

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent — December 20, 2020



## Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

## Weekday Mass

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

## Parish Clergy

**Pastor** • Rev. William Saunders  
**Parochial Vicar** • Rev. Peter McShurley  
**In residence** • Rev. Anthony Pinizzotto

## Parish Office

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**Principal** • Jennifer Kuzdzal [jkuzdzal@saintagnes.org](mailto:jkuzdzal@saintagnes.org)

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**“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”**

Luke 2:10-12

## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 20

8:00 am † Jeff Herndon  
(*Archangel Raphael Prayer Group*)  
10:00 am All Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm Kathryn Losurdo Family  
(*James and Karen Berkon*)

### Monday, December 21

6:30 am † Patrick Belden  
(Linda Robinson)  
9:00 am Lise and Maurice Martin  
(Lise Martin)

### Tuesday, December 22

6:30 am Yenson Family  
(*Sarah Yenson*)  
9:00 am † Ann Haffey  
(*Jean Whitesell*)

### Wednesday, December 23

6:30 am † Rosemary Flynn Shimer  
(*Ellie Tracy*)  
9:00 am † Bishop William Curtin  
(*The Saunders Family*)

### Thursday, December 24

6:30 am No Mass  
9:00 am † Sophie Michaels  
(*The Saunders Family*)  
5:00 pm † Paul and Clara Dugan  
(*The Saunders Family*)  
7:30 pm George and Carolyne Flagg  
(*The Saunders Family*)  
10:00 pm The Saunders Family  
(*St. Agnes Parish*)  
12:00 am The McShurley Family  
(*St. Agnes Parish*)  
Midnight Mass

### Friday, December 25

6:30 am No Mass  
9:00 am The Pinizzotto Family  
(*St. Agnes Parish*)  
11:00 am All Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Saturday, December 26

7:30 am No Mass  
9:00 am † Eileen Warner-Hayase  
(*Helen McMahon*)

#### Vigil

5:00 pm † Michael Moore  
(*The Kalitka Family*)

### Sunday, December 27

8:00 am † Maria Hurley  
(*James and Karen Berkon*)  
10:00 am All Living and Deceased Parishioner  
12:00 pm † Jeff Herndon  
(*Christiane West*)

† indicates person is deceased

## Scripture Readings

Week of December 20, 2020

### Sunday

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### Monday

#### Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

### Tuesday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

### Wednesday

#### Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

### Thursday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79  
**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

### Friday

#### Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

### Saturday

#### Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10, Acts 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

### Sunday

#### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

## Keep Them in Your Prayers

### For those who are sick in our midst:

William McGibbery  
Kathleen Minasian  
Eugenia Urbano  
Jim Delaney  
Katie Howell  
Sr. Miller  
Samantha Brown  
Olivia Egge  
Dorothy Myrtle  
Christopher Ayala  
John Mulrooney  
Michael McEnrue  
Agnes Gallagher  
Ben Frank  
Michel Gemond  
George Ruppert  
Adrienne Downs

Robb Seymour

Angela Vindel

Those fighting against COVID-19

Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

### The repose of the souls who have recently passed:

Rafael and Silvia Romero  
Mary G. Hardiman Sr.  
Martha LaBrosse  
Kendall Forrester  
Richard Charles Vetterick, Sr.  
Nancy Millard  
Hildegard Ciabattoni  
Margaret Travers  
Renate Goff  
Gladys Ray Robinson  
Victims of COVID-19



**Boy Scout Troop 111** would like to thank everyone who purchased poinsettias and wreaths this Christmas season. It means a lot to all of the scouts and their families to have the support of the parish community.

### Pro-Life Awareness

On behalf of Hope in NOVA, the Pro-Life Awareness group would like to thank the St. Agnes community for hosting the Baby Bottle Drive. Through your generosity, we were able to present them with \$5,250. Thank you to everyone who donated and to all of our volunteers for sacrificing their time

### Saint Agnes Essentials

#### Infant/Child Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the Noon Mass. Please contact Marie Macnamara, Director of Faith Formation, at 703-527-1129, to learn more about having your child baptized.

#### Marriage Preparation:

Call the Parish Office for Pre-Cana at least 7 months prior to your wedding.

#### Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish Office to request Anointing of the Sick. Anyone with a serious illness should request this sacrament before being admitted to the hospital.

#### Homebound Visitation:

Contact the Parish Office at 703-525-1166.

#### How to become Catholic:

Interested in joining the Catholic Church or want to learn more? Contact Ana Lisa Pinon at [analisapinon@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:analisapinon@arlingtondiocese.org)

#### Holy Orders and Consecrated Life:

Is the Lord calling you? For information about priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or the consecrated life, contact one of the priests or the Diocesan Vocations Office at 703-841-2514.

