Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord
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.

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April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Rejoice and Be Glad

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today’s responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!
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
Gloria Moorman
Coordinator Of Catechesis
Rose Chambers
Youth and Young Adult Coordinator
Robert Massey
Admin. Asst. to Hispanic Ministry
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

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

April 17 - 23

Monday, April 17
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 18
Acts 2:36-41; Ps 3:3-4:5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 19
Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 20
Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22
Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 23
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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.

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Iniciación para Adultos
New groups begin each fall. Please call the parish office for more info.

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.
ST. AGNES FINANCIALS

This Week (4/2/17) $43,219.50
One Year Ago (Easter, 2016) $82,536.50
% of Change -90.97%
Mass Attendance 7,539

CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL Stewardship beyond our Parish

Calendar year 2017 Goal $479,000.00
Pledged (3/26/17) $344,148.63
Received $230,664.63
% of Registered Households 17.21%

PARISH DEBT $1,272,947.91
(4/2/17) $21,682.00

REGISTRATION

St. Agnes registered households are now at 4,319. 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.

Thank you to all who made St. Vincent De Paul’s St. Patrick’s Day celebration a great success. The luck of the Irish was with us as your generous contributions will enable us to continue to provide rental and utility assistance to those in need through out the summer months when the need is the greatest. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Thank you to all who took a chance on this year’s car raffle! We cleared $67,573.23 from the raffle. One half of that money went to Debt Reduction and the other half was distributed between these four Diocesan Catholic Schools: St. John Neumann High School, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Ann and St. Joseph in Bradenton.

ALTHOUGH YOU DID NOT WIN The CAR, YOUR MONEY HELPED SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND OUR PARISH! We are extremely grateful for all of your support.

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    SPC Michael Broderick    Capt. Dominic Francis Adams    A1C Victoria Landolfi USAF
PFC Scott Norris, USMC    PFC Michael Baker    PVT John Wallace    Pvt. Reynaldo Rodriguez USAF
SGT Ryan Byres    A1C Daniel R. Hamde, USAF    CDR Gregory Meyer    SGT Abbi Wenthold
A1C Michael Melicia, USAF    SGT David Clark    A1C Peter Johnson, USAF    Lance Cpl Danny Dewey USMC
Francisco Chavez, USAF    MSGt. Eric Gunn    SPC Jorge Armando Nino    SGT Victor Quiles, USA
SSG David Clark, USA    PO3 Kimberly Wagner, US    Vince Galer, USMC    2Lt. Sean Kealy, USA
BM2(GW) Charley Davidson USN    LCPL Brandon Weston    Jordan M. Perez    Capt. Francisco Miranda, USA
PFC Zack Steelman    PFC Luke Kerney Kuser    LCPL James Sheran, USMC    Capt. David Ralph USMC
Paul Ashley - USN    SSG Andrew White
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel: John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

Adults: How can you show this week that you truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?
¿Cómo puede mostrar esta semana que verdaderamente cree en la Resurrección de Jesús?
Children: To whom could you tell the story of Jesus' rising from the dead?
¿A quién podrías relatarle la Resurrección de Jesús de entre los muertos?

Mass Intentions

Saturday
- April 15
  - 8:30 a.m. Prayer Service
  - 8:30 p.m. St. Agnes RCIA

Sunday
- April 16
  - 7:30 a.m. In Honor of The Dean Family Marge Dean
  - 9:00 a.m. +Krause-Krauser Parents The Krauser Family
  - 9:15 a.m. +Casey & Greges Families Barbara & Jim Casey
  - PRHS 10 a.m. +Petragelio Family Mary Gionet (Petragelio)
  - 11:00 a.m. +Ed Thiele Barb Thiele
  - 11:15 a.m. Our Parish Family
  - 1:00 p.m. Special Intention
  - 5:00 p.m. +Lisa Jeanine Went The Pan-Kita Family

