



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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM & 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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St. Agnes Outreach to our Concord Neighbors

At the recent St. Agnes Town Hall, we discussed the need for greater outreach and evangelism in our neighborhoods. Each weekend we average about 1,000 people attending Mass at St. Agnes. About 25,000 people live within our parish boundaries, including about 6,000 who self-identify as Catholic. What are we doing to reach out to these people? What more can we do? "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Our Communications Committee is focused on reaching out to our neighbors in the Concord community, but we need your help to do that. Here are a few opportunities:

We need some help with videography. As you know, short video clips are a vital part in every website and social media outreach program. Professional videography services are fairly expensive, so before we ask the parish to ante-up several thousand dollars for a 2-3 minute professional video, we thought we would ask if any parishioner has some video software and skills (amateur or professional) and would be willing to offer their time and talent?

We need some help with Yelp. Our neighboring Catholic and Protestant churches are way ahead of us in terms of the number of Yelp reviews and also other sites with reviews like Google Maps, TripAdvisor, Glassdoor, and Yahoo. You don't even have to get off your sofa to help us with this. Just login to these sites and tell them what you think. We also need more likes, follows and recommendations on social media like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Do you know anything about Google analytics and ways to optimize our performance on search results? We would appreciate help and guidance with that too. When you search for Concord Catholic or Christian churches or schools, St. Agnes is often not coming up on the first page of the search results. We need to fix that.

We also need help with traditional media like newspapers (online and print) and mailings. If you faithfully read a local paper or blog, maybe you can be our St. Agnes contact for that media outlet and send in event notices or other advertising? We are also planning to do some mailings to people who have recently moved into our parish. Would you like to help with that?

You and I are the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in the world. Sharing our faith with our family, friends, and neighbors is a commandment, not a suggestion (Mark 16:15). Today we have so many new tools which are enabling us to reach out to neighbors in positive ways! Let's not miss these opportunities to bring faith, hope, and love to those who need it.

If you can help, or if you have questions, please contact Mike McDermott at mtmcder@pacbell.net or 925-451-1072.

St. Agnes Social Media connections:

Parish Website: www.stagnesparish.net

Instagram: [stagnesparishconcord](https://www.instagram.com/stagnesparishconcord) Twitter: [@stagnesparish](https://twitter.com/stagnesparish)

Facebook: [@stagnesparish](https://www.facebook.com/stagnesparish)

School Website: www.stagnesconcord.com

School Facebook: [@stagneschoolconcord](https://www.facebook.com/stagneschoolconcord)

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 5: \$14,600.00

Includes Faith Direct Giving

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Faith and Spirituality

FOR SPIRITUALITY:

DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL

Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM. (Communion Service on Wed.)
Friday morning at 8:15 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel daily from 6 am—9 pm. Contact Sumner or Veronica Peery at 827-0916 for scheduling.

FOR ADULT LEARNING:

SCRIPTURE SHARING - Summer break until Sept. 6.

FOR MINISTRY:

PRAYER TREE - A ministry of people who pray specifically for those who are ill. Please notify the parish office if you or a member of your family are in, or going into, the hospital.

HELPING HANDS: Please call **Pat Lesniak, 682-9296.**

MARTINEZ SHELTER MEALS: Plan a meal for 35 residents. Purchase & prepare food; serve dinner at the shelter. Please contact to volunteer: **Anne Kurylo, 925-876-7510 or Anne.kurylo@gmail.com.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Hotline at
(925) 689-0838, Ext. 250.

CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:

Contact **Stacy Appel** by e-mail at ***Stacy.Appel@johnmuirhhealth.com***.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION, EDGE & CONFIRMATION

Registration packets for 2018/2019 are available in the vestibules, at the Welcome Table and in the Ministry Center. Classes begin mid-September. For any questions, please contact Linda or Donna in the Faith Formation Office at (925) 689-0838.

Registration packets for second year Confirmation students have been mailed. Confirmation sessions for both Year 1 and Year 2 begin on September 16th.

Parent Information Session will be on Monday, September 10th.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR SACRAMENTS?**

If you are an adult who is interested in becoming Catholic, St. Agnes RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) begins its program of sacramental preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation on **Sunday, September 16, 2018**. Classes meet weekly on Sunday mornings in the Ministry Center and culminate with the Sacraments received at the Easter Vigil Mass. If you are an adult and missed Confirmation, you can join the RCIA class in January and be confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass. **There is no cost and no obligation!**

Registration cards are at the Welcome Table (please place them in the black box) or you may contact Deacon Bill Drobnick by e-mail at ***deaconbill3@gmail.com***.

STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:

<i>Alice Alimurung</i>	<i>Anneke Cronander-Ford</i>	<i>Maria Hills</i>	<i>Maureen Ryan</i>
<i>Dianna Andrews</i>	<i>William Cummins</i>	<i>Earl Koski</i>	<i>Greg Scaletti</i>
<i>Norm Andrews</i>	<i>Anthony Davi</i>	<i>Joseph Mallon</i>	<i>Betty Sullivan</i>
<i>Jim Armstrong</i>	<i>Franca Del Ponte</i>	<i>Aisling Morgan</i>	<i>Carolyn Thompson</i>
<i>Ron Artale</i>	<i>Stephen Dixon</i>	<i>Edward Nettelman</i>	<i>Bill van Hattem</i>
<i>Terry Brophy</i>	<i>Paul Duffy</i>	<i>Susan Noard</i>	<i>David Vizcay</i>
<i>Kathryn Cases</i>	<i>Marie Frisbie</i>	<i>Anne O'Neill</i>	<i>Judy Wiget</i>
<i>Trinity Cereghino</i>	<i>Karen Gee</i>	<i>Anna Mae Parcja</i>	<i>Paul Wiget</i>
<i>Iman Chang</i>	<i>Merv Hammond</i>	<i>Barbara Peters</i>	<i>Betty Wilson</i>
<i>Gil Chavez</i>	<i>Tony Hennessy</i>	<i>Ellie Rowe</i>	
<i>Rich Cotter</i>	<i>Doug Hieb</i>	<i>Jaden Ruybalid</i>	

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 11, 2018

5:00 p.m. Daniel Do Rosario—Repose
Angelo Villasenor—Repose
Beatrice Villasenor—Repose

Sunday, August 12, 2018

7:00 a.m. Patricia Mary Press Afinowicz—Repose
Maddy McCarthy—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Alexander Rohleder—Repose
Veronica Bausa—Special Intention
John Downs—Special Intention
11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
5:00 p.m. Edmund Acma—Repose
Segundino & Asastacia Acma—Repose
Gene Hersom—Repose

Monday, August 13, 2018

8:00 a.m. Hans Franciscus—Repose
Gene Hersom—Repose
Felicisimo Santos—Repose

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Telesfora Legaspi—Repose
Eileen Oswald—Repose
Jean McCarthy—Special Intention

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. and For the People of St. Agnes,
7:30 p.m. Living and Deceased

Thursday, August 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. Margaret Archuleta—Repose
Deceased Members of the Fenolio Family
Deceased Members of the Frisbie Family

Friday, August 17, 2018

8:15 a.m. Tomas Legaspi, Jr.—Repose
Irene Lo Grasso—Repose
Carmen Santos—Repose

Saturday, August 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. Frances Rose Afinowicz—Repose
Joe Cornella—Repose
Gene Hersom—Repose
5:00 p.m. Veronica Velasco—Repose
Trino & Elvira Zenarosa—Repose

Sunday, August 19, 2018

7:00 a.m. Naty Reyes Aurellano—Repose
John Downs—Special Intention
Pat Hersom—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Robert F. Healey, Sr.—Repose
Shirley Jean Morris—Repose
William Pilkerton—Repose
11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
5:00 p.m. Eric R. Culp—Repose

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, August 12, 2018

The Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, August 12, after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses.

Monday, August 13, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Reaching Out Committee—A.R.
7:00 p.m. CYO—G.P.

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class—G.P.

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

8:00 a.m. Mass—Church
6:00 p.m. PACE Meeting—8th Grade Classroom
7:30 p.m. Mass—Church

Thursday, August 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

Friday, August 17, 2018

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

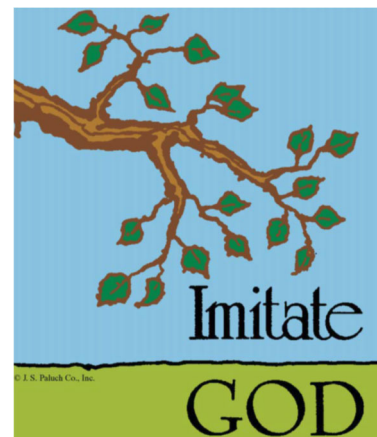
Saturday, August 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church

Fair Trade and Hospitality after weekend Masses August 18-19.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



Parish News and Activities

STOP BY AND HAVE BREAKFAST WITH US TODAY AFTER 9 AND 11 A.M. MASSES

The Knights are in the kitchen once again! Stop by for breakfast on Sunday after the 9 or 11 a.m. Mass to enjoy a hot breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage or ham, and coffee, tea or juice while catching up with your fellow parishioners. The cost is only \$3.50, and you don't have to wash dishes after!



