

*Saint Agnes Parish
The Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 21-22, 2009*



*For God so loved the world that he gave his
only Son, so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish but might have eternal life.*

John 3:16 (NAB)

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

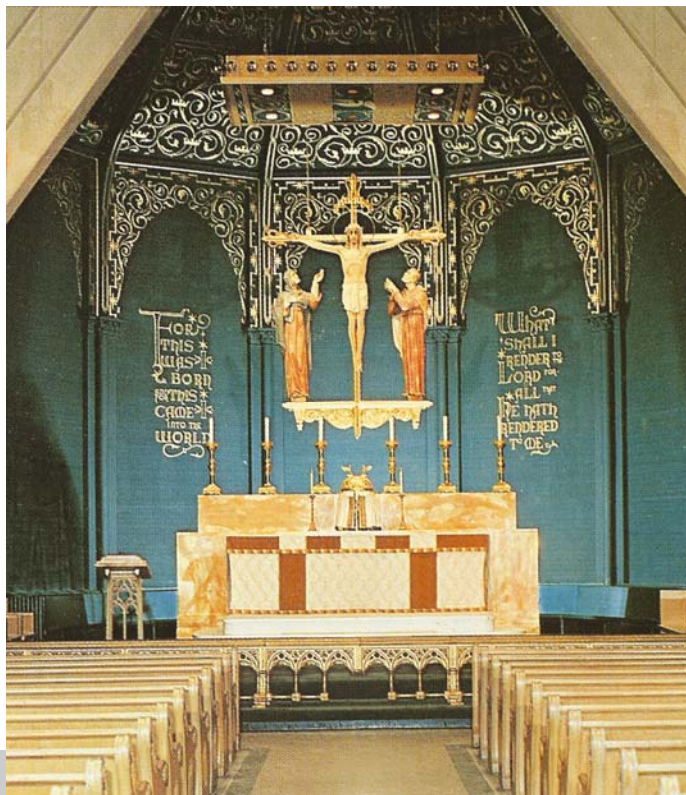
7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M. (Lower Church)
 9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 (Upper Church)
 5:00 P.M. (Lower Church)

**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

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| Sunday, March 22, 2009 | 7:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. | Ann E. McCoubrey Dorothy A. Bina Month's Mind Bereavement | 1st Anniversary 1st Anniversary |
| Monday, March 23, 2009 | 7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. | Humberto Serpa | Anniversary |
| Tuesday, March 24, 2009 | 7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. | | |
| Solemnity of the Annunciation Wednesday, March 25, 2009 | 7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. | Peter E. Flynn Salvatore Gulla and Maria Iannino | Anniversary Memorial |
| Thursday, March 26, 2009 | 7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. | Michael, Ellen and Patrick Skerry Harry Jean | Memorial Anniversary |
| Friday, March 27, 2009 | 7:00 A.M. 5:30 P.M. | James and Mary McGrath Norah Gisbourne | Memorial Memorial |
| Saturday, March 28, 2009 | 7:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. (Up) 4:00 P.M. (Dn) 5:15 P.M. | Catherine Hannah Catherine J. Boyle Maria Simas John J. Donovan | Anniversary Anniversary Anniversary Anniversary |
| Sunday, March 29, 2009 | 8:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. | William C. Jones, Jr. Charles Amos | Month's Mind 1st Anniversary |



Thomas Kelley, Roy Kitayama, Sister Mary Chisholm, SC, Rev. Guy Joseph Cyr, SM, and Rev. Callistus M. Bamberg, OFM, whose Funeral Masses were celebrated last week.



Mass Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, March 28, 2009

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

Sunday, March 29, 2009

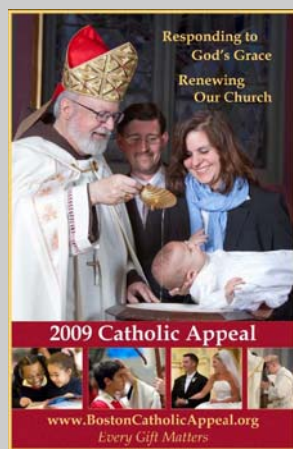
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| 7:00 A.M. | Lower Church | Father D'Onofrio |
| 8:00 A.M. | Lower Church | Father Flatley |
| 9:00 A.M. | Upper Church | Father D'Onofrio |
| 10:30 A.M. | Upper Church | Father Flatley |
| 12:00 Noon | Upper Church | Father Graham |
| 5:00 P.M. |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

The Offertory Collection last weekend was **\$12,480**. Thank you very much.

