September 6, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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*
**ADORÁTION**
*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.philamarriageprep.com](http://www.philamarriageprep.com)
- To schedule a wedding at Saint Agnes: [www.saintagnesparish.org/plan-a-wedding](http://www.saintagnesparish.org/plan-a-wedding)

**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.

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of September 6, 2020**

**SUNDAY:** Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 7:00 AM: Our faithful departed parishioners
- 9:00 AM: George De Titta
- 10:30 AM: BETTIE ANNE MACSHERRY
- 12:00 PM: JUAN GILBERTO MENDOZA
- 5:15 PM: Our faithful departed parishioners

**MONDAY:** Weekday
- 8:00 AM: Nadine and Dave Dempsey and Family

**TUESDAY:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 6:30 AM: Genevieve Tatman
- 8:00 AM: Jack Roney

**WEDNESDAY:** St. Peter Claver
- 6:30 AM: Rose Nehme
- 8:00 AM: Mary and Michael McCarthy

**THURSDAY:** Weekday
- 6:30 AM: Our faithful departed parishioners
- 8:00 AM: Mary Alice Thomas

**FRIDAY:** Weekday
- 6:30 AM: Our faithful departed parishioners
- 8:00 AM: Our faithful departed parishioners

**SATURDAY:** Weekday
- 8:00 AM: Aaron H. Obeidy

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**O COME LET US ADORE HIM**

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Agnes
Wed. 8:30am to 8pm in the chapel

"The Eucharist is a glimpse of heaven appearing on Earth."
~Pope St. John Paul II

For more information and to sign up to spend an hour with our Lord,
email mike@mikewalla.com

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**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE SICK**

Deb Aelsch, Virginia Basilio; Joan Beck; Jack Bragger; Marilyn Buckley; Charles W. Cadden, Jr., Barbara Carrozzi; Christine Cavaliere; Marge Christianell; Jeannette Cicch; Christine Cole; Noel D; Bill Davenport; Carol De Marco; Charlie Deegan; Roseanne Doyle; Meg Gorbsky; Georgia Grab; Helen Hartman; James Jaenisch; Maren Kaniewski; Elizabeth Kephart; Jean Kerrigan; Timothy Kollhoff; Kathi Lafferty; Chuck Loughlin; 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 Tip- ton; 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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**MILITARY PARISHIONERS**

**USMC:** Pvt. 1st Class Santos Araujo, Sgt. Joshua Feliciano, Pvt. James D. Franciotti, LCPL Noah Michael Harris, Sgt. Isaac Pineda


**USN:** Ensign Peter A. Herlihey, PO-3 Sean Leeder, Lt. Commander Gerard Mauer III, Ensign Paul Mauer, Lt. Ted Pease, Lt. Charles G. Schappert

**CTR2:** Alexandra Haney

**CTR3:** Reilly Haney

**USA:** Capt. Thomas Berkman, Major Jessica Bayer Chominski, SPC Matthew Conway, Specialist Ian Donoghue, 1st Class, David P. Estes, Private 2nd Class, Specialist Jason Hall, 1st Lt Eric Lugo, Sgt. James Mac Fadden, 1st Class, PFC Alexander Sarcione, Major John Paul Snook, Capt. Walter R. Snook
Why do we serve the poor? Because doing so brings us closer to Christ.

**Corporal Works of Mercy:**
- Feed the hungry
- Give water to the thirsty
- Shelter the homeless
- Clothe the naked
- Visit the sick and imprisoned
- Bury the dead
- Give alms to the poor

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish the sinner
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive offenses
- Comfort the afflicted
- Pray for the living and the dead

We are all familiar with one of the lines in today’s Gospel: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Every Sunday at Saint Agnes (and, in fact, every day), we gather together as a community to pray and to worship our all-loving God. But what is it that is so special about coming together as a community that makes it different from praying privately?

