Called into Relationship by the Holy Spirit and centered in the Eucharist, St. Agnes Parish proclaims and witnesses to all, the Love and Good News of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Staff
Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor V.F.
Rev. Jan Antonik
Rev. Michael P. Orsi
Rev. Luis H. Pacheco (Hispanic Ministry)
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Parish Office / Oficina Parroquial
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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.

Mass Times / Horas de Misa
Saturday / Sab: 3:30 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Sunday / Dom
7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m. PRHS, 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.
1 p.m. En Español
8:30 a.m. Tridentine Mass in the Chapel

Monday - Saturday / Lun - Sab: 8:30 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 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

January 29, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Chosen Remnant

Zephaniah is one of the least-known of the Old Testament prophets. He speaks in today’s first reading of impending judgment. But the Lord will leave a “remnant” in Israel. This image of a remnant, or remainder, was to become vital to both Judaism and Christianity.

Paul’s letter to Corinth makes obvious his deep concern for the Christians there. They are too self-confident, he says, too sure of themselves. He admonishes them to remember that Christ has given them all they have.

Today’s Gospel comprises the opening of Jesus’ “Great Sermon.” As God gave Moses the law on Sinai, so now Jesus gathers his disciples on a hillside to teach them the new law. Each of these Beatitudes contrasts the humiliation of the present with the glory of the future: poverty vs. the riches of God’s kingdom, hunger for holiness vs. fulfillment in the Spirit, persecution vs. the reign of God. Jesus is here speaking to God’s chosen “remnant.”
**Parish Contacts**

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Amanda Paez

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Cindy Dallas

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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.

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**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**

**JAN 30 - FEB 5**

**Monday, January 30**

Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday, January 31**

Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32;  
Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 1**

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,  
17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 2**

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;  
Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**Friday, February 3**

Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 4**

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6;  
Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday, February 5**

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16
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**Meeting Places:**
- YR = Youth Room
- CP = Chapel
- CR = Conference Room
- NX = Narthex
- PC = Parish Center
- CH = Church
- PR = Prayer Chapel
- CL = Classroom
- CY = Canopy
- BR = Bride’s Room
ST. AGNES FINANCIALS

This Week (1/15/17) $40,794.00
One Year Ago $36,586.00
% of Change 11.50%
Mass Attendance 7,156
This Week (1/22/17) $46,511.00
One Year Ago $44,335.00
% of Change 4.90%
Mass Attendance 7,933

YOUTH CONNECTION

$11,499.00

PARISH DEBT $1,538,012.19

(1/15/17) $9,585.00
(1/22/17) $13,080.00

REGISTRATION

St. Agnes registered households are now at 4,195. 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.

CHILDREN’S ROSARY

In the prayer chapel in the church at 9:30 a.m.
First Saturday, February 4th
Children of all ages and abilities are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent.

SAVE THE DATE

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly
Patriotic Spring Fling Dinner Dance
Saturday, April 22nd
Vanderbilt Country Club

WELCOME

MONSIGNOR DAVID GALLIVAN

Msgr. David Gallivan is a retired priest from the Diocese of Buffalo New York. He will be spending the next several weeks here with us at St. Agnes. For the past 50 years Msgr. Gallivan’s life has been dedicated to helping others. From his first assignment in 1966 in the Archdiocese of Lima, Peru, to his later assignments in Buffalo N.Y. as pastor of Holy Cross Church, St. Brigid’s Church, and SS. Peter and Paul. He also served as director of the Hispanic Apostolate, and Executive Director of the Secretariat for Latin America, USCCB. He has always put forth his efforts to improving other people’s lives. Please join in welcoming him during his stay with us.

BAPTISMS AT ST. AGNES

Miles Lagergren

Please pray for the repose of soul of:
+Constance Brancato Ricci
May she enjoy everlasting life and may her family be comforted.

PALMETTO RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL MASS

Come join us on Sundays at 10 a.m.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word for 5-10 year olds every Sunday at the PRHS Mass beginning February 5th.

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.