The Grand Annual Collection – Part II will be taken up the weekend of **April 4-5**. Father Flatley has accepted the Finance Council recommendation that the Grand Annual Collection be divided into two collections semi-annually, and that each working parishioner be requested to make a donation of at least \$100 to each of these collections. Thank you.



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.

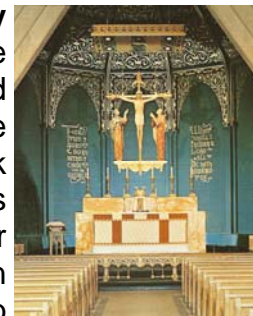


Saint Agnes Parish recently received \$13,000 from the Catholic Appeal because we exceeded our goal in the 2008 Appeal! Thank you to the parishioners who have participated in the 2009 Catholic Appeal. Your contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of many in our faith community. The

Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to the Parish. Cardinal Seán invites every Catholic household to participate. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge today. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church. Return your completed pledge/gift through the mail in the envelope provided in the information packet. For information, visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

Church Sanctuary

Restoration – By the time you read this our painting and restoration project should be essentially completed. Thank you to so many parishioners who have expressed their support. Thanks to an anonymous parishioner who donated the Divine Mercy image. We still consider the project a “work in progress”. We hope to have candlesticks in place by Easter. “How lovely is thy dwelling place,” Lord God of Hosts! ***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. Thank you!***



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Saint Agnes Month's Mind Bereavement Mass

As an expression of sympathy, every month, Saint Agnes Parish celebrates a Month's Mind Mass to remember the parishioners who were buried during the previous month. Today, the Month's Mind remembers: **Frederick J. Cameron, Kay McGowan, Mary H. Graham, Eileen O'Connell, Evelyn Malatesta, Gladys Michalowski, Josephine Spera, Carole R. Lowell, Regina Olson, Helen Connolly, Evelyn M. Ellis, Marguerite E. Bourget, Dorothea Cullinane, Walter J. Kluka, Dorothy Langone, Orchidea Liani, William McMullen, John J. Hogan, William C. Jones, Jr. and Marjorie M. Bensaia.**

Lenten Confessions - Town-wide Penance Service, Palm Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 P.M. at Saint Camillus Church. All encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

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.



The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. We celebrate Mary saying, “Yes” and the Word became flesh.

Saint Agnes Parish Mass of Anointing and Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, April 18 at 12:00 Noon.** Volunteers are needed as drivers,



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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.

Schedule for the Week

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

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

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

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

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

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

The Arlington Catholic Women's Club invites members and friends to its Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show in Montvale Plaza Ballroom in Stoneham on April 23. Tickets at \$40.00 may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. Barbara Boyle, 109 Gray St. Arlington. Club members and professional models will present beautiful fashions from DRESS BARN.

Archdiocese of Boston Eucharistic Congress invites college students and young adults to, "**No Greater Love**," Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, for a powerful weekend of talks, prayer, music, Christian service, Mass and lots of chances to meet and socialize with young adults and college students at Boston's North End Saint Stephen and Saint Leonard's Churches. Free Italian dinner! Register online at www.EucharisticCongress.org.



Pro-Life Corner

Pro-Life Postcard Signing Day! This week our Parish will be invited to join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event. More information about FOCA can be found at <http://usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA/>.

Eucharistic Adoration - Every Wednesday there is Eucharistic Adoration from 7:00-8:00 P.M. in the lower Church. During the Lenten season we are offering Prayers for Life.

Lenten 40 Days for Life - Please remember to pray at home or before the Blessed Sacrament, fast and perhaps join with us for peaceful prayer at an abortion clinic in Brighton. Contact Ebba Holland at 781-646-4335 for further information.

Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**, grades 1-8, sings on Palm Sunday April 5 (add something bright red to our black and white uniform) and Easter Sunday April 12 (wear bright colors) at the 9:00 A.M. Family Mass with 8:00 A.M. rehearsal each week. We sing Good Friday at the Noon 'Living Stations' (wear black and white). Call Michael Vaughan: mrv1960@verizon.net; 617-833-0364.



