March 19, 2017

Third Sunday of Lent

Thirsting for Life-Giving Waters

Especially during the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter seasons, the prayer texts of the Eastern Church reveal in paradoxical images of Christ: the eternal life who is put to death, the host of the supper who is also its meal, the thirsty crucified one with living water streaming from his side. These images flow from the evangelists’ portrayals of Jesus and from his very ministry, during which he often upset or reversed people’s expectations about him or the ways of God. This “reversal” is at play in today’s Gospel, as Jesus speaks to an enemy foreigner who is also a woman beneath his status. In addition he, the thirsting one, shows the woman to be the one truly thirsting. He—whose parched lips will say “I thirst” before he dies—is the source of life and life-giving water. Lent calls upon us to dwell on how each of us is thirsting for Christ, and it leads us, ultimately, back to the life-giving waters of our baptism into his Body.
Parish Contacts
Pastor
Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor
Parochial Vicars
Rev. Jan Antonik
Rev. Michael P. Orsi
Rev. Luis H. Pacheco (Hispanic Ministry)
Deacons
Henry deMena, Ed McCarthy,
Roberto Landrón (Hispanic Ministry), Hugh Muller
Operations Manager
Deacon Roberto Landrón
Office Manager
Maggie Brady
Bookkeeper
Diane Pappalardo
Receptionist
Lisa Dahn
Admin. Asst. to the Pastor
Barbara Pikal
Faith Formation Director
Ivy O’Malley
Faith Formation Assistant
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Coordinator Of Catechesis
Rose Deffenbaugh
Youth and Young Adult Coordinator
Robert Massey
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Estela Delgado
Sacristan
Connie Brehm
Music Director
Paul Todd
Asst. Music Director
Cindy Dallas
Stewardship Coordinator
Gloria Carter
Communications Assistant
Yenlys Hernandez
Maintenance
Larry Biela

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

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

March 20-26

Monday, March 20
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday, March 21
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 22
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 23
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 24
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 25
Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, March 26
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]
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**MEETING PLACES**
NX=Narthex  PC=Parish Center
CH=Church  PR=Prayer Chapel
PL=Parking Lot  CL=Classroom
CY=Canopy  BR=Bride’s Room
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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND SAFETY:

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
PFC Zack Steelman
Paul Ashley - USN

SPC Michael Broderick
A1C Daniel R. Hamde, USAF
PFC Michael Baker
SGT David Clark
Maj. Eric Gunn
P03 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
Vincent Galier, USMC
Jordan M. Perez
LCPL James Sheran, USMC
SSG Andrew White

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

BAPTIZED AT ST. AGNES
Kyle DeVille
Riker DeVille
Andrew DeVille
Kate Jimenez

March 25th & 26th Camp Cards
$10 Available in the Narthex

DOWNLOAD THE APP — “SAVERSGUIDE” and start saving on over 400,000 OFFERS!
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Adults: Where have you found a source of “living water” for your own journey of faith?
¿Dónde ha encontrado una fuente de “agua viva” para su propio caminar en la fe?

Children: When has your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger?
¿Cuándo te ha ayudado a ser más fuerte el creer en Jesús?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 18 Requested by:
8:30 a.m. +Stephen & Monica Harmon The Harmon Family
3:30 p.m. +Eddie Benham Paula Benham
5:15 p.m. +Michael J. McGovern, Sr. The McGovern Family

Sunday March 19
7:30 a.m. +Veronica & Michael Lezak Daughter Kristina
9:00 a.m. +Don Selinga Adeline Masta
PRHS 10 a.m. +Michael Lais Mom & Jim Gargiulo
11:00 a.m. +Barbara & George Papp Barb Thiele
1:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
5:00 p.m. +Lawrence Potaro Claire Potaro

Monday March 20
8:30 a.m. +Florence Taylor William L. Bernard
Noon In honor of Susan Christopher Joe Fortunato

Tuesday March 21
8:30 a.m. +Salvatore Scarentino John & Carroll Henry
Noon +Baca-Bader Families Johanna Baca

Wednesday March 22
8:30 a.m. +Henry Knetter St. Agnes Parish Family
Noon +Richard Bertone Chet Obieleski