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
Paul Ashley - USN

SPC Michael Broderick
A1C Daniel R. Hamde, USAF
PFC Michael Baker
SGT David Clark
MSgt. Eric Gunn
PO3 Kimberly Wagner, US
LCPL Brandon Weston
PFC Luke Kerney Kuser
CPT Jacob Lawson
Capt. Dominic Francis Adams
PVT John Wallace
CDR Gregory Meyer
A1C Peter Johnson, USAF
SPC Jorge Armando Nino
Vince Galler, USMC
Jordan M. Perez
LCPL James Sheran, USMC

A1C Victoria Landolfi USAF
Pvt. Reynaldo Rodriguez USA
SGT Abbi Wenthold
Lance Cpl Danny Dewey USMC
SGT Victor Quiles, USA
2LT Sean Kealy, USA
Capt. Francisco Miranda, USA
Capt. David Ralph USMC
FORTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Adults: Do you believe everyone is welcome in the reign of God? Why or why not?
¿Crees que todos son bienvenidos en el reino de Dios? ¿Por qué o por qué no?
Children: Who is welcome in the reign of God? Would you like to tell about the reign of God?
¿Quiénes son bienvenidos en el reino de Dios? ¿A quién te gustaría contarle acerca del reino de Dios?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 28
8:30 a.m. +John Robert Haaga John & Dianne Haaga
3:30 p.m. +Diane Bliss Ed & Dee Potenza
5:15 p.m. +Grace Amberg George & Ronell Giresi

Sunday January 29
7:30 a.m. +Anita Casani Ann Shewman
9:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
PRHS 10 a.m. +Manuel Martinez Miller & Fenaughty Families
11:00 a.m. +Mary & Robert Edgar Pat & Bob Edgar
1:00 p.m. Special Intention
5:00 p.m. +Mary Sabo Susan & Oscar Suros

Monday January 30
8:30 a.m. +Katherine Christian Vickey Hickey

Tuesday January 31
8:30 a.m. +Christine Redinger Bill & Dossie Schoeler

Wednesday February 1
8:30 a.m. In Honor of McClung Family Sally & Don Perrella

Thursday February 2
8:30 a.m. +Maria & Wasy Salamacha James & Antonina Gauthier

Friday February 3
8:30 a.m. +Francis Savage Susan Mandry

Saturday February 4
8:30 a.m. +Phyllis O'Meara Karen Waterval
3:30 p.m. In Honor of the Dean Family Marge Dean
5:15 p.m. +Ann Broniak Joseph & Felicia Manhart

Sunday February 5
7:30 a.m. +Peter Vicaerlla Frank DiNello
9:00 a.m. +Mr. & Mrs. Donna Baboulis & Michael Gyscek
1:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
5:00 p.m. +Dennis Therieault Kathy & Frank Anzevano

PRIEST SCHEDULE subject to change

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Names will remain on the prayer list for approx 4-6 weeks, as space allows. To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 592-1949 or e-mail maggie@stagnemarries.org. Thank You.
## Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes
### Parish Groups and Ministries

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|                                | Events                    | Marta Velasco   | 687-8038    |
|                                | Events                    | Linda Kantor    | 585-924-5695 |
|                                | Finance Council           |                | 592-1949    |
|                                | Hospitality Committee     | Pat & Tom O'Grady | 353-4067 |
|                                | Justice and Peace Committee | Meg Jacobson   | 495-0966 |
|                                | Liturgy Committee         | Call the Office      | 592-1949 |
|                                | Mayordomía Cristiana (PAC) | Dcn. Roberto Landrón | 592-1949 |
|                                | Pastoral Council          | Mary Mensch     | 513-1842    |
|                                | Stewardship Committee     | Dominick Cavuto  | 592-1949    |

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| Organizations with Parish Affiliation | Boy Scouts Troop 951       | Stephen Seaton | 404-5475 |
|                                       | Casa Maria Soup Kitchen   | Call the Office | 592-1949 |
|                                       | Cub Scouts                | Erika Klus     | 331-4243 |
|                                       | Cursillo                  | Rene Rubio     | 877-9930 |
|                                       | Impacto                   | Elvies & Aida Valdez | 451-0411 |
|                                       | Legion of Mary            | Carla Boggess  | 919-4271 |
|                                       | Knights of Columbus       |               |           |
| Council 14202                         | Al Striebel               | 603-897-9019  |
| 4th Degree Assembly 3049               | Joe Albergo               | 917-273-9127  |
| Society of St. Vincent de Paul         | Frank Carlin              | 592-1949      |

