December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Bearer’s of the Word

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

Pastoral Staff
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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
Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Naples, FL 34120
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 - Sab: 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 - Sab: 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

We need your help to keep our records current. If there are any births, deaths, marriages, moves, etc. in your family, please notify the office.

Website: www.StAgnesNaples.org or Follow the QR Code on the Right with your Smart Phone
**Parish Contacts**

*Pastor*
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*Parochial Vicars*
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*Deacons*
Henry deMena, Ed McCarthy,
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*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*
Ivy O’Malley

*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

*Stewardship Coordinator*
Gloria Carter

*Communications Assistant*
Yenlys Hernandez

*Maintenance*
Larry Biela

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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.

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**JANUARY 1 - 7**

**Monday, January 1**
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday, January 2**
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday, January 3**
1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday, January 4**
1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

**Friday, January 5**
1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday, January 6**
1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

**Sunday, January 7**
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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**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*

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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.

*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.*

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**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*

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**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.*
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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.

ST. AGNES FINANCIALS

This Week (12/17/17)  $29,878.00
One Year Ago  $37,023.00
% of Change -23.91%
Mass Attendance 5,235

PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MASS  $1,168.00
Mass Attendance 193

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL Stewardship beyond our Parish

Calendar year 2017 Goal $479,000.00
Pledged (12/10/17) $524,512.22
Received $500,417.34
% of Registered Households 28.86%

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS $10,135.00

PARISH DEBT $756,567.37
Debt Reduction Collection (12/17/17) $16,126.00

REGISTRATION

St. Agnes registered households are now at 4,700. 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.

St. Agnes Mass at Palmetto Ridge High School

December – April:
Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

2018 Women’s Conference

Women of all ages are invited to a day filled with the richness of our faith at the 2018 Diocese of Venice Women’s Conference. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3, at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is $20 (pre-registration online), students $5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is $30, and $10 for students. This year’s speakers are Kimberly Hahn, Sonja Corbitt, and Rosario Rodriguez. Join us in enjoying the tenderness of God’s love and mercy! To register, please visit www.dioceseofvenice.org/womens.

2018 Men’s Conference

The Diocese of Venice extends an invitation to all men who desire to encounter the presence of God to attend the 2018 Diocese of Venice Men’s Conference from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 24 at Bishop Verot Catholic High School in Fort Myers. Cost in advance is $20 (pre-registration online), students $5 pre-registration. Cost at the door is $30, and $10 for students. The speakers this year are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Patrick Coffin, and Bob Rice. Come be filled and transformed.

Help is Needed!

Volunteers are urgently needed on Tuesday mornings for an elementary school in Immokalee. The students are either migrant or Title 1 children. Help is needed in grades Pre-K-Grade 2. We follow the curriculum of the day but mainly assist with language arts. You do not need to be a teacher to be an effective volunteer!

Busing is provided from Sam’s Club on Airport Rd and Immokalee Rd at 8:15 and from McDonalds at Pebblebrook on Immokalee and Collier Blvd at 8:30. We return no later than 1 p.m. Call Diane Stanley at 201-615-8954 if you are interested in volunteering.
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**Requested by:**

- Mary & Nino Francisco
- Mrs. Aida Martone
- The Justice & Peace Committee
- The O’Malley Family
- Dorothy Whipple

**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.**
The Freedom to Refuse Love

Often hell is portrayed as a place of punishment and heaven as a place of reward. But this concept easily leads us to think about God as either a policeman, who tries to catch us when we make a mistake and send us to prison when our mistakes become too big, or a Santa Claus, who counts up all our good deeds and puts a reward in our stocking at the end of the year.

God, however, is neither a policeman nor a Santa Claus. God does not send us to heaven or hell depending on how often we obey or disobey. God is love and only love. In God there is no hatred, desire for revenge, or pleasure in seeing us punished. God wants to forgive, heal, restore, show us endless mercy, and see us come home. But just as the father of the prodigal son let his son make his own decision, God gives us the freedom to move away from God’s love even at the risk of destroying ourselves. Hell is not God’s choice. It is ours.

