

*St. Agnes Parish*  
2009



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*Welcome from  
St. Agnes Parish*



*Thank you for Your Presence  
May you find Sustenance and Peace here*

*Schedule of Liturgies*  
2009

**CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Daily: 9:00 AM Monday, Thursday and Friday  
6:30 PM Wednesday  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:45 AM  
Holy Days: Posted in the parish bulletin; available at the  
Church entry

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:15 to 4:45 PM or by appointment

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – HOLY HOUR**

Every Wednesday following 6:30 PM Mass

**BAPTISM**

Please contact the Rectory to arrange  
Preparation – 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of the month after 10:00 AM Mass  
Sacrament – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of the month at 1:00 PM

**MARRIAGE**

Before making any wedding arrangements, please make an appointment with the Pastor, preferably six months in advance. Scheduling of the church will not be done prior to this meeting.

**Parish Staff**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Michael A. Hobson
<b>Deacon</b>	Rev. Mr. John W. Wise
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	Deborah Jones
<b>Religious Education</b>	Sister Mildred Rothwell, OSF
<b>Business Manager</b>	Frances Tower
<b>Ministers of Music</b>	Laura and Jay Pawlyk
<b>Facilities</b>	Joseph Viel



*WELCOME*  
from  
*St. Agnes*  
*Parish*

*As a community of faith-filled believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, we gather together to worship, sing, praise and share fellowship with our brothers and sisters for the greater glory of God. Our Lord has given us the very gift of life and welcomes us to share our lives and our faith with one another to further build the kingdom of God. Here at St. Agnes, there are many opportunities to serve one another in living witness to Christ's love. For people of all ages there are many ways to become involved within our parish. The rich rewards of sharing the time, talent and treasure with which God has blessed us become apparent as we see the many and beautiful ways that God's presence works in and through us.*

*It is my sincere hope that this booklet will be helpful to you in finding further ways to grow more deeply in your faith. Whether it is in helping others, or seeking the help of others, our parish family is committed to serving the needs of all who desire the love of God in their lives. Jesus taught us to "Ask, and*

*it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you” (Luke 11:9). Please consider the many ways that God reaches out to our parish family and feel free to contact any of the ministries here at St. Agnes for additional information. The living witness that you yourself give for the sake of another may be the most important moment of that person’s life in coming to know the love of Jesus Christ.*

*We invite you to participate in and become a member of our parish. You will find at the end of this booklet a Parish Registration Request. In addition, you will find a Ministry Service Interests form. If you feel the Lord calling you to play a part in one or more of the ministries listed, please complete and return this form to the rectory at any time. Thank you for helping to spread the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ and for allowing our family of St. Agnes Parish to serve you.*

*May the love of God continue to bless you and those who are dear to you!*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Rev. Michael A. Hobson, Pastor*

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*A Welcome to*

# *Opportunities for Stewardship*

*St. Agnes Parish*

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St. Agnes Parish celebrates the growing vitality of parishioner involvement and giving of their talents to all aspects of the Church's ministry to God's people. The teachings of Sacred Scripture compel the Church to the ministry of its people both here and universally. All of us as members of the Church are called upon to share in that ministry in humble imitation of our Lord who dedicated his life to the service and redemption of mankind. St. Agnes has many vital ministries described in the following pages in which there are opportunities for each of us to follow Christ's footsteps serving others through the talents we have been given and with our time. Every parishioner is invited to the stewardship which we are all called through participation in at least one parish ministry each year. Through this great sharing of talents and time, a portion of God's work is being done in our community.

You are invited to contact the ministry leaders listed after the descriptions to get additional information and are welcome to become involved in ministry stewardship. Alternatively, you can communicate your interests to the Stewardship Committee via phone or e-mail (see contact information on page 8) or with the form on page 46.

*Administrative  
Ministries*

## **FACILITIES SERVICES**

**Purpose:** Facilities Services is the ministry responsible for the maintenance of the structure and systems of our church, the rectory and all of the surrounding church grounds. From painting to plumbing, lawn care to snow removal, carpentry to electrical: all the kinds of upkeep one might do on one's home is just as necessary here at our parish home. Should you enjoy a particular type of work in your spare time, or have a skill that you are willing to share with this key ministry, our church property requires constant care.