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**Couples Anniversary Mass**

All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in two locations: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 18 at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, and 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 11 at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs. Registration is only through the parishes. Please call your local parish office for reservations no later than a week before the event you choose to attend.
Women’s Conference
Saturday, February 11, 2017 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Dr. Ted Sri
Ted Sri is a university professor, speaker, and author who worked to launch FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and currently teaches theology at the Augustine Institute in Denver.

Rachael Balducci
Rachael Balducci is a newspaper columnist and blogger. She is the author of How Do You Tuck In A Superhero? and is a co-host of The Gist on CatholicTV. She writes about the intersection of faith and family.

Lisa Cotter
Lisa Cotter is a nationally known speaker on the topics of relationships, femininity, and living life with excellence. She and her husband, Kevin, serve in FOCUS. Lisa is the founder of Made to Magnify, a ministry with a mission to help people become saints.

Susan Conroy
Susan Conroy wrote on her eleven-year friendship with Mother Teresa in Mother Teresa’s Lessons of Love & Secrets of Sanctity. Susan hosted a 13-part full-season series called Speaking of Saints on EWTN. Susan’s most recent book is Coming to Christ: Resting in His Love.

Location: Bishop Verot High School, 5598 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers
Cost: Adults $20  Students $5.

Registration link: http://dioceseofvenice.org/womens
For more information, call 941-484-9543 or email evangelization@dioceseofvenice.org.
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, March 11, 2017
The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort

The Emerald Ball

Join us for a special evening to support the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc. which benefit people in need in Collier County.

For more information contact:
Brenda Lee Anderson, Catholic Charities of Collier County 239-455-2655 • banderson@catholiccharitiescc.org
or Dominick and Rita Cuvuoto, Co-Chairs 239-777-3977 • emeraldball.cuvuoto@gmail.com

Visit www.catholiccharitiesdov.org and click on 2017 Emerald Ball for additional information, exciting live auction items for bid and ticket sales.


ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH
2007 10TH ANNIVERSARY GALA 2017

Saturday, March 18th
Vineyards Country Club

• Cocktails 6-7 p.m.
• Surf & turf Dinner at 7 p.m.
• Black tie optional
• Dinner, Dancing and Auctions
• Car Raffle winner drawn that evening
• $100 per ticket
(Only 300 tickets are available)
Sweetheart Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 18th

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner catered by Gino’s
Entertainment by
Verceal Whitaker of the Platters.
verceal.com
$40.00 per person.

Tickets available in the Narthex
or at the Parish Center Office

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.
St. Agnes Council 14202 | 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road | Naples, FL 34120

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Council Officers’ Meeting: Monday, January 30, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
- Tootsie Roll Drive: Thursday, February 2, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Commercial Locations
- Assembly Meeting: Monday, February 6, PC Hall, 6:00 P.M.
- Monthly Council Meeting: Monday, February 6, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
- Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, February 12 6 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., Parish Center
- Sweethearts Dinner Dance: Saturday, February 18, Parish Center, 5:30 P.M.
- Tootsie Roll Drive: February 25-26, ALL MASSES, Outside Church
- Color Guard: Wednesday, February 15, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Catholic Schools Week 2017

The Catholic School Advantage

According to a study by the University of Notre Dame Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), parents who send their children to Catholic school often cite safety and values as motivation for their choice. These two vital considerations are a huge part of the benefits students of Catholic schools receive, but they represent only a portion of what researchers call the Catholic School Advantage.

ADVANTAGES:

1. Students who attend Catholic schools are more likely to attend church and remain active Catholics as adults.

2. 86% of students who graduate from Catholic schools attend college, compared to 40% of students in public schools.

3. Catholic school students are also more accepting of diverse views, more likely to vote, more likely to be civically engaged, and earn higher wages than their public school peers.

