

Copper Basin Community Mission Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pastor Rev. Charles W. Cloud

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Ernie Trujillo

~~~*Mass Schedule*~~~

**Copper Basin Community**  
Copper Basin School

Mass: Saturday 4:00 PM  
Confessions: before Mass

[www.catholic-church.org/assumptionbvm/copperbasin.html](http://www.catholic-church.org/assumptionbvm/copperbasin.html)

**Church of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

221 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Florence, AZ 85232

Parish Office: (520) 868-5940

Week Day Masses: Tuesday – Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday: 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM (Spanish)

Sundays: 8:00 and 9:30 AM

Confessions: one half hour before Mass  
or by appointment

*Twenty - second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday Mass August 29, 2009**



*He [Jesus] said to them, "... Do you not realize that everything that goes into a person from outside cannot defile,... But what comes out of a person, that is what defiles. From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice,*

*deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."*

**Mark 7:18-23**

## Parish Groups and Ministers

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Altar Servers         | Becky Riley        |
| Altar Society         | Maryanne Clark     |
| Bulletin              | Mary Teese         |
| CCD Program           | Jenny Rudko        |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Autumn Torres      |
| Hospitality           | Lisa Nicholson     |
| Lectors               | Jan Trbovich       |
| Music                 | Aaron Heinen       |
| Prayer Group          | Virginia Bombolino |
| Ushers                | Monica Lehnortt    |
| Volunteers            | Jan Trbovich       |

*September 6, 2009*

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**1<sup>st</sup> reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7a

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading:** James 2:1-5

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

## WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

### August 29

**Altar Servers:** Rosa and Violet Torres and Raymond Welch

**Lectors:** Polly VonEsse and Vera VonEsse

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Monica Lehnortt, Tim Riley and Autumn Torres

**Set Up/Take Down:** Amando and Elsa Aravayo, and Polly and Vera VonEsse

**Ushers:** Jared and Joey Riley

### September 5

**Altar Servers:** Alex Rice, Matthew Rudko and Noah Rudko

**Lectors:** Andrea Longo and Carmela Figueroa

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Bombolino and Maryanne Clark

**Set Up/Take Down:** John and Virginia Bombolino and Monica Lehnortt

**Ushers:** Nick Vascones and Jose Vera

## **Please Pray . . .**

For the sick or suffering.  
For those who have died.  
For the members of the Copper Basin  
Mission parish.



## **CCD Classes**

**There are  
classes today.**

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### **MINISTRY & COMMITTEE NEWS!**

- Check future bulletins for news about the **Halloween, All Saints and All Souls** event that our parish ministries and committees are planning. Jenny Rudko will be the coordinator. There will be an opportunity for everyone to participate.

The September class schedule is follows:  
9/12, 9/19 and 9/26

**All classes are held after Mass**

CCD Program Director  
Jenny Rudko

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### **Hospitality**

The Hospitality Committee invites  
you to join them for an

**End of Summer  
Ice Cream Sunday Social**

September 19<sup>th</sup>  
After Mass



**All are welcome!**

**More information is available at the  
entrance table.**



Hospitality  
Lisa Nicholson

**BLESSED...If You have sight, you are blessed.  
If you have insight, you are a thousand times  
blessed.**

- *Author*  
*unknown*

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Check out the Copper Basin Mission Website  
[www.catholic-church.org/assumptionbvm/copperbasin.html](http://www.catholic-church.org/assumptionbvm/copperbasin.html)

# Saint Agnes

Ricki Fowler requested information on Saint Agnes.

**Saint Agnes** (291–304 C.E.) was a virgin martyr and saint of the Christian church. Also known as **Saint Agnes of Rome** and **Saint Ines** (or Santa Ynez), she is one of seven women, besides the Virgin Mary, commemorated by name in the *Roman Missal*.

While we have few facts, tradition tells us that Agnes was martyred for her faith during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian in the late third century C.E. However, others believe she died under Decius in a localized persecution half a century before this. Early sources tell little of her life, other than that she was executed as a Christian at age 12 or 13.

The legend of Agnes' martyrdom was embellished over the years. The earliest source for her life is from the writing of Saint Ambrose of Milan in the late fourth century, who gives few details except for Agnes' age and the fact that she was executed by the sword. The version provided by Pope Damasus I (reign 366 - 383) contradicts this, saying she suffered martyrdom by fire and that she declared herself a believer immediately after Diocletian's imperial edict against the Christians.

In the late fourth century, the Christian poet Prudentius, in his *Liber Peristephanon* ("Crowns of Martyrdom") adds details about the judge in the case. Finally, the *Acts of the Martyrdom of St. Agnes*, written in an even later period, brings the story to its full elaboration.