FAIR TRADE AUGUST 18 & 19

WE'RE BACK with another table filled with our signature fairly traded and organically grown COFFEE, TEA, COCOA AND CHOCOLATE BARS!!



*NEW! Don't want to eat a whole bar of chocolate at one sitting? Try our **Dark or Milk Mini Chocolates** now bundled in small packs of 25 pc. each, equivalent to one bite at a time, satisfying your chocolate urge with no waste!*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Careful readers of the "Treasures" will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.

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As always, your purchases make it possible for small farmers to own and govern their land together as a co-operative to achieve economic and social independence.

Thanks to all our St Agnes parishioners who support our sales each month.



The St. Agnes Retired Seniors will have their next meeting on Tuesday, August 28, at 11:00 AM, in the Church Hall. It will be a pot luck luncheon, so attendees are asked to bring a main dish or a side dish, or a salad, or a dessert (about 6 portions). STARS is open to all seniors, and there are no membership dues or fees. For further information stock by the Welcome Table after weekend Masses. For information, you may call Bob Rigor at 925 202-6239.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 12 Pancake Breakfast after 9 & 11 am Masses
- 18-19 Fair Trade/Hospitality Weekend
- 19 Baptisms, 12:15 p.m.
- 22 First Day of School (St. Agnes)
- 27 STARS Luncheon, 11 a.m., Church Hall

CELEBRATING OUR FAITH FROM THE ISLANDS TO THE MAINLAND

By Diana Pascual

St. Agnes was truly blessed during the two weeks of the Pilgrim Cross' visitation to our parish. Parishioners who attended the Welcome Mass that was celebrated on July 21st at the 5pm mass, a day after the Cross' arrival to our church on July 20th, witnessed the solemnity of the procession of the Cross that was made even more regal by the presence of the Knights of Columbus color guards. Parishioners also enjoyed the hospitality and reception that the St. Agnes Fil-Am community hosted after mass. The next 12 days of prayerful service at the chapel each night at 7pm truly brought the deep devotion of our parishioners to Christ and His blessed Mother, Mary.

As we said goodbye to the Pilgrim Cross on August 3rd during the first Friday mass and benediction, we felt a longing for this kind of spirituality among our parishioners. So, to continue the celebration of the Pilgrim Cross up to its culmination in the year 2021 and to keep the spirit of Christ alive, all parishioners are invited to a symposium entitled "Rooting, Uprooting, and Replanting: The Filipino Experience of Moving from Home (the Philippines) to Home (Oakland Diocese, Bay Area) on Saturday, September 29, 2018 to be held at the Monsignor Cardelli Activity Center, St. Isidore Church in Danville from 9am until 3pm. The event is free and lunch will be provided. Registration is requested and is available online using this link [Celebrating our Faith from the Islands to the Mainland](#) .

We hope to see as many of you who have welcomed the Pilgrim Cross to St. Agnes during these two blessed weeks at the Symposium on September 29th. As the closing statement in the prayer for the 500th anniversary of Filipino Catholic Evangelization says "We fervently implore that You continue to strengthen and empower us so that the faith we have received may become the journey we will ever live and the mission we will ever propagate, thereby bringing us to a divine encounter with Christ the Light, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen".

Community Activities

Calling All Women!



**Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women
invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast
September 8, 2018 9:30 -12:30
Crowne Plaza
45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA**

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration
from our speaker Yolanda Rodriguez!

Answering the call of her heart to serve women and lead others
to Jesus through Mary, Yolanda has dedicated her life to the Immaculata teaching women
about their God-given dignity, mission, and beauty as daughters of God.

Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after September 1st.

For more information: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-a-d/ca-walnut-creek/>
Email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.



During the Pilgrim Cross visitation at St. Agnes, nightly novenas were held in the Chapel. The photo on the top left is from the last night of the Fatima Novena on July 29th.

The photos immediately below and bottom left are from the last night of the Divine Mercy Novena on August 2nd.

The final photo (bottom right) is from the last day of the Pilgrim Cross visit on August 3, with Fr. Erick Villa, Pilgrim Cross Visitation Coordinator.

Thank you to all the members of the Fil-Am Committee who coordinated this memorable visit and nightly novenas.

