

March 19, 2017 **Third Sunday of Lent A**
LIVING WATER

Introductory Thought Sad to say, there are dimensions of life that are not experienced by everyone. Because of unexamined barriers many people live their entire lives inside a small frame of reference. Jesus helped people take down barriers such as nationality or orthodox Jewish customs. Despite the taboo against Jews interacting with Samaritans, Jesus introduced “living water” to a Samaritan woman and changed her life forever. She found “food” to eat that she had known nothing about

Reading I Exodus 17:3-7 Moses brought his people out of Egyptian bondage, but they found themselves in a dry, waterless land. They turned on Moses, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to kill us with thirst?” Moses cried, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me?” God gave Moses assurances of his presence with the people and they were lead on their way

Reading II Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 Paul writes eloquently of the grace that came from God through Christ. There is peace that comes from being justified by faith, and this grace is a cause of rejoicing. There is also strong hope for the future. Why? While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Reading III John 4:5-42 To speak of “living” water seems strange. But it is a phenomenon that a person has to experience to truly understand it. Water is critical to our physical well-being, of course, and the “living” water we find in Christ is a transcendent experience we find by faith.

CLOSING THOUGHT “Living” water is an internal reality. It cannot be bought or sold. The transformation that takes place in the person of faith has little to do with external conditions, and has much to do with faithful following in the foot-steps of our Lord Christ. People everywhere seek satisfaction of one kind or another, and much too often of the wrong kind. May we follow our Lord Christ, who leads us faithfully in the way that leads to life eternal.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Mar. 20th 8am Marie Terneus @ St. Agnes
Tues Mar 21st 8am Faithful Departed @ Holy Family
Wed. Mar. 22nd 8am Living and Deceased Members of Meyers Family @ St. Agnes
Thu. Mar 23rd 8am Faithful Departed @ Holy Family
Fri. Mar. 24th 8am Fr. Tracey @ St. Agnes
4pm Esther Watts @ Holy Family
Saturday March 25th 3:15 Confessions
4pm Bill Bayliff @ St. Agnes
6pm Russell & Margaret Roberts @ Holy Family
Sunday March 26th
8am August Hiette @ Holy Family
10am Tom Connor @ St. Agnes

 *Mark your calendar*

Mon. Mar. 20th Hillsboro NH Communion 6:30pm RCIA
Thur. Mar. 23rd 9:30 Montgomery NH Com & Ros
March 26th-28th Confirmation Retreat After Mass 7pm , Lenten Mission Holy Family Litchfield
Mon. Mar. 27th 6:30pm RCIA
Thur. Mar. 30th 9:30am Montgomery NH Rosary

Lenten Dinners at Hillsboro K of C Hall each Friday in March & April 7th 5-7pm. A Varied Menu for Varied Tastes!

March 12th 2017 OFFERTORY	
Weekend envelopes (132)	\$ 3608.50
Weekend loose	\$ 141.25
Catholic Charities	\$ 80.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 1092.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 40.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 105.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 436.00
TOTAL	\$ 6173.75
St. Agnes Cemetery	\$ 349.00
St. Johns	\$ 35



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!



Eucharistic Adoration *“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep.” (John 10:11)* Get to know the Good shepherd Who laid down His life for us. He waits for our visit in. Adoration is held on the 2nd & 4th Wed. 3-6pm. Please join us!

As part of a 40 Days for Life campaign, Bishop Paprocki will lead a prayer rally at the Planned Parenthood, 601 N. Bruns Lane, Springfield, on March 22nd, 12:00 noon. Please join bishop Paprocki in praying for an end to abortion.

Invitation to participate in preliminary phase of the diocesan synod - 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. Also we have copies at the main entrance of church. All

Trust in the mercy of God’s love. Do you know someone who is carrying the grief and sorrow of past abortions? Share with them the Good News of God’s merciful love. Call Project Rachel for a confidential referral to those who can help: 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Lenten Mission ‘Renewing the American Parish: Trajectories for the Future’ Hosted by Holy Family Litchfield with speaker Very Rev. Dennis Robinson, OSB, president-rector of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology on March 26th, 27th, & 28th at 7pm. The parish is the backbone of the Church, and yet many parishes today are struggling for numbers, programs and money. What is the future of the American parish and how can we help realize it? This program will consider a number of trends and offer a few possible answers to the questions we have today. For more information, please contact the parish office @ 324-2776

Sacred Relics Of The Saints: Treasures Of The Church - The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois will host at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with his very special ministry to teach about these holy objects. He will bring with him over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church’s history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry. Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

Life Advocacy Day at the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 10:00 am, Illinois State Museum Library.

Please pray for our Confirmandi & RCIA Candidates! Thank You!

Ministry Schedule March 25th & 26th
Saturday 25th, 4pm Sunday 26th, 10pm

Reader	Angie Karban	Ed Huber
Cantor	Don Karban	Lisa Sullivan
Mass Server	Andrea Huber	Avery Smith
Mass Server	Sarah Huber	Audrey German
Eucharist E	Kay Gray	Barb Ryan
Eucharist PB	Deacon Lee	Deacon Lee
Eucharist PB	Mary Ann Rapp	Sandy Martincic
Usher	Jason Burke	Dave Jones
Usher	Kent Zimmerman	Jeff Jones
Usher	Kent Tueken	Cody Luckett
Usher	Stan Hughes	Mike Reynolds
Hospitality	Delores Hughes	Mike Ryan
Hospitality	Landon Carroll	Jean Shannon
Hospitality	Kaden Lemon	Linda Jones
ChildrensLiturgy		Christina Province

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

3rd Sunday of Lent – 19 March -So thirsty!

The People of the Hebrews: so thirsty, they grumbled to the very God who gave them quail and manna. The Woman at the Well: so thirsty, she missed the living water – at least, at first. And what does God do? Because of faithful care and covenantal love, water gushes from the rock, living water gushes from Christ.

- For what do I “thirst”?
- How can God slake that thirst?
- What mercy work can I do to give drink to the thirsty?

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!!!

THE CONFITEOR- It is a confessing of our sins to God and our brothers and sisters. It challenges us to consider seriously four areas in which we may have fallen into sin: "IN MY THOUGHTS AND IN MY WORDS, IN WHAT I HAVE DONE AND WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO"

1. "In My thoughts: We must guard our thoughts at all times, we must focus on what is good. For example, without ever physically harming someone, we can sin through our anger toward others, judging others, being anxious about the future or falling into deep discouragement are ways, our thoughts, can lead us into sin.

2. "In My Words": The tongue is fire. The bible mentions several ways our speech can be used for harm. For example, gossip, slander, insult, lying, and boasting. These are to be confessed.

3. "In What I have Done": This is what most people commonly think about sin - actions that directly hurt other people or our relationship with God. The Ten Commandments are often used to examine our conscience.

4. "In What I have Failed to do": This is the most challenging part. We are responsible for the selfish, prideful, and evil actions we have committed, we are also held accountable for the good we have failed to do. In the book of "James" he teaches us "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is a sin". (Jas 4:17)

So in conclusion we must watch our thoughts and our actions. May God bless each of us!!

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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.

ANOINTING 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.