

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

February 23rd, 2025  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



## *From the Gospel of Luke*

“Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.”

***Lk 6:27-38***

## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 23

- 7:30 a.m. † Brooks Boeke Carr  
(*The Ueland Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Robert Wear  
(*Ed & Trudy Dervan*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Monday, February 24

- 6:30 a.m. † Peggy Palizzi  
(*Ligia Santos*)
- 9:00 a.m. † St. Expedite  
(*Maria Laranjeira*)

### Tuesday, February 25

- 6:30 a.m. † Daniel Edward Sullivan  
(*Maggie Wynne*)
- 9:00 a.m. Michael Gibbons  
(*The Hofer Family*)

### Wednesday, February 26

- 6:30 a.m. † Miriam Roos  
(*The Shean family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Mary Ann Davey  
(*Duke & Elvira Banks*)

### Thursday, February 27

- 6:30 a.m. † Dr. Paul J. Dugan  
(*The Saunders Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Terry O'Donnell  
(*The Gutierrez Family*)

### Friday, February 28

- 6:30 a.m. The Cassell Family  
(*Klarissa Blank*)
- 9:00 a.m. Edgardo A. Angel  
(*Carmen Guardia*)

### Saturday, March 1

- 7:30 a.m. Christine Walsh  
(*Bernadette Michael*)
- 9:00 a.m. † George Gingras  
(*Mary O'Keefe*)

### Vigil

- 5:00 p.m. † Patricia McKee  
(*Myrna McKee*)

### Sunday, March 2

- 7:30 a.m. Angela Vindel  
(*Ligia Santos*)
- 9:00 a.m. Linda Tolman  
(*Ruth Foster*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

† indicates person is deceased

## Scripture Readings

### Week of February 23rd, 2025

#### Sunday

#### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

#### Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

#### Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

#### Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40

#### Thursday

#### Memorial of Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50

#### Friday

Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12

#### Saturday

Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16

#### Sunday

#### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14; 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

## Keep Them in Your Prayers

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

Walter Quinn, William Thomas, Carol Naill,  
Cathy Sheehan-Wilson, Marlise Yetter, Paz Speer,  
Jake Williams, Mary Pace, Jodi Borisinco, David Lounsbury,  
Caio Rabello, Allen Ashby, Judy Bosco, Carlos Porras,  
Patricio Martinez, Seamus Hasson, Audrey Gawda,  
Alzira Medeiros, Susan Donahue, John Tuohy,  
Joseph Elegido, Marjorie Meyers, William James Hall,  
Warren Duerbeck, Ava Gloria Laranjeira Wescher,  
Larry Mead, Maerose Naduvilukunell, Benjamin Griffith,  
Ann McCausland, Theresa Van Der Vlugt,  
Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

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

Joycelyn Sue Flippin, Henry Goetzman, Layne Riordan,  
Wayne Coleman, Carol Donovan Barney, Marian Miller,  
Helen Rebull



## Adoration Schedule

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**. Starts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.

To maintain this, recurring and substitute commitments are always welcome and appreciated. Please contact Greg King at [adoration@saintagnes.org](mailto:adoration@saintagnes.org)



# Saint Agnes Essentials

## 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.

## 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](mailto:sacraments@saintagnes.org) to learn more about having your child baptized.

## Marriage Preparation:

Call the Parish Office for Pre-Cana at least seven (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](mailto: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](mailto: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 the month of June 2025.



## Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday during Holy Hour 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
and by appointment

## Parish Clergy

**Pastor** • Rev. Msgr. William Saunders  
**Parochial Vicar** • Rev. Andrew Haissig  
**In residence** • Rev. Steven Oetjen  
**In residence** • Rev. John Kist

## Parish Office

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Arlington, VA 22207-3046  
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## Saint Agnes School

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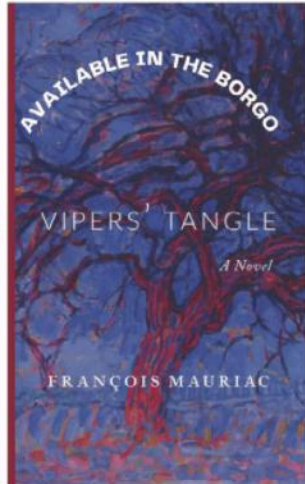
# WINTER Book Read: VIPERS' TANGLE



**SUNDAY  
MARCH 2  
4 PM**

**Discussion  
Moderated  
by Fr. Oetjen**

Questions:  
Bethanyministry@saintagnes.org



## St. Joseph League meets this Thursday

The St. Joseph League Men's Group will meet this Thursday, February 27th in the St. Thomas More room (upper floor of the Parish Center, entrance at the rear), starting ~7:15 p.m. As usual, pizza, beer and sodas will be ready. We are discussing the autobiographical book from Fr. Walter Ciszek, *He Leadeth Me*.

