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2009 Catholic Appeal



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Saint Agnes Parish

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Sunday Masses

Saturday

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

Sunday

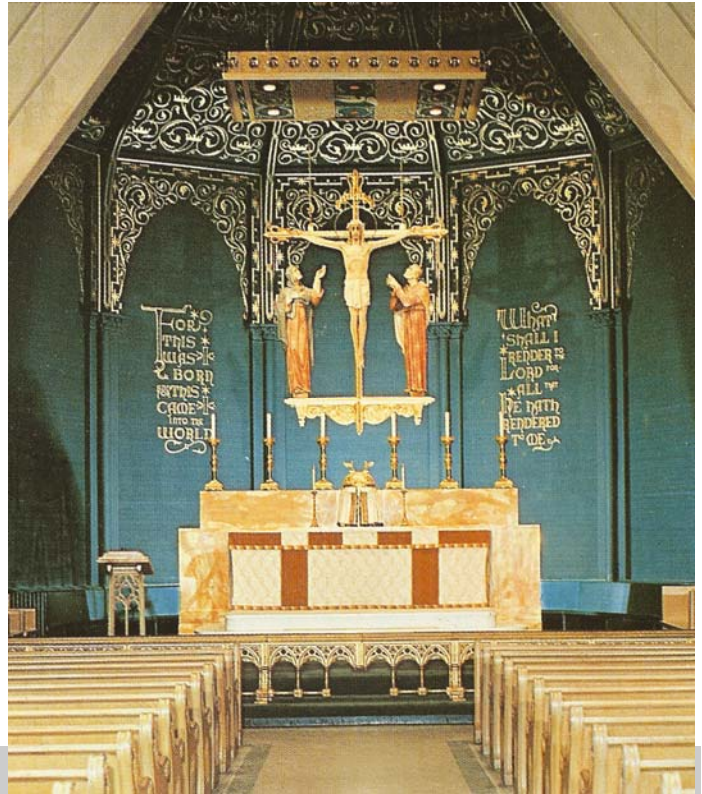
7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M. (Lower Church)
 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 (Upper Church)
 5:00 P.M. (Lower Church)

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

Weekdays

Monday through Saturday

7:00 A.M. (Lower Church)



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.



mass intentions

Sunday, March 8, 2009	9:00 A.M. 12:00 Noon	Evelyn Ellis Frederick J. Cameron	Month's Mind Month's Mind
Monday, March 9, 2009	7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	George Femia	Memorial
Tuesday, March 10, 2009	7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Joan McArthur Jerry Hanafin	Anniversary Memorial
Wednesday, March 11, 2009	7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Kathleen Byrne McCarthy, Joseph Byrne James Brady	Memorial Anniversary
Thursday, March 12, 2009	7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Lucien Ouellette Vito and Maria Politano	Memorial Memorial
Friday, March 13, 2009	7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M.	Mary and Joseph Cormier Thomas Gisbourne	Memorial Anniversary
Saturday, March 14, 2009	7:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. (Up) 4:00 P.M. (Dn) 5:15 P.M.	Humphrey and MaryAnn O'Callahan Robert Toronto Maria, Carmela, Frank Sr, Frank Jr. Giurleo John Jones	Memorial Anniversary Memorial Anniversary
Sunday, March 15, 2009	8:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M.	Leo Canejo Dorothy A. Bina	1st Anniversary 1st Anniversary



Ethel Deeran, Paul Keefe, Rev. Joseph W. Slyva, Sister Edna A. Bradley, CSJ, Sister Adrianna Tully, CSJ, Sister Cecelia Ridge, MFIC and Rev. Cornelius Thomas Kane, OP, whose Funeral Masses were celebrated last week.

Mass Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, March 14, 2009

4:00 P.M.	Upper Church	Father Flatley
4:00 P.M.	Lower Church	Father Bennett
5:15 P.M.	Lower Church	Father Bennett

Sunday, March 15, 2009

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



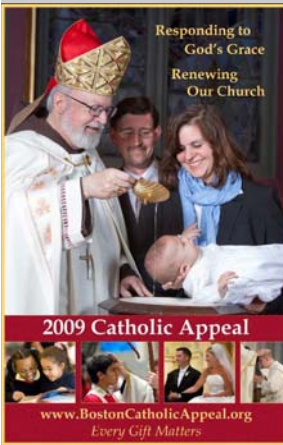
The Offertory Collection last weekend was **\$13,534**. Thank you very much.

The second collection **this** Sunday will be for the **Catholic Appeal**.

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



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.



