

The Parish of St. Agatha

Milton ~ Quincy, MA

December 22-25, 2018

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A Note from Our Pastor,

For our Christmas Bulletin this year, in consultation with our staff at St. Agatha's I decided that it would be good for all the members of the staff who are responsible for key areas of the pastoral mission of our parish and school to give a brief description of their ministries here. This is a good opportunity for parishioners who are actively involved to have a sense of some of the dimensions of the variety of ministries that occur here of which they might be unaware. It also provides us the occasion of reaching out to folks who might be visiting or who might be interested in becoming more involved in St. Agatha Parish to have a sense of the vibrancy of this community of faith. And so, in addition to Jack Riley, Dr. Lisa Gulino, and myself who have columns in the bulletin each week, this weekend you will also hear from Fr. Jason Makos our parochial vicar, Fr. Pat McLaughlin and Fr. Tom Powers our senior priests in residence, our Deacon Dan Sullivan, Nancy Carr our school principal, Beth Peterson our Director of Faith Formation for Grades 1 to 6, and Helen Bornhorst who oversees the Faith Formation of our middle school and high school students and is our Youth Minister. I hope that you will find their columns informative and that you might be inspired to participate in one or another of the ministries and activities described here and find nourish-

ment through our weekend and weekday Masses to deepen your relationship with the Lord Jesus whose birth we are so privileged to celebrate together this weekend. I pray that the love that comes to us from the Christ-child may take hold of your hearts, and that you and all those you love may have a truly Blessed Christmas Season. It is an honor and joy for me to serve as your pastor!

Fr. Palardy

St. Agatha Parish Christmas Mass Schedule

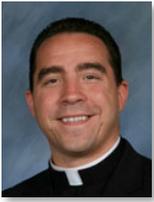
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 24th

- 4:00pm (*Upper Church*) – Congregational Singing
- 4:00pm (*Parish Center Gym*) – Congregational Singing
- 6:00pm – Pageant & Children's Choir
- 11:45 pm – "Prelude Music/Carols"
- Midnight – Music Ensemble and Congregational Singing

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 25th

- 7:30am – Congregational Singing
- 9:00am – Congregational Singing
- 10:30am – Traditional Choir
- 12 Noon – Congregational Singing
- NO 5:00PM MASS**





Merry Christmas, Καλά Χριστούγεννα!!

Yet another Christmas is upon us and it seems each year passes more quickly than the one before. Even in the midst of a hectic schedule we realize how special this time of year is. We marvel at the power of an innocent and tender baby who has come for all of us. This Season can, in the midst of aggression, bring calmness. In the midst of despair, hope. In the midst of anxiety, freedom. The gift to let go of all to receive All. These are just a few of the powerful gifts our God gives us. May God bless all of you and may we be open to all the gifts He continually gives us.

Fr. Jay Makos

Come Lord, Jesus



“Come Lord, Jesus”, is the last line of the Scriptures (Rev. 22:20) I mentioned it to you on more than one occasion how much I love it. Christ has come to me in so many ways since last Christmas. Last Monday after the 9:00 AM mass, our school’s eighth graders provided a social for us in the “Gathering Space.” Coffee, donuts, and a bingo Christmas card. Three of us adults and two 14 year-olds competed. I was the first one to yell out “Bingo!” I got a Christmas candy cane. The teenagers shared their youth, enthusiasm, and hopes for high school with us who could have been their great grandparents. One was not quite sure about tuition costs for his first choice. That is one advantage of retiring to a parish. There are all sorts of people in the mix. The youngsters give you a kick start. On the other hand, you do not have to say too much with people your own age. We both know what we are getting at even with a few words. The folks who are a good generation behind us are hoping for the best as they struggle to lead their youngsters by example, as well as by word. Bringing kids up today is a real struggle we all recognize. They too have their own demons—at work, or health, family issues, aging parents. Yet, they have a spring in their step, a sparkle in their eye and are ready for an optimistic chit-chat. Thanks Lord, for coming to me in so many ways since last Christmas. Keep my eyes and those who read this open to the many manifestations you assume as you come to us this Christmas and beyond. “Maranatha, come Lord Jesus.”

