The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 26-27, 2015
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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
New Year’s Day, 2016 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 31, 2015
4:00 P.M. (Lower Church)

Friday, January 1, 2016
7:00 A.M. (Lower Church)
10:00 A.M. (Lower Church)
12:00 Noon (Lower Church)
5:00 P.M. (Lower Church)

Saint Agnes Parish joyfully welcomes
Leah Renée Swartz

Parish Coffee Hour: At the conclusion of the 9:00 Mass, hosted by the Saint Agnes Parish Evangelization Committee. Join us in the Arlington Catholic High School cafeteria for fun and fellowship with other parishioners!

No classes today
Classes resume next Sunday, January 3.

Saint Agnes Family Group will not meet this week due to the Christmas holiday. We will resume January 5.


Baby Shower for the Unborn to benefit Pregnancy Help, weekends of January 17 and January 24.

March for Life Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. will be held on January 22, 2016, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

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Saint Agnes Month’s Mind Bereavement Mass
As an expression of sympathy, Saint Agnes Parish celebrates a Month’s Mind Mass to remember the parishioners whose Funerals took place during the previous month. Today we remember Phoebe Doyle, Thomas Daly, Jr., Barbara Lee, Maria Dutra, Paul J. Doyle, Rose Arnold, Rita Arseneau, Mary V. Errico and Lena Trubiano.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY
Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016
People living with depression: Next meeting of the depression peer support and prayer group, Thursday, January 21, Saint Agnes Parish Center, 6:30-8:00 PM. For more information, contact Karen Celano: 516-946-6287 or kcelano@gmail.com.

The students and staff of Arlington Catholic High School helped to make the season brighter during the Christmas season by providing toys for homeless children sponsored by the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. The students and staff truly embrace the mantra that “It is better to give than to receive.”

Prayer does not lead to practical action for your brother, the poor, the sick, those in need of help, a brother in difficulty, is sterile and incomplete. Pope Francis

Boston Sock Exchange Ministry serves our homeless brothers and sisters on Boston Common on the second Saturday of each month. As you transition your wardrobe, please remember the homeless who would benefit from seasonal clothing you no longer require. Bring men’s and women’s seasonally-appropriate clothing donations to the bins in the Church and Parish Center. We need new socks, warm gloves, winter hats, and winter coats as well as cases of bottled water. Join us in the Parish Center on Friday, January 8 at 7:00 PM to prepare sandwiches and to help organize donations. We need volunteers to help with distribution on Saturday, January 9 at 11:00 AM on Boston Common. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For information, contact Sheila O’Brien: obriensmo@hotmail.com.

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Saint Agnes School News
Celebrating 125 Years of Academic Excellence
Happy New Year! Principal Robert Penta, the faculty, staff and students of Saint Agnes School, wish Saint Agnes parishioners a Happy and a Blessed New Year.


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Religious Education

No classes today
Classes resume next Sunday, January 3
The Family Liturgy Committee thanks all who donated warm winter items throughout Advent to help children in Arlington.

Prayer Line - If you are in need of prayers, call the healing and restoration prayer line at 617-442-3938 (located at Mission Church, 1545 Tremont Street, Boston). Healing service is the last Sunday of the month at 2:00 PM.

Fidelity House’s Winter brochure is being finalized. January Programs include; Nancy Drew Mystery Book Club, Lego Club, Tot Basketball on Mondays, Tot Floor Hockey on Wednesdays, Instructional Floor Hockey on Tuesdays, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Cooking, Basketball for grades K-5 on Friday, Polar Bear Football, Jr. NBA for 8-10 year olds and 11-13 year olds meets on Saturday mornings, and 6th-8th grade boys and girls Floor Hockey. New program ideas are always welcome.

Full Day and Early Release Day Program – Fidelity House’s School Age Child Care Program offers full day programs and early release day programs. Full Day Programs include Monday, December 28, Tuesday, December 29, Wednesday, December 30 and Thursday, December 31. Program is open to children in Kindergarten and up.

Basketball Clinics- For boys and girls 7-14 will be offered on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 28-30 from 9 - 12 noon. The clinic will feature offensive drills and games. Registration forms are available at Fidelity House.

Building Hours - Fidelity House will be closed at 5:30 pm on December 31. Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy 2016.

Adult Volunteers – If you are available to help out short term/long term or seasonal please give us a call. Volunteer opportunities include but not limited to Preschool Assistant, light office work, assisting in our recreation programs.

Preschool and Pre-K Openings – Fidelity House’s Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Program have openings. Children ages 2 year 9 months and up are welcome. The program is in its 38th year and is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care.

Please visit www.fidelityhouse.org to register online or call 781-648-2005 for more information.
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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 27, 2015
7:00 A.M. James J. Rubino 1st Anniversary
10:30 A.M. Month’s Mind Bereavement Mass

Monday, December 28, 2015
7:00 A.M. Anne Driscoll Anniversary

Tuesday, December 29, 2015
7:00 A.M. James and Mary McGrath Memorial

Wednesday, December 30, 2015
7:00 A.M. Daniel J. Doherty Anniversary

Thursday, December 31, 2015
7:00 A.M. John J. Doyle Anniversary

Friday, January 1, 2016
7:00 A.M. Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Saturday, January 2, 2016
7:00 A.M. John R. Wiseman, Sr. Anniversary
4:00 P.M. John A., Rita A. Flanagan & Foley Families Memorial
5:15 P.M. George and Edna Varnum and John Tate Memorial

Sunday, January 3, 2016
10:30 A.M. Christmas Flower Intentions

Sister Catherine St. Claire Flaherty and Rev. Joseph P. LaRaia, whose Funeral Masses were celebrated last week.

The Offertory Collection was not processed before the bulletin was printed. There was an early deadline because of the Christmas Holiday.

Grand Annual Collection – Thank you for your most generous response to this collection. The amount donated up to this week is $78,222. Your generosity to your Parish is sincerely appreciated. Contributions may be made at any time.

On the feast of the Holy Family we celebrate the fact that we all belong to God’s Holy Family. Through your gifts, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas joy and hope to those less fortunate.

Saint Agnes Parish offers Online Giving. This service is safe and secure and convenient! Sign up at our website: www.saintagnes.net. We encourage parishioners who sign up for Online Giving to discontinue their weekly envelopes.
Saint Agnes Parish

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 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)