August 27, 2017

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be a Rock

Peter’s history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn’t feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God’s power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter’s great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.
Parish Contacts
Pastor
Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor
Parochial Vicars
Fr. Kris Piotrowski
Rev. Michael P. Orsi
Rev. Luis H. Pacheco (Hispanic Ministry)
Deacons
Henry deMena, Ed McCarthy, Roberto Landrón (Hispanic Ministry), Hugh Muller
Operations Manager
Deacon Roberto Landrón
Office Manager
Maggie Brady
Bookkeeper
Diane Pappalardo
Receptionist
Lisa Dahn
Admin. Asst. to the Pastor
Barbara Pikal
Faith Formation Director
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Coordinator Of Catechesis
Rose Chambers
Admin. Assist. to Faith Formation
Jaynie Lopez
Youth and Young Adult Coordinator
Robert Massey
Admin. Asst. to Hispanic Ministry
Estela Delgado
Sacristan
Connie Brehm
Music Director
Paul Todd
Asst. Music Director
Cindy Dallas
Stewardship Coordinator
Gloria Carter
Communications Assistant
Yenlys Hernandez
Maintenance
Larry Biela

Sacrament of Baptism / El Sacramento del Bautismo
Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of the month. Call the Parish Office for more information.
La familia tiene que estar registrada en la parroquia un mínimo de tres meses antes del Bautismo, con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa. Llamar a Estela (239) 392-1949 ext. 112

Sacrament of Marriage / Sacramento del Matrimonio
Arrangements with a priest should be made at least six months in advance. At least one of the parties must be registered at St. Agnes and attending Mass for at least three months.
Se debe hacer una cita con el Padre Luis para el curso Pre-matrimonial por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de Boda.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Iniciación para Adultos
New groups begin each fall. Please call the parish office for more info. Debe comunicarse con el Padre Luis

Communion for the Sick / Comunión para los Enfermos
Call the Parish Office to arrange for a priest or Extraordinary Minister to call. Favor llamar a Carmen Rivera al 352-7453 o a la oficina Parroquial.

Welcome, New Parishioners
Please pick up a registration form in the Narthex, at the doors of the church, in front of the office or on our website www.stagnesnaples.org. Completed forms may be dropped in the collection basket, hand delivered, mailed, emailed or faxed. Thank you for becoming part of our Parish Family. God bless.

Bienvenidos, nuevos Feligreses
Por favor recojan su registración en el Narthex y puertas de la Iglesia, a la entrada de la oficina o en nuestro website, después de ser completada puede colocarla en la canasta de las ofrendas durante la misa, entregarla en la oficina, mandarla por correo, fax o e-mail. Gracias por hacerse miembro de nuestra familia. Dios lo bendiga.

SCRIPTURE READINGs
FOR THE WEEK
Aug 28 - Sept 3

Monday, August 28
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 29
1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday, August 30
1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 31
1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, September 1
1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, September 2
1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, September 3
Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27
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**CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL**

Stewardship beyond our Parish

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**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY**

$4,839.00

**PARISH DEBT $998,916.72**

- Debt Reduction Collection (8/13/17) $11,190.00
- Debt Reduction Collection (8/20/17) $9,462.00

**REGISTRATION**

St. Agnes registered households are now at 4,528. We are aware that many people visit and live in our area who support other parishes. We urge you to consider prorating your charitable giving to give St. Agnes a share.

**SPECIAL MASS**

On September 3, 2017, there will be a special Mass for those with dementia, memory problems, or other cognitive difficulties and their caregivers at 1:00 p.m. at Saint William Catholic Church, 601 Seagate Drive. This Mass is an opportunity to meet the spiritual needs of our community members who may be overwhelmed by the usual Mass opportunities and their caregivers and loved ones who may be reluctant to attempt Mass participation. It will be offered the first Sunday of each month through December. Following the Mass there, there will be an opportunity to meet others and chat over some type of goodie.

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**Consecration to Jesus Through Mary**

The new preparation course will start Wednesday, September 20 and will run weekly until December 8th, Consecration day.

The weekly meetings will take place on the Church Cry Room, at 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact:
Jean Fedrowitz (978) 979-3401 or Nile Costa (561) 234-6277.