## Join us on Facebook!

Like us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stagneschurcharlington>.

## Free FORMED Subscription

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

## Msgr. Saunders' Bible Study



Come join us on Tuesday **February 25th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

We are now studying the Gospel of St. Luke.

## Ministries & Groups at Saint Agnes

### Adult Faith Formation

- Bible Study—[adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.org)
- RCIA—[adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.org)
- Spanish Bible Study—[gvegge@aol.com](mailto:gvegge@aol.com)
- Women's Bible Study—[stagneswvp@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswvp@gmail.com)

### Parish Service

- Arts & Crafts Guild—[gveggejr@gmail.com](mailto:gveggejr@gmail.com)
- Bethany Ministry—[bethanyministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:bethanyministry@saintagnes.org)
- Cherrydale Rehab Prayer Group—[biehlerj@aol.com](mailto:biehlerj@aol.com)
- Christ House Team—[ssyenson@gmail.com](mailto:ssyenson@gmail.com)
- Gabriel Project—[gabrielproject@saintagnes.org](mailto:gabrielproject@saintagnes.org)
- Gardening Angels—[jshirhall@gmail.com](mailto:jshirhall@gmail.com)
- Homebound Parishioners Visits—[homebound@saintagnes.org](mailto:homebound@saintagnes.org)
- Legion of Mary—[jbdugan45@gmail.com](mailto:jbdugan45@gmail.com)
- Respect Life—[saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com)
- Saint Agnes Knights of Columbus Council—[StAgnesKofC@saintagnes.org](mailto:StAgnesKofC@saintagnes.org)
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- St. Raphael Prayer Group—[moshimoshigcs@gmail.com](mailto:moshimoshigcs@gmail.com)
- The Borgo Gift Store—[theborgo@saintagnes.org](mailto:theborgo@saintagnes.org)
- Young Adults—[youngadults@saintagnes.org](mailto:youngadults@saintagnes.org)

### Liturgy

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—[dkcwhelan@gmail.com](mailto:dkcwhelan@gmail.com)
- Flower Guild—[dfowen@aol.com](mailto:dfowen@aol.com)
- Lectors—[lectors@saintagnes.org](mailto:lectors@saintagnes.org)
- Parish Choir—[musicdirector@saintagnes.org](mailto:musicdirector@saintagnes.org)
- Sacristans—[ruthefoster@earthlink.net](mailto:ruthefoster@earthlink.net)
- Ushers—[jholl2473@aol.com](mailto:jholl2473@aol.com)

### Youth Activities

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

## Respect Life Ministry Needs Volunteers



Please offer your helping hands  
and email [saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com).

## Servers and Singers for First Friday Latin Mass Needed

Men and boys interested in serving at the altar for the First Friday Masses in Latin, and men and women interested in chanting in the schola, please contact Father Oetjen at [froetjen@saintagnes.org](mailto:froetjen@saintagnes.org).

# Abounding IN Hope



## A Message from Bishop Burbidge



Having celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington, we move forward renewed and united in faith. The 2025 Bishop's Lenten Appeal theme is "*Abounding in Hope*," which reminds us of this great theological virtue that is rooted in Jesus Christ and the victory he won for us.

I invite you to allow God's generous love to be made visible through you by prayerfully considering a sacrificial pledge to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal this year.

Through the intercession of Mary Our Mother, may Our Lord Jesus bless you now and always.



## THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL:

### Your GIFTS AT WORK IN OUR DIOCESE!



WorkCamp is well known as one of the most popular ministries of the Diocese with over 660 teens providing a week of service to the less fortunate in our communities. What is less known is that more than 100 young adults participate annually in this week of service by supporting the teens. Service has always been one of the most effective ways to help young adults become more active in their faith lives.



