Pastoral Staff
Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor V.F.
Rev. Kris Piotrowski
Rev. Michael P. Orsi
Rev. Luis H. Pacheco (Hispanic Ministry)
Deacon Ed McCarthy
Deacon Henry deMena
Deacon Roberto Landrón (Hispanic Ministry)
Deacon Hugh Muller

Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial
The Parish Office is located in the Parish Center 7775
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239-592-1949 Fax: 239.354.4462
E-Mail: info@stagnesnaples.org

Parish Office Hours/ Horas de Oficina
Monday - Friday/Lun - Vie 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Chapel Hours/ Horas de Capilla
Monday - Saturday/Lun - Sáb 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mass Times/ Horas de Misa
Saturday/ Sab: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday/ Dom
7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., & 5 p.m.,
1 p.m. En Español
Monday - Saturday/Lun - Sáb: 8:30 a.m.

Latin Masses in the Chapel
Sunday – 7:15 a.m. & 8:45 a.m.
Monday-Friday – 5:15 p.m.
Saturday – 6:45 a.m.

Holy Days/ Dias Festivos
8:30 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
Sacrament of Reconciliation/Sacramento de la
Reconciliación
Saturdays 9:00-10:00 a.m. and by appointment
Media hora antes de la Misa de la 1pm, sábados
de 9 a 10 o por citas al 592-1949

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

God Has a Different Plan

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our
own repentance. We remember God’s faithful love for us, and
call upon God to help us to turn back. For “behold, you are
angry, and we are sinful” (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading
and in the psalm, we recall God’s promises and lament our
unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God’s might and
power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to “rend
the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking
before you” (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of
God’s hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our
concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own
expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and
thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has
a different plan: the Incarnation.
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Favor llamar a Carmen Rivera al 352-7453 o a la oficina Parroquial.

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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

December 4 - 10

Monday, December 4
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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.

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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.

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# December 2017

**MEETING PLACES**
- YR=Youth Room
- CP=Chapel
- CR=Conference Room
- NX=Narthex
- PC=Parish Center
- PL=Parking Lot
- CL=Classroom
- CY=Canopy
- BR=Bride’s Room

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St. Agnes Parish
December 3, 2017

ST. AGNES FINANCIALS

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CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL Stewardship beyond our Parish

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

PARISH DEBT $831,615.08

Debt Reduction Collection (11/19/17) $6,161.00
Debt Reduction Collection (11/26/17) $16,894.50

REGISTRATION

St. Agnes registered households are now at 4,680. 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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, December 8th
Masses celebrated in the church at 8:30 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m.

Parish Office will be closed.

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Support Our BOY SCOUTS

Purchase a St. Agnes Boy Scout Troop 951 Christmas Ornament for $10
Proceeds from the sales will support their monthly and summer camping trips. Boy Scouts help build future leaders!

St. Agnes Mass
at Palmetto Ridge High School

December – April
Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve Mass Sunday,
December 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

SPC Peter Holder
PFC Scott Norris, USMC
SGT Ryan Byres
A1C Michael Melicia, USAF
Francisco Chavez, USAF
SSG David Clark, USA
BM2(SW) Charley Davidson USN
PFC Zack Steelman
SSG Andrew White
SPC Michael Broderick
A1C Daniel R. Hamde, USAF
PFC Michael Baker
SGT David Clark
MSgt. Eric Gunn
PO3 Kimberly Wagner, USN
LCPL Brandon Weston
PFC Luke Kerney Kuser
Lt. John Connors – USN
Capt. Dominic Francis Adams
PVT John Wallace
CDR Gregory Meyer
A1C Peter Johnson, USAF
SPC Jorge Armando Nino
Vince Galer, USMC
Jordan M. Perez
LCPL James Sheran, USMC
Spc Jacob Nienow USA
A1C Victoria Landolfi USAF
Spec. Reynaldo Rodriguez USA
SGT Abbi Wenthold
Lance Cpl Danny Dewey USMC
SGT Victor Quiles, USA
2LJ. Sean Kealy, USA
Capt. Francisco Miranda, USA
Capt. David Ralph USMC
PFB J. Hunter Judd, USMC
First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

