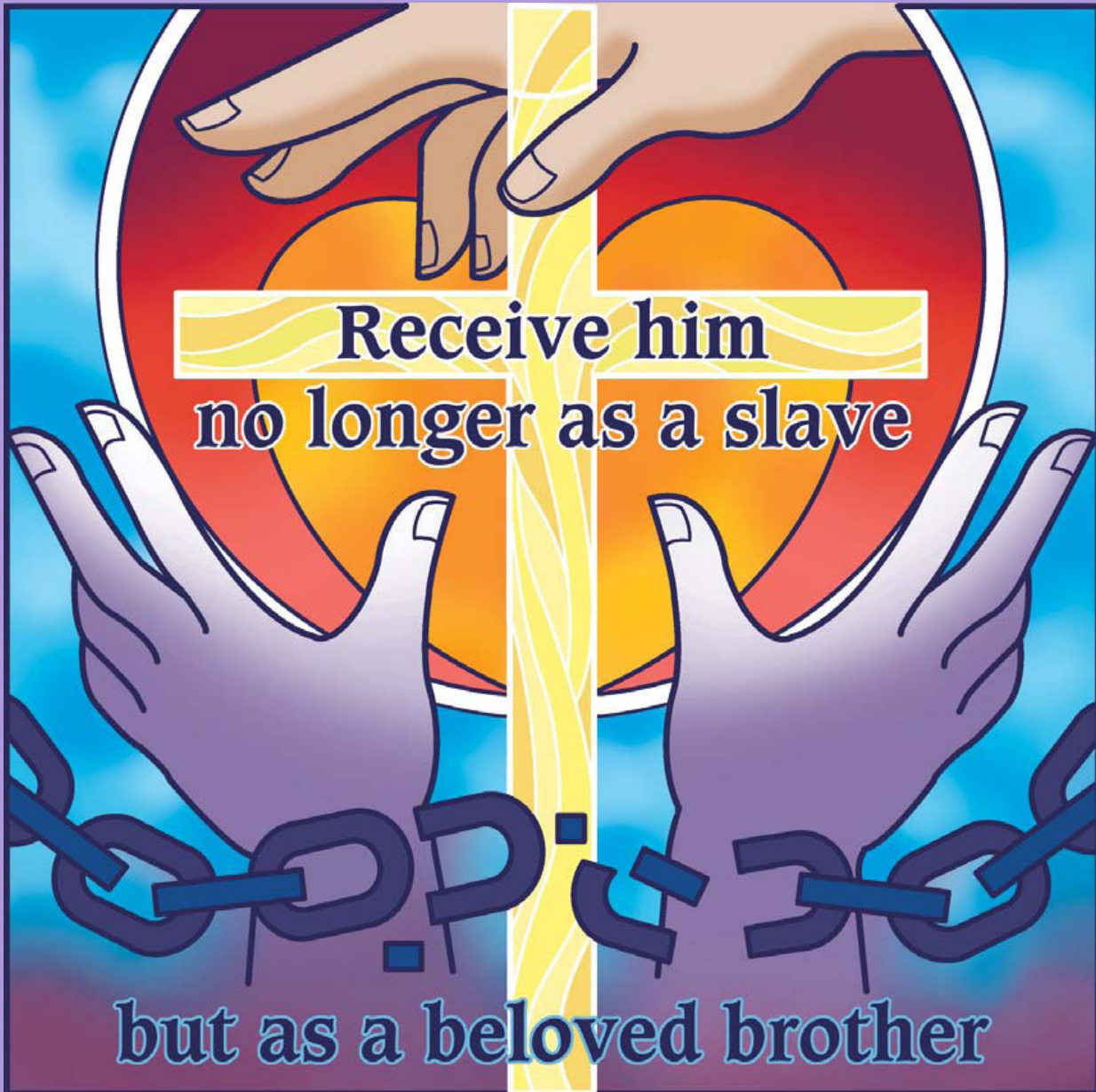




St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

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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Praying With Your Children

Making an effort to pray daily is an important part of faith formation for children. They follow our example, whether it is morning/evening prayers or mealtime prayers. When we teach our children to pray while still children, it may instill a lifelong healthy habit. Beginning around age two, toddlers can imitate their parents and older siblings during prayer time. The simple gesture of folding their hands is a sweet start to a fruitful prayer life. Prayer at home is a comforting experience, but how can we teach our children to pray anywhere, at any time?

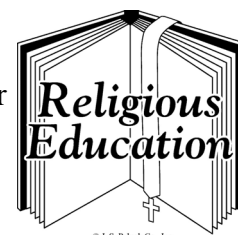
If you do not already pray with your children, begin slowly. You do not want to force them into praying, lest it become an unpleasant chore. Begin with the mealtime prayer, and say it at each meal until it becomes habit. Younger children may be more open to this practice, but teenagers may not be as enthusiastic. Do not try to push them too hard to participate right away. Simply being quiet during this time is a way to show respect for the moment. Keep showing them that this is a new habit that will be taking place several times a day. By observing parents during prayer time, the child will realize that this is not a passing fad that Mom and Dad will eventually forget.