Monday
- April 17
  - 8:30 a.m. +Ernest Ferraro Fannie Lauria

Tuesday
- April 18
  - 8:30 a.m. +Rodio Family Eleanor Furlong

Wednesday
- April 19
  - 8:30 a.m. +Victor Bocskor Darlene Bocskor

Thursday
- April 20
  - 8:30 a.m. +Frank Corica Rachel DiMaio & Martin LeRoy Koempel

Friday
- April 21
  - 8:30 a.m. +Raymond Radnor Richard & Patricia Mastandrea

Saturday
- April 22
  - 8:30 a.m. +Larry Christopher Jan Christopher & Family
  - 3:30 p.m. +Cristofer Jerez Carla Bogess
  - 5:15 p.m. In Honor of 58th Wedding Anniversary Dick & Barbara Shea

Sunday
- April 23
  - 7:30 a.m. +Lucille Mudd Joan & Rudy Drechsler
  - 9:00 a.m. +Christina Ruggerio St. Agnes Parish Family
  - PRHS 10 a.m. +Connie Ricci Charlotte Jones
  - 11:00 a.m. Students celebrating First Communion next Saturday
  - 1:00 p.m. Our Parish Family
  - 5:00 p.m. +Wesley Meyer His Children

We pray for:

- Ed O’Brien
- Wendy Coleman
- Justin Kromer
- Carol Roper
- Suzanne Giannotti
- Jillian Brown
- Luke Schneider
- John Conrad
- Robert Donohue
- Annette Mahoney
- Michelle Samo
- Julie Tretts
- Elizabeth Murphy
- Paul Cappella Jr.
- William Bums
- Cora Kasprzyk
- Ray Paul Schafer
- Joe Lever
- Tom Hardel
- Susan Soros
- Sean McCormick
- Anthony Lepore
- Bill Marshall
- Mary Ann Galante
- John Lala
- Richard Maylander
- Miles McCull
- Dee & Joseph Lutier
- Michael D. Jannusch
- Denna Laing
- Toria Miller
- Wendy Coleman
- Justin Kromer
- Patrice Ferrara
- Nick DeMatties
- Cathy Macdonald
- Emerson Shaw
- Bernie Jacobson
- Tim Curran
- America Cano
- Martha Rubias
- Sally Costello
- Joyce Hansel
- Kathleen Burke
- Lisa Landolfi
- Tom Dempsey
- George Dewey
- Vienna Showers
- Barbara Zataraga
- Jizelle Andrade
- Sharon Kane
- Len Judy
- Ed Hord
- Caterina Catizone
- Kailyn Douglass
- Robert Roher
- Mae Donahue
- Larry Kielasa
- Clara Dolney
- Betty DiAndreoli
- Maria del Rosario Salcedo
- Patrick McHenry
- Bill Von Ahnen
- Ronald Schoenege
- Meghan O’Neil
- Ferriera Family
- Mary Baker
- Bobby Gallo
- Bob Gala
- Gabe Peters
- Kayla Marlow
- Kathy Stapleton
- Dottie Yezek
- Tom Dempsey
- Megan Dempsey
- Susan F. Christopher
- Ralph Congelo
- Laura Teems
- Barb Ingersol
- Jim Mootz
- Ann Jacobson
- Loretta Mullin
- Louis Erste
- Marla Teems
- Wilder Harris
- Judy White
- Ann Bosler
- Maggie Scolose
- Tyler Drewel
- Liz Bammel
- Dec & Joseph Lutier
- Hill Hutchins

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@tagnesnaples.org. Thank You.
St. Agnes Parish

**Prayer**

- 1st Friday Adoration
- Charismatic Prayer Group
- Consecration To Jesus Through Mary
- Consagración a Jesús por María
- Grupo del Rosario
- Hombres de Emaus
- Mujeres de Emaus
- Oración Centrante
- Padres y Madres Orantes
- Parish Vocation Team
- Prayer for Priests
- Rosary for Peace

**Catechetical**

- Baptism Preparation
- Bible Study
- Catechist-Teachers-Aides
- Children's Lit of the Word
- Couples Night Out
- Estudio Bíblico
- Family Faith Formation K-5
- Enriquécimiento Matrimonial