Coordinator: Joe Viel      Call rectory

## **PARISH BOOKLET COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** The Booklet Committee is responsible for annual update, improvement and reissuing the Parish Booklet. The booklet is an outreach initiative to all members of the St. Agnes community, both to those who are regular participants in its ministries and to other Catholics in the community, who are unaware of them, have drifted away or feel alienated. Its mission is to inform, to invite and welcome people, and to make them aware of the many ministries available to serve them or in which they may serve God by service to others. It seeks to convey a strong sense of renewal, service, outreach, and of increasing vitality and broadening scope in St. Agnes ministries.

Coordinator: Deborah Jones    Call rectory  
e-mail: stagnes@parishmail.com

## **PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

**Purpose:** The mission of the Parish Finance Council, under the leadership of the Pastor, is to develop and evolve self-sufficient financial management strategy needed to achieve operational and growth goals of the parish, while also supporting parish obligations to the Archdiocese and the universal Church. It is responsible for developing financial procedures and controls, overseeing construction projects and promoting stewardship in giving. As required by Canon Law, the Council reports annually on the parish financial condition to the parish community.

Chairman: Robert Murphy e-mail: rmurphy@parishmail.com

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Purpose:** The Parish Pastoral Council is formed to assist the Pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating and reviewing parish services in the context of parish needs. The role, responsibilities and operation of the Parish Pastoral Council are defined by the Archdiocese.

Parish Pastoral Council membership is composed of the pastor and appointed pastoral staff, together with both appointed and parish-elected community members. Meetings are normally held on the third Thursday of each month from September through June in the lower Church and are open to all parishioners. Members serve three year terms with annual parish elections for one-third of the council.

Vice Chair: Ruth Lackie    Call rectory  
e-mail:rlackie@parishmail.com

## **PARISH STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** The Stewardship Committee's primary and long term purpose is to help achieve broad new spiritual growth and vitality within the Parish through deepened understanding and commitment to individual Christian Stewardship among our fellow parishioners. It is also to actively encourage, support and strengthen parishioner stewardship for and in existing Parish Ministries, as well as to propose and assist responses to stewardship needs; all with guidance from the Parish Pastoral Council, the Pastor and parishioners. The committee is responsible to communicate its goals, plans, and progress periodically to the Pastor, to the Parish Council and parishioners.

Chairman: John Bacon (978) 750-4562  
e-mail: jbacon@parishmail.com

## **PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY**

**Purpose:** To provide for and guide the safety of all who come to St. Agnes in, through and out of its vehicle use areas; to maximize safe useable parking and to facilitate differing departure or drop-off times through analyses, planning and continuous evaluation. The mission includes communicating this guidance with respect and courtesy to all by committee representatives in the vehicle use areas and by parish bulletin announcements, handouts and signs.

Coordinator: Scott Saulnier (978) 774-0255  
e-mail: ssaulnier@parishmail.com

## **PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN PROGRAM**

**Purpose:** The St. Agnes Parish family is committed to ensure the safety and protection of our children from sexual abuse. The foundation of our program is a nationwide three to four hour mandatory training session required of adults who interact with St. Agnes children. This program raises the awareness and capability of parish adults in contact with our children in methods demonstrated to protect them from sexual abuse. Participants also learn to recognize warning signs that could indicate abuse and how to communicate concerns. It empowers all of us to be protectors of children. Training is offered several times each year.

Coordinators: Nina Lapine (978) 774-8262 and  
Irene Thompson (978) 664-2922  
e-mail: nlapine@parishmail.com

## **ST. MATTHEW'S GUILD**

**Purpose:** To sort, count, verify and deposit weekly offertory and special collections. There are four separate counting teams, each with four people. Each team normally serves once each month. Counting is performed per a formal "Parish Counting Procedure", designed to provide a common consistent approach and ensure complete accuracy for all teams. Weekly tally sheets are prepared in accord with the procedure by the team leader and delivered to the Finance Council.

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** To provide a means for St. Agnes parishioners lacking transportation or unable to drive to attend Mass. Parishioners in need of either regular or occasional rides between home and church may request them through the Transportation Committee. This new group will develop a cadre of parishioners willing to provide rides throughout the St. Agnes community and match them with those needing rides. Information on how the system operates will be made available in the parish bulletin and at the parish website [www.saintagnesparish.parishesonline.com](http://www.saintagnesparish.parishesonline.com). Serving your fellow parishioners' needs through service on this committee is a great opportunity for personal stewardship. Please call if you can volunteer for the committee or as a ride provider.

