

Saint Agnes Parish

West Chester, PA



**Parish Ministries, Services, Clubs and
Organizations**

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Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are men and women who have the sacred responsibility of assisting in the distribution of the Holy Eucharist at regularly scheduled Masses as well as bringing the Lord in the Holy Eucharist to those who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, and imprisoned.

Contact: Matthew Robinson, Director of Liturgy

liturgy@saintagnesparish.org

Lectors

Lectors are practicing Catholics, both men and women, who proclaim the Sacred Scriptures at parish Masses and other liturgical functions.

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liturgy@saintagnesparish.org

Altar Servers

Altar Servers are young boys and girls in grades five through twelve as well as adults who assist the priest at the altar during the sacred liturgy at Sunday and weekday Masses as well as at weddings, funerals, and holydays.

Contact: Matt Robinson, Director of Liturgy

liturgy@saintagnesparish.org

Cantors

Experienced singers are invited to serve as Cantors, who lead congregational singing at the Mass and provide any solo parts of the singing that are necessary to the liturgical prayer.

Contact: Sean McElwee, Director of Sacred Music

smcelwee@saintagnesparish.org 610-344-7244

Spanish Choir

The Spanish Choir coordinates and presents music in the Spanish language for the 12:00 Noon Mass in Spanish each Sunday of the year. Instrumentalists are welcome.

**Contact: Sonia Ortiz, Spanish Choir Director, after Mass
Or Matt Robinson Director of Liturgy**

liturgy@saintagnesparish.org

Instrumentalists

Those who play musical instruments are always welcome to play for Masses. Please contact Sean McElwee, Director of Sacred Music to discuss opportunities.

Contact: Sean McElwee, Director of Sacred Music

smcelwee@saintagnesparish.org 610-344-7244

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir is always welcoming new students in grades two through eight. Come join the Youth Choir praising the Lord with song at the 10:30 AM Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings 7:30-9:00 PM.

Contact: Sean McElwee, Director of Sacred Music

smcelwee@saintagnesparish.org 610-344-7244

Adult Choir

Our Adult Choir adds beauty to the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. New members high school age and up are always welcome to join. The Choir sings at the 10:30 AM Mass on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. Rehearsals are Thursday evening from 7:30-9:00 PM

Contact: Sean McElwee, Director of Sacred Music

smcelwee@saintagnesparish.org 610-344-7244

Ushers

Warmly greeting parishioners and guests at the Church entrance for Mass and other worship services, our ushers play a vital role in nurturing a welcoming environment for both new and old

parishioners. They also assist in the offertory collection and offertory procession during all Masses.

Contact: Jim Hennessy jihennessy@verizon.net 610-431-1052

Church Decorating Committee

Come join the Church Decorating Committee which fosters an environment of reverence and beauty that inspires devout worship. We maintain and decorate the altars and church as well as clean and press the altar linens throughout the liturgical seasons.

*Contact: Regina Maxwell reginamaxwellresearchservices.com
610-696-5584*

Altar Guild

Our altar guild cleans and presses the purificators and linens used by the priest during the celebration of the Mass.

Contact: Kate Rowan 610-436-0932 krowan53@gmail.com

Adoremus Committee

Fostering a devotion to the gift of the Eucharist, this committee solicits and maintains adorers for Eucharistic Adoration held in the chapel on Wednesday from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Contact: Leo Gilmore 610-793-1645

ListentotheAdvocate@gmail.com



Catholic Education & Faith Formation

Saint Agnes Catholic School

Providing academic excellence since 1871, our parish school offers programs for grades pre-k (3yrs old – 4yrs old) through eighth grade in a faith-based, nurturing, and affirming learning environment. Saint Agnes School has won the 2015 U.S.

Department of Education National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award for the second time in the last two decades.
Contact: Sr. Joan Felicia, IHM School Principal, 610-696-1260
principal@saintagnesschoolwc.org

Saint Agnes School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our council supports the pastor and principal in their work of carrying out the mission of Saint Agnes School. Advisory Council members are charged with doing research, engaging in discussion, and finally making and implementing recommendations to the pastor and principal.