Fr. McLaughlin



May your Christmas be Wonderful

It has been 52 years since my first Christmas as a parish priest. I remember it well: the pastor and I had recently arrived. Since it was Christmas at the parish, the pastor was determined to make it a joyful occasion. The Midnight Mass was the first mass of Christmas, inside and out the church was covered in colorful lights and when the organist played the first note, the power went out and all was cast into darkness. The Christmas lights were turned off and the music began, but it was different. The pastor had invited a singing group, he was a member of, to be the choir. It was a “barbershop music club”. I was responsible for the Gospel.

However, I couldn’t find the Christmas passage from St Luke. After what seemed like an eternity I read a different Gospel Reading. The Mass continued with one person fainting and not enough Eucharist for those gathered. Needless to say, it was imperfect, but Wonderful.

Christmas afternoon, I arrived home for dinner. It was the first Christmas without my Grandmother, the “great cook”. I was greeted with the announcement that dinner would be a few hours late...someone had forgotten to take the turkey out of the freezer. When it was time to eat, my aunt, who had made her special gravy, strained it at the sink. However she had forgotten to put a bowl underneath and it all disappeared down the drain. Christmas dinner was late and very dry...imperfect but Wonderful.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas, and even if it is imperfect may it be Wonderful.

Fr. Powers

Christmas ~ One Collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust

This Christmas, please consider contributing to a **special diocesan-wide Christmas collection for the health and well-being of 580 active and senior priests in good standing** in our Archdiocese. Amid these difficult times for our Church, our hardworking priests need your support now more than ever. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to all the priests, including our senior priests, who have devoted their lives to our Church...and to all of us. To donate online, please visit clergytrust.org or text the word **PRIEST25** to 20222 to donate \$25. *Msg. and data rates may apply.*

Visit clergyfunds.org for a heartwarming testimony from a family about our priests.

For New Year’s Day, January 1st, there is a vigil Mass at 4pm on Monday, December 31st and the Tuesday Masses will be at: 8am and 11am.



We Are So Blessed

You will notice that the weekly financial reporting is missing this week. This is not an oversight, and it will return next week. But this is a time to set aside the issues of bricks and mortar and dollars and cents and focus on the wonderful Holyday we celebrate this day and the many blessings we as a community have been given. Christmas is certainly a special time of the year. It is a time to rejoice in the birth of Our Savior, and to give thanks to His Mother Mary for saying yes to God's call. It is a time to share memories of days gone by, and a time to renew our hope for the days ahead. It is a time to give of ourselves to family, friends and those in need. It is also a time to give thanks for the many gifts God has bestowed on us as a parish community.

Those gifts are indeed manifold. When you look around you on Christmas, consider how fortunate we are to have the beautiful worship space and our renovated Lower Church. Consider also the gifts of so many people who give of themselves to help make our experience of the Liturgy so meaningful. From the priests, to the various ministers, to the Choirs, to the team that decorates and beautifies the Church at Christmas and throughout the year—we are so blessed to have this myriad of people who share their gifts with all of us. Then consider the many people who so willingly give of themselves in the many ministries we have in the parish serving others. From outreach to the poor in our area and as far away as Haiti, to serving those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, to educating our young people in the Faith, to our sacramental preparation programs, to our ministry to the homebound, the examples of our community's caring and sharing are many. We are also blessed by a wonderful school which provides a superb Catholic education in a warm and supportive environment. We also have an ever-expanding array of opportunities for our youth to become involved in parish life. Whether it's our expanding LifeTeen and EDGE programs, our youth service trip to Appalachia, the "I Am Special" program for our 3–5 year olds led by teens, or our basketball program which involves over 500 children, there is something for everyone. We are further blessed by talented and committed staffs in both the Parish and School who help the parish community live out its mission each day.

God is so good and has graced us in so many ways. As we take pause in our busy lives to appreciate and give thanks to Him for his goodness to us, may this season also be a time for each of us to consider how we can make a gift to Him—by making a difference by becoming involved—or perhaps re-involved—in this vibrant and caring community. Have a Blessed Christmas season!

Jack Riley



*We are very blessed here at St. Agatha's to have many parishioners share their talents with us at the Christmas season. The accompanists, cantors and choirs who have been rehearsing to make each service inspiring and joyful as well as the members of the Arts & Environment team who have decorated the Church so beautifully. **THANK YOU!***

'Tis the Season to Get Engaged!



Did you know that 43% of couples get engaged from November through January?

