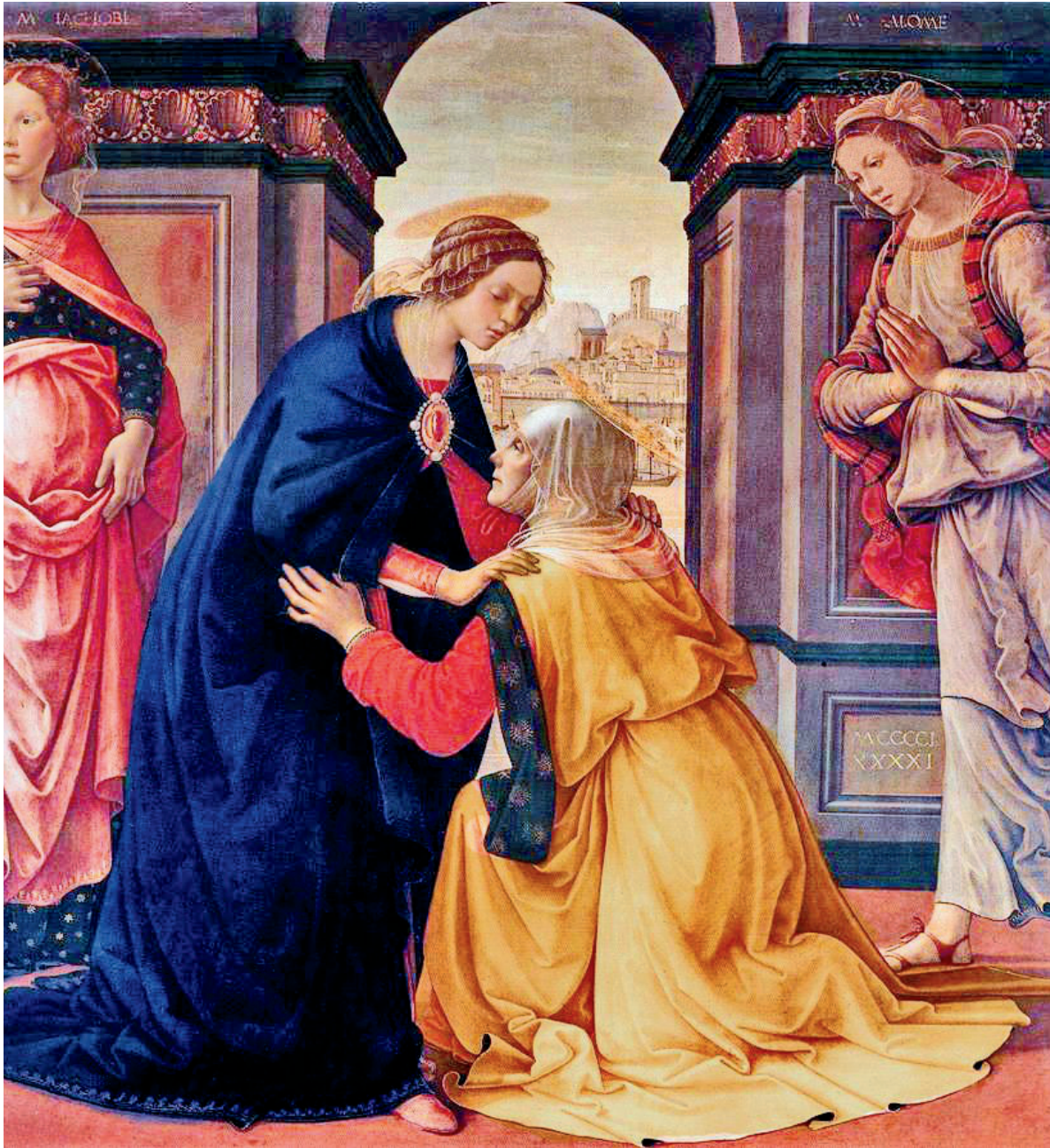


Saint Agnes Catholic Church

December 19th, 2021—Fourth Sunday of Advent



From the Gospel of Luke

“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

Lk 1:39-45

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 19

- 8:00 a.m. † William O. Lynch
(*Delia and Kapil Tyagi*)
- 10:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners
- 12:00 p.m. The Homebound Parishioners
(*St. Agnes Parish*)

Monday, December 20

- 6:30 a.m. † Mary Ann McCoy
(*The Chase Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Judy Engebretson
(*The Hofer Family*)

Tuesday, December 21

- 6:30 a.m. Mark and Holly McShurley
(*The McShurley Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Martin Edlefsen
(*Mary Pam Hardy*)

Wednesday, December 22

- 6:30 a.m. † Martin Edlefsen
(*The Chase Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. William and Kristina Seevers
(*Audrey Zimmermann*)

Thursday, December 23

- 6:30 a.m. † Bishop William Curlin
(*The Saunders Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Michael Brooks
(*Margaret White*)

