Saint Agnes Parish
Arlington, Massachusetts
May 26-27, 2012
Pentecost Sunday

"Receive The Holy Spirit"
Congratulations Arlington Catholic High School Class of 2012

Sunday, May 27, 2012  10:30 A.M.  Month’s Mind Bereavement Mass

Monday, May 28, 2012  7:00 A.M.  Edward Murphy  Anniversary

Tuesday, May 29, 2012  7:00 A.M.  James and Mary McGrath  Memorial

Wednesday, May 30, 2012  7:00 A.M.  Charles D. and Elizabeth M. Keefe  Memorial

Thursday, May 31, 2012  7:00 A.M.  Catherine, Anne and John Kelly  Memorial

Friday, June 1, 2012  7:00 A.M.  John Wilson  Memorial
5:30 P.M.  Henry F. Butler  Anniversary

Saturday, June 2, 2012  7:00 A.M.  Mark David Nolan  Anniversary
4:00 P.M.  Ralph Montgomery  Anniversary
5:15 P.M.  George, Anne and Joanna Fleming  Memorial

Sunday, June 3, 2012  10:30 A.M.  John E. Travers  1st Anniversary

Marietta Mele, Francis X. Callahan, Eva Alessandroni, Alice Grogan, Sister Anne Louise Campbell, SND, and Rev. Keith W. Perleberg, whose Funeral Masses were celebrated last week.

Thank you to the family of the late Francis X. Callahan, who asked that donations in Frank’s memory be made to Saint Agnes School.

We are grateful and ask parishioners to remember Frank and his family in their prayers.

**Collections**

The **Offertory Collection** last weekend was $14,776. Thank you very much.

The second collection **today** is for Saint John’s and Blessed John XXIII Seminaries. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please support these seminarians on their journey toward the priesthood. For more information, visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

The second collection **next week** is for The Clergy Funds. The Clergy Funds support the health and retirement needs of the 663 active and senior priests in the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously to the priests who have devoted their lives to serving God and the people of the Archdiocese. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your prayers, generosity and support.

**Grand Annual Collection, Part II** - Thank you for your generous response to this collection. To date, the amount donated is $88,556. Contributions may be made at any time.

**Bulletins Announcements must be received at the Parish Center by Monday morning.**

Saint Agnes Month’s Mind Bereavement Mass - As an expression of sympathy, each 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 Mass remembers: John Conlon, Joseph E. De Los Angeles, Robert J. Albertazzi, Michael P. DiNicola, Mary Rita, Anne Barr and Catherine Ciccolo.

Parish Coffee and Donuts: At the conclusion of the 9:00 Mass, hosted by the Saint Agnes Parish Evangelization Committee. Please join us in the Arlington Catholic High School cafeteria for fun and fellowship with other parishioners! We need Parish families to help us continue with this great ministry. If you wish to help set-up/take-down the coffee hour, contact Marianne Hudelson: marianne.hudelson@gmail.com. We need donations of coffee and paper goods, or gift cards to Dunkin’ Donuts or Stop and Shop. Thank you!

The Holy Spirit guides us to bring God’s new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God. This month, through your gifts, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was able to bring the love of God to the poor by providing families with food and helping with utility bills and rent.

Saint Agnes Families Group holds rotating play and pray groups on Tuesdays, 10:30-12:00 noon. We welcome Saint Camillus families to our group! We let the kids play and enjoy meeting other parents from the Parish. Our schedule is currently sporadic, due to summer travels. In the meantime, however, we will still occasionally meet for playgroup or family outings. To join our group email list and get in touch with other families, please contact Marianne Hudelson: saintagnesfamilies@gmail.com.

Saint Agnes Young Adults Group will meet Tuesday, June 5, 7:00-8:00 PM at the Parish Center, to discuss some of the tenets of our Catholic faith, read from the fathers and doctors of the Church and some basic apologetics. Come, share your faith and deepen your understanding of the teachings of the Church.

Join us for a walk in nature and picnic at Massachusetts Audubon in Lincoln, Saturday, June 16, 1-5:00 PM. A reminder for us of the wondrous power of God, who created it all. We look forward to meeting you! Contact Anne Herelle: saya.arlington@gmail.com.

