

St. Agnes Church

Our Parish Statement

St. Agnes, in Greenport, New York is a vibrant multi-cultural Catholic Community that worships on the beautiful easternmost North Fork of Long Island. We seek to welcome and serve people of all ages, heritage and way of life as family in Jesus Christ through prayer, education and living Gospel values.



We Celebrate Eucharist

Saturday: 4:00 pm (All Year)
8:00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday: Spring/Summer

1st Sunday of April - Last Sunday of October
7:00 am, 9:00 am (Family Mass) and
11:00 am

Sunday: Fall/Winter

1st Sunday of November - Last
Sunday of March
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 am

We Celebrate Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 pm
or by appointment

We Celebrate Baptisms

First Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm
Please call rectory for arrangements.

Almighty, eternal God, you choose what the world considers weak to put the worldly powers to shame. May we who celebrate the birth of St. Agnes into eternal joy be loyal to the faith she professed. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

(From the Sacramentary for the Feast of St. Agnes - January 21)

We Celebrate Marriage

Please call rectory for an appointment before going to the catering hall, and at least six months in advance of the date you are requesting.

We Have Devotions

(Following the 9:00 am Mass)

Monday

Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Wednesday

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament with Benediction
at 10:30 am

January 22, 2012
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**ST. AGNES
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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East Marion, and Orient
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The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.

—Mark 1:15

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Rev. Thomas P. Murray - Pastor
Msgr. Ronald Richardson –Weekend Assistant
Rev. Mariusz Gorniak - Associate Pastor(seasonal)

Religious Education Coordinator & Youth Group

Ellen Harbes 477-1422, Ext. 16

Secretary Paddy Soito 477-0048/ 323-2452

Cemetery Kevin Gallagher 477-0048

Spanish Ministry

Sr. Margaret Smyth, OP 369-4601
Mass in Spanish - Saturdays 8:00 PM
Spanish Meeting - Thursday 7:00 PM
(Church)

Catholic Education

Our Lady of Mercy 734-5166
Principal – Lorraine DelGenio
Regional Catholic School-Grades Pre K-6

Facilities Manager—Joseph Spitaliere 477-0048

Plant Maintenance Peter Clark 477-0048

Eucharistic Ministers Pat Latham 323-2642

Readers of the Word Ted Webb 323-2622

Director of Music & Cantor

Christine Franke 477-0048

Parish Council

Theresa Bubb, President

Rosary/Altar Society

Susan Lakowitz 477-1263

New Parishioners - Registration forms at doors of Church or in Rectory.

North Fork Parish Outreach

Loretta Hatzel-Geraci, Director
Greenport Office 631-477-6469
Greenport Food Pantry 631-477-6469
Greenport Thrift Shop 631-477-6607

Little Shop of Blessings

(Religious Articles Store)
Dee Gallagher 765-4114

Sunday Collection

\$4,620

Thank you for your generous support of our Parish.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK
IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Nancy Charland, Bettie Lou Ross, Carol Mathie, Elizabeth Petratos, Dan Borg, Katherine Fisher, Deborah Spitaliere, Hal Knight, Maureen Burns, Madeline Connor, Fr. Louie Newman, Dottie Mellas, Theresa Siro, Morgan West, Maureen Ostermann, David Mammina, Baby James Martin, Melisse Dansereau, MaryAnn Farley, Demetri Halikias, Anthony LoPresti, Lucile Viscardi, Virginia Marsico, Elaine O'Donnell, Ellen Golding, Lainey DeCicco, Kathleen Crowley, Kate McCamy, Peter Pemberton, Patrick Carey, Debbie, Regina Hansen, Julianna Foster, David White, Robert White, Jr., Dave Quenneville, Colum Madden, Eleanor Glasser, Heidi Braglia

**A PRAYER FOR OUR
SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

*1st Lt. Brittany Hine , 1st Lt Brian Hine
Staff Sgt. Jon Tyma , Sgt. Emily Thompson
Sgt. Ralph Condit, III, Sgt. William David Slaght
Jon Sanders, Michael Milano, Alex Padworski
Major Michael Creedon, Grace Williamson*

Lord, hold our troops in your loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Do you have a family member who is currently in the service of our country? If so, please contact the Rectory to have his/her name put on the list of those serving so they may receive our prayers.