Friday, December 24

- 6:30 a.m. NO MASS**
- 9:00 a.m. † Bishop William Curlin
(*Father Saunders*)
- 5:00 p.m. † Clara and Paul Dugan
(*Father Saunders*)
- 7:30 p.m. The McShurley Family
(*Father McShurley*)
- 10:00 p.m. The Saunders Family
(*Father Saunders*)

Saturday, December 25

- 12:00 a.m. Special Intentions
(*Father McShurley*)
- 9:00 a.m. The Pinizzotto Family
(*Father Saunders*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, December 26

- 8:00 a.m. † Galileo Leone DeAscanis
(*Delia and Kapil Tyagi*)
- 10:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners
- 12:00 p.m. † Bruce Stubbs
(*The Pirozzoli Family*)

† indicates person is deceased

Scripture Readings

Week of December 19th, 2021

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;
Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52

Keep Them in Your Prayers

For those who are sick in our midst:

Judy Shack, Walter Quinn, Helena Metzger,
William Thomas, Lauren and Jessica Makuh,
Paul Carder, Jazmin Leon,
Those suffering from COVID-19,
Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

The repose of the souls who have recently passed:

Edward Owen, Carol Cusack, Mary Leach,
Beatrice Marete (mother of Father David Murungi)
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 April 2022.

Parish Clergy

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

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Sunday Mass

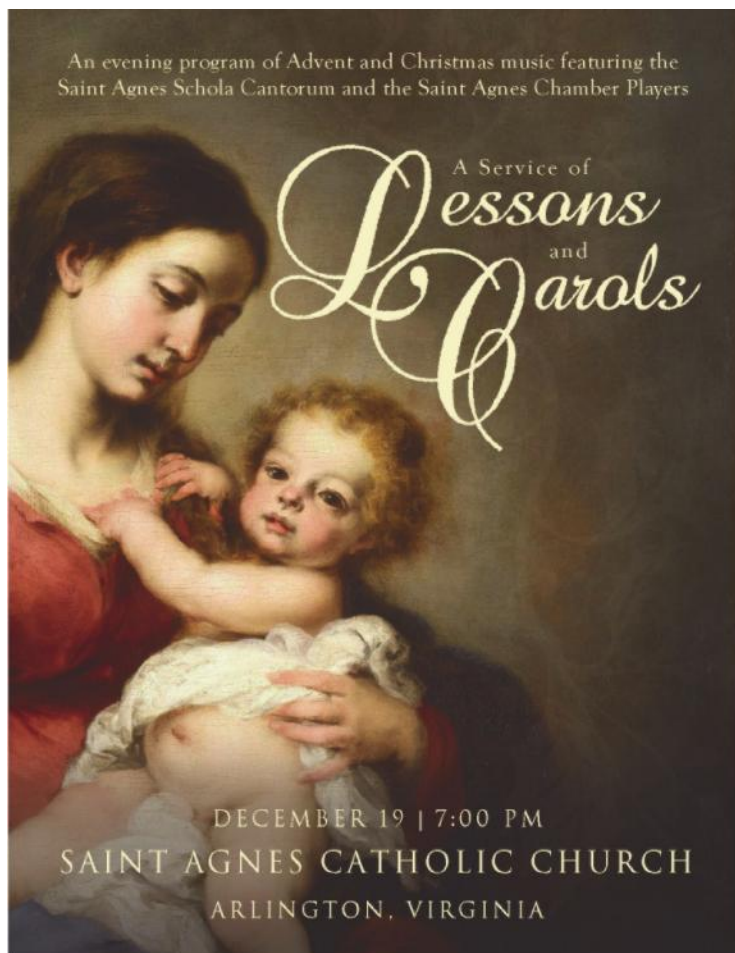
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

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.



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
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- Respect Life— saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com
- St. Joseph's League— kkelly@ratereset.com
- St. Raphael Prayer Group— littlecubb@aol.com

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Youth Activities

- Challenge Club— kefoley2@pefoley.com
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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.

When we open our hearts to Jesus, welcome Him into our lives, and give our love to Him, we will find peace. The gift of Jesus we have received, we too must share with others. Still living under the cloud of COVID, talk about your faith to others and the peace, hope, and security He alone offers. Encourage those who may hesitate in returning to Mass to do so—the Church is safer than the grocery store, and the Bread of Life, the Holy Eucharist, is sustenance that no earthly food can provide. Share the gift of Christmas with others.

Also, I ask you to consider a special sacrifice at this time to help your parish. We are in the midst of construction, which is going well. Much progress has been made in the last eighteen months—thanks to your generous support—and more progress will be made—thanks to your generous support. Construction should be finished in late June, and then we can turn our attention to renovating that parish hall and the school gym. So, please consider a special sacrifice, which I too will make, for your parish.

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, Father Pinizzotto, and Father Oetjen 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



2021 Contributions

Contributions made in 2021 must be postmarked or received at the Parish Office no later than December 31, 2021. These contributions will be credited for the calendar year 2021. Contribution statements for 2021 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.

