The Feast of St. Agnes (Jan. 21)
Jan. 17th, 2016 - Year C
(2nd Sunday Ordinary Time)

"Faith without works is useless" (James 2:20). Witnessing to our faith through our works is crucial. Faith in Christ means daily conversion, changing our lives in conformity to His will. (Matthew 7:21) Doing the will of the Father means works of charity, of patience, and real expressions of our faith demand that we give of ourselves. Does my faith in Christ leave me complacent? Or does it drive me to works of charity?

PARISH NEWS

ACTIVITIES THIS COMING WEEK:

SUNDAY, 3-5 pm: RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Tuesday, 9:30 am Ladies Group WEDNESDAY 1:00 pm Quilting: 1:30 pm Senior Exercise Group 7:30-10 pm - AA & ALANON in the Parish Centre THURSDAY, 4:30 pm Good Shepherd Atrium in the Parish Centre; 6:00 pm - Children's Choir Practice in the Conference Room

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS HAVE BEEN PUT AWAY: the green banners have been hung and we are now in 'Ordinary Time' in our Liturgical year. Ordinary Time is from the end of the Christmas season until Ash Wednesday and from the day after Pentecost until Evening Prayer of the First Sunday of Advent. Ordinary Time is the time after a feast when we use the grace we have received to grow in faith and love. Each Sunday in Ordinary Time has a number, so that we can count them. The numbers increase each week, just as the joy and love in our hearts increases, as we ponder the mystery of Jesus Christ, son of Mary and Son of God.

FEAST OF ST. VINCENT PALLOTI: St. Vincent Pallotti was the founder of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate – our Pallotines Fathers. We encourage all of you to join us for Holy Mass on Friday, January 22, 7 pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre and an opportunity to visit with the Pallotine priests joining us for the occasion.

HEALING MASS AT ST. AGNES: with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be celebrated on Thursday, February 11, 11:00 am. Plan now to bring your family members or friends who may benefit by the blessing. This sacrament is used for all who are gravely ill, those about to undergo a serious operation, anyone who feels a need for healing physically, emotionally, spiritually, psychologically – illness of any sort – and the Church stresses a secondary effect of the sacrament: to help a person recover his health. Like Confession and Holy Communion, to which it is closely linked, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as is necessary.

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ST. TERESA ANNUAL TWILIGHT RETREAT: Tuesday, January 26. Retreat Master will be Fr. Toby Collins, Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection. Cost of the tickets is $15 for the meal. For more info and to register contact: Jane at 519-744-8330

RIGHT TO LIFE VIGIL: Thursday, January 28, 6 pm, in front of Kitchener City Hall. (skating rink) Walk to St. Mary’s Church (Duke St.) at 7 pm for refreshments in the Lower Hall. Tim Runstedler, KW Right to Life Board Member, will speak about Euthanasia and the new proposed law for Canada and its implications. All are welcome.

24 HOUR PERPETUAL ADORATION: Thursday, January 28, 9pm to Friday, January 29, 9 pm, at St. Teresa Parish Chapel, 44 Leonard St. Kitchener. For more info: Jane Richard, Right to Life, 519-746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca

AQUINAS & ISLAM: All are invited to an evening of conversation about why and how St. Thomas Aquinas drew on the writings of the Islamic scholar, Ibn Sina and the Jewish sage, Maimonides, as he attempted to understand what we mean when we profess that God is the “Creator of heaven and earth.” St. Thomas Aquinas offers us a model for how people of faith and Christians in particular, can engage in a common quest to know God. St. Louis Church Hall (side door) 53 Allen St. East, Waterloo, Friday, January 29, 7-9 pm. Speaker: Deacon Charles Fernandes, 519-923-0454 - Presented by the Communion Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton For info: Fr. Mark Morley: mmorley@communionhamiltondiocese.org

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM - KW Couples for Christ invite everyone, married or single, to come to the Christian Life Program on Thursdays from 7-9:30 pm starting Feb. 4 at St. Anne’s Church, 268 East Ave., Kitchener. This 8 week program will help you grow in your relationship with our Lord. Come live a fuller life in the Holy Spirit through inspiring talks, discussion, fellowship and song. A separate children’s program is offered at the same time. There is no cost and refreshments will be provided.

Contact: Scott Pigott / Rita Rudolph at 519-581-1389 for more information.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SHARE LENT WORKSHOP will be held at St. John’s Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener, Tuesday, January 26, 7pm, for anyone interested in learning more about the work of Development and Peace.

MARCH BREAK HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE - March 11-20. Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, CR and pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kitchener, is the spiritual leader for this pilgrimage. Visit Nazareth, Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Cost is approximately $3,350 which includes airfare, accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner as well as a full biblical, sacramental and music program. Deposit required. Contact: Kitty at kmccgilly@ Rogers.com

ADDITIONAL LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 19, 9:50 am Mass at St. David High School Wed., Jan. 20, 10 am – Mass at Pinehaven Thurs., Jan. 21, 10:45 am at St. Agnes School Feast Day Mass (in the Church)

LAST WEEK’S OFFERING

January 10, 2016

Baskets: 5,066.70
Christmas & New Year Env. 50.00
Debt Reduction Env. 320.00

Thank you!

St. Agnes offers a Pre-Authorized Offering plan for your convenience in making your weekly contribution to the ongoing expenses of our church. Simply ask at the parish office (519-885-4480)

UPCOMING JK REGISTRATION DATES

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL
Monday, Feb. 8
9 am-6:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 9
9 am – 3 pm

ST. LUKE SCHOOL
Tuesday, Feb. 9
1 pm – 6 pm
Thursday, Feb. 11
9am – 2 pm

ST. AGNES SCHOOL
Thursday, Feb. 18
all day
9 am – 3 pm

Please bring one piece of photo ID as the parent / guardian and one piece of ID that shows current mailing address.

Please bring the following for the child:

Baptismal Certificate
Birth Certificate
Health Card
Current Immunization Records
Baptismal Certificate

3RD ANNUAL CHILDREN’S SALE
February 27-28 at St. Agnes Parish Hall

We are accepting gently used: toys, games, books, clothes for baby up to teen plus maternity small / large items, indoor & outdoor toys, bikes, baby swings, toddler beds

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours FOR INFO: MARINA MARUNA 519-886-0181 mmmaruna2002@yahoo.ca