Adults: At this time, how faithful do you feel you are to God’s plan for you? ¿Acepto el plan que Dios tiene para mí? ¿Hago su voluntad o lo mía?
Children: What good thing might God be asking you to do right now? ¿Qué acto de caridad me está pidiendo Dios que haga en este momento?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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**PRIEST SCHEDULE subject to change**

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Names will remain on the prayer list for approximately 4-6 weeks, as space allows. To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 592-1949 or e-mail maggie@stagnesnaples.org. Thank you.
Waiting in Expectation

Waiting patiently for God always includes joyful expectation. Without expectation our waiting can get bogged down in the present. When we wait in expectation our whole beings are open to be surprised by joy.

All through the Gospels Jesus tells us to keep awake and stay alert. And Paul says, "Brothers and sisters ... the moment is here for you to stop sleeping and wake up, because by now our salvation is nearer than when we first began to believe. The night is nearly over, daylight is on the way; so let us throw off everything that belongs to the darkness and equip ourselves for the light" (Romans 13:11-12). It is this joyful expectation of God’s coming that offers vitality to our lives. The expectation of the fulfillment of God’s promises to us is what allows us to pay full attention to the road on which we are walking.

–Henri Nouwen
**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Assembly Meeting:** Monday, December 4, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.

**Color Corps Practice:** Wednesday, December 6, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.

**K of C Christmas Party:** Thursday, December 14, PC Hall & Kitchen, 5:00 P.M.

**First Degree Exemplification:** Monday, December 18, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.

**Officers’ Meeting:** Monday, December 18, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.

**Color Corps Practice:** Wednesday, December 20, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.

**Council Meeting:** Tuesday, January 2, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.

**Color Corps Practice:** Wednesday, January 3, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.

**Color Corps Practice:** Wednesday, January 17, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.
**Christmas with Paul Todd & Friends**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**STARRING SPECIAL GUESTS**

PAUL TODD - PAUL TODD JR. - FR. KRIS PIOTROWSKI

CHRISTI COLE - AMY VAN WYK - SUMMER MCDAVITT

**AT ST. AGNES PARISH HALL**

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples, FL 34120

**MON & TUES, DEC 11TH & 12TH**

Doors open at **6:30 PM** - Show Starts at **7:00 PM**

Tickets are **$25 PER PERSON - CALL (239) 592-1949**

Tickets are available after all Masses except the 5 PM and in the office during the week

Visit www.paultodd.com or Like Us on FACEBOOK at www.facebook.com/paultoddjr

(Proceeds go to benefit the St. Agnes CFA)
Advent Penance Services in our Area

Wednesday, December 6th • St. Elizabeth Seton Parish at 7 p.m.
2730 53rd Terrace SW, Naples

Monday, December 11th • St. William Parish at 6 p.m.
601 Seagate Dr, Naples

Tuesday, December 12th • St. John the Evangelist Parish at 7 p.m.
625 111th Avenue North, Naples

Thursday, December 14th • Our Lady of Guadalupe at 5 p.m.
207 S 9th St, Immokalee

Thursday, December 14th • San Marco Parish at 5 p.m.
851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island

Monday, December 18th • St. Finbarr Parish at 2 p.m.
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

Tuesday, December 19th • St. Agnes Parish at 5 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

Wednesday, December 20th • St. Peter the Apostle Parish at 7 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

St. Agnes Christmas Flowers

Help us beautify the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with flowers. This is a special way to remember those who cannot be with us at this special time of the year and it also gives us an opportunity to honor someone very special in our lives. We are seeking donations to purchase the Christmas Poinsettias. Fill out the form below and enclose a check in the amount selected. Please return both the form and check to the parish office or put in the collection basket. A special listing of the memorials and those honoring someone special will be in the bulletin after Christmas. Thank you for your support in making our church look even more beautiful during this blessed season.