There are 42 men currently studying for the priesthood, who – God willing – will one day serve in our parishes.



The Office of Hispanic Ministry served nearly 400 families with Quinceañera and Marriage Preparation Retreats and formed approximately 500 students and lay ministers through the Institute of Pastoral Formation and Liturgical Trainings.



Gabriel Project provided prenatal care and support for 500 pregnant mothers in need!



Catholic Charities continues to meet the increase of requests for rent/mortgage and utilities assistance, groceries, and mental health counseling. The St. Lucy Food Project fulfilled nearly 70,000 requests for assistance, distributing over 2.1 million pounds of food last year.

# Abounding IN Hope

This chart reflects projected 2025 BLA funding for \$22 Million which is allocated to these various areas. 100% of your gift is restricted to be used solely for the benefit of these programs and ministries.

## MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY!

The Diocese of Arlington has received a challenge gift to match first-time or increased donations to the 2025 BLA. This is your opportunity to enhance your gift and provide greater assistance to those in need!

For existing BLA donors, every dollar donated above your last BLA gift amount will be matched up to \$300,000. Are you a new BLA Donor? If so, your entire donation will be matched! Doubling your impact!

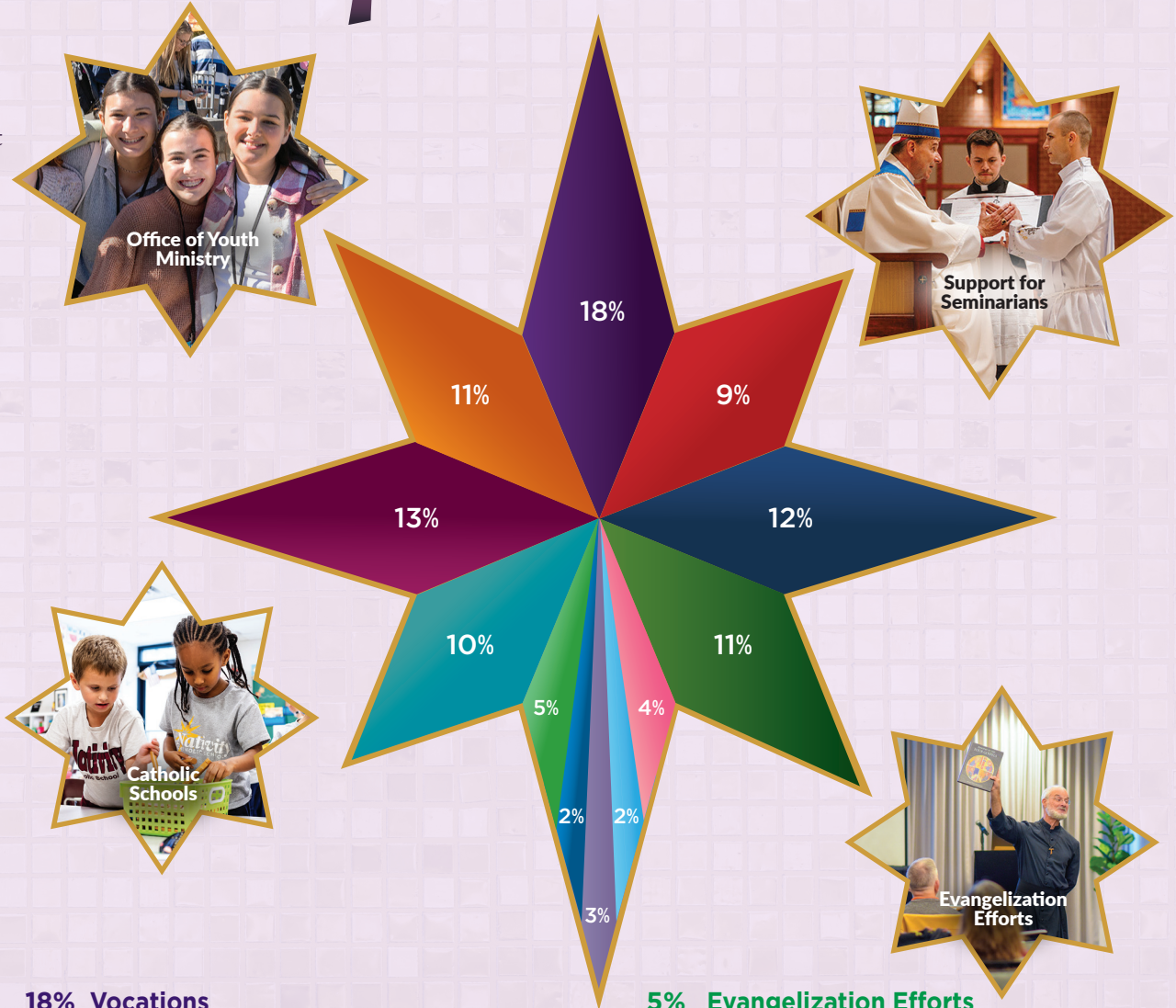
## HOW TO GIVE TO THE 2025 BLA

**ONLINE** – Make a one-time gift or set up a pledge with monthly payments at our secure website using the QR code below or at [arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://arlingtondiocese.org/bla)

**PLEDGE** – You can make a pledge now and send payments throughout the year. You will receive monthly reminder statements with an option to pay by credit card or direct debit until your commitment is fulfilled.

**CHECK** – Make checks payable to “Bishop’s Lenten Appeal” or “BLA” and mail to the address below.

*The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization (EIN: 54-0967542).*



### 18% Vocations

Seminarian education and support, Vocation Awareness Programs, and the Permanent Diaconate

### 13% Assistance to Parishes and Missions

Programs, offices and ministries that assist our 70 parishes and 6 missions, including 4,600+ parish, school and diocesan personnel

### 12% Youth and Young Adult Outreach

Office of Youth, Campus and Young Adult Ministries and Campus Ministries at various colleges and universities

### 11% Religious Education

Catholic Schools, Religious Education Programs, and the Office of Divine Worship

### 11% Support for Families

Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and the Diocesan Tribunal

### 10% Charitable Works

Catholic Charities, parish subsidies, and other charitable works that assist the vulnerable and needy

