July 5, 2020
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIMES
Mon-Fri.
6:30am | 8:00am
Sat.
8:00am | 5:15pm Vigil
Sun.
7:00am | 9:00am | 10:30am
12:00pm Spanish | 5:15pm

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

OFFICE HOURS
Mon. 9:00am-5:00pm
Tues. 9:00am-5:00pm
Fri. 9:00am-4:00pm

CONFESSIONS
Sat. 4:00 pm - 5:00pm

ADORATION
Wed. 8:30am - 8:00pm

ROSARY
Mon-Sat following the 8am Mass

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MARRIAGES
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• To schedule a wedding at Saint Agnes:
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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.

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“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

We know these words from the Declaration of Independence so well. The Fourth of July this year comes with so much unsettlement in our country. The worldwide pandemic and the wounds of racism have shaken our hearts. But this Independence Day weekend also gives us a focus to give God thanks for the gifts we share. The precious gift of our life and the call to transform our culture so there is respect and dignity for every human life from conception to natural death. The religious freedom to worship and practice our faith includes the responsibility of protecting this gift. We have the blessed opportunity to embrace “Life, liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

We remember today all of the men and women who have sacrificed their lives to preserve these gifts for our country and our world. We also remember in prayer and gratitude all those who are protecting us today and every day as we follow the way of Jesus as His disciples.

Take a few moments this weekend, particularly if you are feeling troubled and overwhelmed, to reflect upon the invitation Jesus gives us in this Sunday’s Gospel: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

In Christ’s love,
Fr. Costa

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning this week, we are returning to the Mass schedule that we were following before the suspension of public Masses in March. The Mass schedule on the front of the bulletin is correct.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation remains suspended. No one is obligated to attend Mass on Sunday until further notice from the Archbishop. The Archdiocese has assured us that we will receive several weeks’ notice before the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is back in effect.

All are still invited to keep Sunday holy as the Lord’s day. For this reason, we will continue to live stream Sunday Mass at 10:30am in English and 12 Noon in Spanish for those for whom it is prudent to stay at home. We rejoice that we can be united in prayer.
FLAME OF LOVE

The Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary says the rosary on Wednesday in the Chapel from 11 am to 12 noon. All are invited! In recent decades, the Catholic Church has received many new devotions. Pope John Paul II canonized St. Faustina and established the new Divine Mercy Devotion, which revealed new gifts of mercy coming from Jesus’ heart. The Flame of Love Devotion is very similar making Catholics aware of a new fire coming from Mary’s heart. No one has to believe these private devotions (although approved by the Church); but accepting these revelations provides the capacity to receive God’s gifts. Divine Mercy comes from the diary of St. Faustina. Flame of Love comes from the diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann. Elizabeth’s diary is about 300 pages. Also, there is a simplified version. From either version, the reader easily grasps the central message given to Elizabeth by Jesus and Mary about the Flame of Love. If anyone wishes information on saying The Flame of Love rosary, contact Cheryl at 610-696-7706 or email: cherylbowman1978@gmail.com. Information is also available for saying this rosary in the home.

Eucharistic Adoration Update

The Eucharist is at the heart of our life here at Saint Agnes Parish, which is why we have Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday from 8:30 am to 8 pm.

Because of the pandemic, we are in desperate need of adorers to be with our Lord on Wednesdays during this time. If you are willing to take responsibility for one of these hours, all you need to do is make sure that there is someone, either yourself or someone else, in the chapel with our Lord during the hour that you have volunteered for.

If you are interested in adoring our Lord, please email Mike Wallacavage at mike@mikewalla.com

Knights’ Corner

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 jamesomelia52@gmail.com or 267-205-9749.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS
Andrew Teodoro & Noelle Martinson
James Moss & Erin Linthicum
Andrew Saraceno & Megan Meyer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Nurses Center is looking for volunteer nurses, nurse practitioners, and interpreters who would be able to give 2 hours once per month. Due to the pandemic, we are in great need of volunteers for when the Nurses Center opens again on July 8th.

If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering, please contact Terry Berkman or De Vitale by email at: stagnesnursescenter@gmail.com

Founded in 1999, the Saint Agnes Nurses Center provides basic medical attention and primary care services to low-income and uninsured residents of the greater West Chester, Pennsylvania area. Founded, staffed, and led by nurses, we are committed to nurturing the physical and emotional health of our patients and respecting the sanctity of life. Belief that healthcare is a basic human right inspires and directs our efforts.

Clinic Hours

Wednesday 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Saturday 10:00am to 12:00pm

PARKING UPDATE

As you may know, the Borough of West Chester is working on a plan to close Gay Street from Matlack to Darlington Streets so that businesses can set up in the street as part of its economic recovery plan. We anticipate that this closure will affect our parking situation at Saint Agnes, as well as the routes our parishioners take to get to church. We are working closely with the mayor and the West Chester Police Department so that this closure will not disrupt our ministry at Saint Agnes.

At the time of the publication of this bulletin, the plan from the Borough is still awaiting approval from PennDOT, and so we do not yet have any details to share. We anticipate that once the plan is approved, it will go into effect almost immediately. Please read below for ways that you can receive the most up-to-date information from Saint Agnes.

