



# *St. Agnes* Catholic Community

*A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish*

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We welcome into our church family  
**Sebastian Battaler**  
And  
**Francesca Magno**  
Who were baptized on September 18



*October 2, 2016*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 10:45AM & 5PM

**Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM**

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

**Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM**

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Dear Friends,

This is Respect Life Sunday!

In his last book, *Memory and Identity*, St. John Paul II wrote, "The limit imposed upon evil, of which man is both perpetrator and victim, is ultimately Divine Mercy." Pope Francis called for this Jubilee Year of Mercy as a time of healing. As we look around us on Respect Life Sunday, we see that need for healing. Our families, the basic units of stability and life in the Church, are crumbling under the pressures of a culture of death. Abortion takes the life of our unborn children, suicide robs people of hope, and a growing acceptance of euthanasia erodes our compassion for the sick and dying. Our voice is being drowned out by the cries for a false mercy. A "mercy" that tells us that death can be a blessing because suffering is to be avoided at all costs. One of my new favorite quotes this year comes from the *Diary of St. Faustina*, "O my Jesus, I understand well that, just as illness is measured with a thermometer, and a high fever tells us of the seriousness of the illness, so also, in the spiritual life, suffering is the thermometer which measures the love of God in a soul." (774)

In this Year of Mercy, we must remember what we are told in the second reading today; God did not give us a spirit of cowardice! Be strong and stir the flame that you hold in your very soul, and fan the flames in your families. We need to remind people, shout it out, scream it from the top of our lungs, that suffering is a tool to be embraced. It is something that we have in this life to give us a tiny glimpse into the infinite compassion and love of God. To embrace suffering is to fully embrace life and in turn, embrace God. Drown out the cries for false mercy with your voice! Drown the cries for false mercy with your actions! Embrace life in all the messiness that it presents. Love the mother who finds herself overcome with an unplanned pregnancy. Volunteer your time, talent, and treasure to support the most vulnerable lives around you. Visit the homebound to lift their spirits. Love and spend time with the ill and dying. Feed the homeless and give them warm clothing to make it through the adverse weather. Adopt a child and teach him/her about the infinite love that God has for all his people. Attend Mass as a family and live out your Faith in your own homes. Build families that embrace suffering as readily as joy and send them out into the world. But before you do all that, take advantage of these last weeks in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. If you haven't gone to confession recently, now is the time to return to the confessional. Pray, confess, forgive, and receive forgiveness so that you can be a flame that God can spread to the rest of the world. Set the world on fire with the Love of God and remember the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, "I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."

Gina-Marie Ardizzone Behrens

**SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 25: \$10,926.00**

**Includes Faith Direct Giving**

**We thank you for your Stewardship.**

# Faith and Spirituality

## DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL

Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM. (Communion Service on Wed.)

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel 24/7

Contact Sumner or Veronica Peery at 827-0916 for scheduling.

## FOR ADULT LEARNING:

**SCRIPTURE SHARING** - Thursday 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Ctr.

**BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesday 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

## FOR MINISTRY:

**PRAYER TREE** - a ministry of people who pray specifically for those who are ill. Please notify the parish office if you or a member of your family are in, or going into, the hospital.

**HELPING HANDS:** Please call **Joanne Doorack at 798-1735.**

**MARTINEZ SHELTER MEALS:** Please call **Yvonne Mennel: 925-200-6716** or [ymennel@yahoo.com](mailto:ymennel@yahoo.com).

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Please contact the **St. Vincent de Paul Hotline at (925) 689-0838, Ext. 250.**

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Please call **Naomi (925) 768-3587.**

## CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:

Contact **Kathy Friend by e-mail at [kathy.friend@johnmuirhealth.com](mailto:kathy.friend@johnmuirhealth.com).**

## OCTOBER ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please arrive at the weekend Masses at least 5 minutes early to join the congregation in praying a decade of the Holy Rosary before Mass begins.



Thank you—the Stewardship Committee.