**ST. AGNES CUB SCOUT PACK 12**

All boys in grades k-5th are invited to join the Cub Scouts

The kick off meeting is Monday, August 28th
from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

For information call Patricia Catalan at (239) 404-4350.

**Pray for Peace in our Communities**

Let us pray...

O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored. You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need. Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required… “Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God” (Mi 6:8). Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. Strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities. Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity. Be with us, O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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**Pray for Peace and Safety:**

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask God’s blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return home safely so that we may rejoice with you.

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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23  
**Second Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23  
**Gospel:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**Adults:** Which Church leader has most influenced your personal faith?  
¿Cuál líder de la Iglesia le ha influido su fe personal?  
**Children:** What has your pastor taught you about Jesus?  
¿Qué te ha enseñado tu párroco acerca de Jesús?

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday August 26**  
8:30 a.m.  +Stanley Diamiao  
4:00 p.m.  +Dorothy Rozell  

**Sunday August 27**  
7:30 a.m.  +John McDonough  
9:00 a.m.  +Barbara Falletti  
11:00 a.m.  +Emma Mauri  
1:00 p.m.  Our Parish Family  
5:00 p.m.  Carmine & Diane Pittelli  
51st Anniversary  

**Monday August 28**  
8:30 a.m.  +Anna Pannullo  

**Tuesday August 29**  
8:30 a.m.  In Honor of Susan Christopher  
Joe Fortunato  

**Wednesday August 30**  
8:30 a.m.  +Frank Felice  
Sister Gina Filice  

**Thursday August 31**  
8:30 a.m.  +Joseph & Josephine Zorn  
Bernie & Nancy Mraz  

**Friday September 1**  
8:30 a.m.  +Michael Lais  
Diane & Carmine Pittelli  

**Saturday September 2**  
8:30 a.m.  +Baca-Bader Families  
Johanna Baca  
4:00 p.m.  +Anthony Caizzone  
Caizzone Family  

**Sunday September 3**  
7:30 a.m.  +Joseph Mihalik  
Daughter, Marie Abruzzo  
9:00 a.m.  The deceased members  
of the Cacho Family  
Susana Doyle & Family  
11:00 a.m.  +Mary O'Keefe  
Ron O'Keefe  
1:00 p.m.  Our Parish Family  
5:00 p.m.  +William McMahon  
St. Agnes Parish Family  

## PRIEST SCHEDULE  
*subject to change*

**Saturday August 26**  
4:00 p.m.  Fr. Bob  

**Sunday August 27**  
7:30 a.m.  Fr. Orsi  
9:00 a.m.  Fr. Bob  
11:00 a.m.  Fr. Kris  
1:00 p.m.  Fr. Luis  
5:00 p.m.  Fr. Orsi  

**Saturday September 2**  
4:00 p.m.  Fr. Kris  

**Sunday September 3**  
7:30 a.m.  Fr. Bob  
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1:00 p.m.  Fr. Luis  
5:00 p.m.  Fr. Kris  

Names will remain on the prayer list for approximately 4-6 weeks, as space allows. To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 592-1049 or e-mail maggie@stagnesnaples.org. Thank You.
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| Finance Council               | 585-924-5695 |
| Hospitality Committee         | 592-1949    |
| Justice and Peace Committee   | 495-0969    |
| Liturgy Committee             | 592-1949    |
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**Hiddenness, a place of intimacy**

Hiddenness is an essential quality of the spiritual life. Solitude, silence, ordinary tasks, being with people without great agendas, sleeping, eating, working, playing ... all of that without being different from others, that is the life that Jesus lived and the life he asks us to live. It is in hiddenness that we, like Jesus, can increase “in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with people” (Luke 2:51). It is in hiddenness that we can find a true intimacy with God and a true love for people.

Even during his active ministry, Jesus continued to return to hidden places to be alone with God. If we don’t have a hidden life with God, our public life for God cannot bear fruit.

—Henri Nouwen
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Featuring
Bacon and Sausage
Pancake and French Toast
Omelet Station and Eggs
Coffee and Juice

Come feast at the SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Now serving breakfast after all Sunday morning Masses, 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Assembly Officers Meeting: Monday, August 28, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, August 28, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, September 4, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Council Meeting: Monday, September 4, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, September 6, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
First Degree Exemplification: Sunday, September 17, Classroom #1, 10:00 A.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, September 20, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Assembly Officers Meeting: Monday, September 25, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, September 25, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Q: How Do Adults Become Catholic?