Finally, pray for one another. Ask God to open the hearts of your children. We are not perfect parents. That is not what children need. They need imperfect parents, to allow them to be imperfect. This is the only way to Christ, by surrendering all to Him. We all need help in this area, for pride creeps into all of our hearts every day. Do not be afraid to ask God for help in front of your children. This will give them the confidence to do the same.

Karen Reep

Children's Faith Formation (CFF), EDGE, Confirmation & Life Teen

We are accepting registration for CFF, EDGE, Confirmation and Life Teen. Registration packets have been mailed to last year's students. If you are new to our parish or have not enrolled and wish to receive registration information, please call the parish office at 925-689-0838 ext. 210. Additional packets are available at the church office.



SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 28: \$10,359.00

Includes Faith Direct Giving

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 3, 2016

5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Martin Pilkerton—Repose
Paul Plicner—Repose

Sunday, September 4, 2016

7:00 a.m. Stephen Cox—Repose
James Narberes—Repose
9:00 a.m. Trudy Darjes—Repose
Paul LeKatz—Repose
Frank Leano—Repose
10:45 a.m. Lizzie Burns—Repose
Deceased Members of the
Grewis Family—Repose
Farrington Family—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Monday, September 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Terry Koenig—Special Intention

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Harry—Repose
Wilma Capitule—Repose
Merlinde Brown—Repose

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, September 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Sal & Irene LoGrasso—Repose
Elpidio Santos—Repose

Friday, September 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Maria Teresa Legaspi—Repose

Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Terry Koenig—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Patricia Afinowicz—Repose
Emily & Robert Honniball—Repose
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Paolicchi—Repose

Sunday, September 11, 2016

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
9:00 a.m. Margaret N. Archuleta—Repose
10:45 a.m. Peggy, Cy & Neal Coenen—Repose
Yvette Farrington—Repose
Amanda Rubio—Repose
5:00 p.m. Norman Nunes—Repose
Leroy & Dena Overbey—Repose
Zola & Tessie Wright—Repose

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Monday, September 5, 2016

Church Office closed for Labor Day Holiday

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:30 p.m. PACE Meeting—8th Grade C/R
7:00 p.m. Baptism Class—G.P.
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers'
Meeting—A.R.
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—EX

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
10:00 a.m. Tutoring Meeting—A.R.
11:00 a.m. School Disaster Drill till 1:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Development Meeting—School
6:00 p.m. CYO Registration—Cauchi Hall
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Band Practice—Church

Thursday, September 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Scripture Study—A.R.
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir—Church
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

Friday, September 9, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Fil-Am Meeting—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Dance Class—Church Hall

Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
9:00 a.m. Work Party—Grounds
6:00 p.m. Retrouville—A.R.

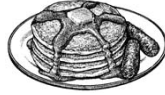
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Labor Day
Thursday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Peter Claver
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish News and Activities

PANCAKE BREAKFAST next
Sunday, September 11 after
9:00 & 10:45 a.m. Masses.



Please join your fellow parishioners for socializing as well as a yummy breakfast.

COOKBOOK NEWS! The new cookbooks for St. Agnes Parish have arrived. You can see a sample at the Welcome Table. We will have a table with copies for sale on Sept. 10-11.



Cookbooks are \$15 each and make wonderful Christmas or hostess gifts.

If you pre-ordered a copy when you submitted your recipe, you will hear from us soon as to how and when to pick up your copies.

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER **Catholic Daughters of America**



Sunday, September 25, 2016,
2:00—4:00 p.m. at Viano's Winery,
150 Morello Avenue, Martinez

Cost: \$20 per person which includes:
Wine Tasting, Hors d'oeuvre and Beverages.
There will also be a raffle.

RSVP no later than 9/20/15. For tickets, call
Eiko Asselin at 925-825-3982.

Make checks payable to CDA Court 1934,
3925 Ferndale Lane, Concord, CA 94519-1713
Attn: Eiko Asselin.

TUTORING: Registered St. Agnes Church Parishioners or School Families who would like to have their 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade children tutored in reading or math at no cost to parents, may get registration forms after all the Masses at the Welcome Table in the back of the church. Forms will also be available at both the school and church offices. Forms must be returned to the Welcome Table, the Ministry Center or the school office no later than September 30. Classes will begin Wednesday, October 12. We still need teachers. If you have teaching or para-professional experience in your background, please contact Bev or Sandi. **For more information call Bev Atchison at 925-676-9711 or Sandi Rigor at 925-282-0387.**

Pilgrimage to the Cathedral and Transportation

During this Extraordinary Year of Mercy all parishes in the Oakland Diocese have been invited to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral. St. Agnes will be making this pilgrimage on Saturday, October 1.

As a parish we will have the opportunity to participate in a docent-led tour of the Cathedral at 10:00 am. (Alternatively to the tour, you can spend time in prayer in one of the chapels.) At 10:45 am we will gather and process through the "Holy Door" into the Cathedral for a special Group Mass at 11:00 am.

