

Saint Agnes Parish

Arlington, Massachusetts

The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26-27, 2009





Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day, 2010 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 31, 2009

4:00 P.M. (lower Church)

5:30 P.M. (lower Church)

Friday, January 1, 2010

7:00 A.M. (lower Church)

10:00 A.M. (lower Church)

12:00 Noon (lower Church)

5:00 P.M. (lower Church)



...to everyone who helped to make this a wonderful celebration of Christmas in our Parish. Special thanks to Marian McDermott and the members of the Art and Environment Committee who worked to make the Church look so beautiful. Thanks to all who donated to help defray the cost of the flowers. Thanks to the Adult Choir and the Children's Choir, the Cantors, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, Ushers, Custodians, Sacristans, and those who helped plan liturgies. Thanks to our priests for their prayerful leadership and moving homilies. We thank the good people of this Parish for their faithful presence, their support and their joyful participation in the worship of the Parish at Christmas and all during the year.



Plaques have been placed in the Church acknowledging the generosity of those who made donations toward the renovation of the sanctuary and the piano in memory of their loved ones. The plaques read:

**Piano a gift of Mrs. Eleanor Peters
Restored in 2009 in loving memory of**
Agnes and John Fitzgerald
Frank and Agnes Cline Florencourt
The Garrity Family
Louis F. Rossetti, Jr.

Sanctuary restored in 2009 in loving memory of

Evelyn Barry
The Baynes Family
Kathryne Belcastro
Patricia DeSantis Boutilier
Richard P. Boutilier
The Bowler Family
The Burke Family
The Callahan Family
Leo Canejo
Helen and Eugene Cullinane
John J. Curtin
Alex and Antoinette DeSantis
Mr. and Mrs. John Donlan
The Fredo Family
The Garrity Family
Jeremiah Hanafin
Mildred DeSantis Harich
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hayes, Jr.
Ellen Driscoll Kneeland
John Kneeland
Martin and Elizabeth Mooney
Eileen O'Connell
Rev. Msgr. Oscar R. O'Gorman
The O'Hara Family
Richard B. Tanner
Brenda Burns Tocci



mass intentions

Sunday, December 27, 2009	9:00 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 12:00 Noon	Margaret Gotsell Month's Mind Bereavement Mass Catherine Villi	Month's Mind 1st Anniversary
Monday, December 28, 2009	7:00 A.M.	Thomas and Julia Burchill	Memorial
Tuesday, December 29, 2009	7:00 A.M.	James and Mary McGrath	Memorial
Wednesday, December 30, 2009	7:00 A.M.	Daniel J. Doherty	Anniversary
Thursday, December 31, 2009	7:00 A.M.	John Doyle	Anniversary
Friday, January 1, 2010	7:00 A.M.	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
Saturday, January 2, 2010	7:00 A.M. 4:00 P.M. (Up) 4:00 P.M. (Dn) 5:15 P.M.	Walter Buckley Lawrence Babine James J. Moran, Jr.	Anniversary 1st Anniversary Memorial
Sunday, January 3, 2010	8:00 A.M.	For the Intentions of Saint Agnes Parish	



Please pray for all those whose Funerals were celebrated in Saint Agnes Church during the past year, and for all our beloved dead.

Mass Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, January 2, 2010

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

Sunday, January 3, 2010

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



The Offertory Collection last weekend was not available at the time of this bulletin printing.

Grand Annual Collection – Thank you for your most generous response to this collection. To date, the amount donated is **\$80,961**. Your generosity to your Parish is sincerely appreciated. Contributions may be made at any time.

**The Priests and Staff of Saint Agnes Parish
Wish you and your family
A Blessed and Happy New Year**

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: **June Marie Gullage, Mary Gallant, Rose Kennedy, Gerald Aylward, Mary Murphy, Agnes Walsh, Dennis O'Brien, Barbara Hickey, Leona Carlsen, Dermod McCarthy, Franca Fantasia, Carmen Foritano, Donald Sweetser, Camille Labbé, Margaret Gotsell, Denis Gallant and Elinor Cannon.**

**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**



Lectors

Anyone interested in becoming a Lector is asked to contact the Parish Center, 781-648-0220.

