September 16, 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Listening and Responding

There are three interwoven themes in today’s readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don’t always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God’s promptings will lead us in the right way.

Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial
The Parish Office is located in the Parish Center
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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.

Holy Days/Días Festivos
8:30 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. (Bilingüe)
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
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.

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) 592-1949 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.
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CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL

Calendar year 2018 Goal $545,000.00
Pledged (9/2/18) $499,035.88
Received $454,992.68
% of Registered Households 23.16%
Pledged (9/9/18) $499,615.88
Received $456,714.10
% of Registered Households 23.17%

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA $5,167.00

REGISTRATION

St. Agnes registered households are now at 4,926.

Parishes throughout the Diocese have been made aware that someone is creating fake email accounts using the names of priests of the Diocese and or Parish staff and emailing Parishioners requesting donations in the form of gift cards/Pay Pal. If you receive email allegedly from a Priest or Parish Staff member, originating from an email address with a domain other than the Parish’s domain, please ensure the authenticity of the email before responding. No action should be taken and please contact your Parish Office.

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. 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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MASS INTENTIONS

**ST. ANGELES**

**September 15**
- +Angelina Pecoraro by Elizabeth & Jim Moore

**September 16**
- +George Brehm by Wife, Connie Brehm
- +Vincent G. Florentine by Mary Neubaur

**September 17**
- +Jeanne Claire Gallagher by Maria DiMaio
- +Joseph Fiore by Jeanne Fiore

**September 18**
- +Donald Ohlmeyer by Mr. & Mrs. William Schoeler

**September 19**
- +Stanislaus DiMaio by Maria DiMaio
- +St. Agnes Parish request

**September 20**
- +Jeanne Claire Gallagher by Bernard Cravath
- +M. Ruth Richardson by Charlie Carr

**September 21**
- +Francis Pelosky by Mr & Mrs. Kevin Robb
- +Vincent G. Florentine by Mary Neubaur

**September 22**
- +George Brehm by Wife, Connie Brehm
- +Joseph Fiore by Jeanne Fiore

**September 23**
- +Stanislaus DiMaio by Maria DiMaio
- +St. Agnes Parish request

**Saturday**
- 8:30 a.m. Fr. Orsi
- 9:00 a.m. Fr. Len
- 10:00 a.m. Fr. Luis
- 11:00 a.m. Fr. Kris
- 4:00 p.m. Fr. Orsi

**Sunday**
- 8:00 a.m. Fr. Orsi
- 9:00 a.m. Fr. Kris
- 9:30 a.m. Fr. Kris
- 10:00 a.m. Fr. Kris
- 11:30 a.m. Fr. Kris
- 12:00 p.m. Fr. Orsi
- 1:00 p.m. Fr. Orsi
- 2:00 p.m. Fr. Orsi
- 3:00 p.m. Fr. Orsi
- 4:00 p.m. Fr. Orsi
- 6:00 p.m. Fr. Orsi

**We pray for:**

- Patrice Gallagher
- Peggy Wichentahl
- Joy Taylor
- Arthur Denero
- Chuck Ciampi
- Jim Walker
- Veronica Renaud
- Jeffery Hurkes
- Denna Laing
- Raymond Sanchez
- Jorja Miller
- Bill Diicico
- Jamie Sholar
- Nancy Ortiz
- Caterina Catione
- Martin Koempel
- Virginia Rauch
- Grace Siracusa
- Molly Coulter
- Harper Youmans
- Emmett Youmans
- M. Ruth Richardson
- Gina Richardson
- Jim Kluwe
- Jennifer Hempel
- Lydia Lubrica
- Tim Curran
- Richard Flynn
- John McKeon
- Richard Doherty
- William Noble
- Marlene Vogel
- Michael Thomas
- Elizabeth Murphy
- Jeanne Murphy
- Pat Pearson
- Carol Rinkus
- Vincent Mosca
- Drena Justic
- Arthur Denero
- Brooks Limb
- John McKeon
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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.
The apostle Paul writes to the Romans: “Bless your persecutors; never curse them, bless them. ... Never pay back evil with evil, but master evil with good” (Romans 12:14-21). These words cut to the heart of the spiritual life. They make it clear what it means to choose life, not death, to choose blessings not curses. But what is asked of us here goes against the grain of our human nature. We will only be able to act according to Paul’s words by knowing with our whole beings that what we are asked to do for others is what God has done for us.