## FAITH DIRECT

You may be aware that St. Agnes has an eGiving program called Faith Direct that provides our parishioners with an electronic way to make weekly and special collection donations. Today, we are appealing to Parishioners to enroll in our eGiving program.

### Ten Reasons to Make your Offertory Gift through Faith Direct

1. No more checks to write or envelopes to find.
2. 52 weeks of predictable income for your parish.
3. Greater security than cash or checks.
4. No cost for you to participate.
5. Online control of your offertory giving—including special collections.
6. Reduction of envelope and postage expense for St. Agnes Church
7. Less work for our parish office staff to count contributions.
8. Offertory cards enable you to witness your gift of treasure.
9. Earn credit card points for your offertory gifts.
10. Father Johnson does!

Join the parishioners who use Faith Direct for their parish giving. A letter and e-mail from Father Johnson will be arriving soon, asking that you considering enrolling. You can visit the St. Agnes Parish office, visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call 866-507-8757 (toll-free) for more information. Our Parish Code is CA646.

## BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

We will be celebrating Bread for the World on October 22-23. We can be a bold witness to God's mercy and justice in the world. Join us after Mass that weekend to write a letter or postcard to your Congressman and Senators to help end hunger.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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**Please call the church office to add/remove names from the above list.**

# Calendar for the Week

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, October 1, 2016

5:00 p.m. Dr. Luis Medina—Repose  
Rolf and Josefina Stolz—Repose

### Sunday, October 2, 2016

7:00 a.m. Jaime Velasco—Repose  
Doug Stevens—Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Anibal Carcelen—Repose  
Anne Enright—Special Intention

10:45 a.m. Evelyn Aquino—Repose  
Joseph Belnadi Syah—Repose  
Geraldine Van Nieuwburg—Repose

5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living and Deceased

### Monday, October 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Raymundo Manalac—Repose  
Ramon Santos—Repose  
Gino Zozzi—Repose

### Tuesday, October 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Sal & Irene LoGrasso—Repose

### Wednesday, October 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

### Thursday, October 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Beatrice Villasenor—Repose  
Deceased Members of the  
Grewis Family—Repose

### Friday, October 7, 2016

8:15 a.m. Ed Joaquin—Repose  
Elpidio Santos—Respose

### Saturday, October 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. George Conlow—Special Intention  
5:00 p.m. Beatrice Villasenor—Repose

### Sunday, October 9, 2016

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living and Deceased

9:00 a.m. Margaret N. Archuleta—Repose

10:45 a.m. Peggy Coenen—Repose

5:00 p.m. Angelo Villasenor—Repose  
Beatrice Villasenor—Repose

## Parish Events and Meetings

### Sunday, October 2, 2016

8:30 a.m. RCIA—A.R.  
3:00 p.m. Confirmation—Cauchi Hall

### Monday, October 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Faith Formation—Church and  
Classrooms

6:30 p.m. Tea Meeting—G.P.  
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall  
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officers'  
Meeting—A.R.

### Tuesday, October 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
8:30 a.m. Blessing of the Animals—School Gr.  
11:00 a.m. STARS Luncheon—Church Hall  
7:00 p.m. Baptism Class—G.P.  
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—A.R.

### Wednesday, October 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel  
10:00 a.m. Tutor Meeting—A.R.  
6:30 p.m. CHS Meeting—EX  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study—A.R. & G.P.  
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill's Band Practice—Church  
8:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry—Cauchi Hall

### Thursday, October 6, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Scripture Study—A.R.  
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir—Church  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

### Friday, October 7, 2016

8:15 a.m. First Friday Mass—Church  
1:30 p.m. School Mass—Church  
5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Pasta Dinner -  
Church Hall

7:00 p.m. Dance Class—Cauchi Hall  
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel

### Saturday, October 8, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church  
9:00 a.m. Lector Meeting—Church  
9:30 a.m. EM Meeting—Church  
6:00 p.m. Retrouville—A.R.  
6:00 p.m. German Dinner—Church Hall

# Parish News and Activities



## Next STARS Luncheon

Reminder—The STARS Fall Luncheon is this Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. This is a catered event, and you must already have reservations.