God Himself is a community as the Holy Trinity. God is fundamentally a relationship: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, living in love, sharing their life with one another, which overflows to create new life. Because of this, we say that the Trinity is a “communion” of persons.

Every Sunday, we receive Holy Communion together. We live in relationship not only with God, but with one another as we receive and are united in the sacred host. Then, as we leave Mass, this love that we have received overflows in our families, in our parish outreach, in our schools, and in our very lives.

In this time of social distancing, it can be easy to think that we are not really united as a community. This week, take the time to remember what really makes us one: the Body of Christ.
The Home Social Club is OPEN!
The KofC Council #1333 Home Association Social Club is now OPEN for business! Our hours have now changed. We expect this to be the new norm through the Summer.

**Monday through Thursday:** 5:00 - 9:00 pm
**Friday:** 3:00 - 10:00 pm
**Saturday and Sunday:** 12:00 Noon - 8:00 pm

Please adhere and follow the strict guidelines established by the Chester County Health Department that are followed by the Home Association, for your safety and that of your other fellow members.

**FLAME OF LOVE**
FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY prayer group invites you to bring your intentions and come pray with us on Wednesdays, 11-12 in St. Agnes’ Chapel. We pray the rosary and include the request of Our Blessed Mother to “spread the effect of grace of the Flame of Love (Jesus’ love for us) over all humanity.” So that by its effect humanity will be converted. Visit, www.flameoflove.us

**GROUP MEETINGS**
Parish groups and ministries can begin meeting at Saint Agnes beginning after Labor Day (Sept. 7th), following social distancing and sanitation protocols.

If you would like to reserve a room, please call the rectory or send an e-mail to info@saintagnesparish.org

Procedures and protocols for groups meeting in person at Saint Agnes can be found on the home page of our parish website under “News.”

Are you considering becoming Catholic? Explore and grow in the Catholic faith through our RCIA program to discern if God is calling you to become a full member of the Catholic Church. For more information, email Mary Ann Corcoran at mcorcoran@saintagnesparish.org.

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FORMED.org is a library of Catholic movies, talks, audiobooks, and e-books. Think of it as “Catholic Netflix.” And the best part? You have a free subscription through Saint Agnes Parish!

You can also use your FORMED.org subscription to sign onto the app on your phone and have access to talks and audiobooks to listen to while you are driving in your car. This is a great way to grow in your faith!

Here’s how to access your subscription:
- Go to saintagnesparish.formed.org
- Click “Next” and enter your information
- Click “Sign Up” and you’re all set!

Suggestions on formed.org:
- *Romero* (movie), *Mother Teresa* (movie), *Arise from Darkness* (audiobook), *Can You Trust God?* (talk by Tim Gray)

**SCOUTS**

Join Scouting! Pack 153 and Troop 153 are Catholic organizations, but children do not have to be Catholic to join—all are welcome!

For more info about Troop 153, go to t153.org.

“Join Scouting” Nights for Cub Scouts:
Find out more information about the great Cub Scout Program in Chester County on September 8, 9, and 10 at https://www.cccbsa.org/join/ (Note: this program is sponsored by the Chester County Council, so it is not specific to St. Agnes’ Pack 153.)

Open House for Pack 153 and Troop 153:
Sunday, September 13 at Hoopes Park (we’ll be taking temperatures and social distancing!)
1-3 pm Cub Scouts
5-7 pm BSA Scouts (completed 5th grade and are at least 10 years old)

Kindly RSVP to mfblake@verizon.net to help us prepare!

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE**

*Brought to you by the Respect Life Group*

As the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has said, "nothing and no one can in any way permit the killing of an innocent human being, whether a fetus or an embryo, an infant or an adult, an old person, or one suffering from an incurable disease, or a person who is dying." Moreover, we have no right "to ask for this act of killing" for ourselves or for those entrusted to our care; "nor can any authority legitimately recommend or permit such an action." We are dealing here with "a violation of the divine law, an offense against the dignity of the human person, a crime against life, and an attack on humanity" (Declaration on Euthanasia, 1980).