If you are one of those couples, the parishioners and staff of St. Agatha Parish offer our faith-filled congratulations on your engagement. This is a very exciting time in your lives and in those of your family. A guiding principle in planning your wedding is to remind yourselves that you are celebrating a sacrament, a sign of God's love. It is your faith-filled and loving presence to each other in marriage, celebrated in the presence of God, family and friends.

If you would like to be married at St. Agatha Parish, now is the time to contact Fr. Palardy, Fr. Makos or Deacon Sullivan to set an appointment for you and your fiancé to discuss possible wedding dates and times. You may call the Rectory: 617-698-2439, or send an email:

Fr. William Palardy: wpalardy@StAgathaParish.org
Fr. Jason Makos: jmakos@StAgathaParish.org
Deacon Daniel Sullivan: dsullivan@StAgathaParish.org

Generally, you will meet with the priest or deacon three times. This number will increase or decrease depending upon the circumstances of your wedding. Couples preparing for marriage are required to attend some form of marriage preparation and instruction beyond the meetings with the priest or deacon.

More details about scheduling your wedding can be found on the Marriage page under Sacramental Life on our Parish web site: www.StAgathaParish.org/sacramental.

Deacon Dan



NEED HELP? The "Caring Circle" dares to care... Call 617-337-3225 for short-term non-financial help or visit www.mcccaringcircle.org

Fourth Sunday of Advent



~ Carry Your Candle ~

At our school mass this month we proudly announced the theme of our new ministry ~ **“Carry Your Candle”**. We here at St. Agatha School wish to create an awareness of the importance of community outreach in support of our fellow brothers and sisters in an attempt to bring the hope and light of Jesus to everyone in our community. We want to bring the light that is inside each and every one of us to those who might be struggling and in need of our compassion and assistance. As the song our choir beautifully sung says, “Carry your candle, run to the darkness. Seek out the lonely, the hopeless, confused and torn. Hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.”



We are blessed to be part of Saint Agatha Parish and strive to support the parishioners as they too support us. Grade 8 spent time with many of

Helping out at My Brother's Keeper.



St. Agatha School's 8th graders invited parishioners attending 9am daily Mass to join them for refreshments, conversation and board games. Stay tuned for another fun morning in February!

our parishioners after the 9am Mass recently. The students and adults enjoyed treats, conversation and board games. Many of our middle school students visited My Brother's Keeper warehouse in Easton during the holiday season. Our students enthusiastically helped prepared gifts for delivery to so many families struggling in these tough economic times during this season of giving.

Wishing all at Saint Agatha Parish and School Community a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Mrs. Nancy Carr, Principal



Saint Agatha School



Saint Agatha School
Milton ~ Quincy
440 Adams Street, Milton, MA
617-696-3548

Saint Agatha School is an exceptional school for boys and girls Pre-K through grade 8. It is a special place offering a faith-based education, teaching that stimulates vibrant learning and academic excellence, a strong community where the whole family is embraced and every child is prepared to be his or her best self in today's world.

It all begins in our Early Childhood Program, part of the renowned Lynch Foundation Early Childhood Project. Our holistic, integrated approach helps develop language, literacy and social skills with engaging, hands-on activities. We continue successfully supporting our students through 8th grade offering a rigorous academic program that includes Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, Spanish, Latin (Grs. 6-8) and a robust religion curriculum.

Come see for yourself why our young graduates leave poised for success in the next school of choice with an academic confidence and thirst for learning.

For a tour or more information, call (617) 696-3548 or email: ncarr@stagathaparish.org.

**God is good all the time!
All the time God is good!**

You will hear the children in our Faith Formation Program proclaim the above praises weekly, as a way of indicating their session is beginning. It reminds us as well, especially during the Christmas Season, of how good God truly is to have blessed us with these beautiful children who come to us weekly with open hearts to grow closer in their relationship with God and to grow in living as disciples of Jesus at home, in the community and in the world.

We are blessed with God's goodness to have a team of over 60 wonderfully dedicated volunteers to make our program possible. Our Catechists share their faith and faith experiences, our door and hall monitors warmly welcome the children and families, assist catechists, and help to keep everyone safe during sessions and our office helpers are always busy preparing upcoming activities and filling in anywhere we need them.

