

April 2, 2017 5th Sunday of Lent - A

FACING FEAR

Introductory Thought The psalmist wrote: "You shall not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday." (Ps. 91:5-6) The biblical point of view, throughout, is that some degree of fear is inevitable in this life, and fear often works to protect us. But our faith is in God's love, from which nothing can separate us.

Reading I Ezekiel 37:12-14 The setting is a valley full of bones and the Lord asked Ezekiel, "Can these bones live?" The Lord told Ezekiel to prophesy: "Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and raise you from your graves." The Lord also promised to bring his people home into the land of Israel." He also promised to put his Spirit in the people.

Reading II Romans 8:8-11 St. Paul said all who are in the flesh cannot please God. But all who are in the Spirit have God dwelling in them. If Christ is in them, even though their bodies are dead because of sin, their spirits are alive because of their righteousness. If the Spirit raised Jesus from the dead, that same Spirit will give life to the peoples' mortal bodies

Reading III - John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 Bethany was the village where Lazarus lived, and it was also the home of sisters Mary and Martha. Jesus loved these three, and became a powerful presence in their lives. Lazarus had been dead for four days, but the presence and power of Jesus not only brought him back to life but generated a dramatic awareness of what God in Christ can do.

CLOSING THOUGHT Fear may be our most dreadful foe. The fear of war keeps us afraid. The fears of illness and poverty keep us worried, and are worse than being sick. The fear of death haunts us all. Montaigne said, "There is no passion so contagious as that of fear." Shakespeare wrote: "Our fears make us traitors." Franklin Delano Roosevelt said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." God's love does not create dependency but freedom. We are dependent on God, and God's love makes it possible for us to live by faith.

Mass Intentions

MonApr3rd 9:30am John LaBanc@Montgomery
TuesApr. 4th 10am Russell&Margaret Roberts @ Heritage Manor
Wed.Apr.5th 8am DeceasedMembers of CCW @ St.Agnes
Thu.Apr.6th 8amFaithful Departed@HolyFamily
Fri. Apr.7th 8am Norma Piazza @ St. Agnes
 4pm Russell & Margaret Roberts@ Holy Family
Saturday April 8th NO CONFESSIONS
 4pm Henry&MaryVanzo@St. Agnes
 6pm Faithful Departed@HolyFamily
Sunday April 9th
 8am Esther Watts @HolyFamily
 10am Maddalina &James Parola @ St. Agnes

Mark your calendar

Mon.Apr.3rd 9:30am Montgomery NH Mass
Wed.Apr.6th 7pm Living Stations of the Cross
Tues.Apr.6th 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary
Sun.Apr.9th, 1pm Penance Service @ St.Agnes
 3pm Penance Service @ Holy Family
Thur.Apr.13th 9:30am Montgomery Com&Ros
 3pm Tremont Ridge Com&Ros
Mon.Apr.17th 9:30am Hillsboro NH communion
Thur.Apr.20th 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary
Thur.Apr.27th 9:30am MontgomeryNHCom&R
Sun.Apr.30th First Communion @ St.Agnes

March 26th 2017	OFFERTORY
Weekend envelopes (122)	\$ 4449.50
Weekend loose	\$ 173.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1019.50
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 200.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 10.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 20.00
TOTAL	\$ 5872.00
St. Agnes Cemetery	\$ 75.00
St. Johns	\$ 0
+ ACSA	\$ 200.00



Please let us know if someone in your



family is ill or hospitalized and wants to be visited or taken communion by calling 532-5288. Please leave a de-

tailed message. Thank You!



Invitation to participate in preliminary phase of the diocesan synod - In remarks following the Jan. 22 prayer service that began the preparation phase of the diocesan synod, Bishop Thomas John Paprocki reinforced some important elements. "As I have explained before, 'synod' is a Greek word that means 'meeting,'" said Bishop Paprocki." It is my hope that during this year of our synod, this becomes a conversation, a diocesan-wide discussion . . . that will be used to form the questions that guide the synod itself. I want everyone's feedback and input." The questions are online at www.dio.org/synod and will be published in several issues of *Catholic Times*. You are asked to complete the synod's preliminary phase questionnaire. This feedback will be used to formulate the questions that become the working papers of the synod. The findings will be used at the diocesan synod Deanery Prayer and Listening Sessions to be held in each deanery on April 2. Please complete and submit the questions before April 2, 2017. Instructions on how to complete and return the questionnaire are in *Catholic Times* and on the website. All answers are confidential

Are you experiencing shame, sleepless nights, guilt, or other negative emotions after abortion? You are not alone. Any woman or man who has had abortion touch their life personally is invited to contact Project Rachel, a post-abortion healing ministry. All contacts are confidential. Take courage and call 1-877-RACHEL-5

Communal Penance Service

Palm Sunday April 9th

1pm Saint Agnes

3pm Holy Family

6:30pm Farmersville

6:30pm Nokomis

The confessors will be Fr. Jim Neuman, Fr. Gerald Bunse, and Fr. Dan Willenborg. **Who are you getting your spiritual coaching from? We all need a fresh start time to time. Allow God to unburden you of your sins and give you a fresh start! Prayerfully consider going to confession before Easter!**

CCW News: The St. Agnes Council of Catholic Women will meet on Thursday, April 6th, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Kim Noyes from the newly opened Pregnancy Center in Hillsboro will be the guest speaker. All ladies of the parish welcome!