Thursday March 23
8:30 a.m. +Robina & John Somerville John & Bernadette Somerville
Noon +Gertrude Keegan Cathy Annunzio

Friday March 24
8:30 a.m. +Linda Stipo Pat & Joe Porretta
Noon +Joe Driscoll The Driscoll Family

Saturday March 25
8:30 a.m. +Joseph Fiore Jeanne Fiore
3:30 p.m. Mass For Life
5:15 p.m. +Robin & Michael O’Connor Carla Bogess

Sunday March 26
7:30 a.m. +Anita Casani Ann Shewman
9:00 a.m. +John Garlock The Dahn Family
PRHS 10 a.m. +Molly Marcon The Brady Family
11:00 a.m. +Beaudoin & Shea Family Dick & Barbara Shea
1:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
5:00 p.m. +Our Parents Wetzstein, Sventek & DiSabatino Families, Janyne Sventek

Wine & Hosts:
In Memory of The Bernal Solares Family

We pray for:

Carmine DiMeglio Joseph Liguori Liz Bammerlin
Michelina Fera Mary Behe Berta Pineda
Estelle Hutta Scott Matthew Hosmer Caroline Grabenbauer
Mary Jo Mattison Judy Bica Rosemary Christie
Claire Shearer Robert Donohue Ann Jacobson
Marge Honan Megan Shramovich Michael Kucharson
Joyce Kucharson Merrabeth Koyak Ed O’Brien
Lisa Landolfi Irwine Marie Cozzolino Wendy Coleman
Meg Dempsey Tom Dempsey Richard Flynn
Justin Kromer George Dewey Eleanor Dewey
Carol Roper Vienna Showers Samuel Albano
John McKeon Suzanne Giannotti Barbara Zatarga
Joseph T. Greco Jillian Brown Jizelle Andrade
Mike Costanzo Luke Schneider Sharon Kane
Janice Share John Conrad Len Judy
Deborah Torchetti Robert Gomez Robert Donohue
Ed Hord David Rauch John Mahoney
Annette Mahoney Caterina Cazizone Roger & Dell Rogers
Michelina Sarno Kailyn Douglas Kate Hosmer
Julie Trettis Robert Roher
ing
Elizabeth Murphy Mae Donahue
ing
Maria del Rosario Salcido

Larry Kielsa Mary C. Meyer
William Burns Clara Dolney Kaiti Dolney
Cora Kaspzkyk Betty DiAndriole Kurt Schabbel
Lisa Burakiewicz Ray Paul Schafer Joe Lever
Patrick McHenry Bill Benavitz Tom Hardel
Bill Von Ahm Rick Genel Sue Soros
Ronald Schoonegeuij Donna Flynn Sean McCormick
Gina Richardson Jim Walker Anthony Lepore
Meghan O’Neil Ray Projan
Ferriera Family Molly Coulter Bill Marshall
Mary Baker John Franke Mary Ann Galante
Bobby Gallo Harper Jean Youmans John Lalia
Bob Gala Rodrigo Cadena Miles McCall
Gabe Peters Alan Forman Dee & Joseph Iuteri
Kayla Marlow Claudette Casey Kevin Pearson
Michael D. Jannusch Kathy Stapleton Dr. John Sexton
Denna Laing Dottie Yezek Ann Jacobson
Carol Ladley Jorja Miller Rose & John Koraarist
Wendy Coleman Meg Dempsey Tom Dempsey
Richard Flynn John Kromer Susan F. Christopher
Shirley Connolly Patrice Ferrara Ralph Congelo

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@stagnesnaples.org. Thank You.

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.

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–Henri Nouwen

One of the hardest spiritual tasks is to live without prejudices. Sometimes we aren’t even aware how deeply rooted our prejudices are. We may think that we relate to people who are different from us in colour, religion, sexual orientation, or lifestyle as equals, but in concrete circumstances our spontaneous thoughts, uncensored words, and knee-jerk reactions often reveal that our prejudices are still there.

