

Please come and join us!

We joyfully invite all women of Saint Agnes to join the Altar and Rosary Society and receive the spiritual and social benefits offered to its members. Come join us to pray for and serve our beloved Church of Saint Agnes!

Spiritual Benefits

To grow spiritually we pray the rosary and attend Mass before our monthly meetings, and other Masses are offered for members as well. A special Mass is offered for current members in May and for deceased members in November.

In the event of the death of a member, we pray the rosary as a group before her funeral Mass and offer a Mass for the repose of her soul. We also send a sympathy card and a spiritual bouquet to her family, listing all the prayers the women of the Society have offered in her memory.

During Lent we host a Day of Recollection, which has included speakers, confession and adoration and is open to all women.

Finally, the Altar and Rosary Society hosts a monthly dinner and Bible study from September through June (schedule is dependent on the study being offered). This Bible study is open to all the women of Saint Agnes and takes place the first Wednesday of each month after the 5:15 PM Mass in Schuler Hall. The study is immediately followed by the monthly Society meeting.

Come Meet More Saint Agnes Women!

The Altar and Rosary Society sponsors several social opportunities in which you can build and enjoy friendships with the beautiful women of Saint Agnes.

We meet on the first Wednesday of most months (with the exception of January, July and August). We begin by praying the rosary in the chapel at 4:50pm, continue by attending 5:15pm Mass and then serve refreshments in Schuler Hall where we have time to relax and enjoy each other's company. We then hold our business meeting which typically lasts about an hour (Bible study sometimes occurs before the Society meeting).

The business meeting reviews the minutes of the prior meeting, the current finances of the Society, a report from the Pastor of Saint Agnes on recent and planned events and/or requests for the Society to serve, and a brief report from each committee chair on activities of the previous month and anything coming up. New business is presented and members are consulted on upcoming plans and service opportunities.

The Altar and Rosary Society also takes part in several parish social events. The Society hosts the annual Advent Bake Sale and Boutique in early December and an Ice Cream Social in August to honor the Assumption of Mary. We also volunteer for the Fall Festival by organizing the Basket Booth and the Bakery, Bistro and Country Store, as well as serving in several other volunteer roles for this major event.

On the first Sundays of most months, the Altar and Rosary Society hosts coffee and donuts and our FAMOUS ham, egg and cheese sandwiches in Schuler Hall after the Sunday Masses. At our March meeting and March Sunday coffee and donuts, we hold a Baby Shower to collect donations for Women's Life Care Center.

Finally, we host receptions for newly ordained priests from our parish in the Spring.

Where is the “Altar” in Altar and Rosary?”

In addition to the volunteer tasks above, members of the Altar and Rosary society assist with many other important roles caring for the precious articles used on and around the altar. These tasks include weekly cleaning of the upper church and chapel, laundering and care of altar linens, sewing new altar linens, repairing existing linens and vestments, and baking Eucharistic breads.

Membership is Easy!

Just come to say the Rosary, offer Mass, and meet the Altar and Rosary Society at one of our monthly meetings. You can visit and learn more and sign up right there. For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Jennifer Murphy, by emailing jmurphy110@comcast.net.

We hope to see you soon!