A: Through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

New members enter the Catholic faith through a process of education, faith sharing, and rituals known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA.) This includes several stages of conversion marked by prayer, study, discussion, and discernment.

Who is the RCIA for?

The process is for adults who:
- are not baptized and seek to be welcomed into the Catholic Church and its way of life and faith in Jesus Christ through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist;
- were baptized in another Christian denomination and now seek full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist;
- were Baptized Catholic, but who have not been catechized and now desire to complete their initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist;
- RCIA-Adapted for Children is for families with children over 7 years old and not baptized. After the celebration of the sacraments, faith formation continues through grade 12 and beyond.

If you are a fully catechized practicing Catholic who missed Confirmation in your youth, we invite you to attend special sessions that prepare you for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please plan to attend at least one of the Inquiry sessions in the Fall to find out more.

What does the RCIA involve?

The RCIA is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful. The process includes reflection on a person’s individual faith journey and is structured so as to allow time for the person’s questions about the Christian faith and the Catholic way of life. It is a spiritual journey, marked by celebrations (or rites) during Mass and witnessed by the faith community. These rites mark the participants’ progress as they reach points of their deepening faith on the way to full initiation into the Catholic Church. For most people, the process involves a commitment from the Fall through the Easter Season of the next Spring, concluding with Pentecost Sunday. While the RCIA is a process centered on experiencing God in community, we also work to meet individual needs. If, at any time, a person is not ready to take the next step, that decision is respected. All “marriage impediments” must be resolved with a priest or deacon before Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist can be celebrated. If you are unsure if this applies to you and your spouse, you should privately with a priest/deacon as soon as possible.

An Outline of the Process

Begin by completing an Inquiry form and turning it in to the Faith Formation director in a sealed envelope or in person. Inquiry forms are online, in the parish office, and in the church narthex near the main bulletin board.

RCIA meets on Tuesdays beginning August 29, 7-8:30pm. It also includes participating in the Sunday Mass at 9am and after the homily, going out to reflect on the word of God as a group. Each week the sessions focus on topics about how Catholics live their faith (as well as questions you have.) The sessions are led by members of the community of St. Agnes, including members of the Pastoral Staff (priests, deacons, professional lay ministers, and catechists.) The Easter Vigil—the most solemn Liturgy of the Church year—is ordinarily when the Church receives its new members through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This year the Easter Vigil is Saturday, March 31, 2018. RCIA Tuesday night sessions continue until after Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Inquiry begins Tuesday, August 29 at 7pm in the St. Agnes Parish Center.
P: ¿Cómo los adultos reciben los sacramentos o se convierten en Católicos?
R: Por medio del RICA (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

Nuevos miembros entran la fe Católica a través de un proceso de educación, intercambio de fe y un rito conocido como el Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA). Esto incluye varias etapas de conversión usando oración, estudio, discusión y discernimiento.

¿Para quién es el RICA?
Este proceso es para adultos que:
- no están bautizados y buscan ser recibidos en la Iglesia Católica y su forma de vida en la fe en Jesús Cristo por medio de los sacramentos del Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía.
- Fueron bautizados en otra denominación cristiana y ahora buscan la comunión completa con la iglesia católica por medio de los sacramentos de Eucaristía y Confirmación.
- Fueron bautizados católicos, pero no han recibido catecismo y desean completar su iniciación por medio de los sacramentos de la Confirmación y la Eucaristía.
- RICA-adaptado para niños es para familias con niños que tengan por lo menos 7 años de edad que no están bautizados y quieren ser Católicos.

Si usted es un católico que ha recibido el catecismo y desea la Confirmación, le invitamos a participar en las sesiones especiales diseñadas para enriquecer su preparación para el sacramento. Planifique asistir al menos en una de las sesiones de preguntas en octubre para conocer más.