Strangers, people different than we are, stir up fear, discomfort, suspicion, and hostility. They make us lose our sense of security just by being “other.” Only when we fully claim that God loves us in an unconditional way and look at “those other persons” as equally loved can we begin to discover that the great variety in being human is an expression of the immense richness of God’s heart. Then the need to prejudge people can gradually disappear.
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LOVING YOURSELF AND LETTING YOUR OWN LIGHT SHINE
March 20 - 8:30am Monday morning Mass or 7:00pm Prayer Service
– Tackling Your Own Apathy, Cynicism, Narcissism and Personal Neglect
March 21 - 8:30am Tuesday morning Mass or 7:00pm Penance Service
– The Convenience of Playing Small

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND LETTING THEIR LIGHT SHINE
March 22 - 8:30am Wednesday morning Mass or 7:00pm Prayer Service
– Saying No to Gossip, Jealousy and Suspicion

Mission Presenter - Rev. J. Ronald Knott
International retreat leader and author of over 25 books for clergy and the laity.

March 20-22, 2017
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples FL
Vanderbilt Beach Rd. and Collier Boulevard
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Soon the Diocese of Venice will be taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRS). By participating in this collection, you are responding to Jesus in disguise in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. The CRS Collection provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Let us join in this collection to support those suffering and on the margins of society.

In Western African poor and rural farmers, almost no matter how hard they work, are hit by droughts that are shortening the rainy season, and thus leaving harvests too small to support families and communities. Your support of CRS is helping connect companies and organizations that provide drought-resistant seeds to these communities. It is precisely these new relationships that are providing hope to these communities for a sustainable future. Should you wish to learn more of how CRS assists around the world, please go to http://www.crs.org/.

The CRS Collection will take place in the Diocese of Venice the weekend of March 25 and 26, 2017. Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the world. This is one more opportunity for each of us to express compassion and generosity. Thank you!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers throughout this Lenten Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

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**19TH ANNUAL 2017 LENTEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL!**

A Luncheon Series During the Wednesdays of Lent 12 to 1 p.m.

HOSTED BY THE THEOLOGICAL CENTER OF NAPLES

www.TCNaples.org

This year’s theme...The Lord’s Prayer, presented as six phrases over the six weeks of Lent. Following each luncheon, you’re invited to stay for a tour of the host facility.

**March 22 - Give us this day our daily bread.** Presenter: Chaplain Henry Braga, M Div, AVOW Hospice
Location: AVOW, 1095 Whippoorwill Ln

**March 29 - And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.** Presenter: Dr Donald Wortham, Hodges University Pres.
Location: Naples YMCA, 5450 YMCA Rd.

**April 5 - And lead us not into temptation.** Presenter: Fr Bob Kantor, St Agnes Catholic Church Pastor
Location: St Agnes Parish Ctr, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.

**April 12 - but deliver us from evil.** Presenter: Pastor Zenford Gause, First Love Family Ministries
Location: East Naples United Methodist Church, 2701 Airport Rd S.

*There is no charge for this event, donations accepted. Plan to stay for a tour of the facility, following each luncheon. THE THEOLOGICAL CENTER IN NAPLES IS COMMITTED TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH AMONG COMMUNITIES OF FAITH, WHILE FOSTERING DIALOG, TOLERANCE, AND HARMONY. www.tcnaples.org or Bernadette 398-3951*
UPCOMING MEETINGS

Lenten Fish Bake: Every Friday, PC Hall & Kitchen, 4:30 P.M.
Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, April 9,
After the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. Masses, Parish Center
First Degree Exemplification: Sunday, March 19, Classroom #1, 10:30 A.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, March 27, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, April 3, PC Hall, 6:00 P.M.
Monthly Council Meeting: Monday, April 3, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Color Guard: Wednesday, April 6, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Take Advantage of this opportunity to play and dine at one of Naples finest clubs. Join your fellow parishioners and friends of St Agnes to raise money for the St. Agnes CFA & St. Agnes K of C!

Put a foursome together or we will pair you up if you are a twosome or a single.