### 9% Chancery Offices

Support to the Virginia Catholic Conference and various Chancery offices which assist the Bishop

### 5% Evangelization Efforts

Includes INOVA Hospital Ministry, Peace and Justice Commission, Spiritual Assistance Ministry, and Dominican Republic Missions

### 4% Hispanic Apostolate and Multicultural Ministries

Pastoral services and assistance for more than 20 ethnic communities within this diverse diocese

### 3% San Damiano Spirituality Center

A peaceful venue with opportunities for a wide variety of retreats for laity, religious, and clergy seeking reflection and spiritual renewal in the Shenandoah Valley

### 2% Parish/Diocesan Properties and Land Development

The diocese purchases land for new parishes

### 2% Communications and Development

The Communications Office utilizes a variety of mediums to promote, educate and evangelize the faithful and wider community. Development, including the BLA and other charitable vehicles, provide strategic financial support to the diocese, parishes, and schools



For more information, please call the BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL office at 703-778-8600 or visit our website at

[arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://arlingtondiocese.org/bla)

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# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE INVITED

## TUESDAYS

7:30 PM

subscribe to *Flocknote*  
for weekly details

alternating between boys & girls small groups, service, and Adoration & Confession throughout the month following APS inclement weather closures



## WORKCAMP 2025

**WorkCamp registration is now open. Visit our website for details.**

| Arlington WorkCamp is an annual program culminating in a week-long overnight camp providing high schoolers with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship.

Monthly meetings begin this month. Registration closes February 14 - space is not reserved. Adult volunteers needed.

[tinyurl.com/STAGYG-Home](http://tinyurl.com/STAGYG-Home)

@stagnesyouth

Sign up for updates by visiting

[StAgnesYG.flocknote.com](http://StAgnesYG.flocknote.com)

or by texting [StAgnesYG](https://www.facebook.com/stagnesyouth) to 84576



## Christ House Ministry is in need of a couple more Meal Organizers.

On a monthly rotating schedule, 2-3 x a year, the Organizer plans, shops for and along with 6+ St. Agnes volunteers, prepares the hot meal for Take Out, at Christ House. St. Agnes serves on the 1st Tuesday of every month. Hours at Christ House are 3PM - 6PM. Come, help & see us in action before you commit. Please join us in this corporal work of mercy, feeding the hungry. Contact Sally Yenson [ssyenson@gmail.com](mailto:ssyenson@gmail.com)

## 'Gardening Angels' Needed

Join fellow parishioners in helping to maintain the churchyard gardens. No special training needed, just a willingness to join and learn as you work. Timing can be arranged. If you have any questions, please call Jean Shirhall at 703-528-2617.