4. Hispanic and African American students who attend Catholic schools are 42% more likely to graduate from high school and 2.5 times more likely to graduate college.

5. 98% of low income, minority children graduate from Catholic high schools, compared to only 66% of all students in public schools.

The gifts of Catholic schools are not limited to those who attend them; they are a blessing to our nation, forming active and compassionate citizens, while lowering costs for public schools -- by educating 2 million children, Catholic schools save the nation $24 billion annually.

The Catholic School Advantage is especially pronounced for low-income and minority students. Yet, the very students most in need of an effective intervention, who would most benefit from a Catholic education, are usually also those who have the least access to this unique, life-changing opportunity.

Sources:
https://ace.nd.edu/academies/the-catholic-school-advantage
https://www.ncea.org/data-information/catholic-school-data
St. John Neumann Catholic High School
Strength. Purpose. Faith

- Fully dedicated to grades 9-12
- College-focused teacher mentoring
- 100% graduation rate
- $5+ million in college scholarship offers
- SAT & ACT exceed state & national averages
- Class of 2017 college acceptances include:
  - University of Notre Dame
  - Boston College
  - Georgetown University
  - United States Naval Academy
Visit www.sjnceltics.org/colleges to see more!

To apply or schedule a campus tour, call Betsi Jones at 239-455-3044, ext. 201 or go to www.sjnceltics.org

Open House
You're Invited!

Saint Ann Catholic School
Grades PK3 - 8
VPK PROVIDER
Sunday, January 29
Noon - 2:00pm

www.stann.net ~ facebook.com/SaintAnnSchool ~ (239) 262-4110 ~ 542 8th Avenue S. Naples, FL 34102

New families receive $100 off application!
RSVP to LSimeses@stann.net for a chance to receive a $1000 tuition voucher!

You are invited to our
Open House
Sunday, January 29th
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Meet our teachers, tour campus and see the Seton difference!

For more information:
239-455-2262 or porter@seseton.org
2730 53rd Terrace SW
Naples, FL 34116
www.saintelizabethseton.com

Our family would like to meet yours!
Thursday & Friday  
February  
16th & 17th  

at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Agnes Parish Center  
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road  
Naples, FL 34120

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.

LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR

Making a will can be difficult, but dying without one can make it even more difficult for your loved ones left behind. If you do not have a will, your wishes can never be known, and your loved ones will face uncertainties, obstacles and added costs in resolving your estate.

Who will make my health care decisions, when I cannot speak for myself?

You will need to appoint a Health Care Surrogate by way of a specific legal document. If you do not have a legal Health Care Surrogate, your health care may not be carried out according to your wishes.

To learn more, you are invited to attend the Life Planning Seminar entitled: “Preparing for Today, Tomorrow and Beyond” which will be held at our parish on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Register online at: https://dioceseofvenice.regfox.com/catholic-community-foundation-st-agnes or by phone at 941-486-4722
**Sisters In Spirit**

**Sisters In Spirit**

**Ladies Book Club**

**Wednesday, Feb 1**

**Part 2, Ch 34-end**

**7-8:30pm In the Parish Center**

**Purgatory Explained**

by Fr. F. X. Schouppe, S.J.

You would never dream so much is known about Purgatory! Not only is the basic teaching of the Church given here, but also countless true stories of apparitions and revelations on Purgatory from the lives of St. Margaret Mary, St. Gertrude, St. Bridget of Sweden, the Cure of Ars, St. Lidwina of Schiedam, etc.

*Books or Kindle edition can be purchased on Amazon.*

Sisters In Spirit (SIS) is for Catholic women of all ages & stages to come together for a common goal of nurturing our lives & renewing our spirits through Study, Inspiration & Sisterhood. Contact: Ivy O’Malley at Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org

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**Bereavement Support Group**

If you or a family member are grieving the loss of a family member or friend, we invite you to participate in a support group designed to offer spiritual and emotional support. The program which last 8 weeks begins Tuesday, February 7th. We will have an afternoon and evening session, depending on need. All sessions will be held in the Parish Center. Please call the parish office (239-592-1949) or email Deacon Henry (deaconhenry@stagnesnaples.org) to register or request more information. You are in our prayers.