In Memory of: ____________________________________________________________

In Honor of: ____________________________________________________________

Requested by: _________________________________________________________

____$10.00 Poinsettia ____$20.00 Poinsettia ____$50.00 Poinsettia ____$100 Poinsettia
St. Agnes Parish Presents...

**LIVE NATIVITY 2017**

Come join us and enjoy the wonders that God has provided us, sharing with family and friends, living step by step an important event in the history of the world, The Nativity! We invite you to forget your worldly worries and immerse yourself in this experience that will transport you to Bethlehem.

Ven y disfruta de las maravillas que Dios nos ha proporcionado, compartiendo con familiares y amigos, paso a paso el acontecimiento que cambió el rumbo de la historia EL NACIMIENTO DE JESUS. Le invitamos a que se olvide de las preocupaciones mundanas y se sumerja en esta experiencia, que sin duda lo transportará a Belén.

**Date:** Saturday, December 16, 2017 | 5-8:30 p.m.
**Fecha:** Sabado 16 de Diciembre del 2017 | 5-8:30 p.m.

**Date:** Sunday, December 17, 2017
**Fecha:** Domingo 17 de Diciembre del 2017

**Time:** 10-11 a.m. | 12-1 p.m. | 2-3:30 p.m.

**Location:** St. Agnes Parish Center West Parking Lot

**Lugar:** Centro Parroquial de St. Agnes oeste estacionamiento

Bilingual event (English and Spanish). Evento bilingue (Inglés y Español)

There is no charge for this event (donations accepted)

La entrada será gratis (aceptamos donaciones)

If you would like to volunteer during this event please call Martha at 239.687.8038

or email her at maceronaples@aol.com.

Si te gustaría colaborar en este evento por favor llamar a Martha al 239.687.8038

o correo electrónico en maceronaples@aol.com.
**28th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life**

**Come pray with us in the chapel**
**Friday, December 8th from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

Uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego and establishing a bridge of these two feasts to protect our culture, our church and our land.

May we make reparation for all the lives lost in this nation to abortion and pray that parents may be conscious of their calling as they share in God’s creative power. We also pray that those who have acted against human life experience forgiveness. Locally, various parishes & shrines will participate in this endeavor.

You are invited to participate in this prayerful night of Honor for Our Lady.

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**Christmas Cruise**

on the Double Sunshine at Tin City

Saturday, December 16th

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Only 140 tickets available at $40 per person
A beautiful tour of Naples Bay at Christmas!
Call Don Barry at 239.273.6681
On Monday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m., our monthly “There is Hope” series will continue with an opportunity to come together in the Saint Agnes Chapel before the Blessed Sacrament to spend some quiet time praying for whomever or whatever we grieve. The one hour of prayer will include some prayerful music, a reflection on grieving at Christmas and Adoration/Benediction. As we approach the great Feast of Christmas, our lives can sometimes get very hectic. Please join Deacon Henry in taking one hour out of the hecticness to pray for help with our grief.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Formerly called Last Rites or Extreme Unction, this Sacrament is for those experiencing a serious illness, facing an operation or dying. Anointing of the Sick should be performed before death is imminent, when a person is conscious and able to receive comfort from the sacrament.

We make every effort to provide pastoral care and the sacrament of anointing to all who request it; however, families are encouraged to call sooner rather than later. Anointing of the Sick is offered after morning Mass on the first Saturdays of the month. If a loved one is at home and needs the sacrament, please call the office at 592-1949 to arrange for a priest to visit.

IN THE HOSPITAL?

Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations, hospitals do not necessarily notify the parish regarding your hospitalization unless requested by the patient. Please ask the nurse to contact the parish that serves the Hospital you are in for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, and/or Communion. This is the most efficient way to be sure you or your loved one will receive the sacrament.

ST. AGNES

CASH RAFFLE

$20,000 In Cash Prizes

The drawing will be held March 17th, 2018 during our St. Patrick’s Day dinner-dance.

Winner need not be present to win.

CASH PRIZES

• 1st prize $10,000
• 2nd prize $5,000
• 3rd prize $2,000
• 4th-6th prizes $1,000

Donation $25 per ticket or 5 tickets for $100

Make checks payable to St. Agnes

Tickets are on sale in the Narthex after Mass, in the Parish Office during the week, and online at www.stagnesnaples.org.