## THE BORGO AT SAINT AGNES

named for the Borgo Pio in Rome  
the shop-lined street leading to the Vatican

### HOURS

### Sundays after Mass

[theborgo@saintagnes.org](mailto:theborgo@saintagnes.org)

@theborgo



It is often forgotten that Our Lady of Fatima requested the First Saturday Devotion to be widely observed to ensure Russia's conversion. The consecration which

recently took place by Pope Francis was not the only requirement for the conversion of Russia, according to Our Lady of Fatima. She included the request for the observance of the First Saturday devotion. She said to Sister Lucia (one of the three children at Fatima): "When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church."

### What is the First Saturday Devotion?

Our Lady of Fatima revealed to Sister Lucia the following aspects of the First Saturday devotion:

- ❖ Receive Holy Communion on five consecutive First Saturdays
- ❖ Go to confession each month
- ❖ Recite five decades of the Rosary on the First Saturdays
- ❖ Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

## CAR RAFFLE ANNOUNCEMENT

All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas has once again invited our parishioners to participate in their annual Multi-Car Raffle.

**TICKETS:** One ticket is a chance to win four 2025 Ford vehicles plus \$40,000 in cash prizes!  
**\$5.00 EACH**

All registered parishioners will receive 20 tickets in late January. Please consider buying or selling them. Tickets can be returned by mail or by Sunday collection. **All tickets must be returned, whether purchased or unused.**

More tickets are available by request. Email [youth.ministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:youth.ministry@saintagnes.org)

**Thank you for your support!**

Proceeds directly support our teens at WorkCamp 2025.

Find out more about WorkCamp by visiting [tinyurl.com/STAG-WorkCamp](http://tinyurl.com/STAG-WorkCamp)

Last year, our proceeds helped us cover nearly 80% of our costs to take 16 teens to WorkCamp.



*“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...”*

- Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive.

Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

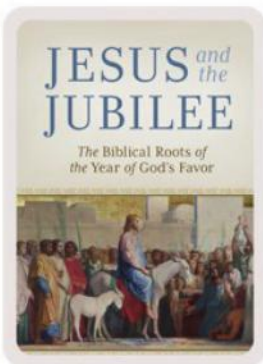
# Young Adults Mardi Gras at St Agnes



## Saturday March 1st, 6pm

Join us in the Parish Hall After the 5pm Mass for a Mardi Gras Potluck with Jambalaya and King Cake

St. Agnes Parish Hall - 1910 N Randolph St, Arlington, VA 22207



## LENTEN BOOK STUDY

**Jesus and the Jubilee:**  
The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor

by Dr. John Bergsma

BEGINNING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 8  
AFTER 9 AM MASS

**Want to journey with other  
St. Agnes parishioners this Lent?**

Join our **Abiding Together study group** beginning March 8 in the Catacombs Cafe as we discuss Dr. Bergsma's book.

We will meet every Saturday morning in Lent after the 9 am Mass at Catacombs Cafe in the church basement.

Contact Bethany Ministry at [bethanyministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:bethanyministry@saintagnes.org) to learn more. All are welcome!

Books for sale in The Borgo  
after Sunday Mass



open FRIDAYS

after the 6:30 am Mass

serving coffee, espresso drinks and light treats

Want to have the Café open for your meeting?

Email: [bethanyministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:bethanyministry@saintagnes.org)

## Private Mass Intentions Book Open

To give the opportunity for parishioners to schedule a Mass intention and recognizing that our Mass Intentions book is now into June, we are accepting Unannounced Intentions which are not said at a public Mass.

These intentions will be offered privately and published as a list in the bulletin periodically as "Fulfilled Unannounced Masses."



*“Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you.”* (Luke 6:27) Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).

## 2025 BISHOP’S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) *Abounding in Hope*

The 2025 BLA Commitment Sunday is next weekend!