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.

Arlington Children's Theater presents **Godspell** at the Regent Theatre, Arlington. The cast is composed of young people ages 10-18, and the show is ideal for youth groups. Tickets are \$15. Show times are March 20 at 7:00 P.M.; March 21 at 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.; and March 22 at 2:00 P.M. For information or purchase tickets, visit our website: <http://act.arlington.ma.us>.

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.



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

Saint Agnes School News

Our work continues on our Lenten Project, the Literacy Connection. Last week, the focus was on becoming an American Citizen. This week our activity was a **Reach Out and Read Hour**. On Thursday, March 19, volunteers and parents visited the School to read to small groups of children in Grades K-5.

On **St. Patrick's Day, March 17**, the students held a **Snack Day** to raise funds for the Literacy Connection.

Artist in Residence Program - For three days, March 16-18, all classes participated an interactive theater presentation, **Kidstock**. Grades K, 1 and 2 were presented with Dr. Seuss stories themed on lessons in teamwork, problem solving and dealing with a bully. Grades 3-5 explored literacy in an active way that allowed each student to author an individual ending to conflict in stories. Grades 6-8 explored positive and creative conflict resolutions by employing imaginative problem solving skills to group theatre exercises. The theatre experience in small groups was very thought-provoking and gave the students the skills they will need to resolve conflicts in their own lives. Thanks to the **Cultural Arts Committee** for arranging this enrichment program.

On **Thursday, March 19** all students attended a Liturgy. The first grade students did the readings and brought up the gifts. They did a remarkable job as we celebrated the **Feast of St. Joseph**.

Book Fair - On March 23, the Book Fair begins at the school. *Clifford* will be visiting some of the classes. There will be free raffles for the children for prizes such as posters, movie passes and autographed books by Andrew Clements. There will be a *Family Night* on Wednesday, March 25, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

Uniform Swap - On Wednesday, March 25, SASFA will hold a *uniform swap*. All items will be \$5.00.

Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball Team, the Trojans, who were victorious at the Archdiocesan Tournament.

Congratulations to the Girls' Basketball Team, the Crusaders, who also participated in the tournament. They had a great season!

Don't forget **registration for the 2009-2010** is ongoing. For information or to arrange for a tour of the school, contact the Development Office @ 781-641-6127.

\$10,000 ELIMINATION RAFFLE

Saturday, April 4, 2009 7:00-12:00 P.M.

Saint Agnes School Auditorium Tickets: \$100 each

Each ticket admits 2. 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. 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!** Make checks payable to **SASFA** and mail to: **Saint Agnes School, 10K Raffle Committee, 39 Medford Street, Arlington, MA 02474**. Call Erin Kreider 781-777-1967 or Jane Stanton 781-646-8250.



All classes meet today.

Confirmation Program

Classes

Sunday: March 22, 29 and April 6

Wednesday: March 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.



Spring Brochures - Fidelity House's Spring Brochure is now available. Programs include: Spring Running, Volleyball for grades 5 and up, Dodge ball, Instructional basketball and Floor hockey for grades 1-4, Stick Ball, Fitness Training for 5th-8th grade, Tot Time on Friday mornings, Preschool Sports on Wednesday mornings, Intramural Basketball Leagues for 5th-8th grade boys and girls, gymnastics and more.

5th-8th Grade Boys and Girls Basketball Leagues Games are played on Friday nights and Sunday afternoons. League starts March 27.

NOW UR COOKING - Basic nutrition, utilizing math for measuring ingredients and how to make healthy food choices will be incorporated into this fun course for 3rd-6th graders. Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Sponsors, Silent and Live Auction Items Needed 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. Donations to this important fundraiser are appreciated. Tickets are on sale at Fidelity House.

Summer Programs - Fidelity House will be offering many programs this summer including our Summer Day Camp for children 6-13. Other programs include a Kindergarten Camp, Preschool Program, Sports Camps and Full Day Programs throughout the summer. Brochures and further information is available at Fidelity House.

Archdiocesan Basketball Championship - The Saint Agnes School Trojans are scheduled to play Blessed Sacrament, Walpole, on Sunday, March 22 at 5:00 P.M. at Milton High School. Good Luck!

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