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**Catholic Jewish Dialogue Events**

**A Catholic Jewish Dialogue Film Presentation and Discussion**

“Joe’s Violin” is a short documentary about a blossoming friendship between a 93 year old Holocaust survivor and a Bronx 14 year old schoolgirl. The two are brought together by a violin he acquired in a displaced persons camp in postwar Germany.

**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church Ballroom**

625 11th Ave N | Naples

Sunday February 12, 4:00 p.m.

RSVP’s to cjdialogue@naples.net help us to plan.
ST. AGNES
CATHOLIC
CHURCH
PASTORAL PLAN
2017-2019

Goal 1: Engage parishioners in worship experiences, including the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith.

- Include prayers before and after Mass in the bulletin and on the screens.
- Increase the availability of Eucharistic Adoration and daily Mass, especially for working people.
  - Expand Children’s Liturgy of the Word to the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
  - Promote various forms of prayer, especially during Lent.
  - Host an ecumenical prayer event in conjunction with Thanksgiving.
- Enhance pastoral care of parishioners with health issues by refining the coordination of visits and sacramental needs.
  - Each liturgical ministry will meet with its members annually to conduct a training/enrichment activity.

Goal 2: Evangelize the community and create opportunities for ongoing conversion.

- Implement a Childcare Ministry.
- Plan and conduct an evangelization event utilizing resources like Formed.org.
  - Conduct a postcard campaign to invite and welcome area residents.
- Conduct Christ Renews His Parish retreats with 2 men’s and 2 women’s groups per year.
  - Establish a committee for the New Evangelization.

Goal 3: Provide abundant opportunities for life long faith formation.

- Add new children’s/family activity in addition to Vacation Bible School.
  - Establish a catechetical program for preschoolers.
  - Increase Young Adult group participation by 10% per year.
  - Establish three small faith communities.
- Offer Formed.org resources as the basis for a study group each Lent.
  - Register 500 parishioners on Formed.org.
- Facilitate youth group growth with a 15:1 ratio of youth to Adult Core members.
- Plan and conduct an event to reconnect non-practicing Catholics.
  - Promote Diocesan Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation with one promotion per month.

Goal 4: Demonstrate a commitment to peace, justice, and Catholic social teachings.

- Implement an education/formation program to raise awareness of Catholic Social Teaching and how it can be incorporated into one’s daily life and the community.
- Form a dedicated group to increase communication and mutual activities with our sister parish, Jesus the Worker, in Ft. Myers.
  - Facilitate sister parish participation in our International Festival and establish monthly communication.
- Strengthen our preferential option for the poor by identifying two new areas of need.
- Increase awareness of Human Trafficking through materials and events.
- Provide resources to broaden awareness and encourage participation in the legislative initiatives of the National and State Bishop’s Conferences.

Goal 5: Promote Stewardship; the sharing of time, talent, and treasure as a way of life.

- Create a “Ministry Minute” spotlighting a specific ministry at Mass monthly.
- Schedule four mini Stewardship fairs annually highlighting: Catechetical, Prayer, Liturgical, and Service opportunities.
- Attain the following % of participation in the Catholic Faith Appeal; 2017-22%, 2018–24%, 2019–26%.

Goal 6: Implement a plan to accommodate the continuing growth of our community, including a mission.

- Identify coordinators for the ministries needed for the new mission.
- Enhance communication regarding the promotion of the Palmetto Ridge High School Mass and eventual mission.
- Develop a plan for the expansion of current facilities to enhance the liturgical, social, and faith formation activities of the parish.
  - Conduct preliminary work and a feasibility study for a Capital Campaign to fund future projects.
  - Develop a site plan for the new parish.
- Launch a Capital Campaign to fund the new mission and improvements at St. Agnes.
SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Knights of Columbus will be gathering personal items for our troops in the war zone starting January 14th - February 5th. A box to collect items will be in the Narthex through the weekend of February 5th. The knights will then package these donated items along with a letter of thanks and mail them to the troops.