Once a year we are asked to make a pledge to sustain the good works funded by the BLA which offer vital services and assistance to those in need across our communities. We are asking every family to participate to help our parish make our goal. By participating in the BLA, we renew our commitment to the Lord with a response to His call to serve our brothers and sisters. You may go online to make a donation at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla) or scan the QR code.

## Saint of the Week

### Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor Of The Church (c. 945-1003) | February 27th

It can be so comforting to those who have experienced certain hardship in life to be able to identify with a particular saint. For example, today’s saint, Gregory of Narek, was an orphan. He was born in Turkey in the middle of the 10th century. After his parents died, he went to live with his uncle, who was a monk. Gregory entered the monastery and later became a priest and a theology professor. He was also a mystic and became a well-known writer and poet. One of his pieces, which he described as “an encyclopedia of prayer for all nations,” has been translated into thirty languages. He spent his life within the walls of the Narek monastery and was buried there in the early 11th century. Pope Francis declared Gregory, already a saint of the Armenian Apostolic Church, a Doctor of the Church in 2015. He is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers.

Saint Gregory of Narek, pray for us!

—Tami Urcia

## Classes de Biblia en Español

Anunciamos con alegría la continuación de las clases de Biblia en Español en nuestra parroquia. Tendrán lugar los Martes de 9:45 a 11 de la mañana. Seguimos la pauta de la “Biblia en un Año” y continuamos nuestro estudio con el libro de Reyes, el de Crónicas y el Cantar de los Cantares del Antiguo Testamento. Para más información: Carmen Egge: [gveggejr@gmail.com](mailto:gveggejr@gmail.com).

**Over the last month, 10 young men from St. Agnes’ Troop 111 were recognized as having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting, during two Eagle Court of Honor ceremonies. This honor follows years of hard work earning merit badges, camping, learning Scout skills, advancing in rank, performing community service and completing an Eagle Scout project.**



James Cuthbertson, Jimmy Egan,  
Troop 111 Scoutmaster Sean Ruff,  
John Hirko, Luke Zamoyta,  
Matthew Podratsky



Owen Donohoe, Peter Allen,  
Christian Rush, Herschel Darvalics,  
Ben Cruley

## Holy Hour for Encounter Every First Thursday



All you who are burdened by sin, grief, loneliness, shame, addiction, self-hatred, abortion, or any other wound, come and place all your cares on the Heart of the Eucharistic Lord who desires to free you and restore you to new life. The Holy Hour, every first Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas à Becket in

Reston, will include a Eucharistic Procession, opportunities for confession, as well as worship music led by a different musician each month. The celebrant will be Fr. Rich Dyer, Pastor, St. Thomas à Becket. If you have questions, contact us at (703) 841-2550.

## Pregnant? Need Help? Contact Project Gabriel 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](mailto:gabrielproject@saintagnes.org) for more information.**

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## Love for Enemies

Jesus said, “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Mercy is a form of kindness.)

Find these words in the puzzle below.  
Circle them.

KIND	PRAY	GIVE
BLESS	LOVE	GOOD

K	I	N	D	A	S
C	B	L	E	S	S
D	P	R	A	Y	E
L	O	V	E	F	G
H	I	G	I	V	E
J	G	O	O	D	K

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## The First and Second Adam

Paul continued his teaching. What did he write?

Cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters in the blanks.

A Z S Q W P A B S Z T  
 Q H M E Z E T A Z R Q T X H U  
 L B Y Z M V A W N Z S Q O X A Z R O E  
 M T B H G O R S A E M W Q H X O V A Q R Z  
 E B O Q F Z T X H J E K E S A Q R Z T V H Z A Q  
 N X D B A M S X I Z S Q T B H W E X H J E Q A B  
 V V E X N Q L Z Y U M Q A W N X S B O Z A M  
 L X S Q O V A X R J E V T B H Q O Z S W E  
 B W Z H Q O X A M R U E Q O X F Z  
 H G E B A C V W E Z N

“A s w a s t h \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_;  
 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_.”



# Saint Agnes Religious Education

## Important Dates!

- ◆ **March 2nd:** Confirmation Sunday
- ◆ **March 4th:** Family Faith Formation
- ◆ **March 29th:** First Penance Retreat & Liturgy

*For more information, contact Lisa Orosa at [dff@saintagnes.org](mailto:dff@saintagnes.org).*



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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday Mass Journal

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Luke 6:27-28

Sunday, 23 February 2025

● CHURCH & MASS TIME: .....

