



## *St. Agnes* Catholic Community

*Our Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Him known by welcoming all, teaching and sharing the Faith, and providing worship and spiritual growth opportunities and serving those in need.*

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*We Live Prayerfully,  
We Give Gratefully*

*September 24, 2017*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 10:45AM & 5PM

### Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

### Adoration in the Chapel Daily

6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM

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## How One of our St. Agnes Families Lives Prayerfully and Gives Gratefully

Our family has attended St. Agnes Parish since we moved to the Bay Area over 20 years ago. Although we settled in Clayton, we were drawn to St. Agnes Church by the current priests at that time, the welcoming church community, the school and the ability to become involved and active within the Parish. Some of the groups at St. Agnes that my family has been blessed to be involved with include the school, CYO Track and Basketball, Lectoring and being Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Serving, CCD Faith Formation, Bay Area Chaplains, R.C.I.A., and the Catholic Daughters of America. I don't consider myself a deeply religious person, but have always strived to find new ways and avenues within the church to take myself out of my comfort zone and experience new things that I haven't done before. Sometimes it works and it's very rewarding, and sometimes it doesn't, as those of you who attend 7:00a.m. Mass will attest to when listening to me sing the Alleluia!

In a very secular world that we live in today, the "service to others" component is one of the aspects that drives me to be a Catholic. I like the fact that every day, the Catholic Church feeds, clothes, shelters, educates and renders hospital care to more people than any other organization in the world. Being a steward of the church (and we all are stewards of the church) I look at how I can participate in the ministries that the church offers as well as support the parish financially. These actions are a direct response to the value and dignity that the Gospel assigns to each and every human life. I like to see Catholicism as a religion that is best practiced on the field of play, and not on the sidelines.

Our aptitudes and abilities, interests and passions, skills and experiences are gifts unique to each and every person. Stewardship is not a program, it's a way of life; it's not an activity, it's an attitude. Stewardship provides us with the steps forward in this journey, and as the saying goes, "a journey of a thousand miles begins with but a single step."

Let's face it, going to church today has become outdated in today's society. My mother's philosophy on attending with her children was "don't make your kids go to church", but "take them to church." I have tried to follow that philosophy, and build upon it. What better way to take your kids to church than to actively participate in the Mass with them and show them the importance of financially supporting it.

**From Allison:** I view Stewardship as a way to honor God by giving back to my church community. I am able to give God gratitude for all he has done for me and recognize the talents he has given me. I began my involvement in stewardship at St. Agnes School by altar serving and by helping launch the first youth St. Vincent de Paul ministry. Now as a senior in high school, I find happiness in giving back to the church through Lectoring, servicing as a Eucharistic Minister, teaching in the CCD program, and leading spiritual retreats at my school. In these ways, not only do I contribute to stewardship, but I also strengthen my relationship with God.

Chuck & Allison Munden

**SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 17: \$11,695.00**

**Includes Faith Direct Giving**

**We thank you for your Stewardship.**



# Calendar for the Week

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 23, 2017

5:00 p.m. George Conlow—Repose  
Robert & Emily Honniball—Repose  
Catherine Weixel—Repose

### Sunday, September 24, 2017

7:00 a.m. Ray Asselin—Repose  
9:00 a.m. Effie Carino—Special Intention  
Acostadino & Patti—Special Intention  
Le Family—Special Intention  
10:45 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living and Deceased  
5:00 p.m. Veronica Velasco—Repose  
Fernando Cortez—Special Intention

### Monday, September 25, 2017

8:00 a.m. Marcella Colarich—Repose  
Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose

### Tuesday, September 26, 2017

8:00 a.m. Veronica Velasco—Repose  
Harold Baltazor—Special Intention

### Wednesday, September 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

### Thursday, September 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Ernest & Frank Cornella—Repose  
Harold Baltazor—Special Intention

### Friday, September 29, 2017

8:15 a.m. Joseph Belnadi Syah—Repose

### Saturday, September 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Marcella Colarich—Repose  
5:00 p.m. Vilma Capitule—Repose  
Deceased Members of the Lee Family  
Deceased Members of the Nguyen Family