Contact: Linda Parker (978) 809-8872  
e-mail: [lparker@parishmail.com](mailto:lparker@parishmail.com)

*Faith Formation  
Ministries*

## **THE FAITH EXCHANGE**

**Purpose:** To enrich the lives and faith of people through understanding the meaning of scripture in contemporary life. The Faith Exchange ministry studies a challenging contemporary faith-related book over a six week period in the context of applicable Old and New Testament scripture; examining and interpreting the direction it brings to the conduct of our lives. These study series deepen participants' understanding of themselves as they reflect on changes they need to make in their response to life's challenges. Study groups are formed in the Spring and the Fall.

Coordinators: Jodi Sampson (978) 774-1987 and  
Aline Pavao (978) 739-1426  
e-mail: jsampson@parishmail.com or  
apavao@parishmail.com

## **PUBLICATIONS/LIBRARY**

**Purpose:** To provide parishioners of all ages a high quality source of publications on faith, guidance and hope to help cope with the challenges, crises and tragedies that life may bring.

The books and publications of this ministry are available in two areas; inside the church entry and in the church library located at the rear of the church hall on the ground floor. The library contains a growing selection of thoughtfully selected helpful books that may be used in the library. Additional copies are also available for purchase by depositing the envelope provided in the book with payment in a collection box at the library. The library is open during all Masses and whenever Religious Education classes are being conducted in the church hall. Many informative publications, some periodic, are available inside the church entry and are accessible any time the church is open. These are available at no cost.

Coordinator: Jodi Sampson (978) 774-1987  
e-mail: jsampson@parishmail.com

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Purpose:** For the ongoing formation of all parish members in Catholic faith and life, in the understanding of Sacred Scriptures and tradition, and in the active participation in the life and mission of the Church. Religious Education classes are provided for St. Agnes children and teens in grades 1 through 10, with preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist mostly in grade 2 and for Confirmation in grades 9 and 10. Parental sessions on these sacraments are also held in connection with their children's preparation. Catechist training using "Echoes of Faith" program is available for all teachers. The "Echoes of Faith" theological modules are also offered over a ten week period for all other St. Agnes adults, especially those in parish ministry. All adults working with children are required to attend the *Protecting God's Children Program* and must also submit a CORI form.

Director: Sister Mildred Rothwell, OSF (978) 777-3404  
e-mail: mrothwell@parishmail.com

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Purpose:** The Religious Education Commission exists to assist the Pastor and the Director of Religious Education in planning for the future faith formation of our youth. The members of the commission consist of the Pastor, Director of Religious Education, parents, religious education teachers, and a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. The commission normally meets at the beginning, middle and the end of the school year.

Coordinator: Father Mike Hobson Call rectory  
e-mail: scubapriest@parishmail.com

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Purpose:** Vacation Bible School is a very popular week-long annual event held during the second week of August for children from preschool through those entering fifth grade. Its purpose is to help develop their faith through creative learning activities, help prepare them to experience God's Word and to apply it their lives. The program accommodates about 85 children, has a yearly theme and teaches through scripture, prayer, age-appropriate songs, dramatized Bible stories, crafts, games, high energy music and movement. It also has an important mission project in which children learn from and celebrate helping those in need.

The program is staffed by trained adult and teen volunteers, who are always needed and essential to program success. Registration begins in late April for both children and volunteer staff. The number of children seeking registration has exceeded program capacity each year since inception. A modest fee is charged to offset program costs.

Registration Contact and Coordinator: Laura Pawlyk,  
Parish Music Director Call rectory  
e-mail: lpawlyk@parishmail.com

*Fellowship  
Ministries*

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Purpose:** The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide lay Catholic family fraternal service organization for men, founded in 1882, with the St. Agnes chapter first established in 1955 and newly re-chartered in 2005. The purposes of the society are to develop practical Catholicism among its members, to promote Catholic education and charity, and to furnish temporary financial aid to families of deceased members. Primary missions of the Knights of Columbus are support for local charities and parishes; and for the mentally and physically challenged. Part of this support comes from Knights of Columbus fund raising drives including the signature Tootsie Roll drive. Family values are promoted throughout the year, in part by numerous activities for entire family participation.

