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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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June 26 & 27, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

Many parishioners have shared with me their disappointment with the recent vote of the American Bishops regarding “Eucharistic Coherence.”

At Saint Agnes, we are a Catholic Community that celebrates the Eucharist as the center of our worship and as a sign of inclusiveness and unity. We will continue to live our lives in radical witness to the saving power of Jesus Christ and to our faith in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, a presence that gives us the strength to reach out in love to the poor and the fragile.

We are mindful of the words of Pope Francis: “When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows that we are sinners and we make many mistakes, but he does not give up joining his life to ours.”

For us at St. Agnes, the Eucharist remains both a source of and a sign of unity. Love draws us together to the table of the Lord. The Eucharist is not a reward for good behavior. Pope Francis recently said, “The Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but is the Bread of sinners.”

We are a community of compassion, not judgment. This means we must pray for those with whom we disagree, giving them respect, even while maintaining our values and our beliefs. As Pope Francis teaches, *“Jesus responded to Judas’ ‘no’ with the ‘yes’ of mercy. He does not punish the sinner, but rather gives His life for him.”*

We need to be sources of light and healing in our American church where today there seems to be much darkness and division. Let’s redouble our efforts to be merciful and compassionate and to reach out to the marginalized in our parish ministries. As Dorothy Day said, “Love and ever more love is the only solution to every problem that comes up. If we love each other enough, we will bear with each other's faults and burdens. If we love enough, we are going to light a fire in the hearts of others. And it is love that will burn out the sins and hatreds that sadden us. It is love that will make us want to do great things for each other.”

George Williams ST

Mission Statement

We the people of Saint Agnes are: an inclusive, urban community, rich in diversity of age, ethnicity, gender, orientation, culture, talent, & treasure; a faith community, enlivened and empowered through Baptism to celebrate and proclaim the presence of Christ among us.

We declare to one and all that we commit ourselves to: grow spiritually as disciples of Christ; to become people for others; build community through hospitality, ecumenism, and social & cultural events; understand cultural differences and accept them as sources of enrichment; give loving service & outreach to those in need; promote social justice issues in our neighborhood and in the larger community of city, nation, and world.

We pledge ourselves to be a light in the darkness through the love that we share in the name of Christ and through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

Sundays

8:30am | 10:30am | 1:30pm (Spanish/Español)

Saturdays: 4:00pm

Weekdays: 12:00pm – Monday - Thursday

Fridays @ Noon, Lay-led
Communion Service

Live-stream Schedule

<https://www.saintagnessf.org/st-agnes-livestream.html>

Sundays: 10:30am | 1:30pm (Spanish/Español)

Parish Information

Parish Staff & Ministries

Pastor	Fr. George Williams, S.J.
Associate Pastor	Fr. Alejandro Báez, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
Director of Liturgy & Music	Frank Uranich
Director of Operations & Finance	Maureen Beckman
Director of the Spiritual Life Center	In Transition
Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation	Vivian Nabuule
Administrative Assistant	Marco Matute
Bookkeeper	Dorenda Haynes
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
Art & Environment	St. Agnes Staff
Bereavement Team	TBA
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Outreach to Homebound/Sick	TBA
St. Agnes & St. Ignatius Comm. Food Pantry Director	Kathleen Devine
Wedding Coordinator	Shannon McMillen Evans
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Parish Council Chair	Karen Xavier
Director R.C.I.A.	Cathy Collins
LGBTQ Ministry	Andrea Wise

June 26 & 27 | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For your prayerful consideration, readings for next week:
Ezekiel 2:2-5 •
2 Corinthians 12:7-10 • Mark 6:1-6

Date	Intention	Presider
June 26 4:00 PM	Laverne Hinchey	Fr. George Williams
June 27 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Donal Godfrey
10:30 AM	Willie Johnson (L)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
1:30 PM	Jesus Aldaz (D)	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
(Spanish)		
June 28 12:00 PM	Roland Laurie (L)	Various Presiders
June 29 12:00 PM	Ruby Ayers (D)	Various Presiders
June 30 12:00 PM	Fr. Joseph Hartzler (D)	Various Presiders
July 1 12:00 PM	Shelly Fisher (D)	Various Presiders
July 2 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
July 3 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
July 4 8:30 AM	Frank Mucci (L)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Fr. Russ Roide, SJ (D)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Esperanza Castillo (L)	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
(Spanish)		

