



Scripture Readings for Today
1st Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Scripture Readings for December 27th
1st Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Dear Parishioners,

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” This, of course, is the famous verse, John 3:16. God came from Heaven to earth to save us, and for those who want to be saved, He asks that we, in turn, come to Him. The shepherds had a much shorter journey than Jesus, but still it was one they had to make if they wanted the salvation promised by the Infant in a manger. As we celebrate the coming of Christ to earth, God asks the same from us as He did from the shepherds. At every Mass, Christ is sent, that we may come and adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament. Perhaps the shepherds only had that one chance in a lifetime to offer homage to Jesus, but for us it is an abiding reality, and is, or should be, a part of the fabric of our very lives. As we thank God for the gift of His Son in Bethlehem 2009 years ago, we should be equally thankful that His Son is sent into our midst every Sunday and indeed every day. The sincerest way to show our gratitude is to follow the example of the shepherds, and “Come, and adore Him.”

On behalf of the whole St. Agnes family, may your Christmas Season be filled with God’s grace and blessing, and may you and your families always know the peace and joy that the Child Jesus brings.

Fr. Tim

COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 12-13TH

Envelopes.....	\$14,060.00
Loose.....	\$1,156.57
Poor Boxes.....	\$388.48
Children’s.....	\$39.72
Retired Religious.....	\$7,496.80

MASS COUNT FOR DECEMBER 12-13TH

5 PM – 260 7:30 AM – 121 9 AM – 277



10:30 AM – 318 12 PM – 275
 Total – 1251

The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. Mary, who gave herself to bear the Savior, gave her time and love to others as well.

May Christ come to you this Christmas with the gift of Love, the blessing of Hope, and the promise of Peace.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of our deceased parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals: Annamarie Devanny.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Joseph Kruger, Preston Scibek, Rob Coxe, Mary Strunck, Robert Scheile, Alice Bates, Jane McManus, Patrick Daschbach, Catherine Applegarth, Cecilia French, Francis Vizzini, Milton & Timothy Getka, Beth Szczybor, Therese Lipscombe, Quinn Degenhard, Brother James Kelly, Bernard Maddox, Edward Flannagan, Kyla Zeilinger, Jo Keyes, Teddy Skinner, Bill Herman, James DeMatteo, Margaret Peter, Mary Barber, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Evana Feeney, Heather LaMartina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Margaret Blinke.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT’L GUARD** – Pfc. Ryan Kamauff, David Parker, Spc. Paul Ascosi; **NAVY** – Harrison

ST. AGNES CHURCH

Seward, David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** –
SSG Patrick Flanagan, Sgt. Alex Kuziel, James
Lowe, Andy Giotis,

Mass Intentions



Andy Deponai,
Timothy Muhl, Sgt.
Joshua Callow,

Spc. Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter,
Capt. Sheldon Broedel.

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 21-27TH

MONDAY 6:30 a.m. – Simon Avara
12/21 8:00 a.m. – Margaret McGuirk

TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. – Bernadette Russell
12/22 Kondner
8:00 a.m. – Mary MacDaniel

WED. 6:30 a.m. – Dahlia DiLeo
12/23 8:00 a.m. – Charles Harris

THURS. 6:30 a.m. – Joseph & Eleanor Meyd
12/24 8:00 a.m. – Katherine Boehk
UC 4:00 p.m.– Charles Parker Sr.
LC 4:00 p.m.– John Evans
6:00 p.m. – Robert Kreft
8:00 p.m. – William Sullenberger
12:00 a.m. – Doris Shryock

FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. – Dorothy Hauf
12/25 10:30a.m – Carmelina Lotz

SAT. 8:00 a.m. – Matthew Barcase
12/26 5:00 p.m. – Al Herrmann

SUNDAY 7:30 a.m. – Aley Venginickal
12/27 9:00 a.m. – Charles Payne
10:30 a.m –Tony, Vince & Concetta Vinci
& Joseph Topper, Sr
12:00 p.m. – For the Parishioners

DAILY READINGS

Monday *St. Peter Canisus*
12/21 **Reading:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday *Advent Weekday*
12/22 **Reading:** 1 Samuel 1:24-28
Gospel: Luke 1:46-56

Wed. *St. John of Kanty, Priest*
12/23 **Reading:** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Gospel: Luke 1:57-66

Thursday *Advent Weekday*

12/24 **Read:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,
16
Gospel: Luke 1:67-79

Friday *Nativity of our Lord*
12/25 **Reading:** Isaiah 62:7-11-12
Reading: Titus 3:4-7
Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Saturday *St. Stephen, the first Martyr*
12/26 **Reading:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Gospel: Matthew 10:17-22



CONGRATULATIONS to the family of Theodore Lee Miller who was baptized in our Church last weekend.