Grand Knight: Richard Duke (978) 750-0307  
PGK: Mark Sullivan (978) 774-6111  
e-mail: kcolumbus@parishmail.com

## **LADIES OF ST. AGNES**

**Purpose:** The Ladies of St. Agnes bring women of the parish together as a community. The Ladies enjoy social activities as well as charitable events. In the past the ladies have raised money for The American Breast Cancer Society. Another annual event has been the Advent Wreath Workshop held on the Saturday before Advent. We welcome all women of our parish and encourage their involvement. Meetings are normally held during the months of September through May. All upcoming events are noted in the parish bulletin.

Coordinator: Karen Harrington  
e-mail: kharrington@parishmail.com

## **“YOUNG AT HEART” SENIORS GROUP**

**Purpose:** The Seniors Group was formed to bring senior men and women of our parish together in a spirit of fellowship and companionship. Meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from September through June in the lower church. Mass is celebrated at 1:00 PM followed by a talk given by a featured speaker or by our pastor, Father Hobson. Refreshments are provided by the members on a rotating basis. In addition to charitable works, the Seniors' agenda includes occasional luncheons, parties and day trips.

Coordinator: Rose Osborn (978) 774-5880

*Liturgical  
Ministries*

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Purpose:** Altar Servers provide a visible and honored contribution to the dignity of processions and worship liturgy, assisting the celebrant during Mass and in some of the preparations for it. Boys and girls of our parish, from those finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school, are invited to serve God by assisting the Pastor and other ministers as Altar Servers. Training and robes are provided. Assignments are worked out among the group of Altar Servers to support the regular parish schedule of Masses, as well as special liturgical celebrations during Advent, Lent, Easter Triduum, and for various Holy Days. Altar Servers may also serve at weddings and funerals.

Coordinator: Jane Cardarelli (978) 777-7520  
e-mail: jcardarelli@parishmail.com

## **ALTAR SOCIETY**

**Purpose:** This very special group of women share in maintaining the beauty of our altar. They are dedicated, reliable, self-giving and generous of their time and themselves. Their work as ministers behind the scenes make visible the faith and love they manifest for our Lord. They polish the candelabra that give light to the altar, the vessels that hold the body and blood of our Lord, the paten that offers up our gifts to the Father and the bells that ring out the glory of God. In addition to this being a most satisfying ministry, it is a wonderful service and an honor that one can do for our Lord and for our church.

Coordinator: Ruth Ann Fox (978) 750-9040

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Purpose:** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are fully initiated members of the laity who serve the parish community by assisting the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion to those assembled at Mass. With great reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist, these ministers have the privilege of bringing the body, blood and love of Christ into the hearts of their brothers and sisters of faith.

Coordinator: Rosanna Moakley (978) 535-0409  
e-mail: rmoakley@parishmail.com

## **HOLY STITCHERS SEWING GROUP**

**Purpose:** The Holy Stitchers is a group of talented women with creative skills, some of which include cutting of patterns, matching of color schemes and sewing. Their effort is realized in the beautification of St. Agnes Church through the altar cloths, banners, vestments and accessories which enhance the different liturgical seasons. During Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Ordinary Time, Lent, Easter and Pentecost their work adorns our church for the honor and glory of God. Hand embroidered baptismal robes are made for the newest members of our community by a smaller group affiliated with the Holy Stitchers.

Coordinator: Millie Thompson Call rectory

## LECTORS

**Purpose:** To serve our brothers and sisters in faith by clearly spoken, careful reading of the Sacred Word at Mass and on other special occasions. Readings for Masses usually consist of one reading from the Old Testament, and another from the New Testament. In the absence of music, reading of the Psalms is also a lector responsibility. Following the Creed, Prayers of the Faithful are read.

Coordinator: Jim De Vita (978) 739-4535  
e-mail: [jdevita@parishmail.com](mailto:jdevita@parishmail.com)

## LITURGICAL FLOWERS GROUP

**Purpose:** The role of the Liturgical Flowers Group is to enhance the beauty of our church and to glorify the celebration of Mass through the use of seasonal flowers and decorations. The committee decorates for the days of Holy Week, Easter, Advent and Christmas; for seasonal celebrations such as Memorial Day and Thanksgiving, and for special occasions. Some outside plantings are also undertaken each year. Volunteers and new ideas are always welcomed.