D = Deceased; L = Living

Reconciliation Schedule

By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

Our "In the Office" hours are modified during Covid-19 pandemic, please call to make sure we are in the office. Currently: Mon, Tues, Th: 9am – 4:30pm, Wed & Fri: 1pm – 4:30pm. All other times we can be reached by our direct phone lines. Fr. George's Office Hours by appointment, please email at George@SaintAgnesSF.org or call. Fr. Alejandro's Office Hours by appointment, please email at Alejandro@SaintAgnesSF.org or call.
Office Phone: 415-487-8560

St. Agnes Stewardship

Collection Last week: \$2173.47
Mailed-in: \$256; In Person Masses: \$1401
Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$516.47
 Please consider a donation through our website at www.SaintAgnesSF.org

New Parishioners

Welcome to a great parish community! If you would like to become a part of St. Agnes Parish, please fill out a registration form online at our web site, www.SaintAgnesSF.org. All are welcome here!

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office - Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org for information about the following: Anointing of the Sick * Baptism * Children's Faith Formation & Liturgy of the Word * Communion for the Homebound * Marriage * Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Spiritual Life Center

The Spiritual Life Center (1611 Oak Street) provides programs and services to the parish and larger faith community through educational programs, opportunities for prayer, and community events. Visit www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org.

Archdiocesan Victim's Assistance

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse; or you suspect sexual abuse, please call (415) 614-5506 for help.



SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

1611 Oak Street

www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org



St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises – The 19th Annotation Retreat Experience the Gift of the Exercises in Your Daily Life September 2021 – June 2022 (Applications due August 8th)

Have you felt a desire to experience St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, but never thought you had the 30 days to devote to the retreat? St. Ignatius has an answer – the 19th Annotation Retreat! What better way to celebrate this Ignatian Year than personally experiencing the gift of Ignatian spirituality through the Exercises? Interested in learning more? Call or email Cate DeGraw at [781-718-3709](tel:781-718-3709) or cdegrow@me.com to learn more. In person, remote, and multi-lingual options are available to help you experience the joy and wisdom of the Exercises. Ideally you will meet with your Retreat director a couple times to prepare over the summer, think of it as a warmup. The Retreat is typically aligned with the liturgical calendar, and often begins in September and finishes in the Spring. Please complete your application by August 8, but if the Spirit is moving you, don't wait!

Centering Prayer – Mondays @ 7pm

A weekly practice in the Spiritual Life Center, Mondays, 7pm. Contact Mary English at: thecentering@comcast.net.

Silence of the Heart

Tuesdays @ 9am (Silent prayer & sharing)

Music, poetry, scripture, and spiritual reading with silent prayer for half an hour, followed by sharing and prayers for our community. Please contact: Leonor Barnett: SilenceTuesday@gmail.com.

Thursday Morning Faith-Sharing @ 11:00am – 12pm

Gathers for word, silence, and sharing of our lives and faith journeys. We give all the opportunity to share without interruption, advice, or cross talk. These reflections are held in confidence. Please contact: Patti May: californiamandolin@gmail.com.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Francis' June

Prayer Intention

“The Beauty of Marriage”

“Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.”

Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, July 1 at 7:00pm

Please join us for a Town Hall Meeting with Fr. George where he will be discussing improvements to the church and the invitation for Lay reflections at Masses. This will be a hybrid meeting- people can attend in person in the Church, or they can join via zoom. The Zoom link is: <https://usfca.zoom.us/j/83430522881>
Meeting ID: 834 3052 2881. We hope to see you there!



Stewardship throughout the Summer

With summer here, please remember St. Agnes Parish while on vacation. Please consider monthly donations through our [online system](#) (PayPals – you do not need an account) - it's a simple, secure way to provide continuing support for St. Agnes Parish. Once each month your offering to Saint Agnes is automatically deducted from your checking account OR charged to your credit card. *Saint Agnes Parish benefits greatly from your consistent support!*



Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

Children's Faith Formation registration will be opening soon for children in Grades 1-8! This includes sacramental preparation programs: 1st Reconciliation/1st

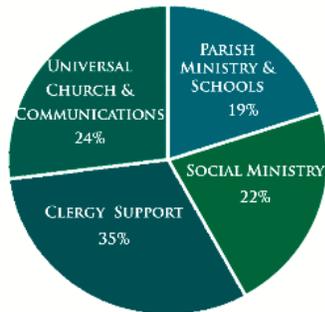


Eucharist (usually for 2nd graders) and Confirmation (a 2-year program at St. Agnes typically for 7th and 8th graders). Classes will begin in mid-September. Please sign up online SOON through our website: www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff. Any questions? Contact our CFF Coordinator, Vivian Nabuule at Nabuule@SaintAgnesSF.org.

Annual Archbishop's Appeal (AAA) 2021

Catholic Stewardship in Action

It's that time of year again where we ask you to contribute to the many ministries of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. This supports many programs that St. Agnes is involved in including the Restorative Justice program, prison chaplains, inter-religious relationships, etc. Below is this year's assessment and what we have brought in to-date.



Goal: \$63,309

Raised: \$6,500

Needed to Reach Goal: \$56,809

We want to thank those who have contributed already either through the AAA or as an unrestricted gift to St. Agnes. There are envelopes in the pews; you can drop a check in the weekly collection made out to: "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021" or go to our [website here](#) or the [Archdiocese website](#) and make an online donation. **THANK YOU for helping us meet our goal!**

Second Collection This Week

There will be a second collection next weekend, June 26-27 to benefit **Peter's Pence**, the charities of Pope Francis. Please be as generous as possible.



Monthly Restorative Justice Breakfast at St. Agnes (Supports Student Scholarships) Saturday, July 10 at 8:00am In the back of the church

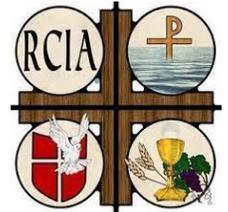
Next breakfast: Saturday, July 10 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Parish (1025 Masonic Ave., San Francisco)
To purchase tickets: excellnetwork.org/breakfast

The Restorative Justice Scholarship Program provides scholarship stipends to students on probation or parole who want to pursue their education and make a change in their lives. Monthly breakfasts are open to anyone who wants to support these scholarships while hearing students' stories and building community.

Proceeds go to Excell Network, a non-profit working in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Restorative Justice Ministry, to fund student scholarships. For more information, contact Julio Escobar at the Archdiocese of SF, EscobarJ@sfArch.org, (415) 614-5572.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing Baptism, Confirmation and full admission into the Catholic Church? Please encourage them to inquire about the RCIA program here at St. Agnes. Sessions will begin in late September. Names are being gathered at the Parish Offices now. Please contact Cathy Collins by email Cathy@SaintAgnesSF.com for more information.



The Ignatian Year 2021-2022 The 500th Anniversary of St. Ignatius' Conversion

Join us in celebrating the Ignatian Year by clicking on the [link](#) to access resources and information, including video's, virtual pilgrimages, prayer broadcasts and other links in several different languages. It is a year of celebrations!

Ignatian Companions 2021-2022 Program Now Accepting Applications Until Aug. 13th www.ignatiancompanions.org



- Do you have a strong yearning to deepen your spiritual life with other women and men seeking to do the same?
- Are you willing to accompany the poor and marginalized on their journey and get more out of the experience than you give?
- Do you want to share your gifts and talents by giving back to your community?

Ignatian Companions may be what you are looking for! It is a program for those who desire to deepen their love of God through accompanying the poor and marginalized and engaging with others in dialogue, prayer, and reflection. The spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola is the basis for the program.