**Service**

- Arimatheans
- Altar Stewards
- Bereavement
- Personas en Duelo
- Caridad
- Childcare Ministry
- Divorced and Separated Group
- Golf Cart Shuttle
- Ladies of St. Agnes
- Light of Hope (Jail Visits)
- Luz de Esperanza
- Marriage Preparation Team
- Coffee & Donuts
- Men's Softball Team
- Ministerio de Familias
- altar servers
- Sacristánes
- Sacristans
- Sisters in Spirit
- of the Eucharist
- Couples Night Out
- Marriage Preparation Team
- Funeral Planning
- Funerals
- Greeters
- Homebound and Hospital EME
- Lectors
- Lectores
- Ministerio de la Eucaristía
- Sacristanos
- Sacristañes
- Sonidos y Pantallas
- Sound and Screen
- Ushers
- Ujieres
- Parish Vocation Team
- Children's Lit of the Word
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- RCIA
- Youth Groups

**Parish Councils and Committees**

- Arts & Liturgical Environment
- Eventos
- Events
- Finance Council
- Hospitality Committee
- Justice and Peace Committee
- Liturgy Committee
- Mayordomía Cristiana (PAC)
- Pastoral Council
- Stewardship Committee

**Liturgical**

- Altar Servers - Children
- Altar Servers - Spanish
- Altar Servers Adults
- Bodas
- Choir (Adults)
- Choir (Children)
- Choir (5pm Mass)
- Coro
- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- Funeral Planning
- Funerals
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**Organizations with Parish Affiliation**

- Boy Scouts Troop 951
- Casa Maria Soup Kitchen
- Cub Scouts
- Cursillo
- Impacto
- Legion of Mary
- Knights of Columbus
- Council 14202
- 4th Degree Assembly 3094
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul

**The Healing Touch**

Touch, yes, touch, speaks the wordless words of love. We receive so much touch when we are babies and so little when we are adults. Still, in friendship touch often gives more life than words. A friend’s hand stroking our back, a friend’s arms resting on our shoulder, a friend’s fingers wiping our tears away, a friend’s lips kissing our forehead --- these are true consolation. These moments of touch are truly sacred. They restore, they reconcile, they reassure, they forgive, they heal.

Everyone who touched Jesus and everyone whom Jesus touched were healed. God’s love and power went out from him (see Luke 6:19). When a friend touches us with free, nonpossessive love, it is God’s incarnate love that touches us and God’s power that heals us.

—Henri Nouwen
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**MEETING PLACES**
NY=Narthex PC=Parish Center
CH=Church PR=Prayer Chapel
CP=Chapel CR=Conference Room
PL=Parking Lot CL=Classroom
CY=Canopy BR=Brider’s Room
Happy Easter! Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives us joy and hope in the face of any challenges life brings. We are drawn here to Christ in faith, we trust in God, and we have hope in the midst of suffering. Jesus shows us that neither the cross nor the grave is the end. Today he is risen, and so are we. Risen from our weaknesses, risen from our doubts, risen from our pains, risen in Christ.

As you go forth from this Mass and hopefully keep alive family traditions you observe on this greatest of Christian days, may all of it bring the joy of the Risen Christ to your heart and the love of Jesus to your families. If Lent was a time for reconciliation and forgiveness, focusing on the Cross of Christ, then Easter is the season to model the fruit of that forgiveness in love and joy, capturing the wonder of the empty tomb.

If you are returning to the Church after some time away or are someone who comes infrequently and possibly only at Easter, may the joy of what we celebrate at St. Agnes spark a fuller participation in our Faith. You are a member of the Body of Christ, and we miss you when you’re away. The growing community of St. Agnes needs your gifts and talents and presence. You will be a gift to us and I know Christ will bless your faithfulness a hundred-fold. Life’s journey is too difficult to walk alone. Count on Christ and this community as your family. May we grow together in faith!

