As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we “set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, and [shall] bow down in [God’s] presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart. . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you’re tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.
Welcome, New Parishioners

Please pick up a registration form in the Narthex, at the doors of the church, in front of the office or on our website www.stagnesnaples.org. Completed forms may be dropped in the collection basket, hand delivered, mailed, emailed or faxed. Thank you for becoming part of our Parish Family.

God bless.

Bienvenidos, nuevos Feligreses

Por favor recojan su registración en el Narthex y puertas de la Iglesia, a la entrada de la oficina o en nuestro website, después de ser completada puede colocarla en la canasta de las ofrendas durante la misa, entregarla en la oficina, mandarla por correo, fax o e-mail. Gracias por hacerse miembro de nuestra familia.

Dios lo bendiga.

Parish Contacts

Pastor
Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor
Parochial Vicars
Rev. Kris Piotrowski
Rev. Michael P. Orsi
Rev. Luis H. Pacheco (Hispanic Ministry)
Deacons
Henry deMena, Roberto Landrón (Hispanic Ministry),
Hugh Muller
Operations Manager
Deacon Roberto Landrón
Office Manager
Maggie Brady
Receptionist/Admin. Assist.
Vicky Lopez
Bookkeeper
Diane Pappalardo
Admin. Assist. to the Pastor
Lisa Dahn
Administrative Assistant
Barbara Pikal
Faith Formation Director
Ivy O’Malley
Coordinator Of Catechesis
Rose Chambers
Admin. Assist. to Faith Formation
Jaynie Lopez
Youth and Young Adult Coordinator
Robert Massey
Admin. Asst. to Hispanic Ministry
Estela Delgado
Sacristan
Monica Osterhaus
Music Director
Paul Todd
Stewardship Coordinator
Gloria Carter
Communications Assistant
Yenlys Hernandez
Maintenance
Larry Biela

Sacrament of Baptism / El Sacramento del Bautismo
Baptisms are held on the first, second and third Sundays of the month.
Call the Parish Office for more information.
La familia tiene que estar registrada en la parroquia un mínimo de tres meses antes del Bautismo, con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa.
Llamar a Estela (239) 592-1949 ext. 112

Sacrament of Marriage / Sacramento del Matrimonio
Arrangements with a priest should be made at least six months in advance. At least one of the parties must be registered at St. Agnes and attending Mass for at least three months.
Se debe hacer una cita con el Padre Luis para el curso Pre-matrimonial por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de Boda.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults / Iniciación para Adultos
New groups begin each fall. Please call the parish office for more info.
Debe comunicarse con el Padre Luis

Communion for the Sick / Comunión para los Enfermos
Call the Parish Office to arrange for a priest or Extraordinary Minister to call.
Favor llamar a la oficina Parroquial.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK
MARCH 11 - 17

Monday, March 11
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 12
Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 13
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 14
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 15
1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday, March 16
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 17
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36
### MEETING PLACES
- YR = Youth Room
- CP = Chapel
- CR = Conference Room
- NX = Narthex
- PC = Parish Center
- CH = Church
- PR = Prayer Chapel
- CL = Classroom
- CY = Canopy
- BR = Bride’s Room

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### Youth Group
- 7pm Rosary for Peace (PR)  
- 7:30 Color Corps Practice (NX)

### Additional Events
- K of C Breakfast after 7:30, 9:00 & 11am Masses (PC Hall)
- K of C First Degree Exemplification (CL #1)
- K of C Officers’ Mtg. (CL #1)
- K of C Assembly Mtg. (CL #1)
- 6:30-6:30pm K of C Fish Bake (PC Hall)
- 3:30pm Mass (CH)
- 5:15pm Mass (CH)
Pray for Peace and Safety:

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask God’s blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return home safely so that we may rejoice with you.

SPC Peter Holder
PFC Scott Norris, USMC
A1C Michael Melicia, USAF
Francisco Chavez, USAF
SSG David Clark, USA
BM2(SW) Charley Davidson USN
PFC Zack Steelman
SSG Andrew White
Timothy D. Trax USA

SPC Michael Broderick
A1C Daniel R. Hamde, USAF
CDR Gregory Meyer
Spc Jacob Nienow USA
Nicholas Van Pelt U.S.A.F.