Hole Sponsors Needed - $200 donation

For more information contact:
Dom Regan (239) 821 9679 or domaregan@gmail.com
Jack Foley (239) 353 2454 or jfoley311@comcast.net
Jim Kavney (239) 272 4671 or jmkavney@gmail.com
Phil Massimino (239) 353 8729 or pmmdret@aol.com

TEAR OFF AND PLACE IN COLLECTION BASKET

Include your check with sign up. Make checks payable to St. Agnes Knights of Columbus
Handicap not required – We will fill a foursome

Make your own foursome

Name:________________________   Phone #________________________
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Dinner Only:

Name:________________________   Phone #________________________
Number of guests ____________
Help us beautify our church on Easter with flowers. This is a way to remember those who could not 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. 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 Easter. Thank you for your support in making our church look special during this blessed season.

In Memory of ________________________________

In Honor of ________________________________

Requested by ________________________________

 ___ $10.00  ___ $20.00  ___ $50.00  ___ $100.00

What is the Liturgy of the Hours?

You are invited to join us during Lent for this beautiful tradition.

The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, which is like an extension of the Eucharistic celebration, is the Church’s way of allowing the mystery of Christ to permeate and transfigure the time of each day. It consists of a series of Psalms, readings, and prayers organized into seven “hours” spread throughout the day in faithfulness to the apostolic exhortations to pray constantly. In this public prayer of the Church, the faithful (clergy, religious, and lay people) pray as the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom; it is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father.

Come before Mass on Tuesdays at 11:45 in the Chapel and Thursdays at 5:15 in the Chapel
Wish you knew the Bible better?

“The Bible and the Sacraments”
Focus on the Mass

Sundays, March 12-April 9, 6:30-8pm
in the St. Agnes Chapel following 5pm Mass, with light refreshments.

The newest and most beautifully filmed video series explores the sacraments of the Catholic Church, focusing on the mystery and the meaning of the Mass.

ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY
JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

$20 Workbook fee (plus 2 extra books available at 25% off.) Space is limited, please register and pick up materials in the Parish Office or email: jack.rook@icloud.com

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

You Are Invited...
...for an overnight retreat right here at St. Agnes in the parish center
CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RETREAT WEEKENDS:

Women: April 22-23, 2017
Contacts: (Women) Pattie at paulnpattie@gmail.com

Men: Sep 30-Oct 1, 2017
(Men) Jonathan at Melroyj56@yahoo.com
Lenten Liturgical Offerings
Please take advantage of these additional offerings to help you grow closer to God during this Lenten Season.

Daily Masses During Lent
8:30 a.m.: Monday-Saturday – Church
Noon: Monday-Wednesday & Friday – Chapel
5:30 p.m.: Thursday – Chapel

Liturgy of the Hours During Lent:
An opportunity to learn and pray the prayer of the Universal Church
Tuesday 11:45 a.m. – Chapel • Thursday 5:15 p.m. – Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration During Lent
Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – Chapel

Stations of the Cross
Fridays after 8:30 a.m. Mass, 7 p.m. in Spanish

St. Agnes Parish Mission:
Monday-Wednesday, March 20-22, 8:30 Mass and 7:00 p.m.
Pastoral Council

We are seeking wise and prayerful advisors for the Pastoral Council. This council advises the pastor in matters of the parish and helps implement the Pastoral Plan. Please consider serving Christ and the St. Agnes community on the Pastoral Council.

Qualifications:

- Must be a fully initiated Catholic (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) and a registered member of St. Agnes for at least one year.
- Only one household member may serve during the same term.
- Available April 25th between 5pm and 7pm for a prayer and discernment meeting.
- Available to meet monthly from September to May (allowance for seasonal parishioners of at least five months) and be willing to pray, reflect, dialogue, and offer thoughtful advice to Fr. Bob on matters affecting the future of the parish.

O I would be willing to serve/like to nominate (circle one)

O Name:_______________________________________

O Nominator:____________________________

O Phone: ________________ email:____________________

Reasons I would like to serve/am nominating the person (include gifts, talents, qualifications, qualities, experience, church service & ministries):

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The St. Vincent De Paul spring food drive will take place on the weekend of April 1-2. Bags will be distributed at all masses on March 25 and March 26. A list of needed items will be attached to each bag. Filled bags should be placed in the bins at each church entrance on the weekend of April 1-2.