### Sunday, October 1, 2017

7:00 a.m. Ray Asselin—Repose  
Doug Stephens—Special Intention  
9:00 a.m. George Conlow—Repose  
Dustin Davis—Repose  
Dick McGoldrick—Repose  
11:00 a.m. Neal Coenen—Repose  
Elaine & Evelyn Segar—Repose  
Joseph Belnadi Syah—Repose  
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living and Deceased

## Parish Events and Meetings

### Sunday, September 24, 2017

#### Hospitality after all Masses

#### Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Weekend

8:00 a.m. Couples for Christ—Cauchi Hall  
4:30 p.m. CYO—Cauchi Hall

### Monday, September 25, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation—School  
6:30 a.m. Women's Guild Tea Meeting—G.P.  
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall

### Tuesday, September 26, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—G.P.

### Wednesday, September 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel  
7:00 p.m. CYO Meeting—G.P.  
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Band Practice—Church

### Thursday, September 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study—A.R.  
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting—School  
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice—Church  
6:30 p.m. Giving Tree—EX  
6:30 p.m. Young Adult Ministry—Cauchi Hall  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

### Friday, September 29, 2017

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church  
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel  
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy—GP

### Saturday, September 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel  
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church  
9:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor  
9:00 a.m. Cursillo—A.R.  
9:15 a.m. Lector Meeting—Church  
6:00 p.m. German Dinner—Church Hall

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian  
Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul  
Thursday: St. Wenceslaus;  
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions  
Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,  
Archangels; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of  
Atonement) begins at sunset  
Saturday: St. Jerome

**REMINDER: On Sunday, October 1st, the 10:45 a.m. Mass time will change to 11:00 a.m.**

# Parish News and Activities

## This is the last weekend to purchase tickets for ST. AGNES GERMAN DINNER September 30, 2017

Menu: Bavarian Brats—  
Hotdogs  
Homemade German Potato  
Salad  
Bavarian Beans  
Sauerkraut and Apple Strudel



Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$5 Children 5-12, under 5 Free  
No Host Bar: 6:00-7:00 p.m., Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now at the Welcome Table and  
at the Ministry Center on Monday.

Questions? Call Kathey Ambacher at 798-7936  
Raffle prizes are appreciated. Bring donations to



The next meeting of the St. Agnes Retired Seniors  
will take place on **Tuesday, October 3**, in the  
Church Hall. This will be a catered luncheon from  
Cinco de Mayo Mexican Restaurant. The menu  
includes a taco and enchilada, beans, rice, chips and  
salsa, salad and dessert. **The cost is \$10 per person.**  
The program will be about the wood carving hobby.

If you would like to attend, send payment to "Robert  
Rigor," 1737 Gumwood Dr., Concord, CA 94519.  
For further information, pick up a flyer after Mass  
from the Welcome Table or during the week from  
the Parish Office. You may call Bob or Sandi at 925-  
-682-0387 or 925-202-6239. **Reservation deadline  
is September 25.**

There are no membership fees or requirements, and  
all St. Agnes seniors and guests are invited.

### October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

Please arrive at the weekend Masses at least 5 minutes  
early to join the congregation in praying a decade of  
the Holy Rosary before Mass begins.

Thank you—The Stewardship Committee

## WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by

Catholic Daughters of Americas  
St. John Baptist de la Salle, Court 1934  
Sunday, October 8, 2017 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Viano's Winery  
150 Morello Avenue, Martinez 94553

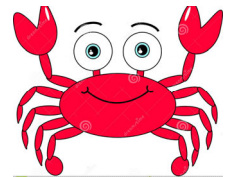
Cost is \$20 per person, which includes Wine Tasting,  
hors d'oeuvre and beverages. There will also be a raffle.  
RSVP no later than October 2nd.

For tickets, call Sandra Blanco at 925-  
864-5280. Make checks payable to  
CDA Court #1934, Mail to:  
901 Hastings Drive, Concord, CA  
94518.



## CRAB & TRI-TIP DINNER OCTOBER 14, 2017

The Knights of Columbus will  
host a Crab and Tri-Tip Dinner  
on Saturday, October 14, 2017.