Capt. Dominic Francis Adams
Spec. Reynaldo Rodriguez USA
SGT Abbi Wenthold
A1C Peter Johnson, USAF
SPC Jorge Armando Nino
Vince Galer, USMC
Capt. Francisco Miranda, USA
LCPL James Sheran, USMC
PFB J. Hunter Judd, USMC
Lt. Julian Lidback, USA

A1C Victoria Landolfi USAF
SGT Ryan Byres
Tim Dempsey, USN
PFC Michael Rodriguez, USMC
SGT Victor Quiles, USA
2Lt. Sean Kealy, USA
Capt. Thomas E. L. Catalina, USMC
Sgt. Ian Corbett U.S.A.
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 9
8:30 a.m. ST. AGNES MEMORIAL MASS
3:30 p.m. +Mike and Liz Chiaccio
5:15 p.m. +John and Mary Knapp
3:30 p.m. Fr. Kris
5:15 p.m. Fr. Orsi
6:00 p.m. +Robert D. Foreman, Sr.
9:00 a.m. Our Parish Family
PRHS 10 a.m. +Rita & Joseph Szurley
11:00 a.m. +Armand R. Zambrano, Sr.
1:00 p.m. +Jorge Gutierrez
5:00 p.m. +Frank and Rita Martin
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Sunday March 10
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Monday March 11
8:30 a.m. +Lolita Cabrera
Noon +George Sklader
Tuesday March 12
8:30 a.m. Happy Birthday Christina Gillen
Noon +Julia Fiore

Wednesday March 13
8:30 a.m. +Pat McHugh
Noon +Robert Flanagan
Thursday March 14
8:30 a.m. +Mae and Bart Mitchell
Noon +Felipa Crespo
Friday March 15
8:30 a.m. +Mary & Terrence Cooke
Noon +Donald Foley

Saturday March 16
8:30 a.m. +Phyllis O’Meara
3:30 p.m. +Rick Furlong
5:15 p.m. +Anne Catalano
PRHS 10 a.m. +Bob and Carol DiBuono
11:00 a.m. +Luke Cuccia
1:00 p.m. +Dennis Navarra
5:00 p.m. +Albert & Marie Kanawaty

Sunday March 17
7:30 a.m. +Oscar & Anna Haaga
9:00 a.m. +Kelly Krauser Knott
PRHS 10 a.m. +Bob and Carol DiBuono
11:00 a.m. +Luke Cuccia
1:00 p.m. +Dennis Navarra
5:00 p.m. +Albert & Marie Kanawaty

WINE & HOSTS:
In Memory of Peter McGovern

We pray for:

Michael Meyers  Arthur Denero  Bernie Pikal
Evelyn Gronemeier  Brooks Limb  Kathleen Tyrrell
Luis Figueredo  John McKeon  Paula Vrendinski
Maria Jordana  Bob Noegale  Kathleen Selenga
Jane Fierstein  Russell P. Olsen  Joan Drechser
Kenneth Sanchez  Richard Dallin  Meredith DiFiore
Robert Donohue  Patty McCauley  Debra Cassara
Sebert Hogan  Anna Dimeglio  Carrie Griffith
Amila Ferreira  Jarret Ferreira  Ann Marie Morroity
Carolyn Fernandez  John Knapp  Donna Wylie
Debbie Torchetti  Dena Linga  Jorja Miller
Dell Rogers  Patty Hanzek  Heath Kulinski
Jim Walker  Rene Ledoux  Charles Wichtendahl
Peggy Wichtendahl  Sue Weatherman  Don Weatherman
Joy Taylor  Jake Settebrino  Mary Ann Holt
Dianne Rodia  Bill Staebell  Maggie Scolese
Brian Kenedy  Marian Simacek  Grace Haller
Sharon Clark  Wyatt Eastwood  Janet Caione
Suzanne Giannotti  Kathleen Moran  Harris Glotzer
Prijzman Family  Billy Leverage  Bonnie Erich
Grace McGuire  Tim Curran  Bill Santillo
Ann Curran  Catherine Catizone  Bill Foley
Butch Sutton  Laura Teens  Daniele Scaringi
Iris Deter  Donna Pontillo  Sharon Clark
Wyatt Eastwood  Mary Fish  John Lala
Molly Coulter  Nancy Purucker  Emerson Severino
Mitchell Reidy  Robert Norby  Tom Lyver
Marian Simacek  Grace Haller  Timothy Nofke
Estelle Hutta Scott  Kate Hosmer  Bill Drayton
Lee Stead  Ron Burke  Lisa Ross
Don Roessner  Robert Mazzucca  Bill Foley
Karlin Dickinson  M. Ruth Richardson  Gina Richardson
Megan Shramovich  Teri Crucified  John Mckeon
William Kearney  Joseph Grasso  Gary Orvis
Susanne Ledoux  Regala Cepero  Liz Bamberlin
Ann Basler  Sid Ferreira  Matthew Hosmer
Ciaran Cassidy  Kathy Burton  Dr. John Sexauer
Jerome Dempsey  Ken Gross  Alyssa T. Smilowicz
Kathy McGuirk  Steve Runse  Erin Sakmar
Linda Gillard  Louis Riolo  Lois T. Riolo
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Tim Yeager  Sue Boyle  Maggie Scolese
Jan Williams  Megan Flowers  Grace Haller
Dee Iuteri  Andy Fenske  Janet Caione
Nancy Pignone  Patricia Johnson  Harris Glotzer