#### Registration/Change of Address:

Forms can be found in the church, parish office, or on our website. Return completed forms to the parish office or [parishoffice@saintagnes.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.org).

#### Mass Intentions:

Please visit the Parish Office to request Mass intentions. We are currently scheduling into March/April.

## Ministries & Groups at Saint Agnes

### Adult Faith Formation

- RCIA— [analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org)
- Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible — [analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org)
- Walking with Purpose — [stagneswwp@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswwp@gmail.com)

### Parish Service

- Arts & Crafts — [bkdanyliw@verizon.net](mailto:bkdanyliw@verizon.net)
- Calix — [mimiforrester2014@gmail.com](mailto:mimiforrester2014@gmail.com)
- Christ House Team — [Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com](mailto:Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com)
- Knights of Columbus— [jim@saenzmail.com](mailto:jim@saenzmail.com)
- Gardening Angels — [jshirhall@gmail.com](mailto:jshirhall@gmail.com)
- Legion of Mary— [atorrey@legionaries.org](mailto:atorrey@legionaries.org)
- Pro-Life Awareness— [ssyenson@gmail.com](mailto:ssyenson@gmail.com)
- Remembrance Circle— [remembrancecircle@saintagnes.org](mailto:remembrancecircle@saintagnes.org)
- St. Raphael Prayer Group— [littlecubb@aol.com](mailto:littlecubb@aol.com)

### Liturgy

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion— [dkcwhelan@gmail.com](mailto:dkcwhelan@gmail.com)
- Flower Guild— [dfowen@aol.com](mailto:dfowen@aol.com)
- Lectors— [biehlerj@aol.com](mailto:biehlerj@aol.com)
- Sacristans— [ruthefoster@earthlink.net](mailto:ruthefoster@earthlink.net)
- Ushers— [jholl2473@aol.com](mailto:jholl2473@aol.com)
- Wedding Coordinators— [rbspanos@aol.com](mailto:rbspanos@aol.com)

### Youth Activities

- Challenge Club— [kefoley2@pefoley.com](mailto:kefoley2@pefoley.com)
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts— [mallen@americanpublic.us](mailto:mallen@americanpublic.us)
- CYO Sports- [ed.mcfadden@me.com](mailto:ed.mcfadden@me.com)
- Youth Group and Young Adults— [mjardell@saintagnes.org](mailto:mjardell@saintagnes.org)

Check out our website for more detail! We are all called to find a deeper happiness in Christ and to use what gifts we do have for the glory of God!

Due to COVID-19, we are not hosting our Hospitality and social activities at the moment except on a limited basis.

Will you adore Jesus  
at St. Agnes just 1  
Hour a Month?

Please Sign Up  
Online at

<https://bit.ly/Adore-24>

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## From the Parish Office

Dear Parishioners,

On that first Christmas, the angels praised God, saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men of good will.” Jesus did not come as a king, general, or billionaire. Our Lord humbled Himself. He was born like all of us, a baby into the circumstances of life that we all face. I think He did so to disarm us: No one resists a baby; everyone loves a baby.

Yet, He came as our Savior. He perfectly revealed God to us. He established a Kingdom of grace—love, truth, justice, and goodness. The little babe who stretched out His arms in love to embrace the simple shepherds or the wise Magi would be the man who stretched out His arms on the cross to reconcile sinners. He who humbled Himself in the mystery of the incarnation would be exalted through His resurrection, conquering suffering, sin, death, and evil.

During a time of COVID when security and peace seem so elusive, we take comfort in the gift of Christmas. The gift we must give to Him is to humble ourselves. We must conform our will to His, and glorify Him in our thoughts, words, and actions. When we open our hearts to Jesus and give our love to Him, when we live each day in His presence and follow His truth, and when we share in His mission, then we will know His peace and security in our lives, and in turn, be His peacemakers in this world. St. Paul taught, “Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Christ’s peace must reign in your hearts, since as members of the one body you have been called that peace” (Colossians 3:12-15). This Christmas, Christ offers to each of us His security and peace, when we accept Him and offer our love to Him, we find the greatest gift of all, now and forever.

As your pastor, I thank you for your dedication, sacrifices, and hard work that enable this parish to be a sign of the Lord’s presence in this world and His instrument of peace. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations. On behalf of Father McShurley and Father Pinizzotto, and all of the Staff at St. Agnes, I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

May God bless you,

Rev. William P. Saunders, Pastor

### 2020 Contributions

Contributions made in 2020 must be postmarked or received at the Parish Office no later than December 31, 2020. These contributions will be credited for the calendar year 2020. Contribution statements for 2020 will be mailed to those whose parish records indicate they have contributed during the year. If you do not receive your statement by January 31, please contact the Parish Office at [parishoffice@saintagnes.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintagnes.org). Thank you for your stewardship of God’s gifts and your generosity for the many needs of parish life!

