SAINT AGNES
CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 14, 2020 | SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

WELCOME HOME.

MASS TIMES
Mon—Fri:
6:30am | 8:00am
Sat:
8:00am | 5:15pm Vigil
Sun:
8:00am | 10:00am | 12:00pm Spanish | 5:15pm

OFFICE HOURS
Mon: 9:00am—5:00pm
Tues: 9:00am—5:00pm
Wed: 9:00am—7:00pm
Thurs: 9:00am—5:00pm
Fri: 9:00am—4:00pm

Note: Office closes for lunch from 12:30pm—1:00pm

CONFESSIONS
Sat: 4:00pm—5:00pm

ADORATION
Wed: 8:30am—8:00pm

ROSARY
Mon—Sat following the 8:00am Mass

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BAPTISMS
English—Second and Fourth Sundays at 1:30 PM
Spanish—First Saturdays at 11:30 AM and First Sundays at 1:00 PM
Pre-Jordan Class (Located in TPH)
English—First Sundays at 12:00 PM
Spanish—Fourth Thursdays at 7:00 PM

MARRIAGES
• To register for Pre-Cana:
  www.philamarryprep.com
• To schedule a wedding at Saint Agnes:

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS
Homebound members of the Parish or their family members can notify the Parish Office (610) 692-2990 to make arrangements to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Holy Communion, and/or Anointing of the Sick. We are happy to accommodate both short- and long-term needs.

SAINT AGNES CEMETERY
1050 Pottstown Pike, West Chester, PA.
Sam Riccardo, Jr., Superintendent
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**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE SICK**
Deb Aelsch, Virginia Basilio; Joan Beck; Jack Bragger; Marilyn Buckley; Charles W. Cadden, Jr., Barbara Carrozzo; Christine Cavaliere; Marge Christianell; Jeannette Cichy; Christine Cole; Noel D; Bill Davenport; Carol De Marco; Charlie Deegan; Roseanne Doyle; Meg Gorbsky; Helen Hartman; James Jaenisch; Maren Kaniewski; Elizabeth Kephart; Jean Kerrigan; Timothy Kollhoff; Kathi Lafferty; Chuck Loughin; Bill Lynch; Chase Masters; Sr. Dorothy Mayer, IHM; Brian L. McCorkle; Victoria Neidigh; Ann O’Connor; Scott Paris; Elizabeth Pinkerton; Kim Pizii; Michael Pizii; Charles Porter; Steve Roberts; Carmelo Scuncio; Tracie Shelton; Diana Stull; Dorothy Sweets; Elizabeth Tipton; Candace Tomes; Zachary Trexler; Breelyn Valentine; Rosalina Vito; Mary Ann Walsh; Lynneann Washlick; Baby Abby Whelan; Catherine Yankech; Marie Corso Zielinski

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**USMC:** Pvt. 1st Class Santos Araujo, Sgt. Joshua Feliciano, Pvt. James D. Franciotti, LCPL Noah Michael Harris, Sgt. Isaac Pineda
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**CTR3:** Reilly Haney
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**O SACRAMENT MOST HOLY**
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St. Alphonsus Liguori

Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration will resume this coming Wednesday after the 8am Mass, concluding at 8pm with Benediction. For more information, contact Mike Wallacavage at mike@mikewalla.com.

**O COME LET US ADORE HIM!**

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“I just wanted to reassure you that after months of live-streaming and accessing websites for faith-based content, our presence last night in the church and before God’s table did wonders for my soul!”

These words are from one of our parishioners after Mass last weekend. She beautifully expresses the awe in the eyes and joy in the heart of those ready to return to church. We welcome all those who are feeling well and comfortable to come back when you are ready. The dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days continues in effect and the 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM Masses will be live-streamed each Sunday. We are sanitizing the church after each Mass. We keep our hearts and minds focused on Jesus as we come together for Mass or pray at home.

Today is the solemn celebration of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). Our Church has a beautiful tradition of a Eucharistic Procession on this day. The procession has a special meaning for our worship and being disciples of Jesus Christ united in faith and adoration. This afternoon we will have a procession beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church at 3:30 and then process out toward the parking lot. **If you are not yet comfortable joining us for Mass, you are especially invited to participate in this procession.** You can participate by staying in your car in the parking lot or by standing beside it and adoring our Lord as the procession passes by. We will return to church for Benediction.

On this day we pray in a special way for an end of racial hatred that we may have justice, peace and unity among all of God’s children through the intercession of Saint Katharine Drexel who had an intense love for the Blessed Sacrament.