—Henri Nouwen
UPCOMING MEETINGS

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.
First Degree Exemplification: Monday, January 21, Classroom #1, 10:30 A.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, January 29, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, January 29, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
First Degree Exemplification: Monday, December 18, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, February 5, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Council Meeting: Monday, February 5, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, February 7, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.

Saturday January 20th
$50 per person.
Dinner and Dance
Social Hour: 4:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5:30 p.m.
Music from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
by Uptown Express
Cash bar
As 2017 draws to a close, we must acknowledge that God has been good to us, and St. Agnes parishioners have been immeasurably generous in their stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Among the highlights, we celebrated our 10th anniversary as a parish with several events including a Mass with Bishop Dewane, followed by the blessing of our new outdoor St. Agnes statue commissioned by the Ladies of St. Agnes. A photo directory communicated the parish story from its first days as a mission in 1999, offered pictures to help us connect names to familiar faces. Our Knights of Columbus received star council and star assembly honors, no surprise to those of us who see them serve at major parish events and run many of their own. I am particularly proud of my brother Knights for their selfless service following Hurricane Irma, feeding people at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Immokalee, St. Elizabeth Seton in Golden Gate and our own parishioners on the weekends following the storm.

In Sacraments and Faith Formation, it was our busiest year yet! Nearly 400 high school and middle school young people are registered in our youth groups! We celebrated a record number of First Communions (192) and Confirmations (98), and sent youth to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. and Cove Crest Life Teen Camp in Georgia. Our teens did a Live Stations of the Cross in a packed church on Good Friday. We ran our largest Vacation Bible School yet, with 170 participants, and launched the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for preschoolers. Among the offerings for adults, we added a fourth Bible Study Sunday evenings and introduced small faith sharing groups during Lent with more than 70 participants meeting in six different homes.

The Pastoral Council and staff revised our pastoral plan and a survey of our parishioners yielded some helpful information. Thanks to generous donors, we installed a beautiful new Crucifix in the chapel, and are adding a Cross to our prayer garden. Automatic doors were installed improve handicapped access to the church and chapel. We expanded our Mass schedule at Palmetto Ridge High School, where we added a Children’s Liturgy of the Word, and shrank our debt well below $1 million.

So many of you have given unconditionally and I wish to thank you for helping spread the “Good News” to those around you. Giving people an awareness of their call to be “missionary disciples” of Jesus was a central messages of the Convocation of Catholic Leaders, attended by several St. Agnes parish members at the invitation of Bishop Dewane in July. This exciting gathering of leaders from around the country reflected on the future of the Church in America. Back home, Christ Renews His Parish, Emmaus, and Impactos retreats bolstered the faith of many of our members. Spanish-speaking parishioners fully engaged in the nationwide V Encuentro to address the needs of Hispanic Catholics, including three classes here at St. Agnes as part of a diocesan-wide formation process. Two bereavement groups and two additional seminars brought comfort to those who have lost loved ones. And, our Divorced and Separated Group helped heal hearts and communicate God’s love.

This year parish members began serving with Catholic Charities on the steering committee of the Judy Sullivan Family Resource Center that assists the working poor of our community. Thanksgiving marked a record collection of cash and food for the poor served by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Our Sister Parish relationship with Jesus the Worker Parish in Ft. Myers grew out of the Justice and Peace Committee and is being established as a new ministry of St. Agnes. Most recently, the Living Nativity united our English and Spanish speaking communities to immerse us in Bethlehem and the biblical steps leading to it.

With your continued generosity we should be able to erase our parish debt by mid-year. Then we will be able to do so much more for our parishioners and others whom we are called to serve, and launch exciting new programs and projects of which we can now only dream. Identified items include a replacement of the badly deteriorated ground lighting along our driveways and walkways, improvement of our aging church and chapel sound systems, automatic handicapped doors for the Parish Center and resealing our parking lots. Among the future hopes for the parish are an enlarged hall and kitchen, additional classrooms, a choir room, and Adoration Chapel. And, in time there will be the launching of a new mission, and eventual parish, to accommodate the growing population and relieve seasonal overcrowding. The future is exciting and already in God’s hands. Let’s pray together that we will help it unfold according to His plan. May our loving God grant you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, holy and prosperous New Year!

Fr. Bob
Paul Todd & Friends
Thursday & Friday
January 25th & 26th
at 7:00 p.m.
St. Agnes Parish Center
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person available after all Masses except 5 pm or in the parish office during regular business hours.

the ladies of St. Agnes are pleased to present
FASHION FIRST

Wednesday, January 24, 2018
Heritage Bay Country Club
10160 Heritage Bay Blvd | Naples, FL 34120

Tickets go on Sale January 7th!

Tickets: $40.00
Meet and Greet: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon & Fashion Show: 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Fashions by Chico’s

For more information call: Carol 596.4810 or Barbara 431.6407 or Janet 643.6013
EVER WONDER WHAT GOD IS DOING THESE DAYS?
See how the vast panorama of God’s work of mercy in the world unfolds through the dramatic history of St. Faustina, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II into a story to be experienced by each of us.

**Sunday Night Study**
Jan. 7-Mar. 25 at 6:30-8pm
in the St. Agnes Parish Center immediately following 5pm Mass, includes a light dinner

Contact: Jan Christopher
phone: 239-287-3884
email: mrs520@aol.com
Register: in the Parish Office
Cost: $35 workbook + book set & any donation for dinner
Available on formed.org using Parish Code TTQNCX.
Join the group study or enjoy it on your smart device.

_LETTERS FROM PRISON_

St. Paul’s epistles to the Philippians, Colossians, and Ephesians

**Tuesdays 10-11:30am**
Jan. 9-Mar. 13
Contact: Mary and Ken Fennell
email: Kennethnap@aol.com
(239) 455-1610

**Thursdays 7-8:30pm**
Jan. 11-Mar. 15
Contact: Joanne and Mike Langan
(239) 348-0231
Cost: $25
Register in the Parish Office M-F, 9-4

_The Mass:_
Four Encounters with Jesus that will Change Your Life
by Tom Curran

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**7-8:30PM IN THE PARISH CENTER**

_**Sisters In Spirit**_
Ladies-only Book Talk

_Inquiries & more Information:_
Women: Judy Bahardt 440/785-2459
Men: Tom Bahardt 216/533-7755

_Book is $10 in the parish office M-F, 9-4pm & on Amazon_
Children’s Liturgy of the Word is coming to your Mass!

- 10am Mass at Palmetto Ridge HS Jan 7-Apr 29
- 11am Mass at St Agnes every Sunday
- 5pm Mass at St. Agnes starting Jan 14

Who: Children ages *5-10.

What: CLOW is a special gathering in which children hear the Sunday readings proclaimed on their own level and are able to respond to them. It is a Liturgy just like Mass is a Liturgy and not “playtime.” Please have your child leave behind things that might distract (such as toys, dolls, books, cell phones.)

Where: The children are dismissed from the main assembly with a leader** before the First Reading and return during the Collection. At PRHS, CLOW meets under the covered picnic area adjacent to the lobby. At St. Agnes Church, CLOW goes to the Chapel.

Why: The goal of Children’s Liturgy of the Word is to help children engage meaningfully in the scriptures of the Sunday Mass, thus beginning a life-long practice of praying, learning, and celebrating at Mass.

*If your children are younger than 5 years old, we invite you to come sit with them to help them stay focused. They return to the main assembly during the offertory to sit with their families for the rest of the Mass.

**All St. Agnes CLOW adult leaders are fingerprinted and background checked by the Bishop’s Office.

If you would like to join CLOW as a leader or assistant, contact Mrs. Diane Stanley at 201-615-8954.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

United as one Church, we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As young men come forward to discern their call to the priesthood, the Diocese needs your assistance in their priestly formation. In the Diocese of Venice we are blessed by the such young men who are on a journey to become dedicated priests.

The formation of our seminarians includes the costs of tuition, housing, education, health care, pastoral training, etc. Your spiritual and financial support is of great assistance to these young men. Programs to invite more men to consider the priesthood must also be organized and funded. By your generosity you ensure that the sacraments will continue to nourish the faithful for generations to come.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct this Annual Seminary Collection the weekend of January 6 and 7, 2018. This Collection ensures that the Diocese continues to have priests to serve you, your family, and our future. Thank you for your generosity!

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my prayers for the New Year. Have a Blessed and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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To Promote vocation awareness in the St. Agnes Parish community, we have instituted the Traveling Chalice. Each week at the Mass of their choosing, a family will accept a Chalice with the responsibility of praying for vocations. They will be provided with a prayer booklet and a Chalice to be used as a focal point and visual reminder in their home. The family will be called forward after Communion to receive the Chalice from the presiding priest and will return it to church the following weekend. Please consider this opportunity to pray as a family for people to answer God’s call to be Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters. Call the office to sign up, 592-1949.
In many Eastern European countries it is customary to bless the home on the feast of the Epiphany. While this blessing is often done by a priest, families may also bless their home. The blessing includes writing “20+C+M+B+15” on the lintel of the home’s doorway with chalk. The numbers stand for the year in which the blessing is inscribed (2015.) The letters “CMB” stand for traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar.) They are also an abbreviation for the Latin blessing: Christus mansionem benedictat, which means “Christ bless this dwelling.”

BLESSING THE HOUSE
The family gathers at the front door.

_Leader:_ Let us pray. Lord, Our God bless this home that it may be sacred and full of life. Bless this home that it may be place of honor, work, and prayer. Keep all who live and enter here forever in your care. Protect us from all harm. In thanksgiving to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

_All:_ Amen

_Then the leader or someone else writes_

“20+C+M+B+15” on the door’s lintel.

_Leader:_ We bless this home in thanksgiving to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

_All:_ Amen

_Taken from The Book of Catholic Customs and Traditions by Ronda DeSola Chervin and Carla Conley, ©1994._

SEÑOR BENDICE ESTE HOGAR.
La familia se reúne en frente de la puerta

_Representante:_ Oremos. Querido Padre Nuestro bendice esta casa y que esta sea sagrada por siempre. Bendice este hogar que este sea sitio de honor, trabajo y oración. Mantén a todos los que entren aquí por siempre bajo tu amparo. Protéganos de todo peligro. Damos gracias a Dios en nombre del Padre del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

_Todos:_ Amen.

_El líder escogido por la familia inscribe las iniciales_

“20+C+M+B+15” en el umbral de la puerta. La familia pasa al otro cuarto e inscribe las letras en el marco de la puerta.

_Líder:_ Damos gracias a Dios en nombre del Padre del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo.

_Todos:_ Amén.
Celebrate the Feast of St. Agnes at our second annual family picnic.

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 21\(^{st}\)

**WHERE:** Parish Parking Lot West

**TIME:** Noon-5 p.m.

*Food will be available for purchase.*

Music, games, food, bounce houses and obstacle course for the kids and more!

Please join the families of St. Agnes for an afternoon of fun and games.

Please call the parish office to RSVP 592-1949 with how many people in your family will be attending.
Join Fr. Bob Kantor on a 10-day pilgrimage!

Itinerary highlights include: Thessaloniki ◆ Central Greece ◆ Mykonos ◆ Patmos ◆ Ephesus ◆ Santorini ◆ Athens

In the Footsteps of St. Paul
September 11 - 20, 2018

Space is still available!

Detailed brochures with enrollment information are available on the narthex credenza and in the parish office.

For more information contact Nancy Sant’Angelo Reyelt at
GET OUT OF TOWN TRAVEL
Call: 239-596-4142 or Email: nreylt@yahoo.com

The St. Agnes Parish 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.

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.

CASH PRIZES

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

Make checks payable to St. Agnes


Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours...

—St. Teresa of Avila

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for December

Gracious Lord,
Let your goodness reveal itself to us,
that we, made in your image,
may conform ourselves to it.
We cannot imagine your majesty, power and wonder
on our own; nor is it fitting for us to try.
But your kindness and mercy reach from the heavens,
through the clouds, to the earth below
to show us the fruits of your Incarnation.
You have come to us as a small child,
but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of your eternal love.
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but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of your eternal love.
Caress us with your tiny hands,
embrace us with your tiny arms,
and soften our hearts with your tender voice
so that we might respond as humble stewards
of your active presence in the world.
We pray this through Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.
Amen.
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End of Year Giving

As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!