Contact: Corie Connors, SAC President, 610-399-1627
jcandcoriconnors@gmail.com

Home and School Association

The Home and School Association supports the school primarily through volunteerism and fundraising. The Home and School Board consists of five elected officers and a faculty representative along with the pastor and principal. The Board meets monthly and directs the work of the Association. Every parent is automatically a member of the Home and School Association and is encouraged to volunteer for the many opportunities available.

Contact: Christie Slade, HSA President, 610-384-7487
eevoreslade@hotmail.com

Saint Agnes Educational Support Services (Day Room)

Educational Support Services consist of preparatory programs for three, four, and five year old children of non-English speaking families. It provides a Tutoring Program after school for primary grade children for whom English is a second language. Various summer camp experiences are offered as well.

Contact: Barbara Kirby 610-429-0697

C.A.R.E.S. (Children Are Receiving Extended Services)

This is the before and after school program for the regularly enrolled children in Pre-School through sixth grade. Morning CARES is open from 7 AM to 7:45 AM. Afternoon CARES is

open from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM on each school day. C.A.R.E.S. is open for emergency closings and early dismissal days as well.

Contact: Dorothy Hammond 610-696-1260

cares@saintagnesschoolwc.org

PREP- Parish Religious Education Program

St. Agnes has a large and robust religious education program for our children who attend other schools. For those children in first through eighth grade who do not attend Catholic School, religious education classes are provided on Tuesday evenings at 4:40 PM - 5:50 PM and 6:30 PM – 7:45PM.

Contact Person: Diana Ricciuti, PREP Administrative Assistant, 610-436-4640 prep@saintagneparish.org

Youth Ministry

The youth group, dedicated to guiding the youth in their faith journey, gathers sixth through twelfth graders in the PREP office on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM.

Contact Person: Heather Rasknake SHGrab431@comcast.net

Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC)

CYACC invites young adults in their 20's and 30's to join them for weekly meetings to focus on faith formation, fellowship, and community service.

Contact Person: Maureen Friedrich cyacc1@gmail.com

Pre- Jordan Classes (Baptismal Preparation)

Our program prepares parents and their godparents for their children's reception of the Sacrament of Baptism. It is held on the first Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon in Thomas Patrick Hall.

Contact Person: Deacon Tom Shurer 610-692-2990

Pre- Cana Classes (Marriage Preparation)

Couples planning to be married in the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Offices at least 6 months before the wedding.

Classes are held throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Register online at: phillycatholicmarriageprep.com

RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our ministry serves all those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, guiding especially adults who are either unbaptized Christians or who are non-Catholic Christians and who have an interest in becoming Catholic. As they travel this journey of coming fully into the Catholic Faith, they meet on Thursdays at 7:00 PM and on Sunday mornings.

Contact Person: Claudia Robuck, RCIA Coordinator,
crobuck@saintagnesparish.org

Men's Bible Study

Gather with the Men's Bible Study each Friday morning at 7:00 AM-8:00 AM in Thomas Patrick Hall (TPH) for reflection and prayer based on the Sunday Scripture texts of the next weekend.

Contact Person: Leo Gilmore 302-528-2081
ListenToTheAdvocate@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study

Come gather with the Women's Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM – 10 AM during the year to pray, reflect and support one another using the Scriptures as their guide.

Contact Person: Sharon Chevalier 610-783-7720
randschevalier@comcast.net

Breaking Open the Word

Join our Sunday morning scripture study ministry following the 10:30 AM Mass as we share God's message through His Word.

Contact Person: Claudia Robuck, RCIA Coordinator
610-436-4640 crobuck@saintagnesparish.org

Adult Bible Study Ministry

Our Adult Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the School Cafeteria. Various courses are offered using a structured program, workbooks and discussion to further understand different aspects of the Bible.

