

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

October 22nd 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



From the Gospel of Matthew

“Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God.”

Mt 22:15-21

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 22

- 7:30 a.m. Joseph and † Katylee McInerney
(*Maria Montgomery*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Ann McEvoy Charles
(*The Hibarger/McEvoy Family*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Monday, October 23

- 6:30 a.m. † Marie Ortiz
(*The Whelan Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Yolanda M. Dobles
(*Carmen Guardia*)

Tuesday, October 24

- 6:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Elizabeth
(*The Saunders Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. Members of Archangel Raphael Group
(*Grace Sims*)

Wednesday, October 25

- 6:30 a.m. † Warren Arleth
(*The Iasiello Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Mary Jane Sims
(*Grace Sims*)

Thursday, October 26

- 6:30 a.m. Catherine Baker
(*Melanie Baker*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Antonio Angel
(*Carmen Guardia*)

Friday, October 27

- 6:30 a.m. Will Devlin
(*The Hofer Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † J. David Schnatz
(*The Sullivan Family*)

Saturday, October 28

- 7:30 a.m. † Ramin Oskoui
(*Joe & Anne Nelson*)
- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Walsh
(*Christine Walsh*)

Vigil

- 5:00 p.m. † Leona Theisen
(*Emma Dullinger*)

Sunday, October 29

- 7:30 a.m. † Dr. Emilio P. Iasiello
(*The Iasiello Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Elizabeth Balistrieri
(*Margaret Cajati*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

† indicates person is deceased

Scripture Readings

Week of October 22nd, 2023

- Sunday** **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
- Monday** **Memorial of Saint John of Capistrano, Priest**
Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday** **Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,
10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday** Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday** Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday** Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94;
Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday** **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
- Sunday** **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51;
1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Keep Them in Your Prayers

For those who are sick in our midst:

Judy Shack, Walter Quinn, William Thomas, Carol Naill,
Cathy Sheehan-Wilson, Ed Bonin, Marlise Yetter, Paz Speer,
Jake Williams, Mary Pace, Agnes Howard, John Terrill,
Jodi Borisenco, David Lounsbury, Helen Rebull,
Mark Peterson, Stephen Andrews, Christian Andrews,
Caio Rabello, Sharon Beene, Dwight Beene,
Allen Ashby, Maria Pereira, John Thieman, Judy Bosco
Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

The repose of the souls who have recently passed:

Florence Miller, Thomas Baker, Marianne Bache,
Nora Cerna, Ralph Leon, Ruth Lewarne, Jackie Black,
Col. Vincent Joseph Goulding, Jr. USMC (Ret.)

Adorers Needed!

The chapel is open with Exposition in the Monstrance from 1:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

On Wednesdays, Adoration is in the Church starting after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.

To maintain this, we have an URGENT NEED for recurring weekly commitments:

- ◆ Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Tuesday, 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., Noon
- ◆ Friday: 1:00 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.





Saint Agnes Essentials

Sacramental Emergency:

Please call (703) 525-1166 Ext 1.

Infant/Child Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact sacraments@saintagnes.org 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:

Call the Parish Office to request visitation.

How to become Catholic:

Interested in joining the Catholic Church or want to learn more? Contact adultformation@saintagnes.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 parish office or you can register online on our website. Let the parish office know about any address changes.

Sacramental Records or Sponsor Forms:

Please contact sacraments@saintagnes.org to request copies of your Sacramental records or for Godparent or Confirmation sponsor forms. Please allow five (5) business days to accommodate your requests.

Mass Intentions:

Please visit the Parish Office to request Mass intentions. We are currently scheduling into February 2024.

Parish Clergy

- Pastor** • Rev. William Saunders
- Parochial Vicar** • Rev. Andrew Haissig
- In residence** • Rev. Anthony Pinizzotto
- In residence** • Rev. Steven Oetjen

Parish Office

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Saint Agnes School

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Principal • Jennifer Kuzdzal jkuzdzal@saintagnes.org

Assistant Principal • Ann Reid areid@saintagnes.org

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.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.
and by appointment

THE AMAZING POWER OF FORGIVENESS

JOIN US FOR A TALK WITH RWANDAN GENOCIDE SURVIVOR

FR. J. ROBERT RUBAYITA



OCTOBER 22, 2023

Saint Agnes Church

Fr. Robert will concelebrate the 11 AM Mass

The talk will take place in the Church immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

After the talk join fellow parishioners for the Parish Picnic | 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the St. Agnes Parish Grounds, 2024 N. Randolph Street Bring a dish or dessert to share!

