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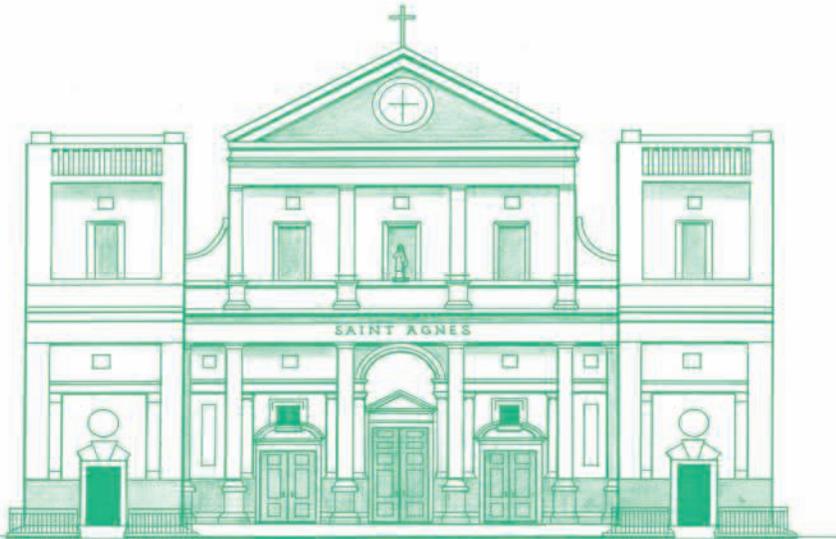
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 AM–5:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00,
11:00 AM (*Tridentine Latin Mass*),
12:30, 5:15, and 7:00 PM
Please note the church closes at 8PM.

Weekdays: 7:10, 8:10 AM,
12:10, 12:40, 1:10, and 5:10 PM
Saturday: 8:10 AM, 12:10, and
5:10 PM (*fulfills Sunday obligation*)

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:10 PM (*Vigil Mass*)

7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40,
11:40 AM, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40,
5:10 (*High Mass*), and 6:10 PM

CIVIC HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:10 AM, 12:10PM, and 1:10PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekdays: 1:50–4:55 PM

First Friday: 8:40AM –12noon and
1:50–4:55 PM

(*Vespers and Benediction at 4:55 PM*)

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 7:30–8:30 AM,
12:40–1:40 PM, and 5:00–5:30 PM
Saturday: 11:45 AM–12:30 PM,
4:45–5:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL

Opens with Mass at 5:10 PM
Closes with Benediction at 7:00 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Weekdays: 3:00 PM

NOVENAS

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Wednesday: Saint Michael
Friday: Sacred Heart of Jesus
*Novenas follow the 7:10am, 8:10am,
1:10pm, and 5:10pm Masses only.*

BAPTISMS

Baptisms of children should take
place as soon as possible. Please
make arrangements one month
before your preferred date.

WEDDINGS

By appointment at least six months
in advance. Pre-Cana is required.

HOLY ROSARY

Weekdays: after the 5:10 PM Mass
Saturday: after the 12:10 PM Mass

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Saturday: Closed

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LEGION OF MARY

Meets every **Thursday** at 6:30 PM



Our Lady of Fatima

May 13, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917. The Catholic Church declared Fatima to be "worthy of belief" in 1930.

There is much to be learned from the events in Fatima, and we hope to bring you information every week for your contemplation.

The second apparition of Our Lady of Fatima happened on June 13, 1917. After saying the Rosary, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta once again saw a great brilliance, which they called "lightning." Our Lady then appeared to them. Below is a continuation of last week's report on this apparition.

Lucia: "Will you take us to heaven?"

Our Lady: Yes, I shall take Jacinta and Francisco soon, but you will remain a little longer, since Jesus wishes you to make me known and loved on earth. He wishes also for you to establish devotion in the world to my Immaculate Heart.

Lucia: "Must I remain in the world alone?"

Our Lady: Not alone, my child, and you must not be sad. I will be with you always, and my Immaculate Heart will be your comfort and the way which will lead you to God.

Sister Lucia reported, "The moment she said the last words, opening her hands, she transmitted to us, for the second time, the reflection of that intense light. In it we felt we were submerged in God. Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which was rising to Heaven, and I in the part spreading over the earth. In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart encircled with thorns which appeared to pierce it. We understood it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary offended by the sins of mankind, craving reparation."

The apparition then concluded as on the first occasion, with the Lady going off toward the east and disappearing in the "immensity of heaven."

Source: EWTN

February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sexagesima Sunday

(Tridentine Latin Mass)

What is Sexagesima (from the 1962 calendar)?

Sexagesima Sunday is the second Sunday before the start of Lent, which makes it the eighth Sunday before Easter. Traditionally, it was the second of the three Sundays (Septuagesima is the first and Quinquagesima is the third) of preparation for Lent.

Sexagesima literally means "sixtieth," [in Latin] though it falls only 56 days before Easter. It most likely takes its name from Quinquagesima Sunday, which is 49 days before Easter, or 50 if you count Easter itself.

Source: catholicism.about.com

Meditate before the Blessed Sacrament

St. Agnes reminds you that we offer Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament for 3 hours a day, 5 days a week. Exposition begins at 1:50pm and concludes with Benediction at 4:55pm.

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. Source: USCCB

Feast Day for Blessed Jacinta and Francisco of Fatima

With the anniversary of 100 years of Fatima this year, it seems appropriate to also remember the feast day of the two siblings related to those events. Jacinta & Francisco Marto are honored on the Church calendar on February 20th. They are patrons of bodily ills, captives, people ridiculed for their piety, prisoners, and sick people.