This is Catholic Appeal Weekend. All parishes throughout our Archdiocese, will be showing a video message from Cardinal Seán at all Masses and asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. Please know that your participation matters and will make a difference. As a Catholic community, we are called during this season

of Lent to respond to God's grace in our lives. Participation in the Catholic Appeal, a once-a-year pledge drive to benefit the many central ministries and services of the Archdiocese, is one way for us to respond to God's grace. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our Parish - so your participation and support are critical. Because of the economic downturn, support of the Catholic Appeal is more urgent this year. Please see the information packets in the pews to learn more and to obtain a pledge form if you didn't receive one last week. Cardinal Seán thanks all the families from Saint Agnes Parish who contributed \$150,465 to the 2008 Catholic Appeal. This year, we hope to have 635 households participate. Our financial goal is \$129,500. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 25 percent of all funds raised above goal for use here in the Parish.



Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross - All children in grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 are invited to be part of the Living Stations of the Cross, held on Good Friday, April 10, at Noon. There are three mandatory rehearsals for this prayerful

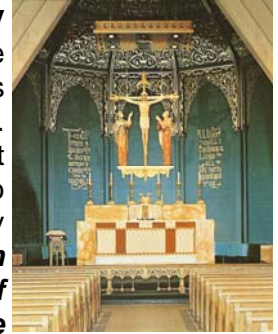
presentation. For information, call Nancy Feeman, 781-316-1843.

Altar Servers - All Parish young people currently in Grades 4 and up are invited to join the Parish Altar Server Program. Assignments are for approximately two Masses per month. Instruction sessions, lasting about one hour each, are at 1:00 P.M. in the lower Church on Saturdays, March 7, March 14 and



March 21. If you have questions, call Michael Keiselbach, 781-646-0475.

Church Sanctuary Restoration – The work on the Church sanctuary continues even with many Funerals. Thank you for your patience. It will be worth it! We hope to have the project completed by Holy Week. **Gifts from parishioners in memory of their loved ones would be gratefully accepted, both for this project and for the restoration of the piano in the upper Church.**



Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting.** On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two meatless meals may be taken. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. **Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.** On these days, no meat may be used at all.

Daily Mass during Lent: 7:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Vespers: Each Sunday during Lent the Arlington parishes invite all parishioners to participate in Evening Prayer. **Today at 4:00 P.M. we will meet at Saint Agnes Church. Next Sunday at 4:00 P.M. we will meet at Saint Camillus Church.** Come join in the Lenten prayer of the Church.



Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, grades 1-8, sings again today, Sunday March 8 and March 15 at the 9:00 Family Mass with 8:00 AM rehearsal each week. Parents should sign up for email announcement by sending an email to: SaintAgnesMusic-subscribe@googlegroups.com or or contact Michael Vaughan with questions: mrv1960@verizon.net; 617-833-0364.

Sodality Mass and Social - Monday, March 16 beginning with Mass at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center Chapel followed by a social.

Sodality Saint Francis House Food Donation for this month is 100% fruit juice. Bring donations to the Parish Center on Monday, March 16, 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. or to the evening meeting.

Saint Agnes School News

The faculty and students mourn the loss of our beloved former custodian, **Paul Keefe**. Before his retirement, Paul was honored at the Saint Agnes School Veterans Day Celebration, for his service in the Navy during World War II. He also was the recipient of an Honorary Diploma in 2003. He was dearly loved and admired by the students. His kindness and humility were an inspiration to all. We ask that all parishioners join us in remembering Paul and his family in prayer.

Lenten Literacy Project - The Literacy Connection, sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, teaches low income, legal adult immigrants to read and speak English in order to attain economic self-sufficiency, it improve the quality of their lives as individuals and family members and to become active, responsible members of the community.

This week our focus is to raise awareness of the gifts of reading and writing that the students have received from God, their teachers and parents. On Friday, March 6, Sister Patricia Andrews, CSJ from the Literacy connection visited the school. Sister explained to the students the background of the project and how it has been implemented over the years. During the week students wrote acrostic poems using the word literary. They presented these poems to Sister Patricia. The students are also continuing to participate in the Free Rice Program.

The **Annual Saint Agnes Bowling Party**, hosted by the Third Grade will be held on Sunday, March 8, 11:00 A.M.-12:20 P.M. at the Woburn Bowladrome.

Registration for the 2009-2010 is ongoing. There is still space available in some grades. For information or to arrange for a tour of the school, contact the Development Office @ 781-654-6627 or stagnesschool_dev@hotmail.com.

\$10,000 ELIMINATION RAFFLE

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2009
Time: 7:00 P.M.-12:00 P.M.
Place: Saint Agnes School Auditorium
Tickets: \$100 Each

Each ticket admits two (2) to this fun-filled evening. An open bar, appetizers, dinner with coffee and dessert, music and dancing are included! In addition to **One (1) \$10,000 grand prize, Five (5) \$250 cash Prizes** will be awarded. You could win a **free ticket for next year** or a **50/50 raffle. In celebration of Red Sox Opening Day - Red Sox attire is strongly encouraged!**

Please make checks payable to **SASFA** and mail to: **Saint Agnes School, 10K Raffle Committee, 39 Medford Street, Arlington, MA 02474**

If special number requests have been reserved, random numbers will be assigned. Call Erin Kreider 781-777-1967 or Jane Stanton 781-646-8250.