We are blessed with the kindness and support of our Faith Formation Families, as evidenced by the overwhelming generosity of food donations that were collected for our Thanksgiving Food Drive and by the extensive turn out by our families at the 9:00 am Family Mass when our students in grades 6 and 5 hosted the Masses in October and November. We had a great response to our Sacramental parent meetings for our grade 2 students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in January.

The season of Advent has had our older students making Christmas Ornaments to decorate the Christmas Trees in the Gathering Space and the upper Church. Our younger students had the opportunity to have their parents come to Faith Formation and join them in the fun of making ornaments to take home. Our students in grades 6 & 5 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during an Advent Reconciliation Service. Faith Formation is a busy place, abuzz with the enthusiasm of the children, volunteers, and families. We very much look forward to the upcoming year, especially the celebrations of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Wishing you blessings for a very merry Christmas and a joy-filled New Year!

Mrs. Beth Peterson & Mrs. Jenn Caputo



Merry Christmas!

Youth Ministry is incredible. Its purpose is to help *bring teens into relationship with Jesus Christ*. Here at St. Agatha's we have a youth group that welcomes all teens from grade 9 to 12. Our teens are led by a CORE Team of Adults (both young and not so young) who sacrifice their time to meet teens where they are at and help guide them in their faith journey. Our youth group meets about twice a month on Sunday Nights from 6–8 pm. Sunday Nights involve dinner, games, a topic, small group discussions, and prayer time!

In addition to Sunday Night's, we have various social, service, and spiritual activities throughout the year. We've made trips to Sky Zone trampoline park, ice skating, and hope to take a group to Canobie Lake park (after all the snow melts, of course). At the beginning of the month we took a bus packed full of teens to LIFT, a worship night that includes a speaker, music, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration. Every summer, we take a group of teens and adults on our annual Appalachia Service Project Trip. During this trip, teens have the opportunity to serve in helping to repair homes for low income families and interact with those families they are serving. In all, we offer a variety of events to grow in fellowship and faith.

Through all the craziness that is high school, it is great for teens to have an outlet where they feel accepted, appreciated, wanted, and loved. This is exactly what my own youth group was for me and what I've seen youth groups become for so many. At St. Agatha's we strive to create that space for them.

Consider following us on social media at St. Agatha Youth Ministry (facebook) and @staggiesmilton (instagram). If you have any questions, please reach out! hbornhorst@stagathaparish.org or 617-696-8978. Have a wonderful Christmas!

With great joy,
Helen Bornhorst

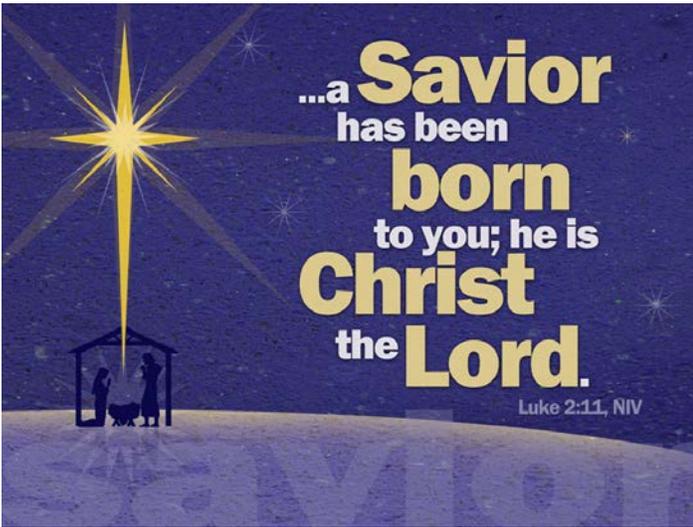
*2018 Appalachia
Service Project Trip*



WINTER WINDFALL CALENDAR

**\$5 per calendar • 31 chances to win
Great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers
100% of the profits benefit Saint Agatha School**

Calendars are currently on sale.
Please call 617-696-3548 if you have any questions.



SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

Baptism: 2:00pm on the 2nd/4th Sundays of each month. Please call the Rectory to arrange/ask questions regarding other arrangements.

Reconciliation: 3:45-4:15pm on Saturdays. Any other time by appointment.

Marriage: Call one of the parish priests or deacon. Arrangements are ordinarily to be made at least 6 months before the proposed marriage.



Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2019 summer season. The camps located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2 week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or

email Brendan@bfcamp.com, or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com. Please don't wait as sessions fill quickly. The gift of a summer camp experience could be the ideal Christmas present for your child or grandchild.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	December 22 Memorial Memorial	John P. Linehan Daniel F. & Anne M. O'Sullivan & Kayla E. Naughton
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	December 23 Memorial Birth. Memorial Memorial 4th Anniversary Anniversary	James R. Keating John E. Toland Claire Carten & Mary Corcoran Mary & Ray Byron Michael Curtin
Monday 8:00am 4:00pm 4:00pm 6:00pm 11:45pm Midnight	December 24 19th Anniversary <i>Upper Church</i> <i>Parish Center Gym</i>	Christmas Eve Anne A. Donahue Congregational Singing Congregational Singing Pageant & Children's Choir "Prelude Music/Carols" Music Ensemble & Congregational Singing
Tuesday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm	December 25	Christmas Congregational Singing Congregational Singing Traditional Choir Congregational Singing
Wednesday 7:00am 9:00am	December 26 Memorial Memorial	Betty S. Duffy Maggy & Rita Leonard
Thursday 7:00am 9:00am	December 27 Memorial 2nd Anniversary	Edna, Lawrence & Leo Tobin Maureen Esdale
Friday 7:00am 9:00am	December 28 Memorial 2nd Anniversary	Joan Beyer Elaine Doherty
Saturday 8:00am 4:30pm	December 29 Month's Mind 1st Anniversary	Paul D. Coughlin Margaret O'Sullivan
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 12:00pm 5:00pm	December 30 For the Memorial Memorial 1st Anniversary Memorial	Parishioners of St. Agatha Maggy & Rita Leonard Anna MacDonald Robert Fitzgerald Jr. Mitchell Carroll



**There will be NO BINGO on Monday,
December 24, Christmas Eve and
Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve.**

BINGO returns on Monday, January 7.

Thank you to all the players and the volunteers that make it run smoothly every week.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Masses:

Monday–Friday: 7:00am & 9:00am

Saturday & Holidays: 8:00am

Reconciliation: 3:45–4:15pm

on Saturdays. Any other time by appointment

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am • 9:00am • 10:30am • noon • 5:00pm

Holy Days: As Announced



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Rev. Jason M. Makos, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Daniel F. Sullivan

Rev. Patrick McLaughlin, Senior Priest in Residence

Rev. Thomas Powers, Senior Priest in Residence

Deacon Seraphim Wirth, fbp, Seminarian Intern

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Dr. Lisa M. Gulino

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YoungChurchMinistry@StAgathaParish.org

Ms. Helen Bornhorst, Coordinator

When a parishioner is hospitalized....

It is important to our priests and pastoral staff that we do all we can to stay in touch with parishioners who may not be able to attend Mass due to illness and/or are hospitalized. Due to HIPPA (privacy) laws, the parish is not informed of parishioners who are in the hospital or in nursing homes. The local hospitals have a priest chaplain on call who attends to emergency needs and celebrates the sacraments of Reconciliation and/or the Anointing of the Sick as requested. We are very grateful for this ministry which offers spiritual strength to the patient and comfort to their family members.

Since every parishioner is an integral part of our worship and our parish community, please consider letting our pastoral associate, Lisa M. Gulino, know if you or a family member is ill. Lisa can be reached by phone at 617-698-2439 x209 or email: lgulino@stagathaparish.org.

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Would you like to register?

Contact Information

NAME: _____

First

Last

Address: _____

Number

Street

Town/City

Zip

Residence phone (if applicable): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

(please print)

Please return this form to the rectory office, or place it in the collection basket. Questions?? Please call Kathy at the rectory 617-698-2439.

The Gift of Living Stones

A Merry and Blessed Christmas to you and yours,

On Christmas day the genealogy of Jesus is proclaimed and we are reminded that he—the Savior—comes to us from the line of David. In some ways, such a detail seems to be an insignificant fact. In reality knowledge of Jesus' genealogy reveals an important detail about God's loving relationship with all of humanity and speaks to promises fulfilled.

The genealogy of Jesus also speaks of belonging. In Christ, we belong to a long line of descendants. As we come into this beautiful Church building—St. Agatha Parish—as either a weekly Mass attendee, a guest, or as one who may come occasionally, we come as family—the family of God. It must be said that while this place of worship is externally beautiful, its real beauty lies in you! To borrow the image of St. Paul, Christ is the corner stone and **you are the living stones** which make up this great edifice, the Church!