For those needing transportation, a charter bus will be available from St. Agnes. There are a limited number of seats and the cost for roundtrip transportation is \$20.00 a person. So that we will have an idea of how many parishioners will be making this beautiful pilgrimage, there are sign-up sheets at the welcoming table. One is for those who would like to take the charter bus, and the second sheet is for parishioners to sign that are providing their own transportation. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For more information please call Ron Schmidt at 932-1007.

Young Adult Ministry: The St. Agnes Young Adult Ministry meets most Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. All those ages 21-35 are welcome. For more information, please contact Toni Garcia at stagnesyounadultmin@gmail.com.



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Scripture Study Resumes, 9:30 a.m., Min. Ctr.
- 11 Pancake Breakfast after 9 & 10:45 am Masses
- 11 RCIA Begins—8:30 a.m., Ministry Center
- 18 Friends and Family Mass at 10:45 a.m.
and SVDP Commissioning
- 18 Life Teen Kick-Off Night—6:00 p.m.,
Cauchi Hall
- 23 Wheel-a-Thon—School
- 24 SVDP—Friends of the Poor Walk—9:00 a.m.
- 24/25 Stewardship Ministry Enrollment Weekend
Hospitality Weekend
- 28 Bible Study Starts—7:00 p.m. Ministry Center

Community News

MERCY THE HEART OF PEACE Interfaith Meeting of Prayer for Peace

All are invited to an evening of prayers and dialogue in the spirit of peace, **Tuesday, September 6.**

Location: The Cathedral of Christ the Light Event Center, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94612

Times:

5:45 p.m. Prayer
6:30 p.m. Panel Dialogue
8:00 p.m. Procession and Pledge

RSVD at JubileeofMercy-EB.org or
Oakdiocese..org/InterfaithMeeting

For more information: Jean Evans 510-267-8357 or
e-mail jevans@oakdiocese.org.

LAST WEEK FOR ST. AGNES CYO BASKETBALL—2016-2017 Season Sign-Ups. Online registration will run 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.)

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE GATHERING Saturday, September 17, 9:30-1:00 p.m. Cathedral of Christ the Light 2121 Harrison St., Oakland

The Office of Life & Justice and the Office of Marriage & Family Life will host the annual Respect Life Gathering on September 17 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a free event, but registration is required,

To register, please contact Cristina Hernandez at CHernandez@oakdiocese.org.

10 POINTS ON GOOD STEWARDSHIP FOR STUDENTS

For all of our students at St. Agnes Parish:

1. God has given you the gift of intellect, and it should be used wisely.
2. The work you do in class is your gift to God.
3. Don't waste the gift of time.
4. Always remember you are a part of a community, even if you don't feel like it.
5. Be grateful for the chance to be in school.
6. God is calling you today in your classroom.
7. Hold yourself accountable.
8. Embrace the entirety of your life as a student.
9. Begin and end each school day with prayer.
10. Stay committed.

(The above list is from Liturgical Publications)

We look forward to the year ahead and to seeing you blossom. There are many opportunities for you to expand your Stewardship within St. Agnes Parish. For younger students, we have our Children's Choir and Faith Formation Classes. For our middle-school students, we have Vinnie's Little Helpers and the EDGE program. For our high school students we have Confirmation classes and Life Teen. And for our college students, we have the Young Adult Ministry as well as an entire array of other ministries from which to choose. We hope you will find a place where you can feel a true part of our community.





Stewardship Enrollment

Over the past several weeks in the bulletin we have written about Stewardship. At our Enrollment Weekend on September 24—25, there will be 15 Reaching Out Ministries represented at tables at the rear of the church. Here is a description of 5 of those ministries.

SAINT AGNES' REACHING OUT MINISTRIES

BLOOD DRIVE

Is held once a year on Good Friday. It provides parishioners an opportunity to donate blood for those in need in the Bay Area. Opportunities for volunteers are: signing up potential donors and assisting day of the Blood Drive with various duties such as set-up, check-in, etc. (Seasonal)

CARING HANDS

Is coordinated through John Muir Health (925-952-2999). This group helps people over 60 who may be frail, isolated or disabled. By providing free non-medical assistance, seniors are able to stay in their homes and remain independent as long as safely possible. Volunteers provide friendly visits, transportation and escort to medical appointments, help with shopping, etc. Not to be confused with St. Agnes' Helping Hands. (Varying levels of commitment)

FAITH IN ACTION

Helps to find solutions to the biggest problems, such as housing, affecting persons in our deanery; it brings together people, organizations, and communities so that every person of race, gender, or origin can live with dignity and opportunity. (Monthly evening meetings and perhaps follow-up)

GIVING TREE

Provides gifts at Christmas time to vetted community agencies, St. Agnes School and Parish. Volunteers help organize 'stars', set up and monitor trees and help in the distribution of gifts. (Seasonal)

HELPING HANDS

Serves the church community by providing meals in times of need such as funeral receptions, illness, or births. Volunteers provide hospitality for the Mass of Remembrance in November, and donate all the pumpkin pies for the St. Mary's dinner. Not to be confused with 'Caring Hands'. (Varying levels of commitment, day or evening)