Jacinta (1910 -1920) ♦ Francisco (1908 -1919)

Brother & sister were Beatified by Pope John Paul II on May 13, 2000 at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, Fatima, Portugal.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

President's Day: Feb 20th

The Church of St. Agnes will offer three Masses on Monday, February 20th, which is President's Day. Masses will be at 8:10am, 12:10pm, and 1:10pm. The church will close after the 1:10pm Mass. There will be NO CONFESSIONS that day.

The Rectory Office and bookstore will also be closed on February 20th. We will resume our regular schedule the following day. Thank you!

February 22: The Chair of St. Peter

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter celebrates the papacy and St. Peter as the first Bishop of Rome. St. Peter's original name was Simon. He was married with children and was living and working in Capernaum as a fisherman when Jesus called him to be one of the Twelve Apostles.

Jesus bestowed to St. Peter a special place among the Apostles. He was one of the three who were with Christ on special occasions, such as the Transfiguration of Christ and the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemani. He was the only Apostle to whom Christ appeared on the first day after the Resurrection. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the Apostles.

When Jesus asked the Apostles: **"Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?"**

Simon replied: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the Living God."

And Jesus said: **"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: That you are Peter [Cephas, a rock], and upon this rock [Cephas] I will build my Church [ekkleesian], and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. And whatsoever you shall bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in heaven."** (Mt 16:13-20)

In saying this Jesus made St. Peter the head of the entire community of believers and placed the spiritual guidance of the faithful in St. Peter's hands.

Source: Catholic News Agency

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, February 15, 2016	\$5,383.80
Sunday, February 12, 2017	\$4,381.00

Ash Wednesday – March 1st

Mass Schedule

UPPER CHURCH

7:10AM, 7:40, 8:10, 11:40,
12:10PM, 1:10, 2:10, 5:10

5:10 PM High Mass with Cantor.

▼ LOWER CHAPEL ▼

8:40AM, 12:40PM, 1:40, 5:40, and 6:10
(Access by stairs & elevator)

Confession

7:00-9:00AM ♦ 12noon-2PM ♦ 4:30-6:00PM

The Imposition of Ashes will be given continually from 7:00AM-7:00PM.

Ash Wednesday: A Day of Fasting

We remind you that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

Fasting: Obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Abstinence: Obligatory from age 14 onwards.

Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Under current law, abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Fish are a different category of animal; therefore, salt and fresh-water fish and shellfish are permitted

Special circumstances: Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting; you can always consult a priest for advice. *Source: USCCB*

There are additional fasting guidelines for the season of Lent. They will be published in next week's bulletin.

Do you have a special intention or petition?

If so, St. Agnes has several ways to work with you.

You could...

1. Arrange a Mass at St. Agnes. You choose the time & date from our regularly scheduled Masses. (Please note this does not include Sunday Masses.) The Archdiocese determines the donation amount for each Mass, currently at \$15. Stop by the rectory to sign up! Your arranged Mass will be printed in the bulletin.
2. Arrange a Mass with the Missions. St. Agnes supports our Missionary priests by passing along your intention & donation (\$10) for a Mass that they will say for you. This is an excellent way to support our priests abroad while honoring your intention.
3. Offer the bread & wine for our Masses at St. Agnes. Your donation (\$50) will provide the bread & wine that will be consecrated at our Masses for your chosen week. This is a very beautiful way to remember your petition. Your donation will be printed in the bulletin.
4. Make a donation for the sanctuary lamp. As you know, this lamp reminds us of the Living Presence of Our Lord in the tabernacle. It must always be lit when He is present. Your donation (\$50) will provide continuous candlelight for a chosen week and will be printed in the bulletin.
5. Light a tall (pillar) candle and place it within the church. You can purchase them at the bookstore or through the rectory for \$10/each. These candles burn for approximately 7 days. Light your candle and leave it with the plastic casing. The sacristan will put it into an appropriate glass sleeve.
6. Light a small candle from one of the many stations in the church. Help yourself! Please remember to leave a donation of \$1 in the nearby receptacle.

Masses and donations for the bread & wine or sanctuary lamp are cash only, arranged through the rectory. Candles are cash only. Thank you.

Serving the ill & homebound...

Those who are homebound can receive the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion. Please contact the rectory office at (212) 682-5722.

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20

8:10 AM Philip Lagana
12:10 PM Pablo Rallos Reynes
1:10 PM Pope Francis

Tuesday, February 21

7:10 AM Gloria Felipe Cruz
8:10 AM Dr. Florante Cruz Abad
12:10 PM Homerita Pinzon
12:40 PM Nadira Persaud Zeltser
1:10 PM Laureana Ramos
5:10 PM Oscar Rodriguez (Living)

Wednesday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter

7:10 AM Marissa Alfonso
8:10 AM Joaquina Villegas Hilado
12:10 PM Marianne T. Bogunovich
12:40 PM Fr. Michael Barrett (Living)
1:10 PM Fr. John Francis (Living)
5:10 PM Eileen Mullen

**Thursday, February 23 St. Polycarp,
Bishop & Martyr**

7:10 AM Adolf & Rose Sierra
8:10 AM Romana Goce Mendoza
12:10 PM Victoria Plaza (Living)
12:40 PM Debbie Gatan (Living)
1:10 PM James M. Daly
5:10 PM Ervino and Maria Lanza

Friday, February 24

7:10 AM Bishop John O'Hara (Living)
8:10 AM Baby Annabella Caligure
12:10 PM Rose D'Amato
12:40 PM Theresa Wendler Lang
1:10 PM Nancy Pezza
5:10 PM Oscar Rodriguez (Living)

Saturday, February 25

8:10 AM Richard M. Harris
12:10 PM Robert Winnemore
5:10 PM Jamsie Crowe & Noel Lyndon



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