



St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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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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"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." (Jn. 16:12)

The gospel for this Trinity Sunday begins with this mysterious opening line by Jesus. Jesus is trying to unveil the Trinity. God's triune heart is a *relationship of love*. What does it mean to love as God loves?

Margaret Halaska, O.F.M. is the author of a poem called "The Covenant." Most recently I saw it published in a book I'm reading. I also found Sr. Margaret's poem on a number of spiritual websites. See what you think.

Covenant

God knocks at my door seeking a home for his son.

Rent is cheap, I say.

I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.

I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come in and look around.

I think I will, says God.

I might let you have a room or two.

I like it, says God. I'll take the two. You might decide to give me more someday. I can wait, says God.

I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me.

I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.

Hm, maybe I can let you have another room. I really don't need that much.

Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.

I'd like to give you the whole house but I'm not sure ...

Think on it, says God. I wouldn't put you out.

Your house would be mine and my son would live in it.

You'd have more space than you'd ever had before.

I don't understand at all.

I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.

You'll have to discover it for yourself.

That can only happen if you let me have the whole house.

A bit risky, I say.

Yes, says God, but try me.

I'm not sure – I'll let you know.

I can wait, says God, I like what I see.

by Margaret Halaska ...O.S.F.

May God bless each of you—Deacon Bill

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR MAY 15: \$11,803.00

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Faith and Spirituality

DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL

Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM. (Communion Service on Wed.)
 Mass at 8:15 on Fridays.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel 24/7
 Contact Sumner or Veronica Peery at 827-0916 for scheduling.

FOR ADULT LEARNING:

SCRIPTURE SHARING - Thursday 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Ctr.

BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

FOR MINISTRY:

PRAYER TREE - a ministry of people who pray specifically for those who are ill. Please notify the parish office if you or a member of your family are in, or going into, the hospital.

HELPING HANDS: Please call **Ron Artale** at 827-3713.

MARTINEZ SHELTER MEALS: Please call **Yvonne Mennel:** 925-200-6716 or ymennel@yahoo.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Please contact the **St. Vincent de Paul Hotline** at (925) 689-0838, Ext. 250.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Please call **Naomi** (925) 798-5592.

CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:

Contact **Kathy Friend** by e-mail at kathy.friend@johnmuirhhealth.com.

Change of Status!

Effective June 1, 2016, Father Johnson Abraham will officially be promoted as Pastor of St. Agnes Parish. Congratulations, Father Johnson on your promotion, and thank you for the wonderful leadership you provide to our parish.

Important Notice—

All volunteers at St. Agnes Parish are due for **Safe Environment** renewal. As the program will be changing this summer, we are unable to have anyone come to present a class to the parish. Therefore, everyone will need to complete the on-line training at www.shieldthevulnerable.org. Please complete the training by **June 30**, and submit a printed form to Marlene McCann at the Ministry Center.

Per Diocesan regulations, all volunteers in parish ministries must complete Safe Environment training once every three years. If you do not complete the training and submit your form, you will be unable to participate in parish ministries.

Today, as we celebrate the mystery of the Trinity we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise.

Next week, as you give your gift to the poor thru the SVdP 5th Sunday collection, your generosity will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (925) 689-0838 ext. 250 so that together we can help those who are suffering. Your parish Vincentians thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support.



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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Please call the church office to add/remove names from the above list.

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 21, 2016

5:00 p.m. Juana Cuenco—Repose
Mr. & Mrs. Earl Greenwood—Repose
Mary Garaventa—Repose

Sunday, May 22, 2016

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
9:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Chito Tenza—Repose
10:45 a.m. Michael O’Gorman—Repose
Yvette Farrington—Repose
Lot Sangalang Castro—Repose
5:00 p.m. Basilisa Clamucha—Repose
Jim Flood—Repose

Monday, May 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Jim Flood—Repose

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Jim Flood—Repose

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, May 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Ernest Cornella—Repose
Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose

Friday, May 27, 2016

8:15 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Basilisa Clamucha—Repose
Jim Flood—Repose

Saturday, May 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
5:00 p.m. Nori Martin—Repose
Dunhill David—Repose
Tom & Natalie Grewis—50th Anniversary

Sunday, May 29, 2016

7:00 a.m. Vittorio Vizcay—Repose
9:00 a.m. Anthony Flores Milanés—Repose
Jim Flood—Repose
10:45 a.m. Lot Sangalang Castro—Repose
Mary Garaventa—Repose
Chris Morris—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Hospitality after all Masses

8:00 a.m. Couples for Christ—Cauchi Hall
10:45 a.m. Donut Mass for Children

Monday, May 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
All Day School Spring Play Practice—Church
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council—A.R.

