

Saint Agnes Parish

Arlington, Massachusetts

January 9-10, 2010



Saint Agnes Parish, Christmas 2009

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who made Christmas flower donations.

The Baptism of the Lord





mass intentions

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Monday, January 11, 2010	7:00 A.M.	Mary Porter	Anniversary
Tuesday, January 12, 2010	7:00 A.M.	Eleanor F. Dalton	Anniversary
Wednesday, January 13, 2010	7:00 A.M.	Elizabeth Connelly and Robert Kelleher	Memorial
Thursday, January 14, 2010	7:00 A.M.	Special Intention	
Friday, January 15, 2010	7:00 A.M.	Alice Dee	Anniversary
Saturday, January 16, 2010	7:00 A.M.	Special Intention	
	4:00 P.M. (Up)	John & Carol Byrne, Dorothy Byrne Barron	Memorial
	4:00 P.M. (Dn)		
Sunday, January 17, 2010	5:15 P.M.	Anthony J. Pellegrino	Memorial
	10:30 A.M.	Christmas Flower Intentions	
	12:00 Noon	Francis A. Coughlin	1st Anniversary



Paul Fanning, Lorraine Wynne, Maureen Tobin, Mary Manning, Sister Catherine Baxter, RSCJ, Rev. Msgr. Richard G. Cunningham and Rev. Paul J. Bolduc, whose Funeral Masses were celebrated last week; also, Rev. Joseph M. Finotti, first Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, 1870-1876, who died on January 11, 1879.

Mass Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, January 16, 2010

4:00 P.M. Upper Church Father Bennett
 4:00 P.M. Lower Church Father D'Onofrio
 5:15 P.M. Lower Church Father Graham

Sunday, January 17, 2010

7:00 A.M. Lower Church Father D'Onofrio
 8:00 A.M. Lower Church Father Flatley
 9:00 A.M. Upper Church Father Graham
 10:30 A.M. Upper Church Father Flatley
 12:00 Noon Upper Church Father D'Onofrio
 5:00 P.M. Lower Church Father Harrington

The Offertory Collection last weekend was **\$11,297**. Thank you very much.

Grand Annual Collection – Thank you for your most generous response to this collection. To date, the amount donated is **82,212**. Your generosity to your Parish is sincerely appreciated. Contributions may be made at any time.

The second collection **this** weekend is for our **Parish Religious Education Program**.



to the family of the late **Maureen Tobin**, who requested that gifts in Maureen's name be made to Saint Religious Education Program. We are grateful, and encourage parishioners to remember Maureen and her family in their prayers.

Christian Vocation

Being Attentive to our Christian call to witness to God's tremendous love

On the Feast of Baptism of the Lord, the Church invites us to consider our own vocation. How can I discern God's call? How can I listen to God's invitation? Marriage, religious life, priesthood, diaconate....What am I to offer, my talents, my skills, my entire being? We have all been chosen by God through our Baptism to respond to our vocation. A panel of men and women will speak about their vocations. Take time with God and others to explore your vocational call. This time is right, God is waiting for you.

When: Today, Sunday, January 10, 2010

Where: Saint Michael Parish Hall, North Andover, MA

Time: 2:00-5:00 P.M. including Vespers and Benediction

Please R.S.V.P., Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, 617-746-5637 or Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org

A Mission for the Catholic Community of Arlington

"A New Beginning"

*Sponsored by Saint Agnes and
Saint Camillus Parishes*

March 15-18, 2010

7:00 P.M. at Saint Camillus Church

Preacher: Rev. Kevin MacDonald, CSSR

Archbishop Paul K. Bakyenga of Mbarara in Uganda sent a Christmas card with greetings and gratitude to all the parishioners of Saint Agnes Parish assuring them that they would be remembered in his prayers, especially at Christmas. Your great response is a clear sign of the solidarity and love that you have for the Universal Church. Thank you. The Diocese of Mbarara acknowledged receipt of **\$9,443.70** from the generous parishioners of Saint Agnes Parish raised in response to the Mission Appeal last year.



If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to one of our priests, complete a census card and drop it in the collection box. Census cards are at the back of the Church.

Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Grades 1-8**, sings next today, **Sunday, January 10 and January 17** at the 9:00 A.M. Family Mass with 8:00 A.M. rehearsals. Contact Michael Vaughan with questions: mrv1960@verizon.net; 617-833-0364



Schedule of the Week

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

4:30 P.M. - Legion of Mary - Parish Center
7:00 P.M. - Fatima Apostolate Prayer Hour

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

7:00 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - lower Church
7:00 P.M. - Bereavement Meeting - Parish Center

Parish Finance Council meeting will be on Thursday, January 21, 2010 in the Parish Center at 7:00 P.M.

The January-February Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be on Sunday, January 31, 2010 in the Parish Center at 7:00 P.M.



Sodality Food Donation for Saint Francis House this month is canned vegetables. Please bring donations to the Parish Center on Tuesday, January 19, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Evening of Recollection for Women - Monday, 7:30-9:00 P.M. in the lower Church. All are welcome. For more info please call Virginia Gregory at 781-643-5215 or Mary Tanner at 781-646-4750.

Bulletin Announcements must be received at the Parish Center by Tuesday morning to be published in next weekend's bulletin.

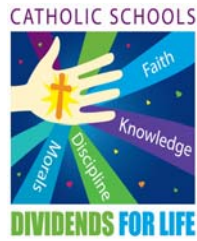
During the past year, you have brought comfort and peace to many of our parishioners by your support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. May the peace and joy of this Holy Season be yours. "The Poor Boxes are the bread boxes of the poor."



Census Software Conversion

Saint Agnes Parish has recently changed census software to an Archdiocese-mandated program. The new program manages data differently. Therefore, during the conversion, data may have incorrect information. If there is an error on your contribution envelopes, we ask that you please make the correction on the envelope before you put your offering into the basket on Sunday. The company that prints the envelopes prints them two months in advance, so expect the corrections to take up to two months. We ask for your patience and assistance as we adjust to the new program. Thank you.

Saint Agnes School News



What's New?

The Golf and Ski Club started the Skiing Program at Nashoba Valley Ski Area on Thursday, January 7. Students are not only learning to ski, but enjoying snowboarding as well. The Golf and Ski Club began in September with golf lessons at the Barrie Bruce Golf School in Billerica. Students and parents have particularly enjoyed this new afterschool activity. The fourth grade students will take a field trip to the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History at Regis College in Weston on Friday, January 15. This Museum offers a unique view of our nation's history and culture. It is named after Cardinal Spellman. Founded in 1960, the Museum brought together the collections of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and the National Philatelic Museum in Philadelphia.

Life-Long Impact of a Catholic School Education

Did you know that recent research shows that:

97% of Catholic school students go on to college,

99% graduate in four years, and

Catholic school students have higher levels of education and earn higher household incomes?

Open House - The next scheduled Open Houses are Sunday, January 31, 2010, 10:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon and Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 9:00-11:00 A.M. For those planning to register for the 2010-2011 school year, the open house provides an opportunity to tour the School, learn about the curriculum and meet the students, parents and teachers. Come and see our new Legos and Robotics Lab. We also have Smart Board technology! If you cannot come to the Open House and would like to see the School before January 31, you can schedule an appointment for a private tour of the school by contacting the School office @ 781-643-9031.

Shadow Program - For new students considering coming to Saint Agnes School, we offer an opportunity to come to the school, meet the students and faculty and experience a typical school day. Parents should call the school (781-643-9031) to sign up for the next Shadow Date, Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 8:30-10:30 A.M.

All classes meet today. No classes January 17 (holiday weekend). Classes resume January 24.

Family Liturgy Lector Sign-Up will take place today, Sunday, January 10 in Saint Agnes School Hall after the 9:00 A.M. Family Mass. If these days and times are not convenient, you may sign up by calling 781-646-5579 or email: religioused@saintagnes.net.

Confirmation

Grade 9 and 10 Classes for January, 2010

Sunday classes

Classes: 1/10, 1/24, 1/31

No class: 1/17

Wednesday classes

Classes: 1/13, 1/20, 1/27

No Class:



Full Day Programs – Fidelity House's School Age Child Care Program offers full day programs on all days that there is no school including snow days. Upcoming full days include Monday, January 18. Hours are 8:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M. with extended care available until 6:30 P.M.

5–8 Grade Floor Hockey – Intramural league for boys with games on Friday nights and Saturday mornings. Scrimmage games begin January 8.