Proceeds benefit Debt Reduction and our Diocesan Catholic Schools.

Dear Helpers in Waiting,
I received this letter from the good girls and boys at St. Agnes. If any of you can be one of my “helpers” this year I would sure appreciate it. Merry Christmas!

Love, Santa

Santa Claus | The North Pole

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are you? We are fine. Are you and your elves getting ready for the big night? Our parish family sure is! We have been very good this year. This past year St. Agnes continued to grow with more and more people coming to worship here. We now have more than 4,680 families registered! This year we hope that you will help our parish by bringing us the following items:

Sacristan
- 3 Ciboria sets with lids • $1,800.00
- Baptism Garments • $250.00
- Cruet set • $120.00
- Lavabo Set • $175.00
- Banners for Narthex • $2,500.00
- Book of the Gospels Cover for High School Mass • $1,395.00
- Advent Wreath stand • $2,495.00
- Altar Candle Stand • $980.00

Maintenance
- Electric Golf Cart • $5,000.00

Office
- Parish Center Conference Room Table • $4,000.00
- Conference Room Chairs - 20 needed • $300.00 each

Faith Formation/Youth Group
- WYD Scholarship - Any amount • $2,500
- Foosball table for Youth Room • $400.00
- March for Life Scholarship • $750.00
- Catholic College Scholarship for HS Seniors • $100.00 each
- New A/V equipment for Classroom 3 • $300.00
- My First Reconciliation and My First Communion booklets need 150 each • $8.50 each “Scholarships” for First Communion and Confirmation Preparation • $100.00 each
- Prayer books for families in need of one 100 needed • $5.00 each
- 4 Classroom Sets of Catholic Bibles for adults • $60.00 each

Arts & Liturgical
- Marian Themed Stained Glass
- Window for Parish Center • $5,000.00

Santa, we know you’re not made of money, and you have other important and worthy obligations during this season of giving, and so if you cannot bring us everything we need then perhaps you can ask one of your helpers to assist. We greatly appreciate whole or partial gifts for all of the above. Just ask them to contact the parish office at their convenience at 592-1949.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Love, Fr. Bobby and The Entire Pastoral Staff of St. Agnes Parish

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I agree to donate the following item(s)
________________________________________________________
I agree to make a financial contribution in the amount of $__________________ to be used for the purchase of the following item(s)

Name: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________
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Advent is a great time to be more purposeful in your faith journey!

“Advent” Available on FORMED.ORG using Parish Code TTQNCX

Join a 4-week group study
Or enjoy it on your smart device

Why join?
- Meet new people.
- Spend more time sharing your faith with others.
- Grow spiritually and deepen your relationship with the Lord.
- Help others deepen their relationship with God.

Can I meet with my friends, or will I be with strangers?
- If you have a friend that is hosting a small group, please let them know you want to join their group.
- You can also let us know what group you would like to participate in.
- If you do not know a host, we can find a group based on your preferences.

Sign up in the Narthex after Mass today, at the office this week, or contact Ivy O’Malley at Ivy@stagnesnaples.org or 239-592-1949
HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD LEARN TO LOVE THE BIBLE?

Story time with your children is one of the most precious moments of parenting. Catholic parents have the privilege of sharing the greatest stories ever told with their children—Bible stories that tell how God loves and saves us, the Word of God that transforms those who hear with open hearts. But aren’t Bible stories too hard for children to read and understand?

THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S BIBLE

Fonts built for early readers, increased line spacing, bold vocabulary words, colorized text, minimal hyphenation, and simple column dividers help make this a Bible children can read on their own.

Unique navigational features such as colorized tabs, large chapter and verse numbers, full Scripture references, and clear and concise story titles, are all designed to help children easily locate passages and stories.

Young children will be able to understand and relate to God’s Word through the explanatory sections, bold vocabulary words with easy-to-understand definitions, the realistic artwork and borders, the introductions to the Old and New Testaments, and the many pictures, maps, and time lines that are included throughout the Bible.