Names will remain on the prayer list for approximately 4-6 weeks, as space allows. To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 592-1949 or e-mail maggie@stagnesnaples.org. Thank You.
Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes
Parish Groups and Ministries

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| Parish Vocation | Tom Thomas | 304-1340 |
| Prayer Chain | Email: deaconhenry@stagnesnaples.org |
| Prayer for Priests | Rosemary Benavitz | 404-1303 |
| Rosary for Peace | Aida Martin | 592-1949 |

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Claim Your Truth

It seems crucial that you realize deeply that your worth and value does not depend on anyone else. You have to claim your own inner truth. You are a person worth being loved and called to give love, not because anyone says so... but because you are created out of love and live in the embrace of a God who didn’t hesitate to send his only son to die for us... Your being good and worthy of love does not depend on any human being. You have to keep saying to yourself: “I am being loved...” It seems crucial that you realize deeply that your worth and value does not depend on anyone else. You have to claim your own inner truth. You are a person worth being loved and called to give love, not because anyone says so... but because you are created out of love and live in the embrace of a God who didn’t hesitate to send his only son to die for us... Your being good and worthy of love does not depend on any human being. You have to keep saying to yourself: “I am being loved by an unconditional, unlimited love and that love allows me to be a free person, center of my own actions and decisions.” The more you can come to realize this, the more you will be able to forgive those who have hurt you and love them in their brokenness. Without a deep feeling of self-respect, you cannot forgive and will always feel anger, resentment, and revenge. The greatest human act is forgiveness. “Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us.” Forgiveness stands in the center of God’s love for us and also in the center of our love for each other. Loving one another means forgiving one another over and over again.

–Henri Nouwen
Lent will be a wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. And we will give ourselves to it if we want it badly enough. We need to prepare our hearts. We can do so by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing.

Preparing our hearts is a process of preparing our desires. This means practicing a sense of anticipation. If I imagine Lent as an “ordeal” or a time I dread in some way, then I’ve already predisposed myself to not get very much out of it. Lent is a time to anticipate something wonderful that is about to happen. Our sense of excitement and anticipation will grow more easily if we begin to imagine what God wants to give us. Something is coming that we can truly look forward to. If we focus too much on what we are going to do or not do, we risk missing out on the gift God wants to give us. Lent is about God’s great desire to bless us. All grace comes from God and is, therefore, God’s gift. It is given to us to free us to love others as our Lord has loved us. What we want is to receive what God wants to give us.

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. “Come back to me, with all of your heart,” our Lord beckons (see Joel 2:12). “We will,” we respond, but we aren’t quite ready; our hearts are not prepared. We want to squirm, evade, avoid. We note that our souls are not yet perfect. We think we are not ready for God to love us. Yes, of course I want to have a deeper relationship with God, we tell ourselves earnestly. And we will...soon. God calls to us again: “Come back to me, with all of your heart.”