● PRIEST & COLOR OF VESTMENTS: .....

● I OFFERED THIS MASS FOR: .....

### Gospel Reflection

Jesus gives us the most difficult lesson: Love your enemies and do good to them. Why is it important for us to do this? What are some ways we can follow this command?

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I am thankful for...

I will pray for...

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

My Spiritual Goal for the Week



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email : \_\_\_\_\_

I am a...  
 St. Agnes RE student  
 St. Agnes school student  
 Not an RE/SAS student

# ST. AGNES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH BINGO

## FEBRUARY 2025



Do 5 activities in a row. Submit this card at the end of the month to the RE Office after the last Sunday of the month to collect your prize!

Light a blessed candle to celebrate Candlemas, the Presentation of the Lord (Feb 2)	Have your throat blessed at Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise (Feb 3)	Pray for the intercession of St. Agatha (Feb 5) for those suffering from breast cancer.	Have some Japanese food in honor of St. Paul Miki and other Japanese martyrs. (Feb 6)	Visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel or Blessed Sacrament
Pray a Hail Mary for orphans and abandoned children in honor of St. Jerome Emiliani (Feb 8)	Read on the lives of black saints to celebrate Black History month	Pray the St. Michael prayer for an end to racial tensions and bias	Read about St. Scholastica and her twin to celebrate her feast day (Feb 10)	View the different statues or icons in the Church to celebrate St. Gregory II (Feb 11)
Visit the Borgo gift shop to find meaningful gifts for Valentine's Day	Thank God for the gift of a warm home and pray for those who are homeless	<b>GO TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY!</b>	Celebrate the life of Sts. Cyril & Methodius (Feb 14) by making an acrostic poem for L-O-V-E	Watch the Veggie Tales short video on Daniel and the Lion's Den on Youtube
Pray for President Trump and our country's leaders on President's Day (Feb 17)	Fill a birdfeeder to feed hungry winter birds	Talk to your family about what you love about the winter season	Pray the rosary in honor of Saints Jacinta & Francisco Marto (Feb 20)	Offer up a hurt or hardship for those who are struggling in their faith
Pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Burbidge and Msgr. Saunders on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb 22)	Help cook a hearty soup to warm up your family on a cold winter night	Pray for peace in Gaza and the Middle East in honor of St. Porphyry of Gaza (Feb 26)	Forgive someone who has hurt you	Encourage someone who may be depressed or anxious

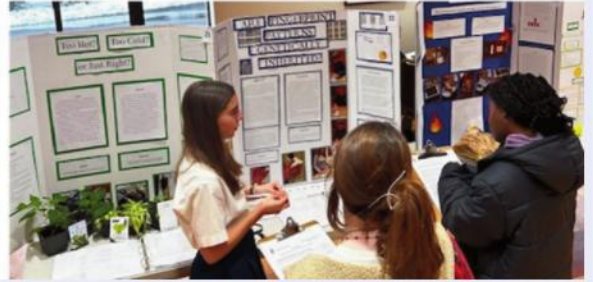
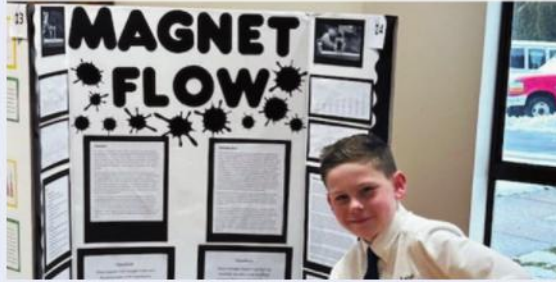


# Saint Agnes Catholic School



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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.



Congratulations to our 7th Graders for a phenomenal Science Fair! The judges were extremely impressed with the types of projects as well as the high level of preparation done by the students. We appreciate all the judges who helped make this a success, as well as the guidance of Mr. O'Leary and Dr. Eichner.

*First Place: Julianna H; Second Place: William N;  
Third Place (tie): Emersyn C and Grayson H;  
Fourth Place (tie): James C and Poppy S-A; Fifth Place: Oliver F*



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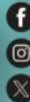
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