Rather than a collection of favorite Bible stories, this is a complete Bible which will inspire children to read the full Word of God. Coordinating coloring book, activity book, and app are available online from St. Mary’s Press. This Bible is ideal for reading the 125 illustrated stories to children aged 6+ and for teaching 7-10 year old children how to read the Bible on their own.

This Bible is available at the Blessings Store in the narthex of the church for $30, open 30 min. after the 4pm, 7:30am, 9am, & 11am Masses.

Regardless of sacraments received, faith formation and enrichment is relevant for all ages. Sin importar los sacramentos recibidos, formación y enriquecimiento en la fe es para todos.

The Faith Formation office is here to serve you M-F, 9am-4pm
Director: lvy@StAgnesNaples.org
Coordinator: Habla Español: Rose@StAgnesNaples.org
Middle & High School Youth: Robert@StAgnesNaples.org

Remember to stop by the rack in the Narthex of the Church to see our regularly updated selection of CDs about the Catholic Faith by nationally renown speakers for only $3 ea.

Topics include:
*Why Catholic?
*Sacraments
*The Mass
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Dynamic Catholic
Be Bold. Be Catholic.
Today, the First Sunday of Advent, marks not just the beginning of our preparation for Christmas, but also the beginning a new liturgical Church year for us as Catholics. Advent extends over the next four Sundays, literally culminating on Christmas Eve this year. The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word Adventus, which means “coming.” Like Lent this is a preparatory season, one that has us looking forward and waiting for something greater.

We are aware that the One Who is coming is Christ, but that means more than just Christ’s birth at Christmas. It also means the coming of Christ into our lives through grace and the sacraments of Holy Communion and reconciliation. However, its ultimate meaning has to do with preparing for Christ’s second coming. In that regard in past few weeks our readings from Holy Scripture have very much centered on being prepared for that final coming. Today’s readings continue that theme.

We hear readings from Isaiah often at this time of year because that prophet foretold in such accurate detail the coming of the Messiah, of Christ. In addition, there is a certain poetry to the way Isaiah writes. The closing of our First Reading is “Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.” What an eloquent statement about Who God is, and who we are as well!

However, even if we understand that we are God’s creation, as is everything, for God to truly form us we must be open to Him and to His direction and guidance.

Advent is a time for us to develop our relationship with God, so we are the “work of His hands.” There is a clear explanation in this reading that one of the great obstacles to God being an intimate part of our lives is our sinfulness. This is a time when it is important to address that obstacle, to reconcile with God, and with many others in our lives perhaps, so that we can indeed be prepared and fulfill God’s wishes for us.

St. Paul opens today’s Second Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians by greeting them with “Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” St. Paul uses the phrase “grace to you and peace” five other times in his letters in the New Testament. Grace is always first and peace second, because grace is the source of peace. Without grace there can be no peace. Referring to “the Lord Jesus Christ” is also quite typical of Paul’s perspective. In fact, he uses that term almost twenty times in this letter alone.

Immediately after his greeting Paul writes, “I give thanks to my God always on your account...” This is a time of year when we need to focus on our blessings and approach God with the same sense of gratitude Paul always displays. Gratitude, as we know, is at the heart of a stewardship way of life, a Christian way of life. This is a time of year when we need to express that gratitude with a renewed sense of spirituality and a commitment to making changes in our lives that really do prepare us for the coming of Christ.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. The funds offer financial support to religious communities by providing long-term care for older members while ensuring younger religious can continue the good works of their community.

Through generous self-sacrifice and devotion, the retired Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us, etc. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. Your support truly makes a difference.