Something all of us can do is committing ourselves to being more reflective during Lent. We can simply make a point of being more observant, more aware of what we’re experiencing, more cognizant of our automatic behavior. We can then start paying attention to our many desires. During Lent, we can examine these desires and see which of them we need to purify, which we may need to abandon, and which are positive desires that we need to act on. Naming our deepest desires will guide the choices we make to establish new patterns for Lent.

From the first day of Lent, the Ash Wednesday readings make God’s call to us clear: “Return to me with your whole heart” (Joel 2:12 NAB). It is an extraordinary invitation from God to each one of us—to me in a personal, individual way. God invites me to drop the defenses that I hold up between myself and God.

God wants us to realize that our standards, our ways of judging and loving, are very different from God’s way, and so much smaller. God loves each one of us. For an entire Lenten season, for an entire lifetime, God loves each one of us.

“A clean heart create for me, God,” Psalm 51:12 NAB offers. “Give me back the joy of your salvation.” That is exactly what our loving God wants to give us, the joy of salvation.
St. Patrick’s Day Mass
Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the church

The St. Vincent De Paul Society is sponsoring a gathering following mass until 11:30 am. Join your fellow parishioners in the narthex and under the canopy for Irish coffee, regular coffee, orange juice, pastry and a sing along with Paul Todd!

The Mass collection will go to the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

Envelopes to support the work of the St. Vincent De Paul volunteers who provide financial and other support to the needy are in your envelope packet. Please deposit your envelope in the collection on St. Patrick’s Day or on the following Sunday.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

OPEN LETTER FROM ST. AGNES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO MEMBERS OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

U.S. SENATOR MARCO RUBIO; U.S. SENATOR RICK SCOTT;
U.S. CONGRESSMAN MARIO DIAZ-BALART; U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FRANCIS ROONEY

A recent Wall Street Journal (WSJ) Editorial (01/03/2019) reported that Sens, Kamala Harris (D. Calif.) and Mazie Hirono (D. Hawaii) viciously attacked a judicial nominee appointed to a Federal District Court in Nebraska. Senators Harris and Hirono said he should be disqualified from sitting on that Court because he is a member of the Knights of Columbus which Sen Hirono said holds “a number of extreme positions” particularly on same sex marriage and abortion.

Sen. Harris also criticized the Knights for being an “all-male society” and its leader, Carl Anderson because of anti-abortion statements he has made. The WSJ Editorial also quotes Sen, Diane Feinstein (D. Calif.) criticizing a Notre Dame Law Professor who had been nominated to a seat on a Federal Appeals Court saying “the dogma lives loudly within you and that’s of concern.”

By condemning the Knights as holding extreme positions and by denigrating the moral teachings of the Catholic Church these three Senators are attempting to ban members of the Knights from holding public office. And they want to establish a religious test for public office holders, in contravention of Constitutional guarantees.

The members of the Knights of Columbus of St. Agnes Parish, Naples, have chosen this forum to inform the Members of our Congressional Delegation and our fellow citizens of our unequivocal support of the moral teachings of the Catholic Church on the matter of abortion.

Simultaneously we wish to express our unequivocal condemnation of the recently enacted New York law allowing an abortion of a fetus up until the time of birth. The enactment of the NY law and the consideration of similar legislation in other states amounts to the legalization of infanticide.

All members of the Knights throughout the United States have recently received a letter from Carl Anderson, the leader of the Knights, reminding our members of the U. S. Constitution’s prohibition of a religious test as a requirement for those who seek public office and the Constitution’s guarantee of the free exercise of religion by all citizens of this country. Mr. Anderson was unequivocal in stating any suggestion that a Knight’s profession of his belief in the moral teachings of the Catholic Church makes him unfit for public office is a blatant violation of those Constitutional guarantees.

On behalf of our more than 400 members of the Knights of Columbus St. Agnes Assembly and Council, and the hundreds of thousands of other Knights and Catholics of Southwest Florida who are your constituents, we respectfully request that you, as our Member of U.S. Congress/ U.S. Senate, make a strong statement on the floor of the House/Senate condemning this vicious and unwarranted attack on the members of the Knights of Columbus and upon the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For over a hundred years there have been strong and successful Evangelization Programs created through Missions. Financial assistance continues to be needed by the Churches and programs for assistance to parishes and schools in mission areas in our own country.