In conjunction with the spring food drive, we are again including an option for giving called Beating Hunger Case by Case. This program enables us to provide food to those in need by restocking our pantry shelves with items as they are needed. It affords us the opportunity to purchase food in bulk and will eliminate the waste we experience when we must discard food that is beyond the “best buy” date.

We sincerely appreciate the nonperishable food that you donate and encourage you to bring food to our food drive during the weekend of April 1-2 and throughout the year. However, if you would prefer to contribute to Beating Hunger Case by Case, please make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul and write “Case by Case” on the memo line. Checks will be collected at the food bins at each church entrance on the weekend of the food drive.

Please help others by supporting our parish food drive and/or the Beating Hunger Case by Case program. Working together, we can help eliminate hunger in our community.
Penance Service Schedule

Tuesday, March 21
St. Agnes Parish, 7 p.m.
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples

Wednesday, March 29
St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, 7 p.m.
2730 53rd Terrace SW, Naples

Thursday, March 30
St. William Parish, 5:30 p.m.
601 Seagate Dr, Naples

Monday, April 3
St. Finbarr Parish, 2 p.m.
13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

Wednesday, April 5
St. Peter the Apostle Parish, 7 p.m.
5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

Thursday, April 6
San Marco Parish, 5 p.m.
851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island

HELP SAVE LIVES IN NAPLES!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 725,000 volunteers!

With God’s help ... we’ve seen proven results in 19 coordinated campaigns:

- 12,668 babies saved from abortion
- 141 abortion workers converted
- 75 abortion centers closed

St. Agnes designated days: Thursdays, March 16th, 23rd and 30th
For Information on Shuttles and Parking contact Carol Gentile at 973-809-7320

SISTERS IN SPIRIT

LENTEN BOOK STUDY:
Wednesdays 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center
Mar 29, Apr 5, Apr 12
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

A true story about why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, and lack the courage to simply be ourselves...and how to start choosing happiness again!

March 1 - April 9

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Here’s how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, 1425 Creech Rd., Naples
- **Vigil hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below or e-mail 40daysforlifenaples@gmail.com

40daysforlife.com/naples
Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands, no feet but yours...
—St. Teresa of Avila

Be a Good Steward of the Lenten Season

The Lenten season prepares us for the celebration of Easter. It is a time for Christians to embrace prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in a more concerted way. For some it is a time of healing, an opportunity to repair their spiritual brokenness. For others, it is simply a good time to cultivate their spiritual lives in a more disciplined manner. The goal of Lenten practices: to prepare ourselves to enter into the paschal mystery of Holy Week with a more humble spirit and determination to follow Jesus Christ. This ancient triad of prayer, fasting and almsgiving offers wonderful spiritual benefits. Being a good steward of these gifts by planning ahead and following through is essential to having a fruitful Lenten experience.

**Be a Good Steward of the Lenten Season**

**Prayer:** What greater gift could we give ourselves during Lent than the gift of prayer? The fruits of developing a disciplined time of prayer are bountiful. Make plans for a prayer time each day. Do not wait until you “find time” but make a time of prayer your priority.

**Fasting:** Christian stewards understand that all they receive, including the bountiful food and drink that is often taken for granted, ultimately comes from the Lord. By denying ourselves food for a time, we are reminded in physical and emotional ways of the Lord’s generosity.

**Almsgiving:** This spiritual discipline heightens our sense of generosity. Just as an increase in prayer and fasting leads us to be more grateful for the gifts we’ve received, and promotes a greater awareness of others, almsgiving helps us to reach out to others in gratitude.

**Reconciliation and the Gift of Peace**

The season of Lent reminds us of the need for reconciliation. If the word reconciliation means anything in our lives, it means peace; such as the peace we experience after a difficult encounter when an apology is offered and accepted. There is also the peace of sitting in a church in the presence of the Lord and proclaiming to ourselves prayerfully that we are truly forgiven.

During Lent, let’s reflect on forgiveness as a gift from the Lord that brings peace. Let’s be good stewards of this gift by taking steps to seek peace for ourselves, and by our own generosity and kindness, bring peace to others.