No-host cocktails at 6 p.m.  
Dinner served at 7 p.m.

Price: \$50 each; children 4-12 \$5 (no crab)

Menu: Hors d'oeuvre, sliced bread, salad, pasta,  
Tri-tip and Dungeness Crab!

**Tickets will be offered for sale after Masses on  
October 1 and October 7-8 as well as in the  
Ministry Center.** No tickets will be sold at the door  
or after October 10th.

If you have any raffle items to donate, please drop  
them off at the Church Office.

For additional information, contact: Sumner Peery  
at [speery@astound.net](mailto:speery@astound.net) or David Wood at  
[david@koc15344stagnes.org](mailto:david@koc15344stagnes.org).

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER

- 23/24 Commitment Sunday
- 23/24 Hospitality after all Masses
- 30 SVdP Walk for the Poor, 9:00 a.m.
- 30 German Dinner, 6:00 p.m.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK**

Right here at St. Agnes (parking lot)  
**Saturday, September 30, 9a.m.—11 a.m.**

All proceeds will directly benefit the needy in our community. Walkers are encouraged to make a personal donation and collect pledges from supporters. Registration Forms and Pledge sheets are available at the Welcome Table, or you can register the day of the walk or visit [www.svdpusa.net/walk](http://www.svdpusa.net/walk) to register online and learn more about the event.

Bring your family and friends for a morning of fun  
and  
Take a STEP towards helping the needy.



**WOMEN'S GUILD TEA  
October 21, 2017**

Save the date for our St Agnes Women's Guild Tea. It's a wonderful afternoon to relax with family and friends and have some delicious Tea sandwiches and cookies with beautiful auction baskets and entertainment. If you are interested in helping out with the planning of the Tea, you are welcome to come to our next meeting on September 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Room.

You can pick up the form to request tickets to this event at the Welcome Table at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call Mary Ann Castro at [925-381-5557](tel:925-381-5557) or Diannia Struheck at [925-998-6398](tel:925-998-6398).



*Community Activities*

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE**

In this historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), please join the St. Agnes Rosary Makers Ministry for the 2017 Public Square Rosary Crusade that will take place at 12:00 noon on October 14, 2017, at Baldwin Park Picnic Area. Contact Luz at 825-6460 for more information.

**BLUE MASS  
HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS  
IN THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND**

A Blue Mass will be held on Friday, October 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94612. This is an interfaith event.

First responders are invited to attend in uniform and bring your families. The service will include memorial prayers for those who lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year. Parking is limited. "Marked-agency" vehicles may park on the entrance ramp to the Cathedral.

Lunch follows, but a reservation for lunch is required. To sign up for the luncheon, visit [oakdiocese.org/BlueMassw2017](http://oakdiocese.org/BlueMassw2017).

For more information, contact: Fr. Helmut Richter, 925-382-8186, E-mail [papahelmut@yahoo.com](mailto:papahelmut@yahoo.com) or Fr. Jayson Landeza, 510-971-0125, E-mail [OPDChaplain@aol.com](mailto:OPDChaplain@aol.com)

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US!**

Please prayerfully consider standing for Life in conjunction with other Christians and like minded people during the 40 Days for Life campaign, set for September 27 through November 5. 40 Days for Life is not a "protest" group. It is a world-wide organization that promotes 40 Days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

You are invited to stand and peacefully pray for a one hour period during the 40-day vigil in the public right of way outside the Planned Parenthood in Walnut Creek at 1537 Oakland Blvd. We will be praying from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, during the 40 Day vigil. Please sign up for an hour or two, and join us!

Sign up on the website: [40DaysForLife.com/walnutcreek](http://40DaysForLife.com/walnutcreek) or call Ann Vaccaro (925) 212-7938 with questions. Thank you.

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**Marlene McCann at 925-689-0838 or Donna Roberts at 925-890-4962.**

**Special Instructions: Gentle reminder.**

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Thank you to the St. Agnes Fil-Am Community who showed you can combine fun and hard work with good stewardship. They presented St. Agnes Church with a check for \$5,020.45, which was the profit from the Luau on August 12.



*This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. —Genesis 9:12-13*