This year marks the 10th anniversary of our life as a parish. As our faith community has grown, so have opportunities to draw closer to Christ. New in the last year are Christ Renews His Parish retreats for men and women, small faith sharing groups with book discussions in homes, a child care ministry that frees parents to attend various events, Light of Hope Visits to local jails, a Parish Vocation Team and a Spanish Emmaus Men’s Group.

Our parish debt is down to about $1.2 million and with your help will be paid off by this time next year. You can help us further reduce it this Easter season by placing contributions in the purple envelopes in our pews and writing your name on the envelope. By doing so, the contribution can be properly credited and will be exempt from diocesan assessment. The only gift that is too small is the one not given. All of us, whether we speak English or Spanish, are young or more senior, live here seasonally or year-round, benefit from the faith lived out in and through the people, facilities and programs of St. Agnes. Rest assured that a donation made here to Christ and his Church does great good in our community.

We dream of enlarging our parish center to include a larger hall, more classrooms and a more capable kitchen, and a new choir room attached to the church. As the seasonal Masses conclude next week at Palmetto Ridge High School, we look forward to further extending that offering next year as our Mission Planning Team helps us envision God’s plan for our future and the launch of a new mission when the time is right.

May the love shown in your homes this Easter reflect the infinite love shown to us this day by Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. May that love grow every day of your life. On behalf of Fr. Jan, Fr. Orsi, Fr. Luis, Fr. Glackin, Msgr. Coll, Deacon Roberto, Deacon Ed, Deacon Henry, Deacon Hugh and the entire parish staff, may you enjoy a most happy and blessed Easter season. In any language and culture, it is the best news God has ever delivered to us! Wesolego Alleluja! Buona Pasqua! Feliz Pascua! Frohe Ostern! Feliz Pascua! Maligayang Pasko ng Pagkabuhay! God Paske! Joyeuses Paques! Happy Easter! He is risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Bob
UPCOMING MEETINGS

Officers’ Meeting: Monday, April 24, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
First Degree Exemplification: Tuesday, April 25, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, May 1, PC Hall, 6:00 P.M.
Monthly Council Meeting: Monday, May 1, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Color Guard: Wednesday, May 17, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.

St. Agnes Knights of Columbus
4th Degree Assembly 3094 Invites you to attend

Patriotic Spring Fling Dinner Dance

Saturday, April 22nd
Vanderbilt Country Club

* $50.00 per person
* 6 p.m. Cocktails (Cash Bar)
* Cheese and Crackers
* 6:45 p.m. Dinner Served

Warm rolls & butter, Garden Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Choice of: 8 oz. Prime Rib of Beef with Potatoes & Vegetables
Or Grilled Salmon w/ Rice Pilaf & Vegetables
Dessert: Chef’s Special Choice
Soft Beverages Included

Entertainment by Manhattan Connection

Tickets can be purchased at St. Agnes Parish Center or by calling Joe Albergo at 239.566.7760 or John Shelton at 239.248.4948

RSVP by April 15. Proceeds benefit our Country’s Veterans.
As a Catholic Christian community, we are called through Baptism to serve one another. One of the many ways we can be available to others is through prayer. We all have had many experiences where someone has asked us to pray for them as they have surgery, job interviews, worries about a sick family member, etc. We are in the process of setting up a prayer chain for Saint Agnes. This will formalize the opportunity for parishioners to request prayers and for many of us to pray for our fellow parishioners and their requests.

• If you would like to make yourself available to pray, please send me an email at deaconhenry@stagnesnaples.org and you will be added to the list.
• If you have a prayer request, please send them to me, Deacon Henry at deaconhenry@stagnesnaples.org. I will forward them to the prayer chain.
• Please keep the prayer requests fairly simple. Try to avoid adding too much private detail. God knows who we are praying for. For example you might request, “please pray for my close friend, Sally, who is having surgery next week.”

Gathering prayer requests was one of the earliest functions of deacons in the Church. We look forward to continuing this great Christian tradition of praying for one another.