**REMINDER ABOUT PARKING**

Please only park in the church parking lot while you are attending a church or school function. If there is no church or school function currently in progress, there is a possibility that you will be towed. Please do not park in the church parking lot and go somewhere else, even if you go to church first.

**ST. AGNES, PRAY FOR US**
40 DAYS FOR LIFE
September 22nd to November 1st

Join Saint Agnes Respect Life Group and 40 Days for Life as we keep vigil outside of Planned Parenthood on South Wayne Street every day from 7am to 7pm.

*We are looking for volunteers to sign up to pray on Saturday October 17th, which will be covered entirely by Saint Agnes Parish.*

COVID precautions will be in place. Thank you for continuing to pray for the upholding of the dignity of all life, especially for an end to abortion.

For more information and to sign up, visit saintagnesparish.org/respect-life
You are invited to COME AS YOU ARE and journey with us to grow in faith and friendship. Join St Agnes Women’s Bible Study to find out how Scripture applies to your life. We meet every Thursday 9am-11am or 7-8:30pm in homes or virtually.

Opening Your Heart is our foundational study and Discovering Our Dignity is an advanced level study.

For more information, please visit saintagnesparish.org/womens-bible-study
You can also contact:
Elizabeth Flick, 610-883-6403, ewflick@gmail.com
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“The Word of the Lord is a light for the mind and a fire for the will”
St Lawrence of Brindisi

ADULT EVENING BIBLE STUDY
“Follow Me”: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Following Christ takes more than simply believing in Him or doing what He asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer, He wants you to be His disciple and friend. This study can be your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus calls us to be His disciples and beckons us to follow Him. He calls us to trust Him, to open ourselves to His merciful love, and to love others as He has loved us. Follow Me invites you to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Christ.

This is an eight week Ascension Press study which will be held on Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM starting September 17th in Thomas Patrick Hall. Workbooks for the session will cost approximately $20 each. If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please contact Rob and Terry Gallagher at trgrjg@aol.com or (610) 996-6761. Please RSVP by Sunday, September 6th. Due to the nature of the study and additional access provided from the Ascension Press website, attendees may need to submit their own order for workbooks. All are welcome and we will be practicing appropriate social distancing procedures!
APOSTOLADO HISPANO

NUEVO HORARIO LITÚRGICO
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
Domingo a las 11:30am a las 11:55am
Sábado de 4 a 5pm en la capilla en inglés 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 11:30am y el primer Domingo a la 1:00pm en la Capilla de la Iglesia. Para más información, comunicarse con Sra. Carmen Lytle para registrarse al (610)692-2900 (Oficina Parroquial)

INSCRIPCIÓN DE CATECISMO
La inscripción de catecismo está abierta ahora para los niños que no asisten a nuestra Escuela Parroquial. Este año nuestro programa comenzará la semana del 12 de octubre.

Para registrar, visite nuestra pagina de web: saintagnesparish.org/ccd-prep o llame nuestra oficina con preguntas a (610) 436-4640 o envíenos un correo electrónico a prep@saintagnesparish.org.

NATIVIDAD DE LA SANTISSIMA VIRGEN MARÍA
La Iglesia recuerda el día del nacimiento de la Virgen María cada 8 de setiembre. El Evangelio no nos da datos del nacimiento de María, pero hay varias tradiciones. Algunas, considerando a María descendiente de David, señalan su nacimiento en Belén. Otra corriente griega y armenia, señala Nazareth como cuna de María.

La celebración de la fiesta de la Natividad de la Santísima Virgen María, es conocida en Oriente desde el siglo VI. Fue fijada el 8 de setiembre, día con el que se abre el año litúrgico bizantino, el cual se cierra con la Dormición, en agosto. En Occidente fue introducida hacia el siglo VII y era celebrada con una procesión-letanía, que terminaba en la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor.

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