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection will be held December 9 and 10, 2017 in the Diocese of Venice. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, senior living space and much more. This Collection gives the opportunity to say thank you for their example of faith, hope and love. Kindly support retired religious who have dedicated their lives to serve our Church and the Faithful. Thank you for your generosity to this collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

I take this opportunity to extend to you the assurances of my continued consideration as well as my prayers for you and your family. Have a Blessed Advent Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The St. Agnes conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society provides assistance with rent, utilities and other expenses to people in need living within the boundaries of St. Agnes parish. Volunteer caseworkers were able to provide the following assistance from July 2017 through September 2017:

- **Cases**: 55
- **Adults Served**: 207
- **Children Served**: 212
- **Volunteer Hours**: 110
- **Home Visits**: 14
- **Agency Referrals**: 12

**The following funds were expended**

- **Rent**: $9,525.00
- **Utilities**: $8,995.00
- **Other**: $254.00
- **Publix Cards**: $525.00
- **Gasoline Cards**: $475.00
- **Case by Case**: $4,073.00

In addition, based upon data from the Naples Council database, 480 adults and children in our coverage area were given food from the pantry in the amount of $14,640.00.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society relies entirely upon donations to fund their aid to the needy. If it were not for the generous financial assistance from the entire St. Agnes community, this work would not be possible. Thank you so much for your support. Because of your continued generosity, many of our neighbors’ lives have been made a little brighter.
High School
LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ
Sundays 6-8pm

12/3... Life Night, “A New Perspective” Come for some great food and discussion as we go deeper into Bible passages that you have heard since you were young. We will have a “Bible Trivia” with prizes for the winning teams.

12/10... Life Night “Understanding Truth” Finding what is true can be difficult, but understanding how we apply that true can be even more of a struggle. Come discuss how to find truth in our everyday lives.

12/17... “AmA with the Fr. Bob and Fr. Kris” Join us for a great night as Fr. Bob and Fr. Kris sit down and answer any questions you have about, life, faith, Catholicism and much more!

Over the summer the Diocese of Venice hosted a Fortnight for Freedom film festival. Three members from our youth group submitted a video and won third place. Congratulations guys!

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

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

Plan de Formación Religiosa para la comunidad hispana organizado por la Arquidiócesis de Venice.

**Fechas:** los viernes seleccionados de 7 a 9 pm, existirán opciones de fechas.

**Lugar:** Cada clase se impartirá en lugares diferentes, los interesados deben elegir los de su preferencia.

**Costo:** $25.00

**Inscripciones en la página web de la Diócesis**
Los participantes que finalicen exitosamente el curso recibirán al final una certificación diocesana.

**Clase # 1**
11/3 Sacred Heart in Brandenton y en St. Agnes, Naples
11/9 Jesus de Worker, Fort Myers y St. Catherine, Sebring

**Clase #2**
11/17 Holy Cross, Palmentto y St. Peter, Naples
12/1 St. Andrew Cape Coral y St. Paul, Arcadia

**Clase # 3**
1/5/18 Sacred Heart, Brandenton y Our Lady of Guadalupe, Immokalee
1/12/18 St Margaret, Clewiston

LECTIO DIVINA, TALLER DE INTRODUCCIÓN

DICIEMBRE 9,2017
Dr. Adalberto Enríquez
St. Agnes Parish Center
8:30 a.m. – 1:00
Contact person: Romina Avilés 293-0662

LECTIO DIVINA. Es una forma tradicional de cultivar la amistad de Cristo. Es un medio de escuchar los textos de la Escritura como si nosotros estuviéramos en conversación con Cristo y EL mismo estuviera sugiriéndonos los temas de conversación.

DIOS TIENE OTRO PLAN

Comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento con un llamado sincero al arrepentimiento. Recordamos el amor fiel que Dios siente por nosotros y le pedimos que nos ayude a emprender el camino de regreso: “estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos” (Isaías 64:4). En la primera lectura y en el salmo, recordamos las promesas de Dios y lamentamos nuestra rebeldía y nuestra culpa. Invocamos el poder de Dios para salvarnos. Con Isaías, le decimos a Dios: “Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia” (Isaías 63:19).

Sí, Dios nos es fiel, porque somos hechura de las manos de Dios. Dios es el alfarero, nosotros el barro.Y sin embargo, nuestro concepto de cómo Dios vendrá a salvarnos se origina en nuestra expectativa de un Dios guerrero que estremece las montañas y llega a nuestra vida con ruido y gloria. Pero Dios tiene otro plan: la Encarnación.
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