The distances of the past are not the problem they were for early missionaries, but the ministry challenges remain similar as regards evangelization, the Sacrifice of the Mass and the sacraments to African Americans, Native Americans, Eskimos, Aleuts, and more. Annual grants made possible by the National Black and Indian Mission Collection go to initiatives such as parish catechesis, educational outreach to youth, and encouraging priestly and religious vocations. The impoverished areas in which many of these communities find themselves in desperate need of sustained pastoral ministry and Catholic education. With your help, these communities will receive much-needed assistance and will be able to more effectively spread the Catholic Faith.

The Black and Indian Mission Collection is scheduled to take place in the Diocese of Venice on March 10, 2019. Your generosity to this collection reflects your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American families. Thank you!

I take this opportunity to extend to you my continued consideration as well as my prayers throughout this Lenten Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice in Florida

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Diocese of Venice English Catholic Charismatic Renewal Annual Conference March 30, 2019

Epiphany Cathedral Parish Center
310 Sarasota St, Venice, FL
Music by The Magnificat Music Ministry
Praise & Worship, Personal Prayer Ministry
Eucharistic Adoration, Teachings Reconciliation
$25.00 Registration Fee

No Walk-Ins Please

For More Info Visit www.dvccr.org
**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

First Degree Exemplification: Sunday, March 17, Classroom #1, 10:00 A.M.
Assembly Officers’ Meeting: Monday, March 18, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
   Officers’ Meeting: Monday, March 18, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, March 20, Narthex, 7:30 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, April 1, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
   Council Meeting: Monday, April 1, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, April 3, Narthex, 7:30 P.M.
First Degree Exemplification: Monday, April 15, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, April 17, Narthex, 7:30 P.M.
Assembly Officers’ Meeting: Monday, April 29, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, April 29, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.

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**Lenten Fish Bake**

The Lenten Fish Bake will continue on Friday’s through Lent.
They will be held in the Parish Center from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
$12 for Adults and $6 for Children.
Eucharistic Adoration

We have completed seven weeks of Eucharistic Adoration. God is truly blessing this ministry! As we continue to grow, we hope that Jesus in The Eucharist will unite us and draw us ever more closely to Him. Thank you all for praying before the Holy Eucharist with us.

We are still looking for adorers. Our goal is to make Eucharistic Adoration perpetual 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We need to have at least two adorers per hour from different households, preferably three or four adorers per hour. Eucharistic Adoration is now open from 9 a.m. on Mondays to 9 p.m. on Fridays and we have expanded the sign up to Saturdays and Sundays. Feel free to sign up for an hour on Saturdays and Sundays. We especially need adorers Monday-Fridays from 12 midnight to 9 a.m.

We would like to make a special appeal to the men, singles, husbands and fathers of our parish community. Just as God the Father entrusted to St. Joseph, His faithful servant, the guardianship and protection of Jesus and the Blessed Mother so He has entrusted to men, husbands and fathers, this same guardianship and protection of their wives, children and communities. You have been called to a life of sacrificial love and generous giving, a life of unselfish devotedness to your families and communities. This noble calling can only be directed and sustained by the guidance and gifts of the Holy Spirit. This noble calling will bring you great joy and peace when you open your heart to the grace and gifts God so generously wants to pour out upon you. Come, Men of Courage, into the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and He will give you all that you need and desire. Take up your rosaries and follow your Warrior Queen, the Virgin Mary, into the presence of her Son. Mary, Mother of the Eucharist is calling you to come and adore her Son in the Eucharist. Rise up, Men of Courage and commit one hour each week, perhaps even in the middle of the night, to spend in the quiet presence of your Loving God and Savior. He will not be outdone in generosity. Come men of Courage!

Currently, we have 30 hours a week we need to fill up with more adorers. Those who have signed up for the middle of the night hours need support from others. Let us build an army of prayer warriors for the Lord!

Please go to www.stagnesnaples.org and click on the link for Perpetual Adoration to register. There is a hyperlink on the St. Agnes website with instructions on how to register on adorationservants.org as well as instructions on how to login after registering. Once you have registered, you will receive an email from Adoration Servants notifying you that you are registered. You will then need to contact Deacon Roberto for your access code by calling 307-4265 or emailing deaconroberto@stagnesnaples.org.

“You will not spend one hour watching with Me?”

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers!

• Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood, 1425 Creech Road, Naples (corner of Creech & Goodlette-Frank Roads, east of US 41)

• Vigil hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays

St. Agnes designated days to pray are Thursday, March 21, 28, and April 4th.

40daysforlife.com/naples

For more information call carol Gentile at 973-809-7320
Your invited to join Fr. Bob Kantor for an

Oberammergau Passion Play experience
& Blue Danube River Cruise
Munich, Oberammergau, Passau, Melk, Vienna, Esztergom, Budapest

Departure: May 19 to May 28, 2020*

including cruise, accommodations, some meals and drinks, transportation from Naples & airfare MIA as well as entrance to the “once every decade” Oberammergau passion play.

Travel to Munich and to Oberammergau for you to experience a play like no other in the world. What made Oberammergau town famous, was its performance of the Passion of Christ every decade. It is believed that the Passion Play has been held every 10 years since 1634. A play of life and death, promised in a moment of mortal threat, and so began the history of the Oberammergau Passion Play in 1633. During that time, the Black Plague was sweeping through Europe. The villagers of Oberammergau vowed that if their town was spared, they would perform the Passion of Christ every 10 years. The town was spared, and it is amazing that they have been honoring this pledge from generation to generation. The Passion Play performance follows Christ from His triumphant entry into Jerusalem through His Trial, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Then, as a Grand Finale, your tour will take you on a cruise along one of Europe’s most romantic rivers, you will sail through history into a world filled with a variety of amazing architecture and breathtaking scenery. Our Oberammergau Passion Play & Passau to Budapest cruise takes you on a journey of discovery into “Old Europe,” uncovering ancient abbeys, beautiful palaces, historic landmarks and stunning vistas. From the villages of Melk & Passau, to the vibrant and cosmopolitan cities of Vienna, & Budapest. Your trip will highlight iconic sights and bustling city streets. You can look forward to enjoying all this from the deck of a 4 ½ star Ship!

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For info, please contact: Get Out of Town Travel – Nancy Sant’Angelo Reyelt
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SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

Doors Open: 5 PM
Dinner: 6:15 PM
Cost: $30 a Ticket

Corned Beef and Cabbage with all the Fixings plus an Italian Sausage Dish

For Tickets Contact
Perry Walker at 815.791.2146
or Al Striebel at 603.897.9019

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Tickets are $30 - Proceeds go to benefit the St. Agnes CFA
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To sign up, call the office or email Ivy@StAgnesNaples.org
St. Agnes Parish 15 March 10, 2019

You are cordially invited to

CELEBRATE SETON

A Night in Napa

Saturday, April 6th
5:30-10:30 p.m.
The Vineyards Country Club

Come enjoy:
Wine Bar, Dinner, Dancing, Live & Silent Auctions
Tickets $75

*Mobile Bidding Opens Monday, April 1st*
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Contact SES Advancement Office: 239-455-2262, ext. 307

ST. AGNES
CA$H RAFFLE

HURRY! GET YOUR TICKETS! DRAWING IS MARCH 16TH!

$20,000 In Cash Prizes
The drawing will be held March 16th, 2019
during our St. Patrick’s Day Dance.
Winner need not be present to win.

CASH PRIZES
• 1st prize $10,000
• 2nd prize $5,000
• 3rd prize $2,000
• 4th-6th prizes $1,000

Donation $25 per ticket or 5 tickets for $100
Make checks payable to St. Agnes


Tickets are on sale in the Narthex after Mass, in the Parish Office during the week, and online at www.stagnesnaples.org. Proceeds benefit Capital Improvements at St. Agnes & New Mission Development and our Diocesan Catholic Schools.
Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter through faith in action with CRS Rice Bowl.

Pick up your CRS Rice Bowl from the Stewardship Table in the Narthex of the Main Church.

Enjoy a five minute digital retreat: “Who is my neighbor?” that juxtaposes the words of Jesus’ parable with the words of Pope Francis, connecting an ancient teaching with a present reality. Because we are all called to be Good Samaritans, especially today, as so many of our brothers and sisters are forced from their homes, fleeing violence, economic hardship, persecution and climate injustice.

Find this and more Lenten resources at Crsricebowl.org or through the app.

