-night-only). There are only 100 spaces available.

### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

In this historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), please join the St. Agnes Rosary Makers Ministry for the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade that will take place at 12:00 noon on October 14, 2017, at Baldwin Park Picnic Area. Contact Luz at 825-6460 for more information.



**Above:** Kathie Hieb recently turned over the reins as President of St. Vincent de Paul to Denise DalColletto.

**Right:** The New Vice President is MaryAnn Liebschutz and the new Treasurer is Don DeWitt.

**Below:** Our community is very blessed to have an active St. Vincent de Paul Conference at St. Agnes Parish as well as people who are willing to step up into leadership positions.

