# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

# November 28th, 2021 First Sunday of Advent



# From the Gospel of Luke

"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

#### This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, Nover 8:00 a.m.	mber 28 ⊕ Sonny Butts (The Hibarger Family)
10:00 a.m.	All Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 p.m.	♣ Aloy and Iris Gomes (The Ferdinando Family)
Monday, Nove 6:30 a.m.	ember 29 ⊕ Eve Marie Sessa (Carole Bergin)
9:00 a.m.	Lois D'Elia <i>(Thomas Di Filippo)</i>
<b>Tuesday, Nov</b> 6:30 a.m.	ember 30 ⊕ Polly Barbee <i>(The Hazzard Family)</i>
9:00 a.m.	✤ John Andrew Spanogle (The Pirozzoli Family)
Wednesday, D	acombox 1
Wednesday, D 6:30 a.m.	<ul> <li>Barbara Ann Antonio DeAscanis</li> <li>(Delia and Kapil Tyagi)</li> </ul>
9:00 a.m.	✤ Sonny Butts (The Rogers Family)
Thursday, Dec 6:30 a.m.	<b>cember 2</b> Caio Rabello <i>(Vitoria Vargas)</i>
9:00 a.m.	✤ Kathleen Schaefer (Karen Schaefer)
Friday Decor	ahow 2
Friday, Decen 6:30 a.m.	<sup>th</sup> Elisabeth Freund (John Gall)
9:00 a.m.	✤ Peter Di Filippo (Thomas Di Filippo)
Saturday, Dec	ember 4
7:30 a.m.	The Jones Family (The Hazzard Family)
9:00 a.m.	✤ Maria Martins (Mario Martins)
<b>Vigil</b> 5:00 p.m.	✤ Souls in Purgatory (Mary and Sim Pace)
Sunday, Decer	mber 5
8:00 a.m.	<ul> <li>✤ Martin Edlefsen</li> <li>(The Chase Family)</li> </ul>
10:00 a.m.	All Living and Deceased Parishioner
12:00 p.m.	骨 Phillip M. Reiss (His children)

✤ indicates person is deceased

# **Scripture Readings**

### Week of November 28th, 2021

Sunday	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	<b>Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle</b> Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	<b>Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Prio</b> Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	<b>Saint John Damascene, Priest and</b> <b>Doctor of the Church</b> Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**For those who are sick in our midst:** Dan Sullivan, Judy Shack, Walter Quinn, Helena Metzger, Those suffering from COVID-19, Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

The repose of the souls who have recently passed: Alvin Theisen, Edward Owen, George Towner, Dick Costello, Reed Albrittain, Carol Cusack, Victims of COVID-19

#### Will you adore our Lord one hour a month?



# Saint Agnes Essentials

Sacramental Emergency: Please call (703) 525-1166 Ext 1.

#### Infant/Child Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the Noon Mass. Please contact the Parish Office 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 Piñon at 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.

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Please visit the Parish Office to request Mass intentions. We are currently scheduling into March 2022.

#### **Parish Clergy**

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

#### **Parish Office**

1914 N. Randolph Street • Arlington, VA 22207-3046 Phone: (703) 525-1166 • Fax: (703) 243-2840 www.saintagnes.org Office Hours • Monday through Friday • 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

> Business Manager • Vitoria Vargas business@saintagnes.org

> > Accounting • Ligia Santos accounts@saintagnes.org

**Operations and Facilities Manager** • Brian Sherry facilities@saintagnes.org

Director of Faith Formation • Lisa Orosa dff@saintagnes.org

Director of Music • Katrina Keat kkeat@saintagnes.org

**Coordinator of the Protection of Children** • Joan Biehler protect@saintagnes.org

Youth and Young Adults • Rev. Peter McShurley youth.ministry@saintagnes.org

**Coordinator of Adoration and Security** • Michael Sirotniak msirotniak@saintagnes.org

Director of Parish Charity • John Mallonee charity@saintagnes.org

**Religious Education Assistant** • Bernadette Michael faithformation@saintagnes.org

Administrative Assistant • Armelle Tallec parishoffice@saintagnes.org

#### Saint Agnes School

2024 N. Randolph Street • Arlington, VA 22207-3031 Phone: 703-527-5423 • Fax 703-525-4689 https://school.saintagnes.org/

Principal • Jennifer Kuzdzal jkuzdzal@saintagnes.org

Assistant Principal • Ann Reid areid@saintagnes.org

#### 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. (in parish hall) 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.