CONFESSIONS: Confessions will be heard Monday, December 21st from 4-6 p.m. in preparation for Christmas.

EVENING PRAYER WITH JESUS: Please join us to pray the Liturgy of the Hours before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. 'O Come let us Adore Him.'



CONFESSIONS:

Monday, December 21st 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

MASSES:

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. Upper Church
4:00 p.m. Lower Church
6:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
Midnight

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 & 25th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: SUNDAYS, DEC. 20 & 27: There will be no Religious Ed. classes. The staff and volunteers of the Religious Ed. program would like to wish you a very blessed Christmas and a peaceful new year!

TUESDAY ADORATION: Adorers are needed for the 2-3 p.m. hour for our weekly Tuesday Adoration. Please call Jan Vidmar at 410.744.4106 if you can commit to every week.

PARISH CALENDARS are available on the windowsills in Church. Please take one per family.

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

The Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students of St. Agnes Catholic School wish our families, friends, and fellow parishioners a most blessed and happy Christmas and a New Year filled with peace and joy. *You* are a gift to us with your constant support and generosity, and we are thankful for you and for the gift of your children whom you have placed in our care.

Advent Service Projects: A special thank you to the students and parents who so generously supported our Advent Service Projects. Students donated money to purchase gifts for our parish Crèche Kringle program as well as filling stockings for the St. Joseph Monastery parishioners. The kindness of our school families will make this a brighter Christmas for many children.

Merry Christmas and a Happy 2010!

Please keep our 2nd grade students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Dates To Remember:

- 12/21 12:30 Dismissal
- 12/22 9:00am/ Advent Liturgy
- Please join us as we celebrate the coming of the Baby Jesus.
- 12:30 Dismissal
- 1/4 School reopens 8:05 A.M.
- 1/11 First Reconciliation 7:00 P.M.

Save The Dates!

- 1/12 Home School Association meeting 7:00 P.M.

Re-registration forms for the 2010-11 school year will be sent home soon. Please return them to keep your child's place for next year. Please remember that there will be more options for Nursery and Pre-School classes next year.

TRAVELING FOR THE HOLIDAY? For nationwide Mass times and locations, call 1.410.676.6000 or visit www.masstimes.org.

MEMORY VERSE

TITUS 3:4-5

When our Savior appeared; He saved us, not because of any good deed of ours, but because of His mercy.

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, December 20 –Christmas Party

Please bring a \$5 wrapped gift that would be fitting for a guy or a girl. Guys, please bring drinks. Girls, please bring snacks. Everyone, bring a friend!

BEANS & BREAD NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Beans & Bread Center serves the hungry and homeless in Baltimore city. We currently are looking for volunteers to help feed approximately 300 daily on **12/24/09, 12/29/09, 12/31/09, 1/5/10 and 1/7/10**. Contact Erin Shutt at 410-732-1852 ext. 111 or erin.shutt@vincentbaltimore.org if you are interested in volunteering.

REDISCOVERY WEEKEND FOR MARRIAGE

Retrouvaille (rediscovery) Weekend: **January 15-17, 2010** in Washington, for marriages in difficulty. Helps hurting couples heal. Call 410-647-0350 or email TomnCarol@comcast.net Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com for more info.

FOOD CERTIFICATES – Consider a practical Christmas gift for friends and neighbors. Giant, Shoppers, Panera or Dunkin Donuts gift cards purchased from St. Agnes are practical, appreciated, and benefit our school! Certificates are available in the school and parish offices Monday-Friday and after all the weekend Masses.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Remember the Holy Innocents: Dec. 28th, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, St. Andrew by the Bay, 701 College Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21409, will hold their 10th Annual Prayer Service at 7 pm in memory of the Holy Innocents. For details call Maureen Stansell 410-757-4132.

March For Life –Save the Date! Friday, Jan. 22, 2010, plan to attend the Rally at the Mall and peacefully march to the Supreme Court in Washington, D. C. St. Agnes will sponsor a bus. More details to follow.

"We cannot fight credibly against other social and moral evils, including poverty and violence, while we tolerate mass killings by abortion."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta