Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who attended the brief information meeting last Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass. At that meeting, we introduced the five parishioners from St. Agnes who have been meeting with five parishioners from St. Ignatius along with Pastor Greg from St. Ignatius, Fr. George Murphy, S.J. of the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University and myself. The initial goal of this combined group of discerners was to advise Greg and myself how we might move towards a 1 pastor/2 parish model. Movement towards that model has been paused and we will soon learn who our Jesuit provincial, Fr. Scott Santarosa, has chosen to be our new pastor at St. Agnes. Given this new situation, our parish discerners and I want to extend this model of discernment to the entire parish. The questions for discernment are not about who will be our new pastor, that is decided by the Jesuit Province. The questions for us are more fundamental. What drew each of us initially to St. Agnes? What keeps us coming? Where do we find God in our parish and what is that God like?

We will have another parish meeting on Sunday, March 22 after the 10:30 am Mass. This time in the St. Francis Room, across from the small chapel in the church. We will be led by Fr. George Murphy to guide us through these sorts of important questions of where God is present at St. Agnes and where God is calling us. Our hope is this will make the transition easier for whomever will join us as pastor and will help us recognize how God has been constantly present and working with us at St. Agnes.

Raymond Allender, S.J.
Parish Information

March 7 & 8 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

For your prayerful consideration, readings for next week:

Exodus 17.3-7 • Romans 5.1-2, 5-8 • John 4.5-42

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D = Deceased; L = Living

New Parishioners

You are Home! Welcome to a great parish community! Please fill out a registration form online, at the entrances to the church (orange form) or stop by the rectory to add your name to our mailing list. All are welcome!

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office 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.

Children’s Care during Liturgy

Care is provided for children 18 months through 5 years of age during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Our daycare Room is located across from the daily mass chapel. Parents with children under 18 months welcome to use the daycare room as long as at least one parent stays with the child.

Ignatian 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 clergy sexual abuse; or you suspect sexual abuse, please call (415) 614-5506 for help.
COMING SOON TO
THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER
1611 Oak Street
To RSVP for ISLC events contact Grace Salceanu at Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org or 415-487-8560 x225.
www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org

Pope Francis’ March Prayer Intention
Catholics in China
“We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.”

St. Agnes Men’s Spirituality Group
Tuesday, March 10, 7:30pm – 9pm
Join the men of St. Agnes and St. Ignatius in the ISLC for evenings of fellowship. Snacks and drinks provided. For questions and to RSVP, please contact Doug Conover at DougConover@yahoo.com.

Helping Wounds Heal
Tuesday, March 24, 31 & April 7; 6:30pm – 8pm
This workshop series is offered to help people find a path of healing for pain-of-the heart that sexual abuse in the Church has caused. This guided self-journey is presented in a group setting and is co-guided by Grace, Douglas, Hannah, and Maryellen (a marriage and family therapist). As this topic is personal and sensitive, healing exercises are done in writing and guided meditation. Sharing is optional and a safe space will be promoted. Attendance at all three evenings is required. If that is not possible, we ask you to wait for the next workshop, in order to provide yourself with a full experience of a path towards healing. For more information or to RSVP contact Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org.

Lazarus, Come Forth: Stories of Resurrection – A Day of Meditation, Silence and Sharing
Saturday, March 28; 10 am – 3 pm
Where have you experienced loss, grief, mourning and sorrow? How has Christ brought you through those times? Join spiritual directors Will Simpson and Barbara Jimenez for a day of meditation, silence and sharing on how Christ has brought each of us from death to resurrection in our life journeys. Please bring a bag lunch. Suggested donation $25. RSVP to Will.Simpson52@gmail.com

Art & Environment Volunteer Coordinator Needed
The Art and Environment Committee is looking for a Coordinator. This is a volunteer position central to the Liturgical Worship of our parish. Please contact Frank Uranich at Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org, (415) 487-8560 x 230 if you are interested.

Lenten Alms Giving – Healing WELL
This year our St. Agnes Alms giving will be for the Healing WELL located in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco. We have a deep connection to the Healing WELL since it started back in 2015. Our very own Sr. Katie O’Shea and our former parish priests, Fr. Frank Buckley, S.J. were instrumental in helping at the beginning when it was called the Wellness Center, and Sr. Katie continues her commitment today. Our parishioner, Kathy Curran is the founding Director of the Healing WELL and has seen it grow into a thriving environment of healing and accompaniment. Several of our parishioner’s volunteer as well using their many gifts to help the center with the wonderful work they do. “The Healing WELL offers calm in the storms of poverty and prejudice, mental illness, substance abuse and addiction. Inspired by the ideals of compassion and justice, we love and guide one another so we can step into brighter futures, healing ourselves and our greater community.” Please pick up an alms giving bottle in the back of the church and start saving for the Healing WELL. For more information about the Healing WELL, go to www.HealingWellSF.org.

A Couples Workshop:
Together = Parenting a Young Child
Parenthood is a blessing, yet even the strongest couples are tested after bringing baby/child home. What happened to date night? How do you manage conflict to stay connected? Maryellen Mullin, LMFT (a parishioner of St. Agnes) is offering St. Agnes couples $150 discount on this evidenced-based Gottman Institute workshop, that teaches couples skills to navigate their relationship and support each other in parenthood. Two-day workshop: March 21st + March 28th. www.sanfranciscomamilytherapy.com/learn or call/text 415-335-6381.

Seeking Children’s Liturgy of the Word Volunteers
Do you love the children of St. Agnes Parish and want to help our young people to hear and respond to God’s Word? If so, we need you to join our group of volunteers who lead Children’s Liturgy of the Word during our 10:30 Sunday Masses. Contact our Children’s Faith Formation Coordinator Hannah@saintagnessf.org to learn more and sign up to help.
Parish Meeting – Sunday, March 22
after 10:30am Mass; St. Francis Room

All are invited to The St. Francis Room for a parish meeting following the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, March 22. We will be led in a reflective process led by Fr. George Murphy S.J. and will focus on how God has been present and working in us individually and as a parish community. This will be in preparation to welcome the new Pastor coming in July. All are welcome to attend.

Free Screening – “Screenagers” Movie (#2)
March 13 @ 5:30pm ISLC (second movie)

St. Agnes and St. Ignatius Children’s Faith Formation Programs are hosting a free movie screening for families. On Friday, March 13 @ 5:30pm – “Screenagers: Next Chapter” (ISLC). We will serve free pizza and have family discussion afterwards. The film is recommended for ages 11 and up. Please RSVP to Hannah@SaintAgnesSF.org.

ONGOING AT THE
IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

Monday Night Centering Prayer
1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00pm, ISLC

Join Mary English and the ISLC community to deepen in this contemplative practice. All are welcome! Contact Mary English at thecentering@comcast.net for more information.

Silence of the Heart, Tues. 9am – 10am, ISLC

Music, poetry, scripture, and spiritual reading set the tone as we enter into silent prayer for half an hour, followed by an opportunity for sharing and holding the prayers of our community. Come enjoy the gifts of silence and our presence to one another. Light snacks and conversation follow the prayer time. For more information, please contact Grace Salceanu at Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org or come join us! Drop ins are welcome.

Thursday Morning Faith-Sharing, 9:15-10:30am

Each week, this small faith community 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 always held in sacred confidence around our table.

Book Club

The Book Club will meet in the ISLC to discuss on

Friday, March 27th at 7pm
Henderson, The Rain King
by Saul Bellow
**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