Contact Person: Rob & Terry Gallagher 610-996-6761
trgrjg@aol.com

Young Adult Bible Study

The Young Adult Bible Study ages 20's and 30's gathers on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM in Thomas Patrick Hall. **Contact Person: Theresa Bayer 484-841-3361**
tbayer@saintagnesparish.org

Summer Vacation Bible School

For one week in July, crafts, games, songs and dancing center on our Loving God and our relationship with Him. The program is geared for Pre-K through fourth grade with helpers from seventh grade through high school as well as adult volunteers.
Contact: Diana Ricciuti 610-436-4640



Human and Social Services Programs

Dorothy Day Ministry Center

The Day Room Ministry serves the basic needs of the poor and immigrant families in the West Chester area strengthening families and assisting individuals in achieving personal growth and greater independence. Food distribution through a food pantry and breakfast and lunch meals are among the many services provided by this ministry. The Day Room welcomes volunteers and is open Monday through Friday 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

Contact: Barbara Kirby, Director of Outreach Services, 610-429-0697

Saint Agnes Nurse's Center

The Saint Agnes Nurse's Center provides free health care to uninsured and underinsured poor with profound respect for the dignity of the human person at all stages of life and in all of life's circumstances. The Nurse's Center is open on Wednesday from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM until 12 noon.

Contact: Teresa Berkman berkmanct@aol.com

Good Works

Good Works is a Christian nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the living conditions for low-income families in Chester County. Saint Agnes participates in these home repair projects on the third Saturday of the month.

Contact: Robert Gallagher trgrig@aol.com

Prison Ministry

Individually or as part of a team, members of our Prison Ministry team will pray with the prisoners, catechize them, and share with them the gospel through Bible study or preaching from Scripture on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. All members must be approved by both the Chester County Prison Chaplain's Office and the Pastor of Saint Agnes.

Contact: Deacon Clem McGovern 610-388-1911

Spanish Apostolate

RCIA in Spanish

This ministry guides adults who are either unbaptized Christians or who are non-Catholic Christians who have an interest in becoming Catholic.

Contact: Sr. Helene McGroarty 610-344-7244

Spanish Prayer Group

Our Spanish prayer group meets every Wednesday evening at

7:00 PM– 8:30 PM in TPH room B08. Our mission is to praise and thank God through song, prayer, scripture reading, reflection, and faith sharing of how God is working in our lives.

Contact Person: Mauricio Garcia 484-319-2910

English As a Second Language (ESL)

Our parish provides English classes for those who are Spanish speaking. They are held Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM in TPH. If you interested in tutoring or attending please contact Sr. Helen.

**Contact: Sr. Helene McGroarty, Director of Hispanic Ministry
610-344-7244**

Guadalupano Group

Evangelization, through the Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th), Rosaries and special Events during the year. The mission of the group is to unify all through the honoring of Mary.

Contact: Carmen Lytle 610-306-4495

Rosary at Home

Our Rosary team offers the opportunity to pray at home with your friends and neighbors. Meeting times vary but usually are in the evenings, any day of the week.

**Contact: Maria Ortiz 610-696-7192 or
Carmelo Fontan 484-347-7183**

Our Lady of Providence Committee

Provides a special mass for the Puerto Rican community, to honor Our Lady as patroness. It is usually celebrated the second week of November.

Contact: Frank Henriquez 610-692-4708

Citizenship Committee

This ministry is an extension of the ESL program, preparing our immigrant newcomers for the United States Citizenship test.

Contact: Sr. Fran 610-344-7224

Fraternal, Social and Spiritual Organizations

The King's Men

Providing men with the opportunity to unite and build up other men in the role of leader, protector, and provider through education, formation, healing and action. This ministry meets weekly on Tuesdays evenings at 7PM in Thomas Patrick Hall.

Contact Person: Jim Herlihey 484-716-1649

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Schuyler Council 1333, is chartered at Saint Agnes Parish. The Knights of Columbus is a national, Catholic, fraternal, patriotic, and charitable organization vital in helping the parish with their witness to their Faith and their social involvement in the Parish. Membership is open to Catholic men over 18 years of age. Meetings are held in the Council Home on 110 W. Market Street in West Chester.