Ministries & Groups at Saint Agnes

Adult Faith Formation

- Bible Study—adultformation@saintagnes.org
- RCIA—adultformation@saintagnes.org
- Spanish Bible Study—gvegge@aol.com
- Women's Bible Study—stagneswvp@gmail.com

Parish Service

- Arts & Crafts Guild—gveggejr@gmail.com
- Bethany Ministry—ssdecarlo@gmail.com
- Cherrydale Rehab Prayer Group—biehlerj@aol.com
- Christ House Team—Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com
- Gabriel Project—gabrielproject@saintagnes.org
- Gardening Angels—jshirhall@gmail.com
- Homebound Parishioners Visits—homebound@saintagnes.org
- Legion of Mary—jbdugan45@gmail.com
- Respect Life—saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com
- St. Joseph's League—StJosephLeague.StAgnes@gmail.com
- St. Raphael Prayer Group—littlecubb@aol.com
- Young Adults—youngadults@saintagnes.org

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
- Conquest Club—kefoley2@pefoley.com
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts—mallen@americanpublic.us
- CYO Sports—dan.r.madigan@gmail.com
- Girl Scouts—pamelasnichols@gmail.com
- Youth Group—youth.ministry@saintagnes.org

Saint Joseph's League

The Saint Joseph's League, will meet **this Thursday, October 26th** at 7:30 p.m. We will continue discussing the book *Why All People Suffer*, by parishioner Paul Chaloux, adjunct professor at Catholic University. Please plan on joining fellow St. Agnes men for conversation and refreshments on the **second and fourth Thursdays of the month.**

Free FORMED Subscription

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

Names for All Souls' Novena

On November 2nd, we will start our All Souls' Novena. To have the names included in the Novena, please use one of the All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes and bring it back to the Parish Office by October 31st at the latest.

St. James & St. Agnes Young Adults
Halloween Happy Hour + Mixer
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
SAINT AGNES PARISH HALL
@saintagnesya | @saintjamesya

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

all high schoolers are invited

TUES., OCT. 24

SAFETY TRAINING | 7:30 PM

Annual training for teens in the parish to establish and maintain safe personal environments. This training is required by the Diocese due to the prevalence of human trafficking.

FRI., OCT. 27

JESUS + JAVA | 6:30 AM

Meet us for daily Mass, then hang out in the new Catacombs Cafe + review Sunday's readings before school.

sign up for our newsletter at
stagnesyg.flocknote.com



JUNE 22-28
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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

THE ST. AGNES ARTS & CRAFTS GUILD
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WILL BE HELD IN THE
PARISH HALL ON THE WEEKEND OF
NOVEMBER 11-12.

(9 AM-1 PM EACH DAY.)

CHECK OUT OUR HANDCRAFTED HOLIDAY
GIFTS, HOME DÉCOR ITEMS, HATS, MITTENS,
TOYS, BOOKS AND MUCH MORE!!

Please set aside your donations for the White Elephant Sale:

- * Gently Used (Clean) Household Items, Knick Knacks, Games, Puzzles, Jewelry, ETC. (No clothing or stuffed animals please)
- * Used Books (for all ages)
- * Used Christmas, birthday and other greeting cards (only need front cover)
- * Non-collapsible small boxes with lids (i.e., jewelry box, holiday card box)

Please drop off your White Elephant Donations at the Parish Hall*:

The week of Oct 30 Mon- Fri 9 AM- 4 PM

The week of Nov 6 Mon- Thu 9 AM- 4 PM

**Enter via the entrance by the Adoration Chapel, Follow signs straight ahead to end of hall to find the White Elephant Donation boxes. Questions? jshirhall@gmail.com.*

What does it mean to be an “active Catholic”?

An active Catholic is a person who cherishes the faith received at Holy Baptism, nourished through the Holy Eucharist, healed through the Sacrament of Penance, and strengthened through the Sacrament of Confirmation. An active Catholic embraces the teachings of the Catholic Church contained in the Word of God and in Sacred Tradition, and strives to live them.

An active Catholic is registered in the parish, supports the mission of the Church with time, talent, and treasure, whether by worshipping at Holy Mass each Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation (except for illness or emergency), volunteering to serve the parish community in various ways, and supporting the parish financially, using Faith Direct or offertory envelopes. Active Catholic spouses and parents seek to help their loved ones know Jesus through prayer, Holy Mass, regular Penance, religious education, and charitable works.

Why is this important? Anyone who seeks to be a godparent or sponsor for the Sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation, or enter the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, or receive a Catholic Tuition Rate at School must first be verified as an active Catholic and parishioner.

Young adults are invited to come learn how to make jambalaya with traditional Cajun sides from parishioner William Melancon. Space is limited so please RSVP!