Coordinator: Scott & Darlene Saulnier  
e-mail: [ssaulnier@parishmail.com](mailto:ssaulnier@parishmail.com)

## LITURGICAL MUSIC

**Purpose:** The mission of Liturgical Music is to enhance the liturgy with beautiful sacred music sung for the greater glory of God. This mission is carried out through our Adult and Children's Choirs, which focus on leading the congregation in songs and responses. Our repertoire contains both contemporary and traditional Christian music.

The *Adult Choir* is open to teens in seventh grade and beyond and men and women of the parish. The only requirements are a weekly commitment to sing at liturgies, the ability to sing on key, and a love of learning and singing music. Our season extends from September to June, and weekly rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in the church. The Adult Choir sings at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass and at other Eucharistic celebrations. Rehearsals are open and interested persons may drop in at any time.

The *Children's Choir* is open to boys and girls from second through sixth grade. The season extends from September to May, and rehearsals are held twice a month on Sundays. The Children's Choir sings the first Sunday of the month at the 10:00 AM Mass. Children learn introductory skills in tonal quality, breathing, posture, and articulation, in addition to understanding the texts of the sacred songs and responses. For further information see one of our Ministers of Music after any Mass.

Ministers of Music: Laura and Jay Pawlyk Call rectory  
e-mail: [lpawlyk@parishmail.com](mailto:lpawlyk@parishmail.com)

## **USHERS GROUP**

**Purpose:** Ushers ensure a welcoming presence and orderly seating for people entering the church; they tally attendance, assist with the offertory collection; and following Mass distribute the St. Agnes weekly bulletin. They sometimes assist with signup sheets for special appeals. Ushers serve at all regularly scheduled weekend Masses and at special Masses during the Easter and Christmas seasons, sometimes handling overflow crowds.

Contact: Jim Reynolds (978) 774-6474

*Outreach  
Ministries*

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

**Purpose:** To provide consolation to bereaved fellow parishioners with words of faith and support, acts of thoughtfulness and kindness; to participate in and help with the vigil, funeral and committal; and to provide an extended period of emotional and spiritual support. Our ministry of bereavement seeks to follow in the footsteps of Christ who raised Lazarus from the dead in an ultimate display of love and kindness. Bereavement ministers provide the gift of listening, sharing of the sorrow and grief; and comfort and reassurance in their readiness to help one another in love.

Coordinator: Rosanna Moakley (978) 535-0409  
e-mail: rmoakley@parishmail.com

## **ST. AGNES KITCHEN**

**Purpose:** To prepare and deliver to Bread and Roses, a soup kitchen in Lawrence, a nutritious evening meal and dessert on the first Thursday of each month for approximately 150 individuals who are in need. Through generous ongoing donations made by our parishioners to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, funding is provided for the food used in the meals. The volunteers shop for the groceries, prepare the meals, dessert and table flower arrangements in the lower church kitchen at St. Agnes. For the fall, winter and spring seasons, the main meal is Shepherd's Pie. During the summer, egg salad is prepared and delivered with fresh bread to make sandwiches. At Christmas time, the St. Agnes Kitchen also obtains gifts for the basic needs of this community.

Coordinator: Jane Cardarelli (978) 777-7520  
e-mail: jcardarelli@parishmail.com

## **THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

**Purpose:** The Giving Tree is an annual event of caring for brethren with needs which begins on the first weekend of Advent. A white illuminated tree covered with many colored paper angels is placed near the church entry for all to see. Each angel indicates a specific need for a less fortunate person in Middleton or a surrounding community. Caring parishioners select angels and purchase the individual gifts specified on each angel. The gifts are subsequently wrapped at the church for distribution to requesting agencies. We are extremely proud of this annual event, having served our fellow brothers and sisters last year with over 400 gifts. This multi-faceted project requires many hands to implement. Helpers are always needed.

Coordinator: Deborah Jones Call rectory  
e-mail: stagnes@parishmail.com

## **PASTORAL VISITATION TO HOMEBOUND**

**Purpose:** The pastoral visitation ministry serves those who are elderly, sick or homebound; or are otherwise unable to attend Mass by providing them with the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, contact with the parish, and some regular companionship. It also seeks to learn of needs which may be addressed through this or other parish ministries.