### Christmas Office Hours

**December 18th:** Office closes at 12:30 pm and the school releases for Christmas break.

**December 21st-22nd:** Regular office hours for the Parish office, 9 a.m.– 4 p.m. School is closed.

**December 23rd-January 3rd:** The Parish office and school will be closed for Christmas and New Years.

**January 4th:** The Parish office and school reopen with regular office hours.

## Extraordinary Form Mass

All are welcome at St. Agnes' monthly celebration of a traditional Latin Mass. We invite you to experience Mass in a form that you never have before. The Mass is said in the original Latin and accompanied with beautiful music selected by Katrina Keat. Fr. Peter McShurley will be the celebrant every month.

The next Extraordinary Form Mass will be held on

**Friday, December 25th, 2020  
at 12 a.m.**



## Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of how a few Christians empowered by the Holy Spirit were chosen to bring Christ and the Good News to the ends of the earth. Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom is a Bible study that traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. It shows how the joys and struggles of the early Christians in living the life of Christ apply to us today.

St. Agnes will begin a twenty-week Bible study Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom on January 5, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com), or contact Todd Cotts at [toddcotts@me.com](mailto:toddcotts@me.com).



## Give a Gift for Life this Christmas Season

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote: "I learned I was pregnant and knew that I needed support and prayer. Gabriel Project helped with rent, and my 'Angels' helped with items for the baby and rides... They also provided much needed support and encouragement and prayer." For more information and/or to donate please visit:  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

## Volunteers Needed

For continued safety inside the church, the parish needs volunteers to disinfect the church after each Mass. If you are able to assist with this important ministry after daily or Sunday Masses, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Deb Whelan at [dkcwhelan@gmail.com](mailto:dkcwhelan@gmail.com). Extra volunteers are needed for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses!

## "Technology, the New Addiction"

January 13, 2020

7:00 p.m.

St. Agnes Parish Hall

Rsvp:

[Analisa.pinson@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:Analisa.pinson@arlingtondiocese.org)

Where could it lead?  
Could it happen to your family?  
What can you do?

Speaker info: Peter Ryan is a Catholic husband and father of four who is in the process of founding LookUp4Life, a non-profit organization focused on spreading awareness regarding the negative impact of excess personal technology use particularly on the youngest generations.

# Advent and Christmas

## Mass & Confession Schedule

### *Advent Confessions*

Saturday, December 19th	8:00-9:00 AM 3:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday, December 22nd	7:00 PM until last person

### *Christmas Masses*

Thursday, December 24th	5:00 PM 7:30 PM 10:00 PM
Extraordinary Form at Midnight	12:00 AM
Friday, December 25th	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

### *Christmas Week*

Saturday, December 26th	9:00 AM 3:00 PM Confessions 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 27th	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
Monday—Thursday, December 28th-31st	Only 9:00 AM Masses

### *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses*

Thursday, December 31st	5:00 PM
Friday, January 1st	9:00 AM 11:00 AM



There will be no Youth Group or small groups meetings during the holidays. Weekly Youth Group meetings will resume on January 5th at 7 p.m. and the small group meetings will resume on January 11th at 7 a.m. in the Faith Formation meeting room. If interested, please contact Fr. McShurley or Mackenzie Jardell. Merry Christmas!

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St. Agnes School is a Catholic community centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthened by the partnership between parents, who are the primary educators of our students, and our dedicated teaching staff.

We believe in the mission to educate our students so that they become loving Christians, inspired learners, outstanding achievers, natural communicators, and strong servants of God.



## Saint Agnes Catholic School



The Ray family gathers together in their homes to watch the livestreamed Masses. Saint Agnes students have been watching Mass from their classrooms this year in order to stay connected to God while maintaining the school's COVID guidelines.

The dedicated faculty and staff at St. Agnes School would like to say Merry Christmas to all of the St. Agnes students and their families! This semester has been unusual and challenging, but has proven the resilience of everyone who has kept the school running. Thank you to our wonderful St. Agnes community for all the work you have done to keep our children safe, happy, and in the classroom.

**Merry Christmas!**

For information about openings, contact the school office at 703-527-5423.

# CCD

Religious Education

**From everyone at the Faith Formation Office, we want to wish a Merry Christmas to all of our students and volunteers!**

**The Religious Education program continues as students in CCD are working in and out of the classroom to deepen their relationship with God and learn about their faith!**