-Henri Nouwen
UPCOMING MEETINGS

**St. Agnes Council 14202 | 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road | Naples, FL 34120**

**Color Corps Practice:** Wednesday, September 19, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.

**Assembly Officers’ Meeting:** Monday, September 24, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.

**Officers’ Meeting:** Monday, September 24, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.

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

**Council Meeting:** Monday, October 1, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.

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

**Vigil Mass Corporate Communion:** Saturday, October 6, Church, 4:00 P.M.

**Color Corps Practice:** Wednesday, October 17, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.

**First Degree Exemplification:** Monday, October 22, Classroom #1, 6:30 P.M.

**Assembly Officers’ Meeting:** Monday, October 29, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.

**Officers’ Meeting:** Monday, October 29, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
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. 

(St. Agnes Parish)

**When:** October 6, 2018  
**Registration:** 6:00 a.m.  
**Race:** 7:00 a.m.

**WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE**  
- Starts the weekend of September 8th & 9th and concludes October 5th.  
- Awards Issued by % of weight loss and % of fat loss.  
- Kickoff will take place September 7, 2018 in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m.

**WALK/RUN PRE-REGISTRATION**  
- Starts the weekend of August 18th & 19th 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:** 6 de octubre del 2018  
**Registro:** 6:00 a.m.  
**Carrera:** 7:00 a.m.

**RETO PARA LA PÉRDIDA DE PESO**  
- Comenzaremos el fin de semana del 8 y 9 de septiembre  
- Premios para el hombre y la mujer con mayor pérdida de peso y grasa por porcentaje.  
- Día de inicio (“Kickoff”) será el 7 de septiembre del 2018 en el centro parroquial a las 5:30 p.m.

**PRE-REGISTRO PARA LA CAMINATA/CARRERA**  
- Comenzaremos el fin de semana del 18 y 19 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 mas información por favor contactar la oficina al 239.592.1949 ó pueden mandar correo electrónico a DeaconRoberto@StAgnesNaples.org.
Join us for the 9th Annual International Festival! You will experience the cultures within the St. Agnes Community. You will get to experience food, drink, attire, and entertainment from the countries represented at the festival.

If you would like to help at the festival with a particular culture, please call the appropriate contact person from the list below. If you would like to represent a country that is not listed please contact Dan Muro at 239.537.9895 or Martha Velasco at 239.687.8038.

Parroquianos, si a su familia o a usted les gustaría participar en el Festival Internacional de St. Agnes con algo típico de su país, puede ponerse en contacto con las personas que aparecen en el siguiente listado. Si usted esta interesado y su país no esta en la lista, por favor comuníquese con Martha Velasco al teléfono 239.687.8038.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**Argentina:** Luis Meira (239) 860-1115  
**Bolivia:** Maggi Pomacusi (239) 272-6161  
**China:** Lin Lin Wang (239) 537-3228  
**Colombia:** Gerardo & Melba Caldas (239) 333-8819  
**Costa Rica:** Ericka Álvarez (239) 464-8181  
**El Salvador:** Ericka Álvarez (239) 464-8181  
**Guatemala:** Ericka Álvarez (239) 464-8181  
**Honduras:** Ericka Álvarez (239) 464-8181  
**Italy:** Dan Muro (239) 537-9895  
**México:** Matilde Leal (239) 234-0245  
**Nicaragua:** Ericka Álvarez (239) 464-8181  
**Panamá:** Ericka Álvarez (239) 464-8181  
**Puerto Rico:** Jeissa Acevedo (407) 782-0338  
**Uruguay:** Carlos & Adriana Sena (239) 398-5903  
**USA:** Knights of Columbus  
**Venezuela:** Marelvy Colina (239) 297-6571

Proceeds going to St. Agnes CFA

Save in advance tickets: 25 for $20. (Pre-Sales good until Saturday October 20th). Available in the Narthex or at the Parish Office. We are in need of tents and tables for our participating countries. Please contact the parish office at 592.1949 if you can help in this area.
CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

I tell you...there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.