Community is important to our walk of faith. In my seven months here at St. Agatha parish, I have felt the love and welcome of this community as you, the priests, the pastoral staff, and the parishioners, have helped me to settle in and to begin serving here. Your warm and hospitable reception has given me the opportunity to host a Bible Study, teach *lectio divina*, and to offer mornings of reflection. Together with the generosity of our volunteers—truly *living stones*—we have adored and worshiped God through prayer and music—thank you to our Choir members. I have been able to serve with the homebound and bereavement volunteers in their ministry of presence and hope. To be able to work with the Outreach committee to design new opportunities for service and education is a tremendous joy.

I look forward to hearing from you—see the survey in your pew designed by the Outreach Community—for new ideas to serve our neighbor and study the rich Traditions of our Catholic Faith and Catholic Social Teaching.

As we recall the gift given us so abundantly at Christmas—the gift of God's love, we give thanks. The New Year signals new beginnings and new resolutions. Often such resolutions revolve around health. Let 2019 be the year that we strengthen our faith muscles and commit to exercising our spiritual gifts. There is an African proverb which says: "If you want to go quickly, walk alone, but if you want to go far, walk with another." Thank you for welcoming me into this community and the support we can offer one another in this walk of faith.

Lisa M. Gulino



Seasons Greetings!
from your Parish Council members



We wish you and your families and friends a joyful and peace filled Christmas and New Year. As we listen to that Sound of Music song "My Favorite Things" so much at this time of year, we are prompted to share a few of our favorite things about St. Agatha's. This list is by no means complete and we would love for you to share some of your favorites with us as well:

- ◆ Rock star Priests and Parish Staff!
- ◆ Family Mass with wiggles, giggles, and coffee and donuts.
- ◆ The splendid altar surrounded and overflowing with gifts given by you our generous parishioners to help needy families followed by the march to the cafeteria and the joyful sorting of the huge volume of gifts to be given to My Brother's Keeper.
- ◆ Holy Smokes Bonfire and Youth Group meetings with a huge spread of Food...talk about loaves and fishes!
- ◆ The peace that comes from our beautiful Holy Hours and the community who joins together at the receptions afterward as well as faith-sharing groups and life-long faith formation opportunities
- ◆ Our mascot and trusted 4-legged friend Thea, Fr. Jay's dog.
- ◆ Glorious music from our choirs that makes us feel like we have died and gone to heaven.
- ◆ A crowded parking lot of avid bingo goers and volunteers.
- ◆ Service opportunities and global outreach that abounds—St. Rock Haiti, Food Drives, Clothing Drives, Baby Showers, and many more!
- ◆ Our St. Agatha School where scholars learn and faith blossoms.
- ◆ First Communion recipients and Confirmandi who remind us all to have a childlike Faith.
- ◆ Parishioners who at every turn share their time, talent, and treasure.
- ◆ Jesus forever present at our liturgies, in our tabernacle, and seen in the face of each of our parishioners.

Thank you for being here with us at St. Agatha Parish.

Sincerely,

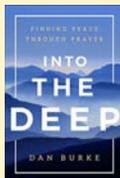
St. Agatha Parish Pastoral Council

Come to the Book Study of *Into the Deep* by Dan Burke

We will host a book study of the book given away at our parish this year. There will be a study sheet and reflection questions. We will gather for three weeks to discuss this book together. Sessions are one-hour long.

Monday—immediately following 9:00am Mass on **January 14th, 21st and 28th.**

Tuesday—don't stay out in the cold while your child is in Faith Formation—join us **January 22nd, 29th and February 5th** from 3:45 – 4:45pm.



Wednesday—during Faith Formation classes. **January 23rd, 30th, and February 6th** from 3:45 – 4:45pm.

Tuesday PM—**April 23rd, 30th, and May 7th.**

Traveling this Winter or just too cold to get out—don't let that stop you. We will host a **Book Study on-line**. Sign on each week (time and day of your choosing) for a short video and powerpoint about the book and an opportunity to post your reflections. Classes will run the weeks of **January 14th–28th**. Check the website and Facebook page on **January 5th** for link to sign up for class.