¿Qué implica el RICA?
El RICA es un proceso gradual que se produce en la comunidad de los fieles. El proceso incluye un reflejo del viaje personal del individuo en la fe y se estructura para dar tiempo sobre las inquietudes personales, sobre la fe católica, y la forma de vida católica. Es un viaje espiritual, marcado por las celebraciones (o ritos) durante la misa y en presencia de la comunidad de los fieles. Estos ritos marcan el proceso de los participantes en la medida que alcanzan puntos de profundización en la fe en el camino de iniciación en la Iglesia Católica. Para la mayoría de las personas implica un compromiso desde el otoño hasta la próxima primavera. Mientras que el RICA es un proceso centralizado en la experiencia de Dios en la comunidad, también trabajamos para cubrir las necesidades individuales. Si en algún punto la persona no está lista para el siguiente paso, respetamos eso. Para poder celebrar cualquiera de los 3 Sacramentos de Iniciación, todos los impedimentos de matrimonio deben ser resueltos antes. Si no está seguro si esto aplica a usted o a su cónyuge, le animamos a que se reúna en privado con un sacerdote.

Detalles del proceso
Comience por llenar el Formulario de Inquiry tan pronto como sea posible y devolverlo al director de Formación en la Fe en un sobre cerrado. Los formularios están disponibles en el website, en la oficina parroquial y después de todas las Misas en el nártex de la iglesia cerca del tablón de anuncios.

RICA se reunirá los domingos 11:30am-2pm a partir del 9/3/17. Se dará inicio en el centro parroquial con sesiones de reflexión. Cada semana la sesión se centrará sobre tópicos diferentes, acerca de la fe cristiana y cómo los católicos viven la fe, al igual que las preguntas que puedan tener. Estas sesiones serán dirigidas por miembros de la comunidad de St. Agnes, incluyendo miembros de la comunidad pastoral (sacerdotes, diáconos y ministros profesionales). Después, todos participan en la Misa del domingo a la 1pm. La Vigilia Pascual, la liturgia más solemne del año de la Iglesia, es cuando regularmente la Iglesia recibe a los nuevos miembros. Este año la Vigilia Pascual será el sábado 3/31/18 y continuará hasta Pentecostes el domingo 5/20/18.

Las clases comienzan el 3 de septiembre a las 11:30am en el centro parroquial
Operations Update

Dear Parishioners,

What a great year we’ve had! We just concluded a year in which we saw our Parish celebrate its first decade. As I look back at the last fiscal year, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our Year End Financial Report for July, 1 2016 – June 30, 2017.

The Parish Financial Report shows that we had an incredible year, and I would like to take a moment to highlight the improvements and enhancements that took place during the last 12 months.

As I mentioned before we are now 10 years old, and with that comes a tremendous amount of maintenance, repairs and replacement items. During the past 12 months we had to replace three air conditioning units: Youth Room A/C at a cost of $5,534, Church Kitchenette A/C at a cost of $2,758.39 and the Parish Center Kitchen A/C at a cost of $6,283 totaling $14,576. If you look up at the roof of the Church and Chapel you will notice that we also had them cleaned and specially treated (safe for the environment and the tiles) at a cost of $5,650. The Church and Chapel roof had never been cleaned and it was well overdue. The inside of the chapel was also painted at a cost of $5,118.

Were you aware that our Parish Center has two water heaters and showers? If not, you are now! Our Parish Center is very active and at least 4 to 5 times a year we have overnight retreats that require their use. This year one of the two water heaters broke down and we had to replace it at a cost of $1,701. As we continue to grow with activities like the Living Nativity, International Festival, 5k Walk/Run for Life and all of our seasonal decorations we, as you can imagine, are running out of space. We acquired a storage trailer that is twice the size of the one we had at a cost of $2,200. Now we have enough storage to last us another 5-10 years.

St. Agnes is truly blessed to have such a large and beautiful Church, Chapel, Parish Center and grounds! Our campus is large and parishioners walk long distances to reach the heavy doors that lead to the Church and Chapel. Last Fiscal year we added an additional handicapped parking lot next to the Chapel. This year we added 4 automatic handicapped doors between the Church and Chapel. All of these doors were added at a cost of $11,135, and will hopefully make the Church and Chapel more easily accessible. For your safety, we have also added speedbumps throughout the property to avoid speeding and we are in the process of painting all of the parking stops within the Parish Center.

We have many more projects that need to be completed in the near future. One of the largest projects that we will need to address very soon is our aging and inferior exterior lighting. Currently, the exterior lighting, bollard and parking lots, costs us $10,000 annually in repairs. This past fiscal year, we have explored suitable replacements that will save money, energy and improve the lighting. With guidance from the Finance Council and knowledgeable parishioners who volunteered their expertise in this area, we are looking at a cost estimate of up to $190,000. Another project in the horizon is a carpet replacement for our entire Parish Center. We had various proposals and the cost would be around $29,000. As you can see, these are large expenditures that we have put on hold until the parish debt is paid.