All classes meet today.

Confirmation Program

Classes

Sunday: March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 6

Wednesday: March 11, 18, 25 and April 1

Confirmation Parent Meetings - Grade 10 Confirmation Parent Meetings will be held for all parents on either Sunday, March 22 at 6:15 P.M. at Saint Agnes lower Church or on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 P.M. at the Religious Education Building (back of Parking lot) at Saint Camillus. One parent or guardian **must attend** one of these meetings.

Fidelity House

Tot Time meets in the large gym on Fridays, 9:30-10:30 A.M. or 10:30-11:30 A.M. Preschool Sports meets Wednesdays from 10:00-10:45 A.M. Drop-ins welcome.

SAVE THE DATE – Fidelity House's 12th Annual Fundraiser will be held Saturday, May 16. A silent auction, live auction, hors d'oeuvres, music and dancing will be part of the fun. Your support is appreciated.

Volleyball – Fun, action packed volleyball games will be played on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:45 P.M. The volleyball program will meet for 8 sessions beginning Wednesday, March 18.

Fitness Club – A strength and conditioning weight training program utilizing fitness machines specially designed for 5th-8th grade youth will be offered in early March. There will be several days and times to choose from. Participants can prepay 6 or 12 sessions or pay a drop in fee.

Program Openings – Stickball on Fridays, Jewelry Class for Grades 3 and up, Jr. NBA Basketball, Tae Kwon Do, Instructional Basketball and Floor Hockey, and Spring Running all have limited openings.

Basketball Champions – Congratulations to the Saint Agnes Boys Basketball Team who are undefeated Middlesex League Champions with a 24-0 record and to the Fidelity House 8th Grade Boys Travel Team (24-1) who won the League Championship with wins over Cambridge and Roxbury in the tournament. The Saint Agnes Girls and Boys team have qualified for the Archdiocesan Tournament taking place next weekend.

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

Schedule for the Week

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

4:30 P.M. - Legion of Mary - Parish Center

7:00 P.M. - Fatima Apostolate Prayer Hour - Parish Chapel

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

7:00 P.M. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 P.M. - Bereavement Meeting - Parish Center

The Parish Finance Council will meet on Thursday, March 26, 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center.

The Arlington Catholic Women's Club will celebrate Spring with a musical program presented by Arlington's own Tim Mahoney, Wednesday, March 18, at 7:15 P.M. at the Arlington Senior Center. Tim is the husband of Eileen Mahoney, a new member of the club.

The Arlington Catholic Women's Club would like to invite its members and friends to plan on attending its Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show to be held in the Montvale Plaza Ballroom, Stoneham, April 23. Tickets are \$40.00 and may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. Barbara Boyle, 109 Gray St. Arlington, MA. Several members along with professional models will present beautiful fashions from DRESS BARN. More information, later.

Evening of Recollection for Women Monday, March 9, 7:30-9:00 P.M. in the lower Church. All are welcome. For more information, call Virginia Gregory 781-643-5215.

500 Club February Winners - Congratulations to **Robert Shea**, First Prize; **David McLean**, Second Prize; **Carol Doyon**, Third Prize and **Shawn McKenna**; Fourth Prize. Good luck in the month of March!

Arlington Adult Religious Education Cluster Workshop #62, "Mary Magdalene" presented by Jacqueline Stewart, Ph.D., Thursday, March 19, 7:30 P.M. in Msgr. Linnehan Library, Arlington Catholic. All welcome.

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



ANOINTING
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Saint Agnes Parish Mass of Anointing and Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, April 18 at 12:00 Noon**. Volunteers are needed as drivers, nurses, greeters, hosts/hostesses and people to make/donate sandwiches and desserts. Volunteers are also needed to set up the Fidelity House gym on Friday, April 17. Please call the Parish Center, 781-648-0220, and leave your name and number and how you can help. If you are donating sandwiches or dessert, please let us know what and how many you will donate. You may deliver your donations before the luncheon on Saturday by Noon. Thank you for your kindness.

Saint Agnes joyfully welcomes **Cameron James Darling, Isabel Clare Darling and Caden Patrick Hayes.**



Upcoming FOCA ACT Postcard Campaign

- The Catholic Bishops have urged persistent advocacy against a dangerous bill being considered by Congress called the "Freedom of Choice Act" (or FOCA). The following highlights the harmful impacts to our Country if FOCA is passed.

- FOCA eliminates regulations that protect women from unsafe abortions
- FOCA forces taxpayers to fund abortions
- FOCA requires all states to allow "partial-birth" abortions and other late-term abortions
- FOCA subjects women to abortions by non-physicians
- FOCA violates the conscience rights of nurses, doctors, and hospitals. It would require all hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, to perform abortion procedures.

By implementing these rulings, FOCA will reduce the legislative power of individual States, which is a breakdown of authority to State governments.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society's Work is the Gospel message in action. I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was a stranger, I was naked, I was sick, I was in prison... and you cared. Thank you.