Contact Person: Kevin McCarthy 610-308-1701 kpm@usa.com

Companions in Prayer of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Meetings are held once a month on the second Wednesday at Bishop Shanahan High School Chapel from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM and a day of reflection and a retreat day are held at Villa Maria House of Prayer. The evening includes Adoration, Vespers, and a guest speaker.

Contact Person: Sr. Regina Bernarda
reginabernardahackett@gmail.com

Legion of Mary

Our Legion of Mary group reflects the evangelical life of Mary, the Queen of the Apostles. This ministry of lay people meets once a week for prayer, planning, and discussion of Jesus, His Mother and the Catholic Faith. The Legion meets weekly at 7:00 PM on Mondays in the Parish Office.

Contact Person: Esther Wolff 610-431- 6073

School of Community Prayer Group

The School of Community usually meets in the Dayroom at Saint Agnes Church on Tuesday evening from 7:30PM - 9:00 PM with Night Prayer. It follows the Ecclesial Movement of Communion and Liberation founded by Monsignor Luigi Giussani in Italy.

*Contact: Barbara Kirby, Director of Outreach Services
610-716-4287 Barbara-kirby@comcast.net*

Boy Scouts

Catholic scouting offering programs for boys of all ages. Meets on Sunday evenings 6:00 PM- 8:00 PM in Thomas Patrick Hall or the School Cafeteria.

*Contact: Steve Ryder 610-314-3238 or PJ Redmond
t153scoutmaster@gmail.com*

Girl Scouts

Saint Agnes has several active troops from Daisies and Brownies to Girl Scouts. Each troop meets in the school cafeteria, earning petals/badges while having fun and living up to the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Contact: AJ Urbanski 484-947-5417 aju@hdggroup.com

Catholic Youth Organizations (CYO)

Provides spiritual, social, service, and athletic programs to our parish children in grades five through eight. Sports activities include Cheerleading, Cross-County Running, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Lacrosse, Softball, Track and Volleyball.

Contact: Chuck McGrory Chuck@mcgrory.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our ministry meets bi-monthly to craft comforting shawls to be given to persons who are ill, bereaved, or homebound as well as baby blankets for infants at risk. Yarn and instructions are provided.

Contact: Ann Quigley quiganne@aol.com 610-431-3355

Al-Anon

Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. They meet on the second Saturday of every month between 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon.

Contact info: Susan 610-563-4029

Parish Governance

Parish Finance Committee

This ministry assists and advises the pastor in overseeing and controlling the financial affairs of the parish.

Contact: Jay Bowman Jwbowmanjr@hotmail.com

Parish Pastoral Council

Parish members serve on this Council to advise the pastor and foster the full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the parish and universal church. Their responsibilities include informing the pastor of needs and concerns, recommending policies and procedures, and reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of existing parish programs.

Contact: Ann Guinta adgiunta@aol.com or Jay Bowman Jwbowmanjr@hotmail.com

Sunday Collection Counters

These volunteers work as a team to count the weekend Mass contributions.

Contact: parishsecretary@saintagnesparish.org

Education Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee is a group of parishioners appointed by the Pastor of Saint Agnes School acting as advisories on matters of investment and allocation of endowment funds.

Contact: Sr. Joan, School Principal 610-696-1260

Parish Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee is comprised of dedicated individuals who love the Church and appreciate the importance of beautiful liturgy. Its chief focus is to ensure that the precepts of the universal Church are being faithfully implemented and followed on the parish level.

Contact: Matthew Robinson, Director of Liturgy
liturgy@saintagnesparish.org

Parish Safety and Security Committee

Our Safety and Security Committee meets to evaluate the campus for the safety and security of the parishioners and community we serve. Upon developing recommendations, these parishioners advise and consult with the Pastor.

Contact: Brian Kitson brian.kitson@kitsonconsulting.com

Parish Facilities Committee

The Parish Facilities Committee advises the pastor on all matters relating to the physical resources, facilities, infrastructure, landscaping, campus planning, aesthetics of the Parish properties.

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