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
All Day School Spring Play Practice—Church
7:00 p.m. Kinder Parent Night—School
7:30 p.m. Schola Practice—Music Room

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
All Day Set up for School Spring Play—Church
10:30 a.m. Rosary Making—G.P.

Thursday, May 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Scripture Sharing—A.R.
1:30 p.m. School Spring Play—Church
7:00 p.m. School Spring Play—Church

Friday, May 27, 2016

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
All Morning School Field Day—School and
Cauchi Hall
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel

Saturday, May 28, 2016

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de’Pazzi
Thursday: St. Philip Neri
Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

OPEN AND SHUT

There are two times when to keep your mouth shut: when swimming and when angry.

—Anonymous

Parish News and Activities



The St. Agnes Retired Seniors will hold their final luncheon of the summer on Tuesday, June 7, at 11:00 AM, in the Church Hall. Very special guest speaker, Edi Birsan will speak on his favorite topic, "Concord History." All St. Agnes seniors and guests are invited to attend and enjoy the lunch and the program.

This is a catered Chinese luncheon from New Lim's Garden, to celebrate the "Year of the Monkey." Reservations must be made by contacting Eiko As-selin at 825-3982, not later than Tuesday, May 31. The cost of the lunch is \$11.50.

ST. AGNES COOKBOOKS (We need your recipes!)

The St. Agnes Cookbook Committee is still collecting favorite recipes through May 31. Forms are on the Welcome Table. You can write out your recipe or even tape a copy to the form and submit it to the box on the Welcome Table or the Ministry Center. You may also submit your recipes on-line at: www.sacookbook2016@gmail.com.

We will have the printed cookbooks for sale this fall. You can even pre-order and have them wrapped for Christmas. Questions? Contact Sally Chavez at 925-687-9317 or e-mail gilsal2@sbcglobal.net.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

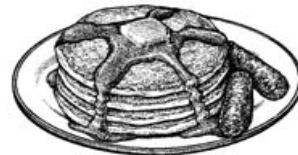
Save the date for St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday on June 4 and 5. The St. Agnes conference will be sponsoring a Bundle Sunday before and after all masses the weekend of June 4 and 5. There will be a trailer in the parking lot behind the church to collect your donations of clothing, bedding, towels and linens. Bags will be distributed after Masses on May 28 and May 29. If you wish to donate large items such as furniture or automobiles, please call St. Vincent de Paul at 925-439-5060 and arrange for a pickup. Your continued generosity in assisting our mission of helping those in need is very much appreciated. If you or anyone you know could use help, call the St. Agnes office at 925-689-0838 and leave a message for "St. Vincent de Paul" at extension 250.

FAIR TRADE SALES MOVED TO JUNE 4 & 5.

Please bear with us as we move our May coffee sales to JUNE 4 and 5. Conflicting schedules necessitated this change. But there is *no change* in offering you great value and great taste in our quality Coffees, Teas and irresistible Chocolate Bars! NEW! Rich flavored and dark roasted FRENCH ROAST SINGLE SERVE COFFEE PODS! Dare to try it!



*We are very grateful to Everyone who generously donated to Bishop (Father) John's mission church "walls." You make a measurable difference in the lives of others. Donations can still be made at our sale for the last time. Thank You!



WOW! Mom and Dad Eat free!

To celebrate Mother's and Father's Day, come and enjoy our "Parents Eat Free" Brunch on June 12. We will be serving after the 9 AM and 10:45 AM Masses. The menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, Link Sausages, Ham, Pancakes, Hash Browns, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits and Fruit along with Coffee and Juices.

The price for children and non-parental adults is \$5.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS MAY 2016

- 21-22 Hospitality Weekend
- 22 Children's Donut Mass, 10:45 a.m.
Knights of Columbus preparing hotdogs
on the Church grounds after Mass
- 26 Spring Play (School)

Community News

SAVE THE DATE

Spring into Summer!