**CHILDCARE MINISTRY**

Our new childcare ministry needs you! Do you sometimes need childcare to attend a meeting here at church? Then you understand what having a childcare ministry here can provide. Can you be a part of this ministry by giving an hour or more to watch our children? Then come to the childcare orientation on Saturday, March 25th from 10 to 11 a.m. to learn how you can assist this ministry. Sign up for the orientation in the Narthex at the Stewardship Table after all Masses. For more information contact Reina Reyes email: gilatire5@hotmail.com, phone # 537-6514.
Are you a Catholic Adult Seeking Confirmation?

Prepare for Confirmation in just 3 sessions:
Sundays 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center
March 26, April 2, April 9

Sessions are for adult practicing Catholics who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as a child.

Register: Ivy O’Malley
239-592-1949 x114
Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org

Bishop Frank J. Dewane
will confer the sacrament
at St. Agnes
Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30pm
Rehearsal: April 18 at 6:00pm

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

DIGNITY OF WORK AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, we remember that Jesus spent years working as a carpenter. Work is important to help people live good lives, and so people must be paid a fair wage to provide for themselves and their families.

ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent?

Visit CRSRiceBowl.org for recipes, videos, and more.

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.

TERCERA SEMANA DE CUARESMA

DIGNIDAD DEL TRABAJO Y LOS DERECHOS DE LOS TRABAJADORES

Jesús pasó años trabajando como carpintero. El trabajo es importante ya que ayuda a las personas a expresar sus talentos y potencial. Las personas deben recibir un salario justo por el trabajo que hacen, para que puedan mantenerse a sí mismos y a sus familias.

UN ENCUENTRO CON LAS OPORTUNIDADES

Nos encontramos con Fernando en El Salvador, donde, a pesar de la falta de oportunidades económicas, los jóvenes están llevando a cabo sus sueños de crear empresas para mejorar la vida de sus familias. ¿Cómo ha trabajado para mejorar las vidas de los demás durante esta Cuaresma? Visite crsplatodearroz.org para más información.

The Faith Formation team is here to serve you M-F, 9am-4pm
Director: Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org
Coordinator: Habla Español Rose@StAgnesNaples.org
Middle & High School Youth: Robert@StAgnesNaples.org
No Youth Group? No problem, let's go bowling!

**High School LIFE TEEN**
**Leading Teens Closer to Christ**
Sundays 6-8pm

3/19... Life Night: “Spiritual Wealth.” Come discover the Church’s teachings on wealth and materialism.

3/26...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.

4/2...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.

**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

¿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 da 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.

¡EL MINISTERIO AMIGOS DE JESÚS TE NECESITA!

¿En ocasiones es necesario que alguien les cuide a los niños para asistir a una reunión de la Iglesia? Entonces que se ocupe del cuidado de los niños. ¿Puede usted ser miembro de este ministerio donando una hora de su tiempo o más para cuidar nuestros niños? Los invitamos a venir a la orientación del cuidado de niños el sábado 25 de marzo de 10 a.m. a 11 a.m. para conocer cómo puede apoyar este ministerio. Puede inscribirse en el Nártex en la Mesa de Información luego de la Misa. Para más información puede contactar a Reina Reyes: gilatire5@hotmail.com teléfono #537-6514

NECEITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS

El Ministerio Por Amor a Cristo te invita a servir en nuestra mesa información antes y después de cada misa. Proveemos entrenamiento.

Los interesados contactar al Diacono Roberto, Teléfono 239-592-1949 correo electrónico diaconoroberto@stagnesnaples.org, o a Estela Teresita al 239-692-6054

EN ESTA CUARESMA HAZ ALGO PARA CAMBIAR TU VIDA

El Padre Luis Pacheco y el diácono Roberto Landron los invita a que los acompañen en sesiones para estudiar el libro: “Resistiéndose a la felicidad”.

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TE ESPERAMOS
“The first principle and great end of government being to provide for the best good of all the people, this can be done only by a supreme legislature and executive, ultimately in the people, or the whole community, where God has placed it.”

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