Prayerful congratulations to the Saint Agnes School Class of 2020 and all of the graduates from our parish! May you be filled with the Holy Spirit as you continue on your journey with the Lord using the gifts He has blessed you with in loving service.

Last weekend we welcomed Mr. Shane Flanagan, a seminarian studying for our Archdiocese, to our parish for his Summer Pastoral Internship. Please keep him in your prayers and check out his introduction in today’s bulletin.

In Christ’s love,
Fr. Costa

**ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES**
In the past several weeks, our nation has experienced the pain and destruction caused by the sin of racism. As we pray for an end to racism and educate ourselves in order to put an end to this injustice, we have created a section of our website with prayers, educational resources, and lives of relevant saints at saintagnespairsh.org/anti-racism

“There’s no doubt that our country and region have been shaken to their core... and we can honestly never be the same.

And frankly, we never should be the same.”
Archbishop Nelson Pérez
ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL INTRODUCTION
As Catholics across the Archdiocese are being welcomed back to their parish homes following the COVID-19 restrictions, I have the great honor of being welcomed into the great parish family here at St. Agnes. I am very excited to spend my summer here and am looking forward to getting to know and be apart of this great parish family.

By means of a short introduction, my name is Shane Flanagan and I am a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I will be entering Second Theology in August, which means I will be God willingly ordained a priest for the Archdiocese in May of 2023. I was born and raised in St. Dominic Parish, located in Northeast Philadelphia, and am the seventh of eight children. I attended Father Judge High School, graduating in 2014, and after one year at Acadia University entered the Seminary, where I graduated the college portion of the seminary in 2018. Thank you for your warm welcome to the parish and thank you in advance for your generosity and hospitality throughout the summer!

Looking forward to meeting you,
Shane Flanagan

ZOOM PRESENTATION
June 16 at 7:00pm

In the current COVID-19 pandemic, the faithful have been turning to St. Padre Pio—one of the world’s most prayed to saints—for healing. But did you know that Padre Pio’s ministry was directly connected to our last great worldwide pandemic, the Spanish Flu? In honor of the anniversary of Padre Pio’s canonization on June 16, join West Chester University professor and anthropologist, Dr. Michael A. Di Giovine, for a discussion on the connection between St. Pio’s stigmata, the pressures of his early popularity, and the Spanish flu. He will also talk about St. Pio’s devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, to whom he turned when struck with illness. Dr. Di Giovine, a parishioner of SS Peter and Paul Parish who has conducted decades of research on the saint, will also pray with us for St. Pio’s blessing through one of his relics. To access the meeting go to zoom.us. After you do that, click “Join a Meeting”. The meeting ID and password are below.

Meeting ID: 971 3728 1786
Password: 593969

JOB OPPORTUNITY
Bishop Shanahan High School is seeking at JV boys soccer coach and an assistant Varsity boys soccer coach. Interested applicants should email a resume to rreidinger@shanahan.org by July 10, 2020.

During the Coronavirus Outbreak and to minimize social distancing to keep everyone safe, the KofC Council Home will temporarily remain CLOSED to its members and to the public. Thank you for your understanding. Stay tuned for any changes.

Ever consider becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, #1333? If you are male, 18 yrs. old or older, and a practicing Catholic, please contact our New Financial Secretary Jim O’Melia at jamesomelia32@gmail.com or 267-205-9749.


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FROM OUTREACH SERVICES
The Day Room for the Month of June will continue to follow the protocol we have established since March. We will continue to serve meals as take-out only. We do not have enough space to keep indoor diners effectively distanced. We will provide food bags from the pantry and personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies at the take-out window. We will continue to distribute both diapers and formula via take-out. We can permit three guests at a time into the Day Room for appointments.

We are unable to accept donations of used items at this time. No used clothing or baby equipment can be distributed. Please do not leave any items outside of the Day Room door. In order for us to give your donations to someone in need we must receive it directly from you. We hope you understand that we are proceeding with prudence to keep everyone as safe as possible and get us all happily into the green!

During the month of May the Day Room served 3,922 lunch meals and distributed 140 packages of diaper, 225 bags of nonperishable food plus 250 fresh produce bundles. We also provided 435 new Easter Outfits to children in our programs just in time for the first public Mass!

Deep gratitude to all who make this goodness so! Thank you to all who support the work through sharing your good gifts with our neighbors in need. May God continue to bless you with His love and His grace!