## The mature account

*The mature legend of Saint Agnes of Rome exists in at least three versions, two in Greek and one in Latin. It may be summarized as follows:*

Saint Agnes was a member of the Roman nobility born c. 291 and raised in a Christian family. She suffered martyrdom at the age of 12 during the reign of the Eastern Roman Emperor Diocletian, on January 21, 304. Agnes' parents were pagans, but she had learned about Jesus and the Gospel from her nurse-slave, with whom she was very close. Phocus, the son of the prefect Roman governor Sempronius, was one of several

rich young men who fell in love with Agnes. He brought her gifts of jewels, but she rejected his courtship, saying, "I am already the spouse of a Lover much more noble and powerful than you."

The dejected Phocus later learned that Agnes was a Christian and denounced her to his father. Sempronius questioned her officially, and she freely admitted her faith in Jesus. He ordered her to go to the temple of Vesta—the virgin goddess of the hearth, home, and family—to offer a sacrifice, or even to devote herself as one of the Vestal Virgins. Agnes steadfastly refused any compromise with pagan practice.

Threats of death did not sway her (some sources indicate that Roman law did not permit the execution of virgins), so the judge threatened her chastity instead. Even this did not frighten her into submission, and Agnes was thus stripped naked and dragged through the streets to a brothel. On the way, as the saint prayed, her hair miraculously grew and covered her body to protect her modesty. At the brothel, she was protected by an angel when several men attempted to have their way with her by force (some versions name Phocus as her attacker). All of those who attempted to rape her were immediately struck blind and/or paralyzed.

Although Agnes remained a virgin, she was now condemned as a witch and tied to a stake to be burned. However, the bundle of wood would not burn, whereupon the officer in charge drew his sword and struck off her head (or stabbed her in the throat). The execution reportedly shocked even the bloodthirsty pagan crowd, since Agnes was so young and pure. Thus, her death created a new wave of sympathy for the Christians and brought many to the faith.

One of the first examples of virginal espousal to Christ, Agnes became a popular figure in Christian legend. Folk customs and religious traditions are associated with her, and hundreds of churches, schools, and shrines bear her name. She is the patron saint of chastity, girls, gardeners, engaged couples, rape victims, and virgins. She is recognized as a saint in the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, and most other churches that honor saints. Her feast day is celebrated on January 21.

Sources: Catholic Encyclopedia of Saints, [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org), Saint Agnes of Rome, [www.satuchet.com](http://www.satuchet.com)

## Increasing you Catholic Faith

For those of you interested in growing your faith the following programs are available at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Florence.

**The Bible Study** meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Conference Room in the Gila Chapel. No particular education or training is required. Bibles are available for use during class.

**The Tuesday Evening Adult Education Class** is on break until September 8<sup>th</sup>

### Learn About the GIRM!

Beginning on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Tuesday evening Adult Education Class will study the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM). This document describes the proper celebration of the Mass for Roman Catholic parishes throughout the world.

If you would like to understand the Mass better, this is an excellent place to start. A deeper understanding of the Mass will enable you to participate more fully.

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## Ladies, it's Time for a Spiritual Vacation!

On September 18, 19 and 20, 2009 Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry is offering a Weekend of Worship for Women: "Knock, Knock."

Arizona Grand Resort – Phoenix. Join the ministry team, women from throughout the state, and Fr. Liam Leahy for a weekend of anointed teaching, healing, worship, fellowship, laughter & Holy Spirit power! Contact the ministry for details 520-631-1408 or [www.vineofgrace.org](http://www.vineofgrace.org)



*Are you new to the Copper Basin Community Mission?*

**We would like to welcome you** and we

ask that you please take a minute to register. Registration forms are located at the entrance table. If you have questions about registration or you are interested in volunteering please contact **Jan Trbovich (520)723-9454** [dalerussel@msn.com](mailto:dalerussel@msn.com)

## Sacramental Policies

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish and Copper Basin Mission

### Anointing of the Sick:

At the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Friday and first Saturday of each month.

### Baptism:

The preparation class (on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM) is required for both parents and for the godparents. Baptisms are scheduled in consultation between the family and the pastor. Please contact the pastor to make arrangements.

### Confession:

One-half hour before all Masses, or by appointment.

### Confirmation:

Two years of preparation are required. Only high school aged students will be admitted to the Confirmation Program. For information on Confirmation preparation for adults, please contact the Pastor.

### First Holy Communion:

Is offered to students in Grade 3. Students must attend CCD regularly throughout Grade 2 in order to be eligible to enter the sacramental preparation program in Grade 3. Students will also be prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Grade 3.

### Marriage:

Both parties are expected to participate in preparation program. Parties must notify the pastor at least six months prior to their proposed marriage date. Weddings will generally be scheduled at 1:00 PM on Saturdays. Please meet with the Pastor for a fuller explanation of requirements and to make arrangements.

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## Safe Environment Program

Any person experiencing offensive behavior on the part of any employee or volunteer of the parish is encouraged to inform our Compliance Officer, Ernie Trujillo at 3129 E. Gable Circle, Mesa, AZ 85204, or (480) 861-5420 or [ErnieTrujillo@cox.net](mailto:ErnieTrujillo@cox.net)

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*Please remember to take home a bulletin*