Regarding our parish debt, during the last fiscal year we were able to reduce our mortgage principal balance by $887,241. At the current pace, we should be able to be debt free before the end of the current fiscal year (hopefully by June 30, 2018)

As part of our 10th Year Anniversary celebration our St. Agnes website was redesigned along with our brand-new parish app. Our online donations have continued to grow and we currently have over 689 parishioners who currently have taken advantage of the convenience of online giving. In the social media arena, our Facebook page just recently reached 1,000 “likes” (We added well over 220 “followers”) If you have not joined our Facebook page yet…… please do so now. It is just another way to stay connected with your parish community!

On behalf of the entire St. Agnes Staff and Clergy, thank you for your continued support, because without it we would not have been able to do all that we did this year. I am looking forward to another great year, a year in which we should be able to retire our debt once and for all! Let us continue to work together as disciples of Christ building a better parish, community and world.

Sincerely,
Deacon Roberto A. Landron
Operations Manager
Actualización de Operaciones

Estimados feligreses,

¡Qué gran año hemos tenido! Acabamos de concluir un año en el que vimos nuestra parroquia celebrar su primera década. Quisiera aprovechar esta oportunidad para compartir con ustedes nuestro Informe Financiero de Fin de Año el cual abarca desde el 1 de julio de 2016 al 30 de junio de 2017.

El Informe Financiero Parroquial muestra que tuvimos un año increíble, y me gustaría tomar un momento para resaltar las mejoras que tuvieron lugar durante los últimos 12 meses.

Como mencioné antes tenemos ahora 10 años, y con eso viene una tremenda cantidad de mantenimiento, reparaciones y artículos de reemplazo. Durante los últimos 12 meses tuvimos que reemplazar tres unidades de aire acondicionado: la unidad de el Salón de Jóvenes a un costo de $5,534, la unidad de la Cocina de la Iglesia a un costo de $2,758.39 y la unidad de la cocina del Centro Parroquial a un costo de $6,283 para un gran total de $14,576. Si miras hacia el techo de la iglesia y la capilla te darás cuenta de que también nos limpiaron y trataron especialmente (seguro para el ambiente y los azulejos) a un costo de $5,650. La iglesia y el techo de la capilla nunca habían sido limpiados y estaba muy atrasado. El interior de la capilla también fue pintado a un costo de $5,118.

¿Sabía usted que nuestro Centro Parroquial tiene dos calentadores de agua y duchas? Nuestro Centro Parroquial es muy activo y al menos 4 o 5 veces al año tenemos retiros nocturnos que requieren su uso. Este año uno de los dos calentadores de agua dejó de trabajar y tuvimos que reemplazarlo a un costo de $1,701. A medida que continuamos creciendo con actividades como la Natividad Viviente, Festival Internacional, La caminata/maraton 5k y todas nuestras decoraciones de temporada, como se podrán imaginar, nos estamos quedando sin espacio de almacenamiento. Es por esta razón que adquirimos un remolque de almacenamiento que es el doble del tamaño que teníamos a un costo de $2,200. Ahora tenemos suficiente espacio de almacenamiento para durar otros 5-10 años.

St. Agnes es una comunidad verdaderamente bendecida de tener una tan grande y hermosa Iglesia, Capilla, Centro Parroquial y Jardines. Nuestro campus es sumamente grande y los parroquianos caminan largas distancias para llegar a las pesadas puertas que conducen a la Iglesia y la Capilla. En este último año fiscal añadimos un estacionamiento para discapacitados al lado de la Capilla. Este año hemos añadido 4 puertas para discapacitados automáticos entre la Iglesia y la Capilla. Todas estas puertas se agregaron a un costo de $11,135.

Para su seguridad, también hemos añadido parachoques de velocidad (Speedbumps) en toda la propiedad para evitar el exceso de velocidad.