According to a national study1, the United States is the world leader in prison population, possibly attributed to a punitive climate surrounding our criminal justice policies. Another factor resulting in mass incarceration is that the rate of recidivism (the relapse of an ex-prisoner to the criminal behavior) is approximately 70 percent; however, studies have shown that recidivism declines significantly with effective support programs for ex-prisoners who want and need to reintegrate into their communities.

For decades, the American Catholic bishops have promoted a restorative justice approach, as stated in their 2000 pastoral letter, Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice. Our Holy Father explains that, in order for punishment to bear fruit in society, it must contain the promise of hope for new life; otherwise it remains closed in on itself and is simply an instrument of torture.

Successful reintegration is a concern not only for those who return from prison, but also, for public safety and for the political economy. A criminal justice system that emphasizes incarceration but does not provide various types of support to formerly incarcerated individuals, does a disservice to the ex-prisoner as well as to the public.

Punishment is only one aspect of a complex system of justice. It doesn't have to be punitive or retributive; its aim is to bring relief and healing to all who are impacted by the criminal act. The purpose is not to harm the offender, but rather to repair what has been broken and bring the offender back into the community.

As Christians, through restorative justice practices, we can offer hope, healing, and life purpose for the vulnerable and marginalized who have been broken by crime, including the victim, the perpetrator, their families, and community. Policies that promote restorative justice, like The Second Chance Reauthorization Act are crucial in this effort, as they help to fund programs that give hope to those with such a difficult path ahead, including victim support, career training, employment assistance, substance abuse treatment, housing, family programming, mentoring, and other services to individuals leaving prison or jail.

Please contact your congressmen, asking them to embrace restorative justice policies as a way to affirm the dignity of all human life and helping to provide a “horizon for hope” for all involved in the criminal justice system.


For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me...Amen I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'

–Matthew 25:35-40
Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to be Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too!

The RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is a place to ask questions & seek understanding.

Weekly “no obligation” inquiry sessions meet every Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Contact: Ivy O’Malley at Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org

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CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREATS

How often do we do something for ourselves to reflect, rest, simplify?

How far would you go for an overnight retreat focused on personal renewal and, ultimately, renewal as a parish community?

You are invited to attend —right here at your own parish—the next CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH weekend.

Women: September 29-30
Men: October 20-21

Jesus said, “Come by yourselves to an out-of-the-way place and rest awhile.” —Mark 6:31

Sign up online at www.stagnesnaples.org
For more information contact Judy: jbohardt611@yahoo.com and Tom: tbohardt@yahoo.com
The feast day of Saint Vincent de Paul is September 27, the date of his passing in 1660. He was the founder of the Vincentians and the Sisters of Charity and is the patron saint of all charitable organizations.

Born in 1581 to a peasant family in southwestern France, Vincent studied for the priesthood at a local Franciscan college and then at Toulouse University. He was ordained a priest at the age of nineteen.

Little is truly known of Vincent’s early life in the priesthood except that he spent a year in Rome, perhaps studying. In 1612 he became a parish priest in a village just north of Paris and the following year became a tutor in the household of the wealthy and politically powerful Gondi family. He remained with the family for the next 12 years and spent some time as a parish priest where he attended to the needs of the sick and the poor in his parish. In 1617 he formed a group of women who ministered to the needs of these families. He established similar groups in other villages.

Around the year 1618 Vincent came to know Saint Francis de Sales, whose writings, especially the Introduction to the Devout Life, had a strong influence on him. That same year Vincent established a society of priests, sometimes referred to as “Vincentians,” who with the financial support of Madame Gondi, would go from village to village on the Gondi estates to preach to the peasants and conduct missions. The mission work became so successful that with the approval of the archbishop of Paris and continued financial support of the Gondi’s, the group established a base in Paris and their community continued to grow along with their ministry.

Meanwhile the women’s groups started to multiply. In 1633 Vincent began offering formal religious formation for this new group, called the Daughters of Charity. A new order of women religious was born that ministered in hospitals, orphanages, prisons and many other places. The order was formally approved by the Church in 1668.

Vincent’s approach to a devout life of faith was to be simple, practical and to have confidence in God’s love and mercy. He would maintain: “When you leave your prayer to care for a sick person, you leave God for God. To care for a sick person is to pray.”