Coordinator: Father Mike Hobson Call rectory  
e-mail: scubapriest@parishmail.com

## **ROSARY PRAYER GROUP**

**Purpose:** The parishes of St. Agnes in Middleton, and St. Rose of Lima in Topsfield join in a Marion Rosary Prayer Service on Monday evenings from 7:30 – 8:30 PM. The parishes alternate as host. St. Agnes and St. Rose Parishes have now completed their 13<sup>th</sup> year of the Rosary prayer. The prayer group recites three rosaries: the Joyful, the Sorrowful, and the Glorious Mysteries. During the prayer service a petition book is placed on the altar. These petitions are prayed for along with other general petitions. Please answer the Blessed Mother’s call and join us.

Coordinator: Jan Crouse (978) 774-8065  
e-mail: [jcrouse@parishmail.com](mailto:jcrouse@parishmail.com)

## **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

**Purpose:** Like that of the founder, Frederic Ozanam, the vision of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is to “embrace the world in a network of charity”. Organized locally, Vincentians witness God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served; because in them Vincentians see the face of Christ. St. Vincent de Paul volunteers visit with struggling people in our community to determine how to assist with food, utilities or in other critical needs or with special works. We offer support and friendship while conscientiously maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those who are served. The St. Vincent de Paul Society relies on a continuous flow of contributions from parishioners. Our St. Agnes Conference is affiliated with the District Council of Lawrence. Please call the rectory to communicate information about those in need.

Contact: Call rectory  
e-mail: [stagnes@parishmail.com](mailto:stagnes@parishmail.com)

## **SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY**

**Purpose:** These popular events, held in the lower church, provide an opportunity for parishioners to meet each other and promote fellowship in our church community. Once a month following the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses, a full breakfast is served. On each of the other Sundays following the 10:00 AM Mass, coffee and donuts are served. This ongoing hospitality has enabled many parishioners, established and new, young and not so young, to get to know one another. We warmly invite all to enjoy the good food and socializing. A small fee is charged to offset costs. For individuals who enjoy cooking or serving meals, Sunday Morning Hospitality is a great opportunity for personal stewardship. Watch the parish bulletin for reminders about these events.

Coordinator: Deborah Jones Call rectory  
e-mail: [stagnes@parishmail.com](mailto:stagnes@parishmail.com)

## **WELCOMING COMMITTEE**

**Purpose:** St. Agnes Parish exists to nourish, renew and serve each person's need for faith and holiness within the community of believers. In an actively growing community we seek to reach out and welcome all to our parish. We also seek to welcome those who have drifted away, have become alienated or are unaware of the parish's renewed and growing vitality. If you are not a member and would like to learn more about St. Agnes Parish and its many ministries; or if you are a member of the parish who would like to be part of the Welcoming Committee, please share your gifts of fellowship and talent with us.