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

CHRIST
is born!

Schedule of the Week

Tuesday, December 29, 2009

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

Wednesday, December 30, 2009

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

Thursday, December 31, 2009

4:00-5:00 P.M. - **No First Friday Confessions**

Friday, January 1, 2010

No Adoration - Holy Day of Obligation

Baptism Catechesis will meet Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center

Parish Finance Council will **not** meet this month.

The next 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.



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 School 500 Club winners! Congratulations to the following: **Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Pacheco, Ms. Geralyn Duffy, Ms. Katharine Bellomo, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ngo, John and Julie Gillis, Mrs. Elsie Cronin, John and Donna Hamilton and Mrs. Lee Anderson** were the December winners. If you want to be a lucky winner, it is not too late. Call Maureen Nee at 781-643-2530 to get more information.

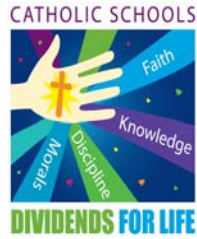
Our CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Grades 1-8, sings next on **Sunday, January 10 and January 17** at the 9:00 A.M. Family Mass with 8:00 A.M. rehearsals. Contact Michael Vaughan with questions: mrv1960@verizon.net; 617-833-0364



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



**No classes meet today.
Classes resume on January 3.**

Family Liturgy Lector Sign-Up will take place on Sunday, January 3 and 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: religiously@saintagnes.net.

Confirmation

Grade 9 and 10 Classes for December/January Sunday classes

Classes: 1/10, 1/24, 1/31
No class: 12/27, 1/3, 1/17

Wednesday classes

Classes: 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27
No Class: 12/31



Full Day Programs – Full-day programs will be offered over the Christmas vacation. Trips to New England Aquarium and Jump On In are planned. Program is open to children in kindergarten and through Grade 6. Program is also offered on days school is closed due to inclement weather. The program is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care and runs throughout the year.

Basketball Skills Clinic - For boys and girls 7-14 will be offered on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28, 29 and 30, 1:00-4:00 P.M. The clinic, directed by Arlington Catholic head boys coach Joel Burke and Tomorrow's Stars Basketball Clinics, will feature offensive drills and games. Registration forms available at Fidelity House.

5th– 8th 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 1-4 on Friday, Basketball on Sundays for 9-13 year olds, High School Nights and more. Register now.

Adult Volunteers – If you are available to help out short term/long term or seasonal please give us a call. Volunteer opportunities include but not limited to Preschool Assistant, light office work and sports coached.

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

School Vacation - School vacation began on Wednesday, December 23. Students will return to school on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Did you know that...

Catholic schools score above grade level in reading, math, science and social studies on the National Terra Nova Test,

Catholic school students perform at an 11th grade level in the 8th grade,

Catholic school students score 50% higher than the national average,

On the "Nations Report Card" (NAEP) Catholic Elementary School students outperform their peers in reading and math,

43% of the **Saint Agnes School Class of 2009** won scholarships to high school,

In the Class of 2009, 100% were accepted and 99% are attending a Catholic High School.

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.

The faculty, students and staff of Saint Agnes School wish all parishioners and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.



Third Annual Respect Life Mass

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.

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."



CatholicTV Christmas Programming

It's that time of year again! **CatholicTV** will intersperse Advent and Christmas programming with their regular schedule throughout December and especially from Monday, December 21 until New Year's Eve. Then, all day Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and December 26, **CatholicTV** will become **ChristmasTV** for 72 hours of non-stop specials.

You can always watch all of the fine Catholic TV programming live and on-demand at our easy to navigate website: www.CatholicTV.com.

Join Father Robert Reed, Jay Fadden and the whole CatholicTV staff for the best in Christmas programming. As Christmas draws near, **WATCH CatholicTV**. It's all for you!



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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)