# Making Spirits Bright!

**TOMORROW** is the **last day** to order at <u>bit.ly/troop111sale</u> or fill out an order in the Parish Office!



Boy Scout Troop 111 is selling poinsettias and wreaths to brighten up

your home for the holidays! Our annual Poinsettia and Wreath sale is our only fundraiser and a great way to support Troop 111.

Poinsettias and wreaths will be distributed on Saturday, December 4. On that day, orders may be picked up in the Stafford Street parking lot or, for a \$5 fee, delivered by a Scout to your doorstep. Please contact Sara Cruley (<u>saracruley@gmail.com</u>) or Marian Corso (<u>mescorso@yahoo.com</u>), if you have any questions.

#### Thank you in advance for your support!

### **Remembrance Circle**

The St. Agnes Remembrance Circle is a group of compassionate parishioners who provide comfort and support to the bereaved of our parish. At our informal gatherings we focus on healing with the help of our Catholic faith, keeping the memory of our loved ones alive and doing random acts of kindness in their memory. We typically meet on the first Sunday of the month.

*Call for Volunteer:* We need a co-leader for the group. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karen Swingle at: remembrancecircle@saintagnes.org.

The next Extraordinary Form Mass will be held on Friday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

# **Faith Direct**

Looking for a great stewardship habit? Try eGiving - it streamlines your generosity and lets you do even more to help St. Agnes **grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love**. You can make the switch today! Signing up is easy from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and you can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting **https:**// **faith.direct/VA76**, or text 'Enroll' to (**571-497-4771**).

#### Thank you for your continued support!

# Ministries & Groups at Saint Agnes

#### **Adult Faith Formation**

- Bible Study— Toddcotts@me.com
- RCIA— analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org
- Walking with Purpose *stagneswwp@gmail.com*

#### **Parish Service**

- Arts & Crafts bkdanyliw@verizon.net
- Calix —gtrcity@yahoo.com
- Cherrydale Rehab Prayer Group—biehlerj@aol.com
- Christ House Team Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com
- Gardening Angels *jshirhall@gmail.com*
- Knights of Columbus—jim@saenzmail.com
- Legion of Mary—jbdugan45@gmail.com
- Parish Charities—charity@saintagnes.org
- Remembrance Circle—*remembrancecircle@saintagnes.org*
- Respect Life— saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com
- St. Joseph's League—kkelly@ratereset.com
- St. Raphael Prayer Group—littlecubb@aol.com

#### Liturgy

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion dkcwhelan@gmail.com
- Flower Guild—dfowen@aol.com
- Lectors—*biehlerj@aol.com*
- Sacristans—ruthefoster@earthlink.net
- Ushers—jholl2473@aol.com

#### **Youth Activities**

- Challenge Club—kefoley2@pefoley.com
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts—mallen@americanpublic.us
- CYO Sports- ed.mcfadden@me.com
- Girl Scouts-monablake@gmail.com
- Youth Group and Young Adults—youth.ministry@saintagnes.org

# Catholic Charities Giving Tree Starts Today!



Pick up an ornament from our Giving Tree in the section of the church near the organ.

Please return gift cards to the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 15th.

*Give a special gift to families in need this Christmas through the St. Agnes Giving Tree!* 

> Contact <u>charity@saintagnes.org</u> with any questions.



# ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS INVITED

Tuesday | 7:30 p | School Gym Fridays | 6:30 a | Daily Mass, followed by Guys + Girls meetings coffee provided!

VOLUNTEER WITH US! Email for more information

Questions? Email below or contact Fr McShurley

Forms and links: <u>https://linktr.ee/stagnesyouth</u> Email: youth.ministry@saintagnes.org

### Run, Walk, Bike, Swim, even Kayak to Support Our Seminarians

Looking for a motivation for your workouts? Now there are even more ways to support our future priests through our Race for Seminarians campaign. Pick your sport: walk, run, bike, hike, swim, kayak -- the sky's the limit! Pick your route: Join an existing race, map your own, or do a virtual one. Pick your sponsors: Get them on board to help you support our future priests. Build your team: Encourage each other. Not an athlete? You can still join the cause by supporting our team (and future priests) with funds and prayers. Visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/RACE to learn about all these options and start building your team today!

# Free FORMED Subscription

Check out FORMED.org! A FORMED subscription includes videos, Bible Studies, books, podcasts and more! Sign up by selecting Saint Agnes Church using our parish zip code (22207).

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Lessons and Carols December 19th

Please join us for a concert of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, December 19th at 7 p.m. The concert will be featuring the St. Agnes Schola Cantorum and the St. Agnes chamber players.