## STARS Visit to Thunder Valley Casino

STARS is planning to visit Thunder Valley Casino on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Cost is \$28 per person.** Includes \$15 Free play and \$5 food credit, good at all of the casino restaurants. Buses depart St. Agnes at 8:30 a.m. and return at 4:30. All passengers must have a valid government-issued photo ID.

For reservations, contact Bob Rigor at 925-202-6293.

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The **Book of Remembrance** will be in the church during the month of October. Parishioners are invited to enter the names of their loved ones to be remembered on **All Souls Day** and the **Mass of Remembrance**, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

**Volunteers Wanted for Corporal Work of Mercy, Visit the Imprisoned as Messengers of Hope**  
MT 25:36—"I was in prison and you came to me."

The St. Agnes Parish Prison and Jail Ministry is seeking volunteers to primarily visit and provide communion service to inmates at various Contra Costa detention centers and Federal and State prisons located near or around the City of Concord. Initially, we are allotted one Sunday a month for our ministry. In addition to prison/jail ministry, we also need volunteers to assist in our Angel Tree Program. This program involves securing gifts for the children of incarcerated parent(s), gift wrapping and tagging, distribution, and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to the children. Be advised that volunteers are subject to stringent background check and security clearance, as well as certification requirements. It takes time to get qualified, so volunteer now! Call or e-mail Jorge Luna Garcia at 925-383-9547 or [jorge7garcia@yahoo.com](mailto:jorge7garcia@yahoo.com).

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE November 12, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Any Parishioner who has experienced the death of a family member, loved one or friend whose service WAS NOT held at St. Agnes Church AND would like their name added to our **Mass of Remembrance Scroll**, please call Sharon Ouimet at 685-1361.

## Would You Like to Learn How to Dance?



Do you know how to dance and would you like to show off your best moves?

We have a (very!) informal dance class here at St. Agnes for singles and couples. We hope to go from the Cha-Cha to Rhumba, from waltzes, to line dancing and beyond. And, yes, it's **FREE!**

We meet from 7:00—8:00 p.m. on Friday evenings here at the back of the church or at Cauchi Hall. If interested, just drop in!

If you have any questions, call Ed McGuirk at 285-0975.

**ENROLLMENT SUNDAY—THANK YOU** to our many parishioners who stayed after Mass last weekend to inquire or enroll with our various Gathering Ministries—**53** parishioners signed up to join those ministries. And thank you to the many people who set up, staffed the tables, and served hospitality to our parishioners. You are all truly a blessing to our church community.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 4 Blessings of the Animals—8:30 a.m.
- STARS Luncheon—11:00 a.m.
- 7 School Mass—1:30 p.m.
- Pasta Dinner, Knights of Columbus—5:30 pm
- 8 German Dinner—6:00 p.m.
- 14 School Fall Fest—5 to 8 p.m.
- 15 International Rosary—6:00 p.m.
- 22 Women's Guild Tea
- 29/30 Hospitality Weekend
- 30 Friends and Family Mass—10:45 a.m.
- 1st Reconciliation/Communion Enrollment

## 4th Annual St. Agnes School Fall Fest & Costume Parade

The St. Agnes School P.A.C.E. Board invites you to join us on **Friday, October 14th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm** for our Fall Fest Extravaganza! The event offers taco dinner catered by our own Los Rancheros, Costume Parade for the kids, Vendor Fair, Carnival Style Games and Trunk or Treat fun!

**Dinner MUST be PRE-ORDERED and PAID for in the school office by Noon on Friday, October 7th.** Game Tickets can be purchased at the event - CASH ONLY. Dinner will not be sold the night of. Additional information along with the PRE-ORDER FORM can be found on our school website at [www.stagnesconcord.com](http://www.stagnesconcord.com).