Catholic Jewish Dialogue Events

THE RELATED FEASTS OF PASSOVER AND EASTER

“Walking God’s paths, “Season of Freedom, Season of Rebirth.” In the springtime, both Christians and Jews celebrate the saving power of God. Participants will experience how the related feasts of Passover and Easter ritually re-enact defining foundational events for both religious traditions. Part four of a six part video series. Commentary by a rabbi and priest following the film. Dialogue, discussion and refreshments.

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Claussen Center | 625 111th Ave., Naples
Sunday April 30, 2:00 p.m.
RSVP’s to cjdialogue@naples.net help us to plan.
An Acoustic Evening with Paul Todd & Friends

Thursday, April 20th, 2017

Doors open at 6:30 - Show starts at 7 pm

Join Paul Todd, Paul Todd Jr., and friends for an end of season spectacular with a special acoustic flair!

Tickets are $25

Proceeds go to benefit the St. Agnes CFA
Tickets are available after all Masses except the 5 PM and in the office during the week
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Guest Speaker on April 25th – Fr. Bob Kantor
Weekly videos with Ralph Martin, Patti Mansfield and others
Personal Witnesses shared by Prayer group members

Hosted by St. Agnes Charismatic Prayer Group
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 23
3:00 P.M.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

“[Let] the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy... towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy.”

“Before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice...”
Support the St. Agnes Golf Teams  

in their effort to help those in need!

Fr. Bob and the St. Agnes teams have agreed with other golfers to step out and extend a hand to the homeless in our community. Risking total exhaustion and sunstroke to help make a difference!

This monumental effort is going to take place during the St. Matthew’s House 20th Annual Dean Lind Memorial Golf-a-thon May 5th at the Club at the Strand.

You can help make a difference in a life today! Sponsor Fr. Bob and the St. Agnes Teams as they attempt to play as many holes as possible in 6 hours.

All proceeds will benefit St. Matthew’s House. This ministry offers a homeless recovery program to assist men, women, and families take back control of their lives and return to self-sufficiency. They also provide food for the needy and a recovery program for those fighting addictions, in an environment that is both compassionate and disciplined. St. Matthew’s House depends totally on private contributions for its operations.

Yes!! I agree to sponsor Fr. Bob and the St. Agnes Teams in the St. Matthew’s House 20h Annual Golfathon to be held on Friday, May 5th, 2017 at The Club at the Strand.

Sponsorship Opportunities

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Please make checks payable to: St. Matthew’s House, leave this coupon in the church office or send to St. Matthew’s House at 2001 Airport Rd, South, Naples, FL 34112.

On the “memo” area please note the name of player being sponsored. If using a company check or a check that does not show the contributor’s name and address, please include that information on the check.

The Dean Lind Memorial Golf-a-thon is a fundraising event of St. Matthew’s House, a 501 (c)(3) not for profit.
Providence House 6th Annual Spring Prayer Breakfast

May your cup overflow with peace, love, and pure awesomeness today.

Please join us on Thursday morning, April 27th and give yourself spiritual nourishment along with a delicious breakfast at the Hilton Naples, from 9 - 11 a.m.

**Guest Speaker:** Father Michael Basden
Retired Rector, Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church
**Topic:** Prayer in Times of Doubt and Suffering

For reservations call 239-692-8779
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Taking the “H” in “Homeless” and turning it into an “H” for “Hope” and “Homeless no more.”

Two young parishioners who are Civil Air Patrol cadets were recently promoted. Congratulations to Cadet Senior Airman Andrew Mitchell (left) and Cadet Staff Sergeant Timothy “Teddy” Drake, members of Naples Cadet Squadron. The CAP is the volunteer auxiliary of the United States Air Force with a cadet program for young people interested in aviation and the military. Naples Cadet Squadron meets Mondays at 6:30 at the CAP Hangar off Airport Pulling Road just south of Radio Rd.

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Both Saint Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis remind us that it is a Gospel imperative that we be good stewards of the earth. What better way to remind us of their teaching than to observe Earth Day 2017 and be good stewards of this precious planet year-round.

