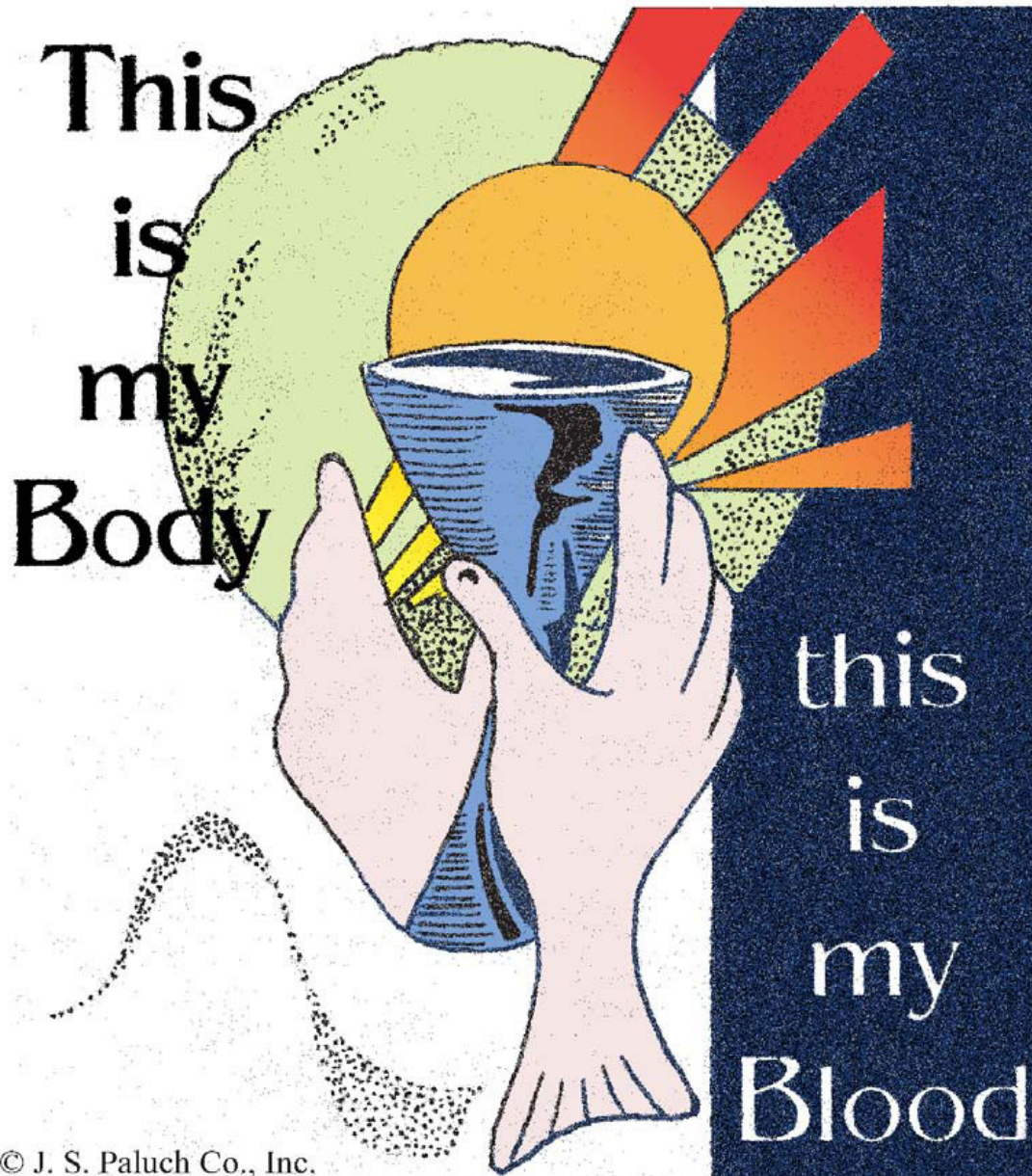




St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)



May 29, 2016

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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,

I am happy to announce that the Diocese has officially appointed Deacons Bill and Tony to St. Agnes Parish. They are great blessings to our community, and they will continue to assist us with their ministries.

Today we celebrate the feast of the most holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The most precious gift given to us by Jesus is the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday. *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* – God with us – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for His living with us in the Eucharist. The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the “Real Presence” so that we may appreciate better and receive maximum benefit from the Sacrament.

We believe in the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because: 1) Jesus promised it after the miraculous feeding of the 5000. 2) Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper. 3) Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory. 4) “Nothing is impossible for God.”

We explain the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: the Aristotelian philosophical term “transubstantiation” which means that the *substance* of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the *substance* of the risen Jesus’ glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its *accidents* (like color, shape, taste etc.) remain the same.

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God’s grace and God’s life and, as a meal, it nourishes our souls. As a sacrifice, the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. We offer Jesus’ sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols.

Let us appreciate the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving Him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation and reverence. By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness and humble and sacrificial service.