Please contact Kristina Long with any questions at [Pace-President@stagnesconcord.com](mailto:Pace-President@stagnesconcord.com). We look forward to seeing all of you there!

## St. Agnes School Golf Tournament Friday, October 21 Boundary Oaks Golf Course



Golfers are invited to join our school's annual golf tournament to benefit the St. Agnes School Endowment Fund. Check-in starts at 10:00 a.m., with a 12:00 noon Shotgun Start.

A Barbeque Dinner follows at 5:30 p.m. with raffle and awards.

\$175 per golfer, \$650 discounted foursome.

For more information, please contact Dave Lucas at 925-787-8360.

## MEXICO '17

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join your fellow students for a Home Building Trip that will Change How You See The World! Our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Agnes Cauchi Hall. This will be our 22nd year for the Concord parishes and our second year under our new non-profit organization, La Morita Mexico Youth Mission. All worked smoothly last year, and three very deserving families got a new home and a new start on life! We also continued our tradition of having a neighborhood party for more than 100 children & their families, complete with family photos, crafts and soccer, and we had the experience of building a Christian community with our 75 high school and college youth and their adult sponsors. For more information, contact Donna or Jack Walton at [jdwalton@astound.net](mailto:jdwalton@astound.net) or 925-212-7679.

### Lunch Forum—Planning for Medical Decisions Saturday, November 5—10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join us for Q&A and free lunch with Dr. Tom Lenz and Dr. Mary Davenport. They will share information about how new laws affect medical care decisions. Topics: POLST form, End of Life Option Act, organ donation, brain death, adult children, prenatal care, and special needs. To register, contact Gia Behrens at: [giabehrens@gmail.com](mailto:giabehrens@gmail.com) or 925-209-3439. Free lunch provided for those who register by October 31st.

Hosted by St. Agnes Respect Life Committee

### Save the Date: Thanksgiving Mass for Healthcare Providers Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m.

The Cathedral of Christ the Light, Oakland

Thank and honor those in Physical, Mental, and Spiritual Healthcare professions on October 29 at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. All who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, are invited to attend this multicultural Mass to celebrate the energy, dedication and generosity in this profession. Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ, will be the principal celebrant. A reception will follow in the Event Center.

# DON'T COOK OR WASH DISHES!

## 3 Opportunities to Eat at St. Agnes!

### 1. FIRST FRIDAY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Pasta Dinner on Friday, October 7, 2016 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.** Dinner will cost \$7, and the menu will include pasta with marinara sauce and meat balls, salad, and bread. Please join your fellow parishioners for a great meal and enjoyable conversations.



### 2. OCTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER Saturday, October 8, 2016

6:00 pm—No Host Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner  
Adults \$20—Children 5-12 \$5  
Under 5 Free



Menu:  
Homemade German Potato Salad  
German Sausage  
Bavarian Green Beans  
Sauerkraut  
German Strudel



**Today is the last day for ticket sales. Tickets are on sale after all Masses.  
No tickets sold at the door. Any questions, call Kathey at 798-7936.**

*Raffle donations are greatly appreciated!*

### 3. WOMEN'S GUILD AUTUMN TEA October 22, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in Church Hall



The Women's Guild Autumn Tea is coming up on **Saturday, October 22. Tickets are \$25 per person.** You can pick up the form to request tickets at the Welcome Table in the Church. This is the only event that lets you bring your decorating skills to the table. You can create your own personal table for your family and friends to enjoy. Tickets go fast, so please get your completed forms to Sandy Rigor as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can contact Sandi at 925-682-0387. Tickets must be purchased no later than October 10—no tickets at door. If you would like to donate a Basket for the Raffle Drawing, please contact Diannia Strupeck at 925-998-6398 or Mary Ann Castro at 925-381-5557. We look forward to sharing a delightful afternoon of Tea, Delicious Foods and Entertainment.