RCIA ANNOUNCEMENT
Congratulations, Neophytes!
This weekend, we welcome two new Catholics to our Church. For the past year, these two young ladies: Carly D’Angelo and Jacqueline McKenna, have been growing to know Jesus and our Catholic Faith. They will be baptized this Saturday Night at the 5:15 P.M. Mass. They will also receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at this same Mass.

Congratulations, Carly and Jackie! Thank you for being witnesses to us!

ST. AGNES COMMUNICATIONS
Over the past few months we have learned just how important it is to be able to communicate quickly with our parishioners. Here are some ways for you to stay connected to St. Agnes:

1. Sign up for the St. Agnes e-mail list. You can do this by visiting our website, saintagnesparish.org or by texting AGNES to 22828.
2. Like our Facebook page at facebook.com/saintagnesparish
3. Check our website regularly for updates.

WELCOME HOME.
For more information, visit saintagnesparish.org/welcome-home
The Call to Address Racism in Our Hearts and Communities

In their new pastoral letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, the Catholic bishops of the United States invite conversion of hearts, minds, and institutions in order to address the evil of racism that still exists in our communities.

By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God. We know that the evil of racism cuts to the core of God’s plan for humanity, devaluing the diversity God created within the human family. As followers of Christ, we seek to reclaim the God-given sanctity of each person’s inviolable human dignity. The bishops remind us, “The command of love requires us to make room for others in our hearts. It means that we are indeed our brother’s keeper (see Gn 4:9).”

Some among us may want to believe that our country has moved beyond the reality of racism that has so profoundly stained its past, or that racism does not involve us. Almost every day, news headlines demonstrate that our country’s “original sin” of racism continues to impact the lives of many Americans, many of them Catholic—particularly those who belong to the African American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American communities.

There are signs that racism’s legacies remain prevalent in many systemic inequalities that have deep impact on people of color. The bishops write, “Racism can only end if we contend with the policies and institutional barriers that perpetuate and preserve the inequality—economic and social—that we still see all around us.”

“We read the headlines that report the killing of unarmed African Americans by law enforcement officials. In our prisons, the numbers of inmates of color, notably those who are brown and black, is grossly disproportionate. Despite the great blessings of liberty that this country offers, we must admit the plain truth that for many of our fellow citizens, who have done nothing wrong, interactions with the police are often fraught with fear and even danger.”

—U.S. bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts*

Within the walls of the Church, many people of color have experienced discrimination and outright racism. Leadership has been lacking. The bishops write, “All too often, leaders of the Church have remained silent about the horrific violence and other racial injustices perpetrated against African Americans and others.” Reflecting on these realities, the bishops implore us to find ways to actively work against the evil of racism. We must seek racial justice within our Church and in our country. Let us all allow the Holy Spirit to convert our hearts to do the work of healing, so we may live authentically in true relationship to one another. Let the fruit of this conversion be evident in our full celebration and integration of ethnic and cultural diversity, which is truly a gift from God.
How Can I Respond?

(1) **Listen to and know the stories of our brothers and sisters who have suffered from racism in history, and in the present.** True and authentic encounter is difficult but worth the effort. Authentic relationships require vulnerability, humility, and getting outside of your comfort zones. For some, this will mean actively seeking opportunities to engage with people of diverse backgrounds. For others, this might mean raising your voice or sharing your story. Through authentic engagement we bring together diverse perspectives and experiences which honor the fullness of God’s plan.

(2) **Work to address both individual and systemic racism.** Racism can be individual, when persons fail to recognize certain groups as created in the image of God and equal in dignity, or it can be systemic, where practices or policies are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly. These systems are often perpetuated due to the silence or unawareness of many. Commit to learning more about racism and employment, housing, wealth, education, criminal justice, and voting—and then get involved in diocesan, parish or community efforts to pray and work for conversion of both hearts and systems.

(3) **Think about what you can do, wherever you are.** Commit to raising your awareness in whatever situations you find yourself.
   a. **As people of faith,** we can intentionally work to create spaces of welcome and opportunities for encounter. Create opportunities for sharing of stories and learn how racism impacts our communities. Regularly think about whose voices may be missing as leaders and volunteers in parish ministry. In parishes and schools, educators can use activities from usccb.org/racism to integrate content on the pastoral letter into their lessons.
   b. **In your family,** think about who you socialize with on a regular basis. Intentionally create opportunities to interact with those you may not run into over the normal course of your week. Where in your community do you see diverse groups of people come together? Parents: talk with your children about race. Continuing to talk with them about everyone’s human dignity and the pain of racism in our country will help form them to respect the dignity of all. Find prayers for children at usccb.org/racism.
   c. **At school or work,** ask: How can you learn more about other cultures? What resources are available to you? If there are others who are treated differently because of their race, speak up. Think about what you might do if you hear someone make disparaging remarks about a classmate or coworker. How can you be ready to respond?