**Masses for the Week of
January 23-29, 2012**

- Mon. 9AM John Romanelli
Tues. 9AM Eileen Prudan
Wed. 9AM Ignatius Cirrone
Thurs. 9AM Tessie & Peter Zubina
Those celebrating
Birthdays in January
Sat. 4PM Tom McGarry, 2nd Anniversary
Our Lady of Mercy School
Ester Ligon
Anna Walters
Sun. 8AM Parishioners
Stella Sinuta
10AM Jim Madden, Birthday Rem.
Bill Meehan

**Scriptures for the Week of
January 23—29, 2012**

- Mon. 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30
Tues. 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19;
Mk 3:31-35
Wed. Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Mk 16:15-18
Thurs. 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;
Mk 4:21-25
Fri. 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;
Mk 4:26-34
Sat. 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17;
Mk 4:35-41
Sun. Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-
35; Mk 1:21-28

Saints & Special Observances

- Mon. Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children;
St. Vincent;
Tues. St. Francis de Sales
Wed. The Conversion of
St. Paul the Apostle
Thurs. Ss. Timothy and Titus
Fri. St. Angela Merici
Sat. St. Thomas Aquinas

My Dear Family of St. Agnes,

Last week I handed out copies of our financial statement comparing 2011 and 2010. In a time when our economy is very shaky, I want to thank you for your generous support of the parish and our parish programs.

While we do show a deficit, it should be noted that, aside from salaries, our largest expense this past year is our capital expenditures. These expenses came from our fire escape extension on the rectory and our new carpeting and painting in the church. Both of these were extraordinary expenses. At present, I do not see any such expenses in our immediate future.

While it may not show itself in the expense column (due to oil prices), we have cut our oil consumption in the school by almost 50% due to our new double boilers. The insulation and new windows in the church have saved us as well.

Again, I thank you for your generous support of St. Agnes and pray that God will continue to bless us with a year enriched in His spirit.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Tom Murray*

PARISH OUTREACH REPORT

Your compassion and generous donations of food, gift cards and money have provided the critical resources with which the Outreach has sustained our neighbors in their need. May the goodness that you have given to others be returned to you many times over this new year.

In October, November and December of 2011, the North Fork Parish Outreach Food Pantry served 324 families consisting of 39 seniors, 541 adults, and 427 children with a three day supply of food and basic living needs. In addition, 150 families received a holiday meal-in-a-box.

Plan ahead for...

**St. Agnes 4th Annual
VALENTINE'S
COVERED DISH & DANCE**

**Friday, February 17
6-10pm**

Details in next week's bulletin

OUR CEMETERY

From time to time it is good to remind our parishioners of our cemetery. It is located on the right side of Manhasset Avenue between the two Brewer boat yards. It is composed of nine and a half acres. It was dedicated in 1896 by Bishop McDonnell and has hundreds of graves. Some are in large family plots and other single, two grave, four grave plots. It has three sections that we named OLD, NEW, and ARIMATHEAN. The old section has little restrictions whereas the new section is divided into single graves, (St. Anthony) and paired graves, (St. Joseph). This new section has size and height restrictions for the head stones and no foot stones are allowed.

The Arimathean section is reserved for still-born, infants and indigents. It was named for Joseph of Arimathia who gave his tomb for Christ to be buried.

Contrary to popular belief, we do not bury "6 feet under". The water table here only allows us to bury 4 feet down and it is a single depth. Some cemeteries bury two or more deep. This is a reason why we urge people to purchase burial vaults which also keeps the ground more stable.

A single grave is used for one burial but can be used for an additional cremains. Cremains are the result of someone being cremated. We recommend urns be put in a cremains vault. Since cremation is fast becoming very popular we have some couples/families buying one grave and put

up to three cremains in the one grave. For the future we will be building a columbarium wall. They are being seen in cemeteries that are running out of room. They hold cremain urns and can hold one or two in each niche. They are in a relaxed setting with meditation benches. They will be priced less than a grave. Prices for a grave are about \$ 1,700 for a single and \$3,400 for a double. This fee includes permanent maintance.

If anyone would like to know more or have questions, please call the rectory any Monday –Thursday at 477-0048

ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH

Give yourself permission to spend a day with the Lord. Join us for a Lenten day of reflection and prayer at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Eastport on Saturday, March 10 from 9AM to 4PM. Lent is a wonderful time and gift that God gives us to grow in our relationship with Him. Specific details to come. RESERVE THE DAY!!

