



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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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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November is Homelessness Awareness Month

November is a busy month filled with feast days and holidays. It's the time of year when we all reflect on our lives, finding gratitude and peace in where and who we are. But there are many families and individuals that will not be able to come together during the season, torn apart by hunger and homelessness. The epidemic of hunger and homelessness sadly affects too many adults and children in our community. This month gives us an opportunity to educate ourselves on the plight of the hungry and unsheltered. We each play a part in ending homelessness in our community. How will you get involved?

Learn: Research the statistics of homeless at www.cchealth.org/homeless. On any given night in 2018, 1,537 individuals, including seniors and children were living outside. Join a community conversation about homelessness hosted by the Concord Library, **November 29th, 3 pm-4:30 pm.**

Advocate: Talk to the city council about options to help address homelessness

Service: Watch for upcoming coat drive. Donate your extra clothes. Collect toiletries when you stay in a hotel and donate them. Volunteer with the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

"In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ"---Pope Francis

For more information about how to get involved or where to take your donations, please contact Gloria Schafer gaschafer@sbcglobal.net, Don DeWitt ddewitt15@comcast.net or Kathie Hieb at dnkhi@astound.net. Homeless Outreach Team, St. Agnes St Vincent de Paul Conference.

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 4: \$13,026.00

Includes Faith Direct Giving

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Faith and Spirituality

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Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 10, 2018

5:00 p.m. Daniel Do Rosario—Repose
Earl Koski—Repose
Greg Scaletti—Repose

Sunday, November 11, 2018

7:00 a.m. Jack Newton—Repose
John Newton—Repose
Richard Newton—Repose
9:00 a.m. Greg Scaletti—Repose
11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
5:00 p.m. Earl Koski—Repose
Theresa Valcalda—Repose
Paul Murray—Special Intention

Monday, November 12, 2018

8:00 a.m. Manuela Santos—Repose

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

8:00 a.m. Beatriz Legaspi—Repose
Kim Kirvie P. Mapaye—Special Intention

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, November 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. Margaret Archuleta—Repose
Felicisimo Santos—Repose

Friday, November 16, 2018

8:15 a.m. Telesfora Legaspi—Repose

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. Juan del Gallego—Repose
5:00 p.m. Louis Ferrari—Repose
Sylvia Ferras—Repose
Judy Wiget—Repose

Sunday, November 18, 2018

7:00 a.m. Betty Bowen—Repose
Joe Cornella—Repose
Earl Koski—Repose
9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
11:00 a.m. Yvette Farrington—Repose
Rudy Van Nieuwburg—Repose
David Ewer—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Patti Esquibel—Repose
Joy Himsl—Repose
Earl Koski—Repose



Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Pancake Breakfast after 9 and 11 a.m. Masses
The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Cards after all Weekend Masses. Warm Coat Drive.
3:00 p.m. Confirmation Prep Classes



Monday, November 12, 2018

The Ministry Center will be closed November 12 in Celebration of the Veterans Day Holiday

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

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:00 p.m. PACE Meeting—8th Grade Classroom
7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class—G.P.
7:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds—A.R.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters—Cauchi Hall
7:30 p.m. Youth Band Practice—Church

Thursday, November 15, 2018

7:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Scripture Study—A.R.
6:00 p.m. ICF—Cauchi Hall
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice—Church
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—Church Hall
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

Friday, November 16, 2018

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
1:30 p.m. School Thanksgiving Prayer Service—Church
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting—A.R.

Saturday, November 17, 2018

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

Fair Trade and Hospitality after all weekend Masses November 17-18. Warm Coat Drive continues.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
Monday: St. Josaphat
Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Thursday: St. Albert the Great
Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Parish News and Activities

GIVING TREE

The Giving Trees are up and loaded with 'Stars'! Please take one (or several) to help make Christmas happier for the needy of our community. Individuals receiving your gifts have been carefully screened and are very deserving. The return date for gifts (which is on the back of each 'star') is the weekend of December 8/9 no later than after the 11:00 Mass. Please bring your gifts with the stars attached to Mass that weekend. Gifts will be distributed to agencies at 12 noon on Sunday, December 9th.



If you are a member of the St. Agnes Parish Family and are having a difficult time financially this season, the St. Agnes Giving Tree could help make your or your family's Christmas a little brighter. Stop by the Ministry Center and complete a short form by Thursday, December 6. The information you provide will be kept confidential.