Tenemos muchos más proyectos que necesitan ser terminados en un futuro próximo. Uno de los proyectos más grandes que necesitaremos abordar muy pronto el envejecimiento e iluminación exterior inferior que tenemos en nuestra propiedad. Actualmente las continuas reparaciones de la iluminación exterior, nos cuestan un promedio de $10,000 anuales. Este año fiscal pasado, hemos explorado reemplazos adecuados que ahorrarán dinero, energía y mejorará la iluminación. Con la guía del Consejo de Finanzas y los feligreses con conocimientos que ofrecieron su experiencia en esta área, tenemos un Estimado de $190,000.

Otro proyecto en el horizonte es el reemplazo de alfombra para todo nuestro Centro Parroquial. Teníamos varias propuestas y el costo sería de alrededor de $29,000. Como puede ver, estos son grandes gastos que hemos puesto en espera hasta que se pague la deuda de la parroquia. Con respecto a nuestra deuda, durante el último año fiscal pudimos reducir nuestro saldo de capital hipotecario en $887,241. Al ritmo actual, deberíamos estar libres de deudas antes del final del año fiscal actual (esperamos que para el 30 de junio de 2018)

Como parte de nuestra celebración del décimo aniversario, nuestra pagina internet fue rediseñada junto con nuestra aplicación. Nuestras donaciones en línea han continuado creciendo y actualmente tenemos más de 689 feligreses que actualmente se han aprovechado de la conveniencia de dar en línea. En el ámbito de los medios sociales, nuestra página de Facebook acaba de llegar a 1,000 “le gusta”. (Hemos añadido más de 220 “seguidores”) Si todavía no se ha unido a nuestra página de Facebook ..., ..., por favor, hágalo ahora. ¡Es simplemente otra manera de estar conectados con su comunidad parroquial!

En nombre de todo el personal de St. Agnes y el Clero, gracias por su apoyo continuo, porque sin él no hubiéramos podido hacer todo lo que hicimos este año. Este próximo año con la ayuda de Dios podremos retirar nuestra deuda de una vez y por todas. Continuaremos trabajando juntos como discípulos de Cristo construyendo una mejor parroquia, comunidad y mundo.

Sinceramente,
Diácono Roberto A. Landron
Gerente de Operaciones
### Parish Financial Report

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**Total Operating Costs** $2,571,072 $2,792,570 $2,710,324

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**Total Expenses** $2,691,094 $2,979,932 $2,909,280

**Net Income/Loss from Operations** $(161,106) $(116,262) $131,014

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**Gain (Loss for Period)** $252,863 $180,393 $246,458

### Financial Position

**As of June 30, 2017**

- **Operating Account (Checking)** = $67,011
- **Building Savings Account for Deferred Maintenance (with Diocese)** = $102,036
- **Regular Savings Account (with Diocese)** = $73,541
- **Total Cash Reserves** = $242,588
There is hope and healing for those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage.

The twelve-week Surviving Divorce program begins on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The cost of the program is $35 and includes the Surviving Divorce Personal Guide and all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings.

Call Suzan at (239) 594-5789.

REMEMBRANCE, PRAYERS, LOVE & HEALING

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THE UNBORN

Saturday, September 9 at 10:30

Please join us:

Palm Royale Cemetery
6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road

Contact – greg@ilc-inc.org

A weekend retreat focused on personal renewal

and, ultimately, renewal as a parish community.

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Women: Nov. 4-5

Contacts: (Men) Charles at mrchas1@hotmail.com (Women) Pattie at paulnpattie@gmail.com
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⇒ Anyone wondering, “How can I follow Jesus’ plan for my life, in this time and place?
⇒ Parents who want to help their children live their faith and recognize their charisms;
⇒ People in transition who might be change jobs, adjusting to an empty nest, returning to the workplace, or aging retirement;
⇒ New or returning Catholics who want to explore what it means to live their faith fully;
⇒ Catholics discerning a call to religious life or ordination;
⇒ Parish staff and leaders who want to nurture and empower parishioners.

THE CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP
Friday Sept 15th 7-9pm and Saturday Sept 16th 9-4pm
ST AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples, FL 34120
Contact: Ivy O'Malley at 239-592-1949

Workshop fees: $40...Includes fruit & cheese reception (Fri), light breakfast & lunch (Sat), Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory book and detailed participant materials.

Register and pay at www.StAgnesNaples.org or return this form to the St. Agnes Parish office.