Earth Day will be observed worldwide on April 22. The first Earth Day was held in 1970, activating 20 million Americans and helping to pass legislation including the Clean Air Act. Today, Earth Day is a global event and possibly the largest civic observance in the world. For the Catholic steward, this day is an affirmation of Pope Francis’ call to the world to embrace the ethical dimensions of climate change and our response to it in his 2015 encyclical, Laudato Si.

During the 47 years since the first Earth Day, the world has become more conscious of environmental degradation and humans’ role in it. It can feel overwhelming, and we ask, what can one person do? Pope Francis acknowledges technological fixes, global guidelines, international protocols. He praises solar energy and calls for a decrease in the use of non-renewables. But the pontiff calls for something more radical, more spiritual, and for the Christian steward more deeply challenging: “profound interior conversion.”

Climate change, environmental destruction and a change in weather patterns, he reminds us, exert their greatest damage on the world’s poor. The poor are a major theme of Laudato Si, as they are of Francis’ papacy. He challenges us to examine the profit motive that often engulfs respect for nature. He challenges us to consider how the powerful and the rich of this earth are affecting the powerless.

Pope Francis reminds us that care of creation is rooted in the Book of Genesis. He begins his encyclical, the first ever dedicated solely to the environment, with a quote from St. Francis of Assisi, and quotes frequently from his predecessors. This, he is telling us, is a spiritual and Catholic issue.

In honor of Earth Day, consider what changes – perhaps some radical – you might make. “Live simply so that others may simply live,” has long been a mantra of the Christian steward. Begin by turning down the thermostat and promising to eschew one-use plastics. Take a reusable bag to the grocery and a reusable container to the coffee shop. Cut down on frivolous buying. Consider what the “throwaway culture” of which Francis speaks means in your own life. Prayerfully consider your personal relationship to the poor. Make your environmental concerns known to your legislative representatives.

“Teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,” Pope Francis prays to a generous God, “for all things speak of you.”

International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) April bulletin
St. Agnes Vacation Bible School 2017
June 12-16 9am-12:30pm
for children entering Pre-K4 to 5th grade in Fall 2017
Volunteer or Register & Pay $35 online
www.stagnesnaples.org

Adult, Middle School & High School Volunteers needed as station helpers and crew leaders with the kids. All volunteers must be able to attend the training meeting on Saturday, June 10 at 2-4pm and be available during the week of VBS 8:30-12:45pm. All adults must be fingerprinted and Safe Environment trained prior to volunteering.

Helpers of all ages needed to transform the Parish Center into a factory Wednesday-Friday June 7-9 6pm-9pm and Saturday June 10 10am-2pm. Tear down is Friday, June 16 at 2pm.

Registrations:
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Youth Volunteers:
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Adult Volunteers:
Rose@StAgnesNaples.org

St. Agnes Annual
Crowning of Mary & Ice Cream Social
May 13
4pm Mass

All children are invited to bring a fresh flower or clippings from your garden to place at the feet of St. Mary in the opening procession of Mass with the Faith Formation students followed by a “Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Social” in the Parish Center.

“Each flower stands for the love the children have for Jesus’ mother who is also the mother of our Church.”

RSVP to the parish office by May 8 so we will have plenty of ice cream! If you are already registered in Faith Formation, you do not need to RSVP (we are already expecting you!)

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

The Faith Formation team is here to serve you M-F, 9am-4pm
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4/16... He has risen! Happy Easter, no Youth Group. See you next week.

4/23... 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.

4/30... Life Night: “Spiritual Wealth.” Come discover the Church’s teachings on wealth and materialism.

Happy Easter from the HS and MS Youth Group. Thank you for all your support!

4/20... Edge Night: “The Good Life.” The goal of this night is to show the MS youth the importance of having personal integrity as a part of our Christian lifestyle and mission.

4/27... Edge Night: “Spiritual Wealth.” Come discover the Church’s teachings on wealth and materialism.

5/4... Edge 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.
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