SAINT 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
I moved into a new apartment a few weeks ago. On the day I moved in, I was going non-stop for most of the day as I moved and put together furniture, put things away, and ran errands to pick up things that I needed. Towards the end of the day, there were several times when I sat down, thinking that I could finally take a break, when something else that I needed to do popped into my head. Without thinking, I stood up and got back to work.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” I don’t know about you, but I often find it hard to rest. Sometimes it’s because there just seems to be way too much to do. Other times it’s because resting actually feels uncomfortable. I’m so used to doing things and getting items checked off my to-do list that when the time comes, I get confused about how to rest.

You see, in today’s Gospel, Jesus calls us out. He knows that we want to define ourselves by the things that we do— whether that is a beautifully decorated apartment, a successful career, or even a beautiful family. He’s not saying that any of these things are bad. In fact, He’s saying that they are very good because they come from Him!

But when we are constantly moving, it is easy to forget that all of these good things in our lives come from God. For example, instead of seeing our family’s health and happiness as an undeserved blessing to praise God for, we see it as a sign that we are doing the right things.

When we are constantly moving, we have the illusion that we are in control. That makes it difficult not only to praise God for the good things in our lives, but also to trust Him when things don’t go our way. And as we all know, things quite rarely go exactly as we hoped they would.

God does not worry when things don’t go our way. He doesn’t sit in heaven, scrambling for what to do next. Nothing has ever happened that He has not foreseen for all of eternity. If you knew all that was going to happen, don’t you think you’d have great peace all the time? That peace, that rest, belongs to God. That is what Jesus is inviting us into.

This is why the Church asks us to treat Sunday as a holy day and one of rest. It is not just because we deserve a break at the end of the week, but because to be able to rest reveals something about who we are as humans. It reveals that we were made to be one with God.

At Saint Agnes Parish, everyone is invited to find rest in the love of Christ. From all walks of life, we come together before Jesus in the Eucharist and, without “doing” anything, He gives us everything by giving us His very self. Praise God for Sunday!
Next Sunday’s Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11
My word shall not return to me void, but achieving the end for which I sent it.

Psalm 65
The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Romans 8:18-23
The sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.

Matthew 13:1-23
Blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear.

PRAYING WITH THE BIBLE

The Bible is truly the Word of God. The words of Scripture can bring us comfort in difficult moments and help to remind us of God’s presence in our lives.

If you’ve never used the Bible before, it can be a little bit challenging though! Here are some tips for beginning to pray with the Bible on your own:

- Begin by praying with one of the readings for Mass for the next Sunday. These readings are usually short and easy to understand. Plus you will be prepared spiritually the next time you go to Mass!
- Before reading Scripture, pray a short prayer to the Holy Spirit. You can even just say, “Come, Holy Spirit.” This helps us to be open to whatever God wants to say to us through Scripture.
- Be patient and take time with the passage that you have chosen. Read it slowly and read it several times, paying special attention to any word, phrase, or part of the passage that stands out to you.
- Sit with whatever stands out to you and ask God what He wants to reveal to you.

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
Quizás habrás escuchado que la calle Gay estará cerrada desde la intersección con la calle Matlack hasta la calle Darlington, para permitir que negocios y restaurantes puedan utilizar las aceras y la calle para atender sus clientes. Esta medida está destinada a ayudar a las empresas que han sufrido como resultado de la pandemia.

Suele ser definido como el tiempo en que Cristo se hace presente y guía a su Iglesia por los caminos del mundo, un tiempo menor o un tiempo no fuerte. En el año litúrgico se llama tiempo ordinario al tiempo que no coincide ni con la Pascua y su Cuaresma, ni con la Navidad y su Adviento. Este tiempo es peculiar, es el más largo del año, dura entre 33 a 34 semanas, el color que se utiliza es el verde, comienza después de la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor y concluye con la Solemnidad de Cristo Rey del Universo.

Todo buen católico sabe que durante el año tenemos varios tiempos, en los cuales distribuimos la lectura de la Palabra de Dios, meditamos sobre un aspecto de la vida de Jesús, y profundizamos en un misterio de la vida de Jesús. Tenemos el tiempo de Adviento, de Navidad, de Pascua; y hay un tiempo bastante peculiar que probablemente sabemos poco de él, es el llamado Tiempo Ordinario.

Esto tendrá un impacto en nuestra Parroquia Santa Inés, especialmente en relación al estacionamiento y el tráfico alrededor de nuestra iglesia. Hemos estado trabajando con el Departamento de Policía para elaborar planes para lograr el acceso a nuestra parroquia y la escuela.

No tenemos los detalles en este momento porque la ciudad está esperando por la aprobación del estado de Pennsylvania a cerrar la calle Gay. Cuando tenemos más información, comunicaremos con nuestros fieles por nuestro sitio web y a la Santa Misa.

AVISO

Santa Misa en la Iglesia Principal
Domingo: 7am, 9am, 10:30am (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 previa con el sacerdote
Adoración Eucarística
Miércoles de 8:30am a 8pm en la capilla
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)

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