Coordinator: Tina Primavera Call rectory

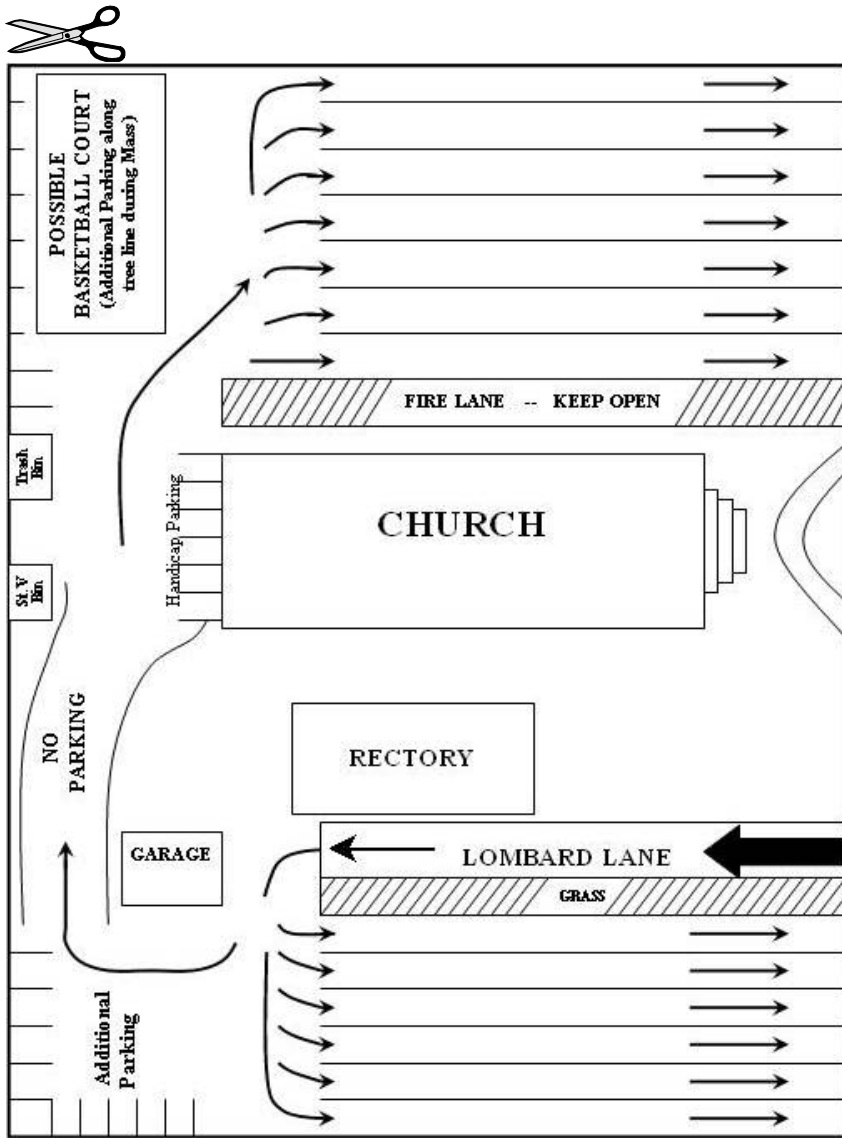
*St. Agnes  
Hosted Group*

## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

**Purpose:** To provide a strong anonymous and non-judgmental support group with proven results in the control of alcoholism for those who follow its program. Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences, strength and hope with one another in order that they might solve their common problem and help others. Meetings are held Friday evenings in the lower church.

Contact Person: Frank (978) 774-7108  
Boston Area Services: (617) 426-9444  
[www.aaboston.org](http://www.aaboston.org)

*Detachable  
Forms*



**Parking and Traffic Flow Diagram**

The traffic flow and parking for St. Agnes Church is designed to utilize our limited space safely and efficiently. Please take a few minutes to become familiar with it and note that the traffic flow is **one-way in all areas!**



***Saint Agnes Parish***  
 22 Boston Street  
 Middleton, MA. 01949

***Ministry Service Interests***

Please list below any of the ministries which may be of interest to you and place this form in the collection basket or mail it to us at the address listed above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below the ministry(s) in which you or any member of your family may have an interest. The ministry coordinator(s) will contact you.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Steward of our Parish.

*“Fill our minds with the truth and our hearts with His love that in His Spirit we may be bonded together in a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.”*



***St. Agnes Parish***  
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***Parish Registration Request***

We are happy that you are with us to celebrate the gift of Christ in your heart. If you are new to our parish, have not been with us for a while and would like to return, or are not currently registered, please fill out this request and place in the collection basket or mail it back to us at the address listed above. We welcome you with open arms and look forward to the opportunity of serving you.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

We thank you for taking an interest in becoming a member of our parish family, and ask God's blessings upon you.

## Dedication

*To all past, present and future St. Agnes volunteers who freely share their God-given gifts in service to their brethren*

- *For Stewards of the past who established our foundations for caring service*
- *For the Stewards of the present who carry forward and grow our ministries*
- *For the Stewards of the future into whose care these ministries and spiritual traditions will be entrusted*

## Stewardship Prayer

*Lord, teach me to be generous  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve  
To give and not to count the cost  
To toil and not to seek for rest  
To labor and not to look for reward  
Except that of knowing I do your will.*

Adapted from St. Ignatius Loyola

## Parish Mission Statement

*St. Agnes Parish is a living and loving community of believers seeking a deep and abiding faith in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We depend on His love to guide and nourish us in our quest for holiness. Gathered around the Word of God and His holy sacraments, we are called to be witnesses of Him by our service to our people, our families, our neighbors and our world as we strive to provide a warm welcoming home for all the People of God.*