Name: ____________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________ Email: ________________________________
Parish: ____________________________________________ Cash or Check #: ______ payable to St. Agnes
The St. Agnes 5k Run/Walk for Life is an event with the main purpose of promoting a respect life message and raising funds for pro-life causes while encouraging healthy living. (Body and Soul)

When: October 7, 2017
Registration: 6:05 a.m.
Race: 7:05 a.m.

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE
- Starts the weekend of August 5 & 6 and concludes October 6th.
- Awards issued by % of weight loss and % of fat loss.
- Kickoff will take place August 29, 2017 in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m.

WALK/RUN PRE-REGISTRATION
- Starts the weekend of August 5 & 6 using the Run for Life Link at www.stagnesnaples.org

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:
- Registration table
- Setup and Cleanup
- Food and Water areas

For more information please contact the office at 239.592.1949 or email DeaconRoberto@StAgnesNaples.org.

La carrera/caminata por la vida 5K de St. Agnes, es un evento con el objetivo de promover el respeto a la vida y para recaudar fondos para instituciones pro-vida y para estimular la vida sana. (Cuerpo y Alma)

Cuando: 7 de octubre del 2017
Registro: 6:05 a.m.
Carrera: 7:05 a.m.

RETO PARA LA PÉRDIDA DE PESO
- Comenzaremos el fin de semana del 5 y 6 de agosto
- Premios para el hombre y la mujer con mayor pérdida de peso y grasa por porcentaje.
- Día de inicio (“Kickoff”) será el 29 de Agosto del 2017 en el centro parroquial a las 5:30pm

PRE-REGISTRO PARA LA CAMINATA/CARRERA
- Comenzaremos el fin de semana del 5 y 6 de agosto utilizando el “link” en nuestra página web: www.stagnesnaples.org

NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS PARA LAS SIGUIENTES POSICIONES:
- Mesa de Registro
- “Setup” y “cleanup”
- Comida y áreas de agua

Para más información por favor contactar la oficina al 239.592.1949 ó pueden mandar correo electrónico a DeaconRoberto@StAgnesNaples.org.
Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours...

—St. Teresa of Avila

Stewardship Prayer for August

Lord God,
As we prepare for the transitions of August;
of routines becoming regular,
signs of schools beginning to emerge,
and traffic patterns getting heavier;
help us to appreciate the sacred rhythms in our lives.
Give us the wisdom to make our hearts be still, much as the August wind is still,
so that we may listen to the gentle words you speak to us.
Help us understand that you alone are the source of every good gift,
of the vast array of our universe,
and the mystery of each human life.
And help us see that we are called to be good stewards of all the gifts you have entrusted to us;
tending them faithfully and responsibly so they may ultimately be returned to you with increase.
In this month of August while a measure of summer’s stillness remains,
speak to our hearts,
guide us in your Son’s ways,
and through your Spirit,
give us the strength to proclaim your justice and peace in our everyday words and deeds.
We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

STEWARDSHIP DATES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

• October 14, 2017 - 8:30 to Noon-Ministry Day of Training -All Liturgical Ministers -First part in the Church with Fr. Bob, then each Liturgical Ministry will have their own training.
• October 28, 2017 - 8:30 to 11:30- Stewardship Workshop- ALL Ministry Leaders are requested to attend this workshop.
Our weekly bulletin features all the important weekly Parish news and Mass schedules. The bulletin has four and a half ad pages comprised of local businesses, many of them Parishioner owned. The revenue from these ads allows The Parish to receive free shipping and printing each week.

If you are a business owner, self-employed, a contractor, in the legal or medical profession would you please consider supporting the weekly bulletin by placing an ad? The ads are priced whereas in most cases these advertisers see a tangible return on the investment they make in advertising their business.

We also can accept sponsor ads for “In memory of “(a loved one) which can be adorned with a Rose or simply a "Complements of (Individual or a family name)"

The Sales Rep for the bulletin is Joe Sheehy. You can contact Joe directly at (203) 231-0727 – or via email at jsheehy@messnerpublications.com.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and continued support of the Parish weekly bulletin. We ask that you also continue to support our current sponsor advertisers, many of whom have been on for years and let them know you saw their ad in the bulletin.

Wish you knew the Bible better?

“The Bible and Mary”

What the Catholic faith teaches about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ (CCC 487).