NEWS FROM OUR LADY OF MERCY
From the Principal's Desk

Happy 2012 to everyone! The students at OLM are collecting Box Tops for improvement of the OLM Playground, aluminum tabs from cans for the Sunrise Foundation at StonyBrook University, and unused cell phones for soldiers abroad to use. If you would like to donate any of these items, we would be glad to take them from you. Just drop the items off to OLM and we will do the rest!

The Snowflake Hooray For Me Program begins again on Tuesday, Jan. 17th. Please take a flyer from the back of the Church or call 734-5166 for more information!

The Godparent Program is in full swing. If anyone would like to be a "godparent" for a child who wishes to attend Our Lady of Mercy Regional School, please call 734-5166.

Our Lady of Mercy Regional School is hosting an OPEN HOUSE!

Sunday, Jan. 29th, 2012

12:00 noon until 2:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ellen Harbes, Coordinator

Office Hours: Tuesday 9-5, Thursday 9-1

FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

How to choose a sponsor

Confirmation can be a great experience, and hopefully you've thought a lot about what this sacrament means, and how the Holy Spirit will affect your life. You'll be required to have a sponsor—someone who will guide you and share the story of faith with you. A good sponsor will make this process a little easier and even more fun.

Having one of your godparents as a sponsor helps us to see how Baptism and Confirmation are connected. Sadly, by the time they get to Confirmation, many young people no longer know their godparents, or they're no longer good role models. Or maybe they just live too far away. These young people will need to choose a new sponsor. Some advice to the candidates: You're looking for someone you trust, whose faith you admire and who will be there for you. The Church requires that they be *confirmed Catholics, at least 16 years old* (for maturity) and *practicing members of the Church, while not being your parents*. This means you can choose a relative, friend or someone from your parish as your sponsor.

There may be some people that we do admire right now but perhaps we shouldn't choose them as a sponsor. There may be someone we intended on asking but now have found that they have some of their own faith issues that need to be worked out first. Right now, we need someone who is active in church, can share why faith is important to him or her and who lives close enough to help with preparation. So in choosing a sponsor take all these things seriously. Pray about it, and when you think you have the right person, ask him or her to help you grow in faith by being your sponsor!

FOR SPONSORS

Be at your best

If you have been chosen to be a Confirmation sponsor, congratulations! This person sees in you a profound faith commitment, finds trust and knows you are someone who will care about them and their faith. Sounds impressive, doesn't it? It's not all that

complicated, but it does take time, a caring heart and a listening ear. If you're an active mature Catholic, don't get too worried. Here are a few suggestions on how to be the best possible sponsor for your candidate:

- **Be a living model of faith.** At least a part of what this young person admires in you is your faith! If the way you practice your faith is not what it should be, "get it together," so to speak! If you honestly can't, this is understandable, but maybe you should decline the invitation to be a sponsor. Your life doesn't have to become artificially saintly, but your faith should be authentic and sincere.

- **Pray for your candidate and yourself.** As candidates decide to be confirmed, they need spiritual strength. Your prayers for them are important, but don't forget to pray for yourself also, that you can share why you value and practice your Catholicism. Attend Mass together, or even have the courage to come to Reconciliation together.

- **Give of your time and share your gifts.** You'll be asked to spend time together on various activities. This may mean preparing lessons or even working on a Christian service project. You could also share your own experiences or write a letter of encouragement. Let your unique God-given talents and gifts shine! Offer a gift of spiritual significance—a new Bible, rosary or book about our faith or about the saint the candidate has chosen for a Confirmation name—but *be creative and relevant!*

- **Don't miss the ceremony.** Participating in the ceremony is the easiest part of being a sponsor. Your basic job will be to place your hand on your candidate's shoulder, and tell the bishop your candidate's Confirmation name. You're there to be a support, but your role on Confirmation day is only beginning.

- **Don't forget this newly confirmed Catholic.** After Confirmation day, remember birthdays and this anniversary. Send a card or make a phone call. Continue to worship together, or from time to time do some Christian service. Put those "Gifts of the Spirit" into practice.

*From Godparents and Sponsors -
What is Expected of Them Today?*

By William F. Wegher