Welcome.
There is More to Life.
Dynamic Catholic

Are you thriving or just surviving?
We all have an insatiable desire for happiness. We all want to feel like we belong. And we all want to find friends who will walk with us through life’s challenges.

Join us for our upcoming Welcome Weekend. It’s an incredible overnight experience hosted by our parish that will inspire you to:

• Find clarity and purpose in your life
• Form meaningful relationships
• Approach your life with renewed energy and a fresh perspective

Men’s Weekend: March 30-31

To learn more, contact Tom Bohardt at 216/533-7755 or TBohardt@yahoo.com and Judy Bohardt at 440/785-2459 or JBohardt611@yahoo.com.

It’s amazing how just one yes can change your life. We hope to see you there!
Monthly Date Night
Monday, March 11

St Agnes Parish Center
6pm drinks & appetizers
6:30pm dinner w/show &
couples discussion

Beautifully filmed and featuring
acclaimed marriage experts,
“Beloved” speaks to the very heart
of every man and woman. Learn
how putting God at the center of
your life together can transform
everyday challenges into life-
giving joy. Join us monthly for the
whole series: Mar 11, Apr 8, May
13, June 24, July 8, Aug 12, Sept

Register & pay $40 per couple at www.StAgnesNaples.org
or at the Parish Office. Childcare is provided.
Questions? Rose@StAgnesNaples.org

St Agnes Annual Parish Mission
March 25-27 at 7pm

Our mission Priest will also celebrate 8:30am Mass,
Mon-Wed, preaching on the Scriptures of the day.

Fr. Jim Sichko
60 MINUTES FOR JESUS

Known for his storytelling,
Fr. Jim weaves everyday life
experiences with the rooted
messages that lie within
the Gospel.
Last month teens from St. Agnes and the Jewish B’nai B’rith Youth Organization (BBYO) came together to organize a Catholic Jewish Unity event hosted at St. Agnes. The event was a success! A big thanks to all the organizers!

Important Youth Group Update
Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Snapchat to see all the fun and exciting events we are doing this year!
Facebook: St. Agnes High School Youth Group
Twitter: @saintagnesyg
Snapchat: Agnes Naples

Questions? robert@stagnesnpalys.org
239-592-1949 Ext. 150

Middle School Youth Group
EDGE
Thursdays 6:30-8:15 pm

3/10... Spring Break, no Life Night. See you next week!
3/17... Life Night: “In Progress.” Come find clarity to these stereotypical rites of passage that are glorified in teen years: rebelling, drinking, disobeying parents, etc.
3/24... Life Night: This Life Night will help us understand how indulging in addictions is not only dangerous but also hinders our true freedom found in Christ.

3/14... Spring Break, No Edge Night. See you next week!
3/21... Edge Night: This Edge Night will help us understand how indulging in addictions is not only dangerous but also hinders our true freedom found in Christ.
3/28... Edge Night: “In Progress.” Come find clarity to these stereotypical rites of passage that are glorified in teen years: rebelling, drinking, disobeying parents, etc.

All events are in the Youth Room of the Parish Center located behind the main church.
EVENTOS PARROQUIALES HISPANOS

Los días de atención a los feligreses del Padre Luis Pacheco son los jueves y viernes de 10:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. El Diácono Roberto Landron está disponible de lunes a Viernes.
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A medida que empezamos nuestro tiempo de oración, limosna y ayuno, la lectura del libro del Deuteronomio nos recuerda nuestro deber de ofrecer: “Dejarás los frutos en la presencia del Señor tu Dios, te postrarás ante él” (Deuteronomio 26:10). La lectura de la carta a los romanos nos refiere a nuestra oración, recordándonos que “La palabra está cerca de ti, en tu boca y en tu corazón … todo el que invoque el nombre del Señor se salvará” (Romanos 10:8, 13). Estas palabras son reconfortantes, y nos animan a pedir a Dios aquello que necesitamos y nos ayuda en nuestra oración.
Por último, el Evangelio de Lucas nos muestra a Jesús ayunando, siendo tentado así como lo somos nosotros y además él entiendo lo que significa ser humano. Alguien una vez dijo que la tentación surge cuando se está cansado y rendido; y el mal viene y hace una sugerencia perfectamente razonable. Jesús no muestra que, con su ayuda, nosotros también podemos vencer nuestras tentaciones, tan razonable como pueda sonar.

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