Saint Agnes Parish joyfully welcomes

Maeve Katherine Gormley
Bray Evelyn Kelley

Schedule for the Week
Tuesday, May 29, 2012
7:00 P.M. - Fatima Apostolate Prayer Hour

Wednesday, May 30, 2012
7:00 P.M. - Bereavement Meeting - Parish Center

Thursday, May 31, 2012
4:00-5:00 P.M. – First Friday Confessions
First Friday, June 1, 2012
Day Long Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Noon - 1:00 P.M. - Holy Hour
5:00 P.M. - Benediction - 5:30 P.M. - Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed all day in the lower Church, with a Holy Hour at Noon and Benediction before the 5:30 P.M. Mass. During the Holy Hour we pray for priests, for vocations and for victims of clergy sexual abuse

Pastoral Council Meeting, Sunday, June 3 at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Center

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to one of our priests, complete a census form and drop it in the collection box. Census forms are at the back of the Church.
Saint Agnes School News

In Memoriam - This past week Saint Agnes School lost a great friend. Francis X. Callahan, Jr., was not only an alumnus of the School, Class of 1948, but a constant presence and supporter. He never forgot what his education at Saint Agnes meant to him. Whether it was his unique role as the Leprechaun visiting the classrooms on Saint Patrick’s Day, with his shillelagh in hand and a song to share, or as a strong supporter of the Alumni Association, Frank was always there to lend a hand. When he retired as Principal of the Vining School in Billerica, he offered to substitute at Saint Agnes. Students loved his kind manner and spirit. He will be deeply missed but not forgotten by all of the teachers and students whose lives he touched. The students, faculty and staff of Saint Agnes School offer our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of Francis X. Callahan, Sr., especially Patricia, his wife for over 50 years, who taught 4th Grade at Saint Agnes School, and his children, Francis Jr., Colleen, Shelia, Eileen and his 12 grandchildren.

Tours and Registrations - If you are considering enrolling your child for the 2012-2013 School year, Registrations are currently being accepted on a space available basis, as some classes have already been filled. Applicants for the filled classes will be placed on a waiting list. Tours of the School can be arranged by appointment. The tour gives parents the opportunity to visit the School during a typical School day and see the teachers and students in action. For more information about a tour or the registration process, call the School Office. Information is also listed on our website: www.saintagnessschool.com.

Lectors: Anyone interested in serving as a lector is asked to contact the Parish Center: 781-648-0220.


Classes have ended for the year.

Thank you to all who volunteered in our program this year in service to the Lord. You are a gift to the Parish, families and children.

Registrations for next year have been mailed. Please return them promptly so that we can make plans for the Fall. New students must be registered in person. Please bring the Baptismal Certificate (if not Baptized at Saint Agnes or Saint Jerome) to the Office of Religious Education in the Parish Center. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM or by appointment. First Communion is a two-year program beginning in Grade One.

Thank you to all who attended, donated, helped and supported Fidelity House’s Fundraiser. Special thanks to the Friends of Fidelity Committee including:

Father Flatley, Frank Tessitore, Sue Connaughton, Tony Pallotta, Michael Pallotta, Frank Doherty, Dan Swenson, Wendy Pinard, Martha McGurl, Peggy Regan, Rollie Demers, Nick Mitropoulos, Paul McDonald, Mary Marino, Alice Shovlin, Tarajee Pass, Fred Harris, Rachel Buonopane, Diana Wesoloski, Natasha Strom, Nancy Leotsakos, Tom Fitzgerald, Mary Dynan and Tom Shovlin.

Upcoming Events - Family Awards Banquet-Tuesday, June 5 at 6:30; Pre-Kindergarten Graduation-Wednesday, June 6, Preschool Graduation-Thursday, June 7; Gymnastics Recital-Saturday and Sunday, June 9 and 10, Save the Date: FiHo Golf Tournament-Monday, July 16.

Full Day Programs - Fidelity House will offer Full Day Programs on all days that school is not in session, starting June 7 and after our Summer Day Camp. Children 5-13 years old are eligible. Field trips, special events and age appropriate activities will be featured.

Summer Day Camps: Separate camps for children in Grades 2-5 and Grades 6-8 start June 25. Camps include swimming lessons, free swim time, trips, sports, arts and crafts, special events and more. Register now. Full day programs are offered before our camps start.

Kindergarten/1st Grade Summer Days - 9 one week sessions begin June 18, 8-3:30; extended care available.

Preschool Summer Program - begins June 11. 10 one week sessions are being offered. Hours are 8:30-12:30 weekdays. Children may register for the week or for individual days. Arts and crafts, music, story time and many other activities will be featured.

Summer Programs - In addition to the programs listed above, Fidelity House offers many other Summer programs including: Tomorrow’s Stars Basketball Camp June 25-June 29, gymnastics basketball leagues and special events and activities throughout the Summer.

Please visit www.fidelityhouse.org or call 781-648-2005 for more information.