*****DATE CHANGE*****

BREAKING BREAD

ST. AGNES YOUNG ADULT COOKING SERIES

CAJUN CUISINE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH @ 3PM
PARISH HALL KITCHEN

- \$15 CHARGE TO COVER MATERIALS
- EMAIL YOUNGADULTS@SAINTAGNES.ORG TO RSVP

October 22, 2023

Dear Parishioners:

On the opposite side of this letter you will see a summary report of our financial statements for the last fiscal year, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023. This summary report is based on the complete report sent to the Finance Office of the Diocese of Arlington. Also, our independent accountant and our Parish Finance Council have reviewed all the parts of the report.

Last fiscal year, we ended with a small operating surplus for the Church. On the other hand, the School ended with an operating deficit. These results are due to change-order costs for our building project presented last Fall, which exceeded our \$3 million dollar loan from the Diocese.

Regarding the loan, we have paid down the principal to date, about \$170,000, leaving a remaining balance of \$2,830,000 (as of October 10, 2023). Each month we pay \$30,000 (which includes about \$9,000 in interest) to the Diocese. I hope to pay down aggressively the principal of the loan.

I thank you for your generosity shown through our regular offertory donations and the capital campaign. Given the mortgage, any extra monthly contribution for “Debt Reduction” (listed in both the envelopes and Faith Direct) will truly be appreciated. Another suggestion is making a special end of the year donation.

Please know that since my arrival here as Pastor in June, 2020, I have strived to be a good steward for you and the parish. Given our economy and inflation, I understand the burden you all face. Please understand our burden, too. If possible, I ask you to consider prayerfully increasing your regular giving to help us meet expenses and to pay down the loan.

Please be assured of my prayers.

May God bless you,

Father William P. Saunders, Pastor

Saint Agnes Parish
Report to Parishioners
FY23 Financial Report

		Church	School	Parish
Balance Sheet	ASSETS			
	Operating Accounts	50,203	92,782	142,985
	DIAL Savings	275,248	-	275,248
	Fixed Assets	-	-	-
	Endowment Investments	-	761,712	761,712
	Other Assets	2,503	2,635	5,138
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 327,953	\$ 857,129	\$ 1,185,082
	LIABILITIES			
	Accounts Payable	277,946	1,382	279,328
	Loans Payable	2,868,699	-	2,868,699
Deferred Revenue	-	227,500	227,500	
Other Liabilities	92,497	176,675	269,172	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 3,239,142	\$ 405,557	\$ 3,644,699	
NET ASSETS				
Without donor restrictions				
Unrestricted	(3,777,312)	(310,140)	(4,087,453)	
With donor restrictions				
Temporarily Restricted	866,124	53,885	920,009	
Permanently Restricted	-	707,828	707,828	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ (2,911,189)	\$ 451,572	\$ (2,459,617)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 327,953	\$ 857,129	\$ 1,185,082	
Income Statement	REVENUE SOURCES			
	Offertory/Tuition Related Income	1,378,780	3,789,888	5,168,668
	Ministry	181,059	-	181,059
	School	-	377,244	377,244
	Other Sources	226,362	427,880	654,242
	TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,786,201	\$ 4,595,012	\$ 6,381,212
	EXPENDITURES			
	Clergy	181,371	-	181,371
	Staffing	695,045	3,827,134	4,522,180
	Ministry	185,218	-	185,218
	School	-	328,612	328,612
	Buildings	424,312	414,096	838,408
	Admin	271,072	199,562	470,634
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 1,757,018	\$ 4,769,404	\$ 6,526,421	
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 29,183	\$ (174,392)	\$ (145,209)	
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE				
Campaign/Extraordinary Income	1,098,093	61,050	1,159,142	
Capital Expendures/Renovations	2,838,933	1,972,770	4,811,703	
NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ (1,740,841)	\$ (1,911,720)	\$ (3,652,561)	
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (1,711,657)	\$ (2,086,113)	\$ (3,797,770)	

Saint of the Week

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles October 28th

Saint Jude, apostle and . . . Hollywood success story? Indeed! Beyond Simon's being a "Zealot" for Israel's liberation and Jude's question about Jesus revealing himself (John 14:22), no historic facts are known about either saint. But Saint Jude's well-known patronage of "lost causes" and "hopeless cases" is largely due to a desperate vow made just before World War II by a struggling entertainer, the son of Arab-American immigrants, Danny Thomas. Unemployed, his wife about to give birth, Danny, attending Mass, impulsively donated his last \$7.00 to the collection, promising: "Saint Jude, if you help me find my way in life, I will build a shrine in your honor!" Older Americans remember well Danny's long, successful movie and television career. Grateful parents worldwide know the miracles that have taken place for fifty years at his Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, where needy children are cared for regardless of race, religion, or financial resources, and monumental advances continue in healing and preventing pediatric cancers and catastrophic childhood diseases. A living, life-giving partnership is this "Communion of Saints": Simon, Jude, Danny Thomas—us!
—Peter Scagnelli

"...for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life?


Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director,
at (703) 841-2514 or email:
vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



Gabriel Project at Saint Agnes

The Gabriel Project is a parish-based pregnancy assistance program, supported by the Arlington Diocese Office for

Family Life. Gabriel Project assists expectant mothers with love, care, and spiritual, emotional, and material support. Be an "angel" and accompany an expectant mom through her pregnancy and beyond. Support the ministry with language translation, social services navigation, material support, and many other ways. Please contact gabrielproject@saintagnes.org for more information.




Children's Worship Bulletin™


Ages 3+ October 22, 2023 • Matthew 22:15-22

Paying Taxes to Caesar

The Pharisees' disciples asked Jesus,
"Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

Finish the picture.








Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+ October 22, 2023 • Isaiah 45:1-7

God Appoints Cyrus

What did the Lord say He would give to Cyrus?

Write the word that means the opposite of the one given.
Then fill in the blanks below.

old	31	8	29	15	9							
poor	21	19	7	26								
slow	6	28	17	10								
future	27	11	5	23								
light	22	1	12	16								
summer	2	30	14	24	4		18					
hate	13	20	3	25								
		30	2	19	13	13						
	9	30	3	25	31	8	29	10	26	4		
		24	12	25	28	5	29	12	4	17		
		20	6	22	11	21	16	14	4	5	17	
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		30	14	17	25	7	21	4	24			
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		27	13	1	7	4	5					



Saint Agnes Religious Education



“Christ made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the angels serve.”

Important Dates!

- ◆ **October 29th** | First Communion Registration Deadline
- ◆ **October 31st** | NO Tuesday RE Class
- ◆ **November 1st** | All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation
- ◆ **November 11th** | Family Day of Service

Sunday Mass Journal

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:15-21

Sunday, October 22

- CHURCH & MASS TIME:
- PRIEST & COLOR OF VESTMENTS:.....
- I OFFERED THIS MASS FOR:

Gospel Reflection

The Pharisees try to trick Jesus by going into a discussion about politics. Jesus tells us that it is important to give people and government what rightly belong to them. Yet, who does everything belong to? Do we give God what He rightly deserves?

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I am thankful for...

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I will pray for...

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-
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My Spiritual Goal for the Week



Name: _____ Age/Grade: _____

I am a...

 St. Agnes RE
 student


 St. Agnes school
 student


 Not
 RE/SAS student

ST. AGNES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH BINGO

OCTOBER 2023



Do 5 activities in a row. Submit this card at the end of the month to the RE Office or at the Bingo Table on the last Sunday of the month to collect your prize! **Complete ALL activities here and you will be entered for a raffle for a GRAND PRIZE in December's RE Christmas Party.**

Celebrate the Feast of St. Therese (Oct 1st) by giving flowers to your mom.	Celebrate the Feast of the Guardian Angels (Oct 2) by memorizing the Guardian Angel prayer.	Greet the priest after Mass.	Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis (Oct 4) by giving your pet a treat.	Register for formed.org to watch movies and videos on the Faith. Use code 22207
Celebrate the Feast of St. Faustina (Oct 5) by praying the Divine Mercy chaplet.	Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct 7) by praying a decade of the rosary.	Lead the prayers before or after meals at your own house.	Do something kind for someone without being asked.	Say a Hail Mary for someone who is sick.
Watch "The Day the Sun Danced" on Formed.org	Learn the Hail Holy Queen prayer.	GO TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY!	Introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Saunders.	Visit someone who is lonely or elderly.
Celebrate the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila (Oct 15) by reading up on this great saint.	Participate in Mass by singing all the song parts.	Visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel.	Make a Thank You card for your catechist/aide.	Show your appreciation to your parents for all they have done for you.
Celebrate the Feast of St. John Paul II (Oct 22) by praying for the pope's intentions.	Attend a daily Mass.	Pray the rosary as a family	Introduce yourself to our Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. Orosa	Share your Halloween treats with others.



Saint Agnes Catholic School



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.

Fall means field trips outside to the Pumpkin Patch and other fun nature-based activities. The first grade was blessed with a trip to "Jackson's Pumpkin Patch" once again, and had a great time participating in lots of Fall activities.

St. Agnes Lions are reminded to respect the Earth and animals as God's creations, as well as taking the time to enjoy the beauty of even the everyday things.

St. Therese of Lisieux says it perfectly with, "*He [Jesus] opened the book of nature before me, and I saw that every flower He has created has a beauty of its own.*"

St. John Chrysostom also says, "*Nature is our best teacher.*"

Try to take the time to appreciate one piece of God's nature each day!



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