Sunday Night Bible Study

Sept 17-Dec 10 at 6:15-8pm

in the St. Agnes Parish Center immediately following 5pm Mass, includes a light dinner

Contact: Jan Christopher
phone: 239-287-3684
email: mrs520@aol.com

Cost: $35 workbook + book set & any donation for dinner
Register: in the Parish Office
8/27... No Youth Group. Last chance to sign up for the HS kick-off event! We are taking a bus to Adventure Island in Tampa. Permission slips are available online.

Sat. 9/9 Adventure Island Water Park Trip. Permission slips available online or outside the Youth Room.

9/10... HS orientation in the Parish Center Main Hall. All teens and parents are invited to attend.

9/17... Life Night, HS Kick Off! All HS teens are welcome to join us for our first Life Night of the year. Come enjoy great food and friendship and learn about what this semester theme is all about. Friends are always welcome.

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The HS teens about to enjoy the day at the Naples Water park!

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**Important Youth Group Update**

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Snapchat to see all the fun and exciting events we are doing this year!

Facebook: St. Agnes High School Youth Group
Twitter: @saintagnesyg
Snapchat: Agnes Naples

Scan to visit the St. Agnes webpage for info on important events and the most recent calendar!

Questions?
robert@stagnesnaples.org
239-592-1949 Ext. 150

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8/31... CALENDAR CHANGE! Due to August 31 being the Collier County Middle School Open House Date orientation will be postponed until next week.

9/7... Middle School Orientation Parish Center, Main Hall. All parents and youth are encouraged to attend and see what we have in store for this year!

9/14... EDGE NIGHT: “Be happy with who you are!” How do you deal with gossip and social peer pressure? We will use small group discussion and other ways to address these issues.

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All events are in the Youth Room of the Parish Center located behind the main church.
EVENTOS PARROQUIALES HISPANOS

Los días de atención a los feligreses del Padre Luis Pacheco son los jueves y viernes de 10:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. El Diácono Roberto Landron está disponible de lunes a Viernes. Por favor llamar a la oficina para hacer su cita. (239) 592-1949

PROFUNDIZANDO NUESTRO CONOCIMIENTO DE LA SANTA MISÁ

Fecha: Septiembre 2
Hora: 10 am
Lugar: Centro Parroquial

Charla a cargo del padre Luis Pacheco

1324 La Eucaristía es “fuente y cima de toda la vida cristiana”. “Los demás sacramentos, como también todos los ministerios eclesiales y las obras de apostolado, están unidos a la Eucaristía y a ella se ordenan. La sagrada Eucaristía, en efecto, contiene todo el bien espiritual de la Iglesia, es decir, Cristo mismo, nuestra Pascua”.

SÉ UNA ROCA

La historia de Pedro como seguidor o amigo de Jesús es un poco irregular. Resulta natural preguntarnos si Jesús, al darle las llaves del Reino, no se sintió un poco como el padre que le entrega a su adolescente las llaves del auto de la familia. Pero fue en el momento en que el poder y la presencia de Dios irrumpió traspasándolo todo para que brotara de Pedro la gran profesión de fe en Cristo como Mesías que Jesús eligió establecer el vínculo entre la misericordia amorosa de Dios y nuestra vocación como testigos de ese amor y ese perdón en la tierra.

Como cualquier padre, Jesús sin duda previó las fallas, las maniobras irresponsables y los sentidos dañados, las colisiones hacia donde se dirigiría la Iglesia. Pero, lo que es más importante, también nos vio en el momento en que Dios prefiere vernos: capaces de manifestar gran fe, con el deseo de permanecer a los pies de Cristo para comprender lo que realmente es ser Mesías y ser Cristo. Como nos lo señala hoy la carta a los romanos, no hemos conocido jamás el pensamiento del Señor o llegado a ser su consejero, mas Dios nos conoce y aún elige para que manifestemos el reino de justicia, gozo, hermosura y paz. Que esta sea nuestra vocación. Que siempre busquemos ser tierra firme donde se pueda fundar la Iglesia de Jesucristo y sobre la cual siga edificándose.

CONSAGRACIÓN TOTAL A JESÚS POR MARÍA

Empezamos un nuevo curso de preparación a partir del miércoles 30 de agosto para consagrarnos el 8 de diciembre.

Encuentros semanales en la capilla los miércoles a las 7 de la noche. Para consulta o registración llamar a María Jordana Coglionesse (305)2819735 o Nile Costa (561)2346277
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