The distinctive mark of the Christian, today more than ever, must be love for the poor, the weak, the suffering.” (Blessed Pope John Paul II)

The Boston Sock Exchange needs your help! We are running very low on our supplies of clothing items for the Spring and Summer. We rely entirely on your goodwill donations to provide basic food and clothing essentials for the homeless in Boston. Please check your closets and bring in your donations of new or gently used, clean clothing items as soon as possible. We are looking for plastic rain ponchos, T-shirts and baseball hats. We continue to have a great need for packages of small 8oz. bottles of water. Our next event dates will be on Friday, June 8, at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center to prepare sandwiches and on Saturday, June 9, at 11:00 AM on Boston Common to distribute our donations. Please contact Jennifer Hermanski directly to sign up as a volunteer: jennifer.hermanski@gmail.com or 781-643-1116. All volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. You may leave donations in the bins at the front of the upper or lower church or drop them off at the Parish Center. The Boston Sock Exchange is a great project for your Religious Education class or Parish Group. Please contact Jennifer for more information about how your group can sponsor an aspect of this very rewarding ministry in the coming months.

The Catholic Appeal: Cardinal Sean thanks those from Saint Agnes Parish who have participated in the 2012 Catholic Appeal. To date our parish has raised $109,291. If you have not yet made your gift, please complete a pledge form available in the back of the Church or visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org to make a gift online. The Archdiocese would like to bring the Annual Appeal to a conclusion by the end of this fiscal year. Thanks to all who have already pledged to the Appeal. Your support is appreciated by the Directors and Offices supported by the Appeal, and by this Parish, which is helped, in so many ways by those in the Archdiocesan who respond to our requests and who provide direction, education and information to us. We are at about 70% of our goal of $155,810. Making or exceeding our goal would be of great benefit to the Archdiocese and our Parish. We understand that situations change, so some may not be able to give this year. We hope that others who have never given to the Appeal will help. Whatever you can do will be of great help.

Family Rosary Retreat 2012 - Sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries entitled Living the Beatitudes Together in Christ, Saturday, June 2 at Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton. Make time to enjoy this full day of rosary, prayer, family activities and a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop John Dooher, Auxiliary Bishop of the South Region. Sister Terry Rickard, OP, from RENEW International, will be the keynote speaker. Register online at www.FamilyRosary.org/Retreat or call 508-238-4095.

Pro-Life Meeting, Monday, June 11, 7:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Center.

Confirmation Classes have ended for the year. Students who have missed several classes will receive a list of make up sessions soon.

Make-up classes are usually held the first two weeks of June (after Spring sports). Current 10th Graders will attend a retreat in the Fall. Confirmation will be celebrated on October 13. A letter with this information will be sent to parents shortly.

Suicide Is Always A Tragedy

The following excerpt is taken from “Thirty Logical Reasons to Vote Against Assisted Suicide Laws” by Jane St. Clair, whose mother, father and sister all died of cancer. She spent weeks with them as they were cared for in hospice.

Assisted suicide laws create a world without caring or love. When we think of people who showed great love and compassion-the Good Samaritans and Mother Teresas of the world-we think of how they stopped and they took the time to help others. When they saw suffering, they did not shoot the person to put him out of his misery. That creates a world without love or caring. Do you want your kids to grow up in a world like that? When people are so sad they say they want to die, they need love and understanding. Killing is not compassion. To say that killing is a compassionate choice is to speak in Orwellian Newspeak, a language without meaning. If love is death and compassion is killing, then words mean nothing. Every human being knows what love is. Love is compassion. Love is caring. Love is saying I’ll walk with you no matter what. I’ll stay with you no matter what. I love you. We both know what that involves.

www.janestclair.net or www.thecompassionatechoice.com

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In responding to God’s call to priesthood, a diocesan priest freely chooses to devote his life in service to our Lord and to all of us — the body of Christ on earth. As members of our parish family, it is our responsibility and privilege to care for the men who make it possible for us to celebrate our Catholic faith. Many priests do not have the resources to pay for healthcare and living expenses in their senior years. The Clergy Funds help to ensure that our priests will be cared for in their time of need, especially when age or health dictates.

**Your gift allows the Church to help priests with these important services:**

- Retirement Benefits
- Housing Assistance
- Medical and Dental Care
- Regina Cleri Residence
- Other services for diocesan priests

*This summer, please consider giving our priests a gift that shows you truly care.*

Special Collection June 2 & 3

Checks can be made payable to The Clergy Funds and sent to:

The Clergy Funds
Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center
66 Brooks Drive
Braintree, MA 02184

To donate online, please visit: [www.careforseniorpriests.org](http://www.careforseniorpriests.org)

*Thank you for your generous support!*
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 and 5:15 P.M. (Lower Church)

Sunday
7:00 A.M. (Lower Church)
9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:00 Noon (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)