ST. MARY'S DINNER Request for Cooked Turkeys 12/16/18

On December 16th, St. Agnes will once again provide a Christmas dinner for the seniors at St. Mary's Center in downtown Oakland. If you would be willing to roast a turkey and deliver it to the church kitchen on the morning of December 16th, please call Linda Lorenzetti at (925) 595-4820. Thank you for your generosity!



KIDS CRAFTS November 18th after 9 and 11 a.m. Masses

We encourage any children that would like to help make placemats for the people who will be attending the Loaves and Fishes Thanksgiving Dinner to stop by the craft table after the 9 am and 11 am Masses next weekend. In this way, your family can be part of a welcome for those who don't have another place to go on Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FOR OUR TROOPS November 18th

The Blue Star Moms will have a postcard table set up on November 18th after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses to sign Christmas cards for our military troops.



They will also be collecting items to send, and are in need of baby wipes, beef jerky and travel-sized toiletries for their care packages.

Questions, contact Chris Artale at rartaleca@comcast.net or Anna Henesy at henesymom@aol.com.

FAIR TRADE SALES NOVEMBER 17 & 18

"Slow down, you move too fast. Gotta make the mornin' last, Just kickin' down the cobblestones, Lookin' for fun and feelin' grooooovy!!"



Slow down and feel groovy relaxing with a hot cup of Fair Trade Coffee, Fragrant Tea or Hot Cocoa with Tamari Almonds and Chocolates on the side. Our Fair Trade Sales Table has all the groovy items mentioned above to "make your morning last"!

Giving thanks for your support.
Happy Thanksgiving!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 11 Pancake Breakfast after 9 and 11 a.m. Masses
- 14 Catholic Daughters, 7:00 p.m.
- 17/18 Hospitality Weekend/Fair Trade Coat Collection Weekend
- 18 Blue Star Mom Table after 9, 11 & 5 pm Mass
Kids Craft Table after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses
Baptisms, 12:15 p.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9:00 a.m.

**SHOW YOU CARE—Help us fill our basket with hygiene products for the homeless
November 17th & 18th—Care baskets will be in the back of the Church by the St. Agnes Statue**

Did you know that the St. Agnes St. Vincent de Paul Homeless Outreach makes Hygiene Kits for the “Unsheltered”? We have made hundreds and they have been distributed throughout Concord and the County. Would you like to help us in this project? The following items are always needed for the kits:

- **Travel Size:** Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Lotion, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Tissue, Hand Wipes, Hand Sanitizer
- **Other Items:** Wash Cloths, Deodorant, Dental Floss, Band Aids, First Aid Cream, Gallon Size Ziplock bags.

For questions, contact: Gloria Schafer gaschafer@sbcglobal.net, Kathie Hieb dnkhi@astound.net or Don DeWitt ddewitt15@comcast.net.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**A little quiz for Homelessness Awareness Month
Could You Survive on the Street?**

Put a check mark by each item you know how to do

- ☐ 1. I know where the best Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens are.
- ☐ 2. I know which grocery stores' garbage bins can be accessed for thrown-away food.
- ☐ 3. I know how to create a “bedroom” for my children in the backseat of the car.
- ☐ 4. I know where to go to shower and wash my clothes.
- ☐ 5. I know how to live without electricity and a phone.
- ☐ 6. I know how to get and use food stamps.
- ☐ 7. I know where the free medical clinics are.
- ☐ 8. I know the safest places to sleep outdoors.
- ☐ 9. I know where the Family Shelters are.
- ☐ 10. I can carry all my possessions in a backpack.

These are just some of the challenges that our “unsheltered” brothers and sisters face on a daily basis. When your stomach is full from a hot nutritious meal instead of spoiled discarded, ant covered food pulled from a trash can or when you climb into a hot shower before getting into a warm bed in a place you call home...

Please Remember Them.

Community Activities

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY

Want to get more engaged with **YOUR** nonprofit? Come to Catholic Charities one-hour mission based “Transforming Lives Tour.” Learn how your time, talents and treasures can help children, youth and families succeed in school and in life!

Join us either November 13 or December 11 from Noon to 1 PM at Catholic Charities office at 433 Jefferson Street, Oakland. To register, please call (510) 768-3133.



Gloria Schafer spoke at the Concord City Council Meeting on October 23rd on behalf of the St. Agnes St. Vincent de Paul Conference. The City Council issued an official proclamation citing November as “Homeless Awareness Month.”



Priests praying for Bishop Michael Barber at the recent Convocation of Priests.