At Vincent’s funeral the presiding bishop said that he had “changed the face of the Church.” He was canonized in 1737. In 1833, Blessed Antoine Frederic Ozanam would found the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. In 1885 Pope Leo XIII named St. Vincent de Paul universal patron of all works of charity.
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Helping the little ones to know Jesus and feel God's presence

For children ages *6-10:*
- 11am Mass every Sunday
- RETURNING! 5pm Mass Oct 7-May 26
- (Returning soon) 10am at PRHS

NEW! For children ages *3-5:*
- 11am Mass at St Agnes every Sunday

Meet us September 30 after 9am, 11am, or 5pm Mass in the narthex!

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

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.

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 and ages 3-5 go to the chapel bride’s room.

*If your children are younger, 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. Parents of ages 3-5 are asked to meet their children in the narthex at the main entrance of the church.

**All St. Agnes CLOW adult leaders are fingerprinted and background checked.

All are welcome. No registration or fees required.

If you would like to join CLOW as a leader or assistant, contact Diane Stanley at 201-615-8954 (for ages 6-10)
Deb Esayian at 239-898-9022 (for ages 3-5)
9/16… HS Youth Group Kick Off: Join us for our first fall Life Night! All HS teens are welcome to attend. Join us for a fun night of games, food, prayer, and much more!

9/23… Life Night: Come join the youth group as we spend the evening getting to know each other and the core team. Take this opportunity to build a lifelong friendship!

9/30… No Life Night, see you next week!

85 teens and parents met last week for the first year 2 confirmation class of the year. This is one of our largest confirmation groups. A big thanks to all teachers and core members who stepped forward to help instruct the teens.

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

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

9/20… Edge Night: All MS youth are welcome to join us in the Main Hall for an Edge MS youth night!

9/27… Edge Night: Join us for our first official lesson of the fall. This year’s theme, “Chosen!”

10/4… Edge Night: Come join the youth group as we spend the evening getting to know each other and the core team. Take this opportunity to build a lifelong friendship!

10/11… Edge Night: Come join us for our first official discussion night. This year’s theme, “Chosen,” come find out what that means!

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

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Gracias a Dios tenemos una comunidad numerosa, pero ello hace difícil conocer de memoria todos los rostros presentes en cada Misa. La entrega de sus ofrendas en un sobre con su nombre y número permite que quede constancia de su asistencia a la Misa. Su asistencia a Misa se requiere para:

1. Crecer en la vida espiritual y conocer más al Señor.
2. Recibir sacramentos o participar en ellos como, por ejemplo, en calidad de padrinos.
4. Solicitar cartas necesarias para terceras partes como, por ejemplo, servicios de inmigración, constancia de asistencia a la Iglesia, y otros. No podemos emitir cartas que no estén respaldadas por documentación.

Si usted olvida su sobre en casa puede utilizar otro con el borde morado u otro que usted provea y poner en el mismo sus datos (nombre, número de sobre si lo recuerda, dirección).

NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS

Los voluntarios ayudarán a la limpieza de la Iglesia los primeros jueves de cada mes, desde las 9 de la mañana por aproximadamente una hora y media. ¿Cómo vivimos nuestro ser Iglesia? ¿Somos piedras vivas, o somos, por así decirlo, piedras cansadas, aburridas, indiferentes? SS Francisco. Los que tengan disponibilidad deben contactar al diácono Roberto Landron por correo electrónico al roberto@stagnesnayles.org o llamando al teléfono de la oficina y dejando un mensaje 239-592 1949 ext. 126.

ESCUCHANDO Y RESPONDIENDO

En las lecturas de hoy se entrecruzan tres temas: escuchar a Dios, la fe vs. las buenas obras y perder nuestra vida para poder salvarla. ¿De qué manera están relacionados estos temas? En Isaías, el Siervo Sufriente padece muchos disgustos y burlas, pero puede soportarlo porque ha escuchado los mensajes de Dios día tras día. El salmo nos dice que Dios también escucha. Dios escucha nuestras súplicas y siempre está dispuesto a salvarnos. Cuando nuestra fe se profundiza, también se profundiza nuestro deseo de hacer obras de justicia y caridad que fortalezcan el Reino de Dios. Dios guía nuestras acciones de maneras que muchas veces no podemos ver y no siempre vemos los resultados. Se nos llama en fe a confiar en que lo que hacemos es suficiente y que nuestra disposición a escuchar los mensajes de Dios nos guiará por el camino correcto.
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