If you wish to make a financial donation for mailing expenses, entitle an envelope “Support Our Troops” and make out the check to Knights of Columbus, 3094. Please put the envelope in the collection basket at mass or bring it to the parish office. If you have relatives or friends in the war zone and you would like them to receive these donate items please call us with their names and and complete address and we will mail them a package.

Suggestions: Protein bars, protein powder, lemon drops, (candy that won’t melt), trail mix, rice crispy treats, peanut butter, oreo cookies, jelly, writing paper, cards, dice, and wipes, hand wipes, lip balm, sunscreen, foot lotion, hand sanitizer, Christian items, nuts, especially pistachio, frisbees, gloves and hats. (Please no glass jars, chocolate candy, books or magazines. No used clothing or shoes.)

The Knights of Columbus serve the parish and community.

If you are interested in joining the Knights and helping in their service projects, please contact a knight or call Ray Sollitto at 455.4346 or John Shelton at 248.4948.

THE FACES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

In The United States Thousands of Human Trafficking Cases Are Reported But Many More Go Unnoticed.

Thursday February 2, 2017 at 7p.m. in the St. Agnes Parish Center

Join us for an informative educational program about human trafficking and learn how you can help. Local experts will:

- Describe the forms of trafficking
- Discuss how to recognize and report suspected human trafficking
- Highlight local realities of this crime and the role of law enforcement
- Provide information about community services for victims and survivors

Presenters include professionals from Catholic Charities Victims Assistance Program; the Shelter for Abused Women and Children; Collier County Sheriff’s Office, Special Crimes Bureau/Exploitation Unit.

Sponsored by St Agnes Justice & Peace Committee
Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours...

—St. Teresa of Avila

Welcome New Parishioners

You are invited to a new parishioner reception on Friday, February 10th in the Church Narthex from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Meet the clergy and staff, and learn more about your St. Agnes community in a relaxed, intimate atmosphere. Refreshments and light hors d’oeuvres will be offered.

Please email Gloria Carter at Gloria@stagnesnaples.org or call her at 592-1949 ext. 118 to reserve your place. Please respond no later than February 3rd.

We look forward to meeting you!

Fr. Bob and the St. Agnes Clergy and Parish Staff

Faith Formation Volunteer Opportunities

God loves a faithful giver! Are you being called to “love and serve the Lord” through your talent of teaching, listening, friendship, leadership, or organization? Have you considered giving your TIME and TALENT to our Faith Formation ministry? No experience required; we will train you in the process.

Areas in which we need help:

- Children’s Liturgy of the Word leaders and assistants at 11am or 5pm Mass.
- Middle School Youth Group small group leaders Thursdays 6:30-8:15pm.
  - High School Youth Group leaders Sundays 6-8pm.
  - Office assistants any time during office hours.
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Pre-K program catechists and assistants.
  - Vacation Bible School organizers and leaders preparing for June 12-16.

If you would like more information, please contact Ivy O’Malley:
ivy@StAgnesNaples.org or 592-1949 ext. 114.
Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) takes place every Sunday at the 11am Mass

We welcome children ages 5-10 to participate in the Liturgy. It is a Liturgy, just like Mass is a Liturgy, and not babysitting or playtime. (Please help your children leave behind things that might distract them such as toys, books, cell phones, and dolls.) They are escorted to the Chapel before the First Reading in the main church and return during the Collection.

We enjoy making CLOW meaningful each week and aim our program for children ages 5-10. If your child is younger than 5 years old, we invite you to come sit with them to help them stay focused on the Liturgy.

Thank you for sharing your children with us! We love sharing God’s Word with them.

HELP WANTED: CLOW leaders and assistants to help us bring Children’s Liturgy of the Word to the 5pm Sunday Mass.
We will train you!
Call Diane at 239.353.4942

CLOW will take place every Sunday during the 10am Mass at
Palmetto Ridge High School
Feb. 5 - April 15

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

The Faith Formation team is here to serve you M-F, 9am-4pm
Director:
Coordinator: Habla Español
Admin. Assistant:
Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org
Rose@StAgnesNaples.org
Amanda@StAgnesNaples.org
1/29... Life Night: “Dignity.” Using the dignity of the human person as the basis, we will be covering the basics on the Church’s sacraments and foundational teachings.