Fr. Johnson

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR MAY 22: \$10,989.00

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 28, 2016

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

Sunday, May 29, 2016

7:00 a.m. Victorio Vizcay—Repose
Karen Ricetti—Repose
9:00 a.m. Anthony Flores Milanes—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

Monday, May 30, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Victorio Vizcay—Repose

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, June 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Ed Joaquin—Repose

Friday, June 3, 2016

8:15 a.m. Ramon Santos—Repose
Shelley Born—Special Intention

Saturday, June 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rosita Frazier—Repose
Dennis Robles—Repose

Sunday, June 5, 2016

7:00 a.m. Lizzette McCarthy—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Victorio Vizcay—Repose
10:45 a.m. Lott Sangalang Castro—Repose
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
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CALM WATERS

In calm waters, every ship has a good captain.

—Swedish proverb

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 29, 2016

6:00 p.m. Life Teen

Monday, May 30, 2016

Memorial Day—Ministry Center Closed

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
1:15 p.m. School Practice—Church
7:30 p.m. Schola Practice—Music Room

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Communications Meeting—EX

Thursday, June 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:00 a.m. 8th Grade Baccalaureate Mass—
Church—Reception for parents
following Mass in the Hall
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting—G.P.
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Friday, June 3, 2016

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation—Church
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Fil-Am Kalayaan Meeting—A.R.

Saturday, June 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
10:30 a.m. Training for Acolytes—Church

Fair Trade after all weekend Masses.

**St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend—truck
available before and after all Masses.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday: Memorial Day
Tuesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Justin
Thursday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus;
First Friday
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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 Asselin at 825-3982, not later than Tuesday, May 31. The cost of the lunch is \$11.50.

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!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

Finish your spring cleaning and bring all of your clothing, bedding, towels and linens to the St. Agnes St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday next weekend. There will be a trailer in the parking lot behind the church to collect your donations of clothing, bedding, towels and linens before and after Masses. 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" x 250.

THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Invites you to our

Wine Tasting Event at

Viano Winery, Martinez

June 12, 2016

1:00—3:30 p.m.

4 selections of wines

Hors d'oeuvres

Dessert

Special Raffle Prizes

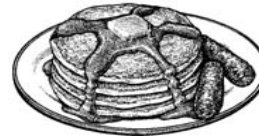
Accordian Music

\$20 per person



A portion of the proceeds will benefit Blue Star Moms and the Veterans Administration of Martinez.

For ticket info, contact: Joanne Doorack, 798-1735.



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

JUNE 2016

- 2 8th Grade Graduation Mass—9:00 a.m.
- 3 8th Grade Graduation—6:00 p.m.
- 6 Ice Cream Social—6:00 p.m.
- 7 STARS Luncheon—11:00 a.m.
- 10 Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus—5:30 p.m.
- 11 Confirmation—5:00 p.m.
- 12 Mom & Dad Eat Free Breakfast—after 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Masses
- 19 Father's Day

LAST CALL!

We need your recipes for our ST. AGNES COOKBOOK

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.

DID YOU KNOW.....that St. Agnes Church has a Facebook page? We have exactly 100 Likes to date, and over 440 visitors. Check out the site for yourself!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Once the early Christians realized that Christ's coming in glory was delayed, there was a need to provide for the governance and everyday needs of the church. The various "orders" within the church carried forward the apostles' ministry, but also allowed for a measure of creativity. The sacrament we call "holy orders" evolved somewhat slowly. At first, it made sense for Christians to use the forms they knew, adapting them to new situations. Synagogues, for example, were administered by a board of "elders," translated into Greek as *presbyteros*. We know from the Acts of the Apostles that a system of presbyters was a normal feature of church life from earliest days. They stood in relationship to another order, that of "overseers," translated into Greek as *episkopos*, giving us the English "bishops." The bishop was the shepherd, the faithful tender of the flock, one who offered the Eucharist, forgave sins, and maintained the bond of charity. Just as the deacons were the chief advisers for the charitable life of the church, so were the presbyters meant to advise the bishop on the spiritual life of the faithful. They were trusted advisers at first, not pastors or priests as we understand those terms today.

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Community News

MEMORIAL DAY—MAY 30, 2016

Mick R. Bekowskuy	Joseph A. Graves
Benjamin T. Zieske	Erick J. Hodges
Gabriel Guzman	Jonathan V. Yelner
Sean A. Langevin	Patrick D. Magnani
James M. Ahearn	Evan J. Mooldyk
Benjamin B. Tollefson	Mary C. Paine
Scott G. Barnett	Daniel R. Scheile
John L. Hallett III	Stephan J. Wilson
James S. Coon	Joshua D. Corral
Kyle D. Crowley	John D. Aragon

In special remembrance of the heroic members of our armed forces from Contra Costa County who have given their lives on the battlefields of The Global War on Terror since 9/11/2001, an annual Memorial Day Observance will be held at the **Veterans Memorial Flagpole Monument at Oak & Main Streets in Clayton, California on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, featuring Ladies First from Concord High School and the Diablo View Middle School Band. A Huey helicopter is scheduled to make an overflight of the monument at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

Sponsored by Lieutenant Jerry Novakovich Post 1525 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, with its Auxiliary, and Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 264.

Great Words of Wisdom from Mother Teresa

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is a sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is life, fight for it.

Recent Baptisms at St. Agnes
(photographs not in order):
Adrian Chase Plaza Avecilla
Carmine Scott Lee
Christian Daniel Matos
Chloe Eleanor Avecilla Millare
Jasmine Edith Monterrosa
Francisco David Prado
Ezekial Peter Villamar Sana
Rebecca Sierra Walton

Welcome, children, to our
Catholic family!