# Available for \$25

You may stop by the office to purchase your book, or send in your check and pickup your book on Sunday in the sacristy after Mass. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Church.







We have a matching challenge of \$100,000. Will you be part of the \$400,000 more?



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# **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

#### MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

#### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday Tuesday, December 21st:

#### 8:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM 7:00 PM until the last person

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th:	5:00 PM 7:30 PM 10:00 PM (Christmas Choral Music starts at 9:30 PM)
Saturday, December 25th*:	Midnight Mass (Extraordinary Form Latin Mass) 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
HRISTMAS WEEK Sunday, December 26th:	8:00 AM

Sunday, December 26th:

Monday-Friday, December 27th-31st: 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

9:00 AM Daily Mass ONLY

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31st: Saturday, January 1st\*:

5:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

\* NO VIGIL MASS on Saturdays December 25th & January 1st.

#### Upcoming Programs from Our Lady of **Bethesda** Retreat Center

#### Take a Personal "Retreat" Day-Dec 10 / Jan 21 / Feb 18

During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-

one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$120/person. Advance Registration is required at ourladyofbethesda.org/programs/retreats/personalretreat-days, or call 301-365-0612.

Silent Advent Retreats For Women: Dec 3-5, 2021, and For Men: Dec 17-18, 2021 (New 1-night format!) Walk through the traditional themes of the spiritual exercises and accompany the Holy Family on their journey to Bethlehem. Cost: 2-night retreat: \$250/person; 1-night retreat: \$125/person. Registration required at www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

#### Mini Advent Retreats Evening: Dec 15, 6:00-9:00 pm and Morning: Dec 16, 9:30 am - Noon

Each Mini-Retreat (evening or morning) includes: Mass, adoration, directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection, and a meal. Cost is \$20/person. Advance Registration is required at www.ourladyofbethesda.org.. Babysitting will be available for the Morning Mini-Retreat. Hosted by the Women of Regnum Christi.

#### Leading With the Heart of a Man, Men's Evenings of Reflection, 3-Part Series: Dec 1, Jan 6, Feb 3

Each evening includes: Mass, dinner, directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection plus the opportunity for Confession. Cost is \$20/person, per session. Advance Registration is required. SERIES REGISTRATION: For a limited time, register for all 3 reflections for only \$45/person. Visit our website for more details and to register at www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all." Do you want to learn how to love your spouse better? Join us on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Feb 7-28, 2022 in CHANTILLY, VA and Jan 28-30, 2022 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH. SC.

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage -VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or at 703-646-1521.

# **Classes Start Soon!**

Register for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Computer Literacy, GED, ESOL for Childcare, ComTIA or Citizenship preparation. Different class levels are available. Classes are available online with some offerings available in person in Manassas, Sterling, and Alexandria. The classes are 12 weeks and include the class materials. Space is limited and are low cost. Financial assistance may be available. Please contact us at 571-208-1572 or ewd@ccda.net for more details.



OUR LADY of BETHESDA

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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.





Save the Date: Wednesday, December 1

An evening of shopping at Child's Play Toys & Books to benefit the school library!

Please come support the school library by shopping at Child's Play Toys & Books in the Lee Heights Shops (4510 Lee Highway).

Wednesday, Dec. 1, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – the store will donate a percentage of all sales during these 2 hours to our school! The bookshop downstairs is a not-to-be-missed wonderland.

The school library is under construction this year, and students are checking books out right in their classrooms. Proceeds from this fundraiser will allow us to add more books into circulation on the mobile library trolley!

Don't stress about supply chain slow-downs; come purchase your Christmas gifts on Dec. 1.

Thank you so much for your support. See you there!

#### Saint Agnes Religious Education

#### Important Reminders!

- Holy Card collection for 2nd Grade each Sunday
- ♦ Flipgrid Gospel Reflection for 7th & 8th Grades have begun
- Confession/Adoration for RE on Dec. 7
- RE Nativity Play and Party on Dec. 14

#### **Family Gospel Chat**

In this Season of Advent, Jesus reminds us that partying, indulging and even daily anxieties can keep us from preparing our hearts for Jesus' coming.

**Q:** How can we remind ourselves and others to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus?

#### **Did You Know?**

The Advent Wreath is full of symbols:

- \* Circle: Eternity of God
- \* Evergreen: Life & Immortality
- \* Candle: Jesus is the Light of the world
- \* 4 candles: 4 weeks of Advent
- \* 3 purple candles: prayer, penance and reparation
- \* 1 rose candle: rejoicing





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