The spiritual component includes daily prayer and meditation using an *Ignatian Companions Spiritual Exercises Guide*, monthly gatherings with other members of their group to reflect on prayer and its connection with service, monthly meetings with a spiritual director to be attentive to God's presence in our lives and beginning and ending retreats. If you would like to know more about the program, we invite you to attend one of the upcoming [Come & See events](#).

We are currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 program which begins with an opening retreat on Saturday, August 28 at the Dominican Motherhouse in Fremont. We hope to have in-person monthly meetings this year. If it is not safe, we will continue to meet via Zoom. Applications are available [here](#). You can also contact Marco at Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org.

Ignatian Companions is a program of the Spiritual Life Center and operates in the Jesuits West Province. Companions meet at Santa Clara University, the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and at the Spiritual Life Center.

Save the Date! Saturday, July 31, 2021 (St. Ignatius Day) 1:00pm – 4:00pm

ST. Agnes Outing to

Come join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun (The Campground, 1379 4th St., San Francisco) with St. Agnes's parishioners while enjoying San Francisco's only outdoor mini-golf – Stagecoach Greens, designed



to immerse you in the story of Boom and Bust, using sight, sound and technology that puts you in the middle of the story. There will be food trucks to grab some lunch as well as time to enjoy each other's company.

We have rented a pavilion for our event. Again, this will be a free event for all our parishioners thanks to the generosity of a donor for our "back to St. Agnes" adventures. Registration will start soon. For questions, please contact Marco at

Marco@saintagnessf.org



Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos Offering In-Person Retreats and Talks



St. Ignatius Morning Day of Recollection

Saturday, Jul 31
8:30am - Noon

Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, S.J.

Come celebrate St. Ignatius Day the JRC ... Celebrate with us on St. Ignatius Day! Event will take place in Loyola Gardens. Please bring your own folding chair.

Schedule 8:30 am Orientation ... [Read More](#)

Sign up by Thursday, Jul 29, Noon

[Register Now](#)

Staff Corner



Frank Uranich

San Francisco Pride Month 2021 marks the 51st year of this citywide celebration of the LGBTQ local presence. The first Pride festival began on June 27, 1970 with a small march on Polk Street followed by a gathering in Golden Gate Park. If you have an interest in its history check out GLBThistory.org for a complete history.

When I first arrived at St. Agnes in 1996 I had no previous experience of Pride Month and so I was introduced by some of our parishioners in the way the month was acknowledged here at St. Agnes. One of our parishioners, at the time, who was a volunteer with the San Francisco Names Project arranged for us to display a portion of the Memorial Aids Quilt in our church. I had no idea what an honor this was for us. The quilt was delivered to the parish at the beginning of June and we would hang it across the ledge of the choir loft. The quilt in its entirety weighs an estimated 54 tons and is said to be the largest piece of folk art in the world. The portion we displayed was quite large and I remember it took four or five of us to carry it up to the choir loft and then carefully hang it over the ledge. The quilt was displayed in St. Agnes Church for 5 consecutive Pride months. We lost our connection to the quilt when the quilt panels were moved from San Francisco to Atlanta, Georgia.

Fast forward to June 2021 we have premiered our beautiful Pride color panels in the church so beautifully prepared by our parishioner Stacey Schaffer, ally extraordinaire. Each of the four Sundays we have sung a hymn by composer and church musician, David Lohman. This Sunday we sing for the first time David's most performed piece, "For All the Children." David, the son of a Lutheran pastor has spent his life going between his two passions, church music and musical theater. The song, "For All the Children" is a perfect example of wedding a prayerful text to the lyrical genre of the American musical. The refrain to David's hymn perhaps says it best, "O, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide. May there be room enough for everyone inside. For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong. May that welcome be our song." (David Lohman Music)

Happy Pride everyone!

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord and source of all gifts, I rejoice in the fullness of your generosity. I thank you for those whose lives are visible signs of your love and blessing to others. Give me the courage to do the same. Make me a good steward of all I have received, generously sharing my time, abilities, and material resources to build up your kingdom of love and justice. We ask this through Jesus Christ, in whom we begin and end all things. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

(Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we
receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.