Your gift can be designated to our parish, Catholic School, the Catholic Faith Appeal, the Catholic Community Foundation or an individual ministry. These gifts provide support for Christ’s ministry and may assist you with some tax benefits. We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!

Please consider a possible year end gift. Remember to consult with your financial advisor

Gifts of Cash, Stock or Real Estate

A cash contribution can be made to your parish, Catholic school, Catholic Community Foundation, or to the Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA) and may provide you with an income tax benefit. Please call the Development Office to facilitate a transfer of stock or to discuss a gift of real estate. Be sure to let us know if your gift is being restricted for a certain use such as a building fund, scholarship, CFA or unrestricted for the greatest need. For more information please contact: Judy Brown (941) 486-4719.

Contribute to an Endowment Fund

One can give to an endowment fund through the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida to benefit a parish, school, seminarians or other Catholic institution within the Diocese of Venice. A gift or series of gifts made now, can provide a long-term income stream to benefit your selected institution, ministry or program well beyond your lifetime. At certain levels of giving, a named endowment fund can be established.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Your gift to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida can generate regular fixed payments to you or a loved one. Charitable gift annuities provide guaranteed income during your life and a residual gift to an endowment fund benefitting your parish, Catholic School or the Diocese of Venice.

The chart below indicates the sample annuity rates based on a single life annuity:

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Example: A $25,000 cash contribution from a 75-year-old donor will produce an annual fixed income payment of $1,450, that is partially tax free and provides an estimated initial income tax deduction of $10,670.

The minimum amount required to establish a charitable gift annuity is $25,000

*Annuity rates listed are for illustration purposes only, actual rates may vary.

For more information, please contact:
Michael Morse, Executive Director
Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida
(941) 441-1124 / CCF@dioceseofvenice.org
Attention Middle School and High School Youth...

Want to start the New Year off Right?

Come Try out the St. Agnes Youth Group! A community of over 400 youth who gather to have fun, build friendships and learn about their faith.

High School resumes on Sunday, January 7, 6pm in the Parish Center.

Middle School resumes on Thursday, January 4, 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

Registration never closes and friends are always welcome.

Questions?
robert@stagnesnaples.org
239-592-1949 ext. 150
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 #2**
1/17 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 y St. Raphael.

**Clase #4**
1/19/18 Sacret Heart, Brandenton y St. Leo, Bonita Springs
1/26/18 St. Andrew, Cape Coral and St. Michael

CONFERENCIA SOBRE
LA CELEBRACIÓN DE LA
SANTA MISA

Enero 13, 2018
Diacono Roberto Landron
St. Agnes Parish Center.
10.00 a 12.45.

«Como sea tu Misa, así será tu fe.
Como sea tu fe, así será tu moral.
Como sea tu moral, así será tu vida.
Y como haya sido tu vida, así será tu eternidad»

Mons. Tihamer Toth

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Martes 7-8:30 pm
del 9 de enero al 24 de abril

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Información: Gladys Gomez
gtoursinc@aol.com or 239.331.0284

QUERIDOS HIJOS:

Quiero darles las gracias por un año lleno de alegría, de compartir y de mucha Espiritualidad. Hemos avanzado mucho en la construcción del Reino de Dios y juntos hemos vivido como comunidad, todas las adversidades que han tocado a nuestras puertas.

Gracias por su apoyo, por sus oraciones y por su constante presencia en las Misas, en las reuniones y en los diferentes grupos parroquiales.

En nombre mío, de nuestro Diácono y de todo el personal de la parroquia, les deseamos una muy Feliz Navidad y un Saludable y Próspero Año 2018.

Todo suyo.

Pbro. Luis H. Pacheco
The site of the gatherings rotates among different parishes and takes place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays:

- **First Tuesdays** at St. John the Evangelist Parish
  625 111th Avenue North
- **Second Tuesdays** at St. Agnes Parish - 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road
- **Third Tuesdays** at St. Peter the Apostle Parish
  5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road
- **Fourth Tuesdays** at St. William Parish - 601 Seagate Drive

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