The Last Lenten Dinner at Hillsboro K of C Hall will be Friday April 7th 5-7pm. A Varied Menu for Varied Tastes!

From the Pro-Life Group: Your spiritually adopted baby is 1 month old. The Baby's heart is beating, brain is forming, arm and leg buds have appeared. He or she looks like a tiny baby and begins to react and respond like one.

St. Agnes Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday April 15th, 11am
 Back of the Parish Center
 All are welcome!

Ministry Schedule April 8th & 9th
Saturday 8th, 4pm Sunday 9th, 10am

Reader	Ben Brohammer	Bob Fuehne
Reader	Angie Karban	Mary Jo Cerny
Cantor	Stan McCaslin	Terri Miller
Mass Server	Andrea Huber	Tad Daniels
Mass Server	Sarah Huber	Dylan Lessman
Eucharist E	Gene White	Ali Luckett
Eucharist PB	Deacon Lee	Deacon Lee
Eucharist PB	Sue White	Sandy Martincic
Usher	Don Huber	Mike Ryan
Usher	Jim Modla	Junice Springer
Usher	Bob Moranville	Greg Springer
Usher	Leo Murray	Sam Tyszko
Hospitality	Nic Ondrey	Faye Weller
Hospitality	Maia Moranville	Alex Miller
Hospitality		Sheridan Lyrta
ChildrensLiturgy		Ali Luckett

Thank you for giving your time/talent at Saint Agnes!

5th Sunday of Lent – 02 April 2017 So dead!

Some people do everything possible, and then some more, to stay alive. Some fear death. If we think ritually, we can be dead because of sin. We should fear that. But grace is stronger than sin. God's life is stronger than death. In fact, Christians cherish death because it is entrance from this life to life anew; it is entrance from this home to our eternal home. This death we should not fear. What life do I really need? What behaviors need (must) I avoid?

5th Grade PSR is collecting toiletries for the people in need. Donations can be dropped off at PSR or the church between now and Easter! Thank You!!!



Good Friday Meal for the Home Bound

On Good Friday April 14th, St. Agnes Confirmation Class will be delivering a warm meal to the Home Bound. Meals on Wheels will not be delivering that day due to the holiday. If you know of someone who is Home Bound and would like a lenten friendly meal that day, please contact Angie at the parish office 532-5288 or her cel 246-5321. We will need the address, phone#, and number of meals to that location.

Living Stations of the Cross April 5th 7pm By 7th&8th Grade Come join us!

As members of this parish community prepare for Confirmation, we the faithful journey with them... God loving Father, you have called us to share in the work of your Son, to preach the Good News of your love, and to be agents of reconciliation and peace. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to make us strong in bearing witness to our faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Choir Notes: Choir practice will be held in preparation for Easter on Wednesday evenings March 29th, April 5th and April 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the church. New voices always welcome!

Saint Agnes

Catholic Church

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A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

*Gratitude
 Forgiveness
 Healing
 Stewardship
 & Intentional
 Discipleship*

Very Rev. James L. Neuman, V.F., Pastor

Deacon Leland Johns 532-5288
 Char Modla, Pastoral Associate 532-2631
 Angie Mizera, CRE Grade K-10 & Parish Secretary Office & Parish House 217-532-5288
Office hours M-T-W 8:45 to 12:30
Thursday 8:45 to 4:30
 Parish Center 217-532-2631
 Parish Web site: www.stagneshillsboro.com
 Diocesan web site: www.dio.org
CHANGE OF ADDRESS. If you have a change of address will you please notify the parish office at 532-5288 or email agnesone_chris@consolidated.net. You can leave a phone message with your new address.

Mass Schedule

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 am
4:00 pm Saturday
10:00 am Sunday
Confessions Saturday 3:15-3:45pm &
 By special appointment 532-5288.

Saint Agnes Parish Mission Statement

Saint Agnes is a Roman Catholic community called to be disciples of Jesus and to celebrate our faith in work and sacrament. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the love of God by serving others and proclaiming the Gospel with our Lives.

RCIA: Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic faith, call the Pastoral Associate Office 532-2631.

BAPTISMS: By appointment only after parents have attended required classes. Parents must be registered and active members of St. Agnes Parish for at least 3 months.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are to be made directly through the funeral home. Funeral liturgies are at 10:00 am.

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 pm., or by appointment. Consult the bulletin.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: Contact the Priest of the parish, 532-5288.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Contact Pastoral Associate Office at 532-2631.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance. **REGISTRATION AND ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AT ST. AGNES REQUIRED,** plus attendance at a pre-cana conference. No weddings to begin later than 2:00 pm on Saturday.