Winter Brochure - Fidelity House's Winter brochure is now available. Programs include; Tae Kwon Do, Tot Time on Friday mornings, Preschool Sports on Wednesdays, Instructional Floor Hockey on Tuesdays, Gymnastics, Cooking, Basketball for grades 2-4 on Friday, Book Club, Fitness, Cooking, Theater Club, Dodgeball, High School Nights (Saturday, January 16) and more. Register now.

Limited Openings – Fidelity House's Preschool and School Age Child Care Program currently have limited openings. Programs are licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care. Brochures are available. Open house and registration for September will take place beginning February 1.

Jr. Celtics – Basketball program for boys and girls 9-13 year olds begins January 17. Program meets Sundays from 4:30-6:00 P.M. League will stress fundamentals and full court games.

www.fidelityhouse.org or call 781-648-2005



Pro-Life Meeting will be held in the Parish Center, Monday, January 18 at 7:30 P.M.. We will be making preparations for the Pro-Life Mass on Sunday.

Eucharistic Adoration - Wednesday, January 20, 7:00-8:00 P.M. in the lower Church. There will be special Pro-Life prayers said on behalf of the unborn.

Respect Life Mass will be celebrated at Saint Agnes Church, on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 12:00 Noon. Please join us at the Mass as we pray for a greater respect for all human life from conception until natural death. A reception will follow the Mass in the Msgr. Linnehan Library in Arlington Catholic High School.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Archdiocesan Family Baby Showers for mothers-to-be in need who may think of abortion if they cannot get help.

At Saint Agnes Church, the showers will take place on the weekends of **January 23-24 and 30-31** (snow date February 6-7). A playpen will be set up in front of the Church to receive donations of new, unwrapped baby items. Gifts need to be unwrapped so that the right items can be chosen to be assembled into a layette for each mother-to-be. And because the layette is a gift to welcome the new baby into the world, all items in it should be new. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made out to Friends of the Unborn.

We are particularly in need of "sleep and play" garments, sizes 0-3 months to 6-9 months. We also need items such as rattles and teethingers, and toiletries like lotion and baby wash. Anything useful to a baby is welcomed. However, through the generosity of parishes which prefer to hold showers at other times of the year, we are currently well stocked with blankets, daytime outfits, and size 1 diapers (we could still use newborn diapers).

This year a special initiative is being added. A beautiful card can be ordered to be sent to your mother on your birthday, thanking her for giving you the gift of life. A sample card and order forms will be available next to the playpen for donations.

Massachusetts Caucus in D.C. before the March for Life, sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life, January 22, 2010 from 9:30-1:30 AM at the Russell Senate Office Building, room 325. We will have coffee, speakers including Professor Michael New, expert on pro-life statistics; Constitutional Law Professor Dwight Duncan; and Professor Mark Rienzi, the counsel of record on our Buffer Zone Appeal.

Massachusetts Citizens for Life Annual Assemble for Life, Sunday, January 24, 2010, 2-4 PM, Faneuil Hall. The keynote speaker is Michael Clancy whose photo of "Baby Samuel" reaching out of the womb to grasp the doctor's hand has saved many unborn lives and changed Clancy's life completely. MCFL will be honoring Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Providence and expects, among others, Cardinal Sean O'Malley and young songwriter Michael Maloney.

For further information on the bus schedule to Washington, D.C. please contact: Mass Citizens for Life 617-242-4199, visit www.masscitizensforlife.org, or email us at MCFL@masscitizensforlife.org.

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Sacrament of Baptism
Baptisms are held on the first and third Sunday of the month at 2:00 P.M. You must attend Baptismal Briefings prior to having your child baptized.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday at 3:00-4:00 P.M. and before the 5:15 P.M. Mass and also by appointment. Please contact the Parish Center.

Sacrament of Marriage
Archdiocesan guidelines require that couples planning to marry in the Church make an appointment to see one of the priests as far in advance as possible prior to the wedding date.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Please call the Parish Office if someone in your family is gravely ill and in danger of death and you feel the grace and power of the Sacrament would be helpful.

Sunday Masses

Saturday

4:00 P.M. (Upper and Lower Church)
5:15 P.M. (Lower Church)

Sunday

7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M. (Lower Church)
9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 (Upper Church)
5:00 P.M. (Lower Church)

Our Family Liturgy is celebrated at 9:00 on Sunday morning.

Weekdays

Monday through Saturday

7:00 A.M. (Lower Church)