(4) **As individuals and communities of faith, examine your conscience.** We all must ask ourselves: Where have I not lived as an example of Christ’s love? Where have my attitudes or perceptions caused me to devalue persons of other cultures or ethnicities? When have I been unnecessarily suspicious or allowed a preconceived notion to overshadow the human nature of another? When have I seen the “other” instead of welcoming an opportunity to listen to the story of that person’s life, struggles, or joys?

For More Information
Read the new pastoral letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love* and then talk with others about how your community can respond to the bishops’ invitation in the pastoral letter. USCCB resources against racism are at usccb.org/racism.
SOLEMNIDAD DEL CUERPO Y LA SANGRE DE CRISTO (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo también conocido como Corpus Christi, esta fiesta honra la Presencia Real de Jesús en la Eucaristía, la cual es la fuente y culmen de toda la vida cristiana (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, Núm. 1324). Cristo está presente de muchas maneras en la Iglesia, pero su presencia en la Eucaristía es única. En la Eucaristía, Jesús está presente en cuerpo, sangre, alma y divinidad. Se le llama la presencia real porque Jesús está verdaderamente presente por excelencia. La Eucaristía no debe terminar en el altar. Está hecha para prolongarse en la vida, a lo largo del día y de la semana, hasta la próxima Eucaristía. Resulta que la Misa, según el último Concilio, es la fuente y la cumbre de toda nuestra vida cristiana. El cristiano ha de ser un hombre que vive en una permanente Eucaristía; Debemos vivir de misa en misa. Es así como la Santa misa dominical se convierte en una misa de la vida.

Esta misión de convertir toda nuestra vida en Eucaristía prolongada, se nos da expresamente en el envío de la Misa. Allí Cristo nos envía a transformarnos a nosotros mismos en reflejos y testigos suyos. Allí nos envía también a transformar el mundo que nos rodea. Quiere que a través de nuestro trabajo, nuestro esfuerzo diario se convierta en un mundo nuevo, un mundo que sea más humano y que sea más de Dios. Quiere que en la fuerza transformadora de la Eucaristía construyamos una nueva sociedad, forjemos una Nación de Dios.

Lo que Cristo nos pide al enviarnos de nuevo al mundo, es que todo lo que hagamos durante la semana sea un aporte en la construcción de un país renovado: nuestro trabajo o estudio bien hecho; nuestro amor matrimonial y familiar; forjar la comunidad nueva en nuestro grupo eclesial y la comunidad parroquial; formarnos y educarnos a nosotros mismos para llegar a ser hombres nuevos. Lo que nos pide Cristo, al final de la Misa es realizar en el ambiente cotidiano lo que hemos vivido con Él en la Eucaristía, convirtiéndonos en antecipo de un mundo y una sociedad nueva.

Alma de Cristo, santificame.
Cuerpo de Cristo, salvarme.
Sangre de Cristo, embriague.
Agua del costado de Cristo, lava me.
Pasión de Cristo, confortame.
¡Oh, buen Jesús!, oyeme.
Dentro de tus llagas, escóndeme.
No permitas que me aparte de Ti.
Del maligno enemigo, defiéndeme.
En la hora de mi muerte, llámame.
Y mándame ir a Ti.
Para que con tus santos te alabe.
Por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.

NUEVO HORARIO LITÚRGICO

Santa Misa en la Iglesia Principal
Domingo: 8am, 10am (también en vivo por internet), 12 del mediodía (Español, también en vivo por internet), 5:15pm
Lunes a Viernes: 6:30am, 8am
Sábado: 8am, 5:15pm (Misa de Vigilia)

Confesiones
Sábado de 4 a 5pm en la capilla o por cita precio con el sacerdote

Adoración Eucarística
Sábado de 4 a 5pm en la capilla o por cita precio con el sacerdote

Bautizos: El primer Sábado de cada mes a las 11:30 am y el primer Domingo a la 1:00 pm en la Capilla de la Iglesia. Para más información, comunicarse con Sra. Carmen Lytle para registrarse al (610)692-2900 (Oficina Parroquial)

Por más información, visite saintagnesparish.org