Thank you for your stewardship of God's gifts and your generosity for the many needs of parish life!

Christmas Office Hours

December 17th: the school releases at 11:30 a.m. for Christmas break.

December 22nd: the Parish office closes at Noon and reopens at 9:00 a.m. on December 23rd.

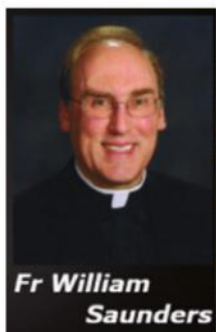
December 23rd-January 2nd: The Parish office closes at Noon on December 23rd and will remain closed for Christmas and New Year.

January 3rd: The Parish office and school reopen with regular office hours.

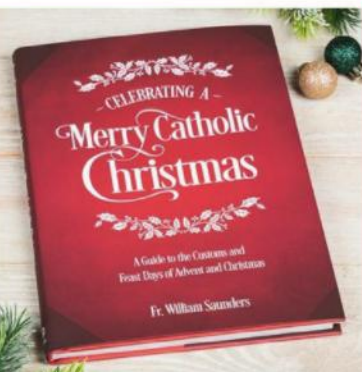
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Fr William Saunders



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MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday 8:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM
Except December 25th and January 1st
 Tuesday, December 21st: 7:00 PM until the last person
 Friday, December 31st: 3:00-4:00 PM

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

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Sunday, December 26th: 8:00 AM
 10:00 AM
 12:00 PM
 Monday-Friday,
 December 27th-31st: 9:00 AM Daily Mass ONLY

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

Friday, December 31st: 5:00 PM
 Saturday, January 1st*: 9:00 AM
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* NO VIGIL MASS on Saturdays December 25th & January 1st.



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CHRISTMAS BREAK

STARTING DECEMBER 14

Youth Group will return in the New Year.

Our next Tuesday meeting and our next Friday morning coffee will be announced in our next newsletter.

Sign up for the newsletter by emailing: youth.ministry@saintagnes.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

WorkCamp: Sign up to receive updates at link below.

LIVG: Attend the night-before rally hosted by the diocese before the March for Life. Jan 20, 2020 | 7:30 PM. Sign up at link below.




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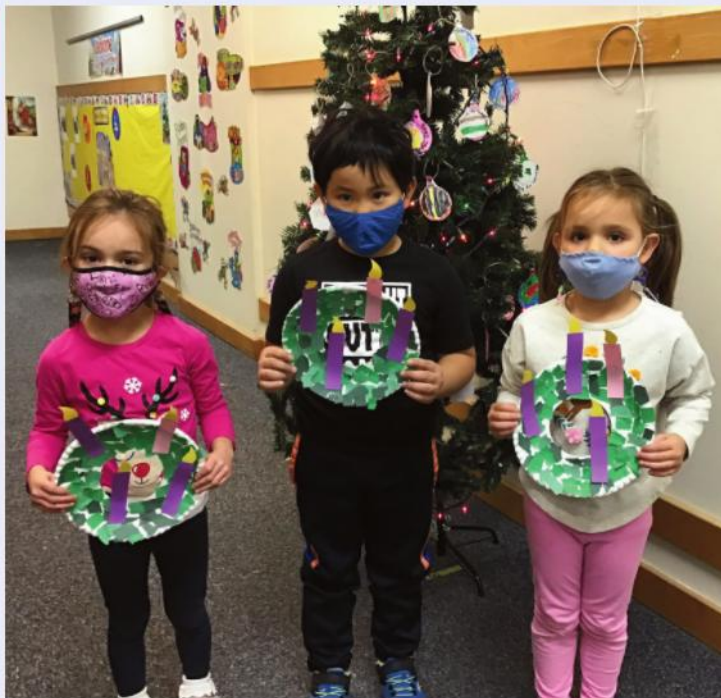


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We believe in the mission to educate our students so that they become loving Christians, inspired learners, outstanding achievers, natural communicators, and strong servants of God.



Saint Agnes Catholic School



Here are our little students learning about the importance of the Advent wreath.

Saint Agnes Religious Education

Important Reminders!

- ♦ Holy Card collection for 2nd Grade each Sunday
- ♦ Flipgrid Gospel Reflection for 7th & 8th Grades
- ♦ RE resumes: January 4
- ♦ RE Midterm: January 11

Family Gospel Chat

Upon hearing the news of Elizabeth's pregnancy, Mary immediately went to Judah "in haste."

Q: *When we can do a good deed, do we immediately do it, or do we hesitate or procrastinate? How can we be more like Mary?*

Did You Know?

Did you know that "Bethlehem" means "House of Bread"? Yes, the Bread of Life, the Living Bread from Heaven, was born in a town called "House of Bread," foretelling His future as the Eucharist, the Bread of Life Who feeds His sheep and was laid on a manger, a feeding trough for animals.

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