Join us for a Wine Tasting Event at
Viano Winery, Martinez

June 12, 2016
1:00—3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the
Italian Catholic Federation

For more information, contact Joanne
Doorack at 798-1735.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Around the turn of the fourth century, Augustine, still fairly fresh from the baptismal waters in Milan, was elected bishop of a tiny city in North Africa, Hippo. He told his people, “While I am frightened by what I am for you, then I am consoled by what I am with you. For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian.” He had his priorities right, and also knew that everyone coming from the water arises with a ministry, a specific role, in bringing about God’s kingdom.

If we were asked to purge English of Greek vocabulary, we would gain an insight into key ministries in our church. Bishop, from the Greek *episkopos*, would become simply “overseer;” priest, from the Greek *presbyter*, would become “elder;” and deacon, from the Greek *diakonos*, would be “servant.” Each title stands in relationship to all the baptized, serving the community, helping it to be the Body of Christ. In our deepest tradition, each of these ordained ministries is attuned to help us become our best selves; to hunger and thirst for the coming of God’s kingdom. The goal for each one of us is to be able to recognize the presence of Christ in worship and in service. Although only some of us are ordained to ministry, each of us is called to ministry.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRACTICE MERCY AS A MEDICAL VOLUNTEER IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL is looking for Medical Professionals, Pharmacists and Registered Dieticians!

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer just a few hours a month to help bring quality health care to the poor and uninsured in your local community. You don’t need to go overseas to serve the underprivileged and poor. Please join our Volunteer Team at the RotaCare Pittsburg Free Medical Clinic at St. Vincent de Paul, 2210 Gladstone Dr., Pittsburg, CA 94565. We are in need of Adult Medicine/ER Physicians, Pharmacists, Bi-lingual Social Workers, RNs and RDs to volunteer once per month or every other month. All malpractice insurance is provided. The clinic hours are Wednesday evenings from 4-8:00 p.m. and Saturday mornings 9-noon. Contact Clinic Administrator Drea Riquelme at Pittsburg@Rotacarebayarea.org or call 925-439-2009.

VOCATION CAMP

The Office of Vocation is once again hosting a Quo Vadis Camp on July 10-13 at the Oakland Diocesan Youth Retreat House, Casa San Felipe in Lafayette.

Quo Vadis Camp aims to assist young men to recognize and respond to their own vocation invitation from our Lord and grow in their relationship with Christ. There will be priests, seminarians, and other young men gathered together for these days. Activities will include a great deal of fun, prayer, games, music, discussions and talks.

Please spread the word and invite young men ages 13-18 yrs. old to join this event. The fee is \$50 and financial assistance will be available to those who need it.

Please contact nclemens@oakdiocese.org, phone: 510-267-8345 or Cielo Branco atcbranco@oakdiocese.org, phone: 510-267-835 for more information and for registration.

Special Announcement

**St. Agnes Parish's Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Christ the Light
during this Jubilee of Mercy Year
October 1st, Saturday, 10 a.m. to Noon
*Save the Date!!***

Holy Father Pope Francis has asked everyone, each according to his or her ability, to participate in a pilgrimage to embrace God's mercy, and dedicate ourselves to being merciful with others. Faithful throughout the Diocese of Oakland are invited individually, or as a parish group, to experience a prayerful and transformation journey at the Cathedral. We are encouraged to pray for the gifts of the Year of Mercy: forgiveness, reconciliation and conversion, in light of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

We as a parish have scheduled Saturday, October 1st, 2016, from 10 a.m. till noon at the Cathedral for our own program, starting at 10 a.m. and concluding at noon. We will have Eucharistic Adoration at 10 a.m. followed by Mass at 11 a.m. For those interested, a Cathedral tour is available at noon.

All children, teenagers and adults in all the parish's organizations are invited.....in fact, Father Johnson will be the presider at the services, along with our own acolytes, mass readers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, intercessions, choir, and musicians. There will be a Cathedral Acolyte available to assist us with the services.....but it is up to us to conduct this pilgrimage to and within the Cathedral.

Although we are still exploring our options for traveling to the Cathedral, you can always travel by car (and park in the garage across from the complex) or take BART with a eight minute walk to the Cathedral. The hiring of a bus service is under discussion.

Save the date and join us.....it should be a very special pilgrimage experience. If you have questions, contact Father Johnson, or Ron Schmidt (932-1007).