2/5, 2:00pm-5:00pm ... Super Bowl Sunday Football Game at St. John Neumann. Come root for the St. Agnes football team as we compete against 4 other parishes in the annual Super Bowl game. No Life Night.

2/12...Life Night: “The Good Life.” The goal of this night is to show the HS youth the importance of having personal integrity as a part of our Christian lifestyle and mission.

No youth group on Sunday? No problem, let’s go bowling after Mass instead! So much fun!

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@stagneznaples.org
239-592-1949 Ext. 150

All events are in the Youth Room of the Parish Center located behind the main church.
¿POR QUÉ DEBO INSCRIBIRME EN LA PARROQUIA?
Nuestra parroquia de St. Agnes le da la bienvenida a todos, especialmente los invita a asistir a la Santa Misa. El mayor regalo de participar en la Eucaristía es el encuentro personal y sin igual con Jesús. Ese es el centro de nuestra vida y la razón más importante de nuestro trabajo.
Además, los invitamos a ser parte activa de nuestra comunidad inscribiéndose en la parroquia por los siguientes motivos:
1. Recibirá información de nuestro párroco de eventos y campañas de nuestra comunidad.
2. Nos permitirá programar con eficiencia los servicios que damos a la comunidad.
3. Al entregar sus ofrendas en sobres su asistencia a misa queda registrada.
4. Su inscripción y asistencia a misa son elementos importantes para participar en los sacramentos de nuestra Iglesia.
5. Su inscripción y participación en la misa nos dan elementos para emitir cartas a las autoridades que soliciten sus referencias.
6. Si alquila servicios en nuestra Iglesia como por ejemplo el uso de salones, tiene un precio de descuento.
7. Al final del año puede recibir una notificación de sus contribuciones, las que pueden ser descontadas de su declaración de impuestos.

TALLER: IMPORTANCIA DE LA ORACIÓN EN FAMILIA
Solo viendo el amor y la oración de los padres, los hijos pueden entender que sus progenitores son reflejos del amor de Dios. Es por eso que siempre en todas las parroquias se repite que ‘la familia que reza unida, permanece unida’, y si permanece unida se amarán entre sí como Dios ha amado a cada uno de ellos.

- El horario del retiro es de 8:00 am hasta las 3:30pm
- El costo del retiro es $15.00 por adulto y $5.00 por niño.
- Desayuno y almuerzo incluido
- Inscripciones en el lobby de la Parroquia comenzando el doming 8 de Enero

Este retiro es convocado por el Ministerio Familias (Carlos y Maria Mejías) Enriquecimiento Matrimonial (Roberto y Verónica Lewis), Padres y Madres Orantes (Carlos y Adriana Sena).

FERIA DE MINISTERIOS
¿Quieres ser un voluntario en nuestra parroquia de St. Agnes?
Te invitamos a nuestra feria de ministerios el próximo 4 y 5 de febrero para contactar con los líderes de nuestros ministerios.
Lugar: Centro Parroquial
Horas: Luego de cada misa.
¡Te esperamos!

EL RESTO ELEGIDO
Sofoñas es uno de los profetas menos conocidos del Antiguo Testamento. Hoy habla en la primera lectura sobre el juicio inminente. Pero el Señor dejará un “resto” en Israel. Esta imagen de un resto, de lo que quedará, será vital para judíos y cristianos.
La carta de Pablo a los corintios evidencia su profunda preocupación por los cristianos de allí. Están muy confiados, dice, muy seguros de sí mismos. Los insta a recordar que Cristo les ha dado todo lo que tienen.
El Evangelio de hoy incluye el comienzo del “Gran Sermón” de Jesús. Así como Dios le dio a Moisés la Ley en el Sinaí, ahora Jesús reúne a sus discípulos en un monte para enseñarles la nueva Ley. Cada una de estas Bienaventuranzas contrasta la humillación del presente con la gloria del futuro. La pobreza frente a las riquezas del Reino de Dios, el hambre de Dios frente a la satisfacción en el Espíritu, la persecución frente al Reino de Dios. Jesús aquí está hablando al “resto” elegido de Dios.
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