



St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish Saint Paul's Church Saint Agnes Church

Boerum Hill + Carroll Gardens +
Cobble Hill + Gowanus +
Columbia St. Waterfront District

Brooklyn, New York

December 18, 2011

Parish Clergy

Father Robert M. Powers, Administrator
Deacon Louis A. Gonzalez
Deacon Jaime A. Cobham
Deacon Leroy P. Branch, Jr.

Parish Pastoral Staff

Sister M. Innocentia Lipari, MSBT, Pastoral Associate
William J. Gorman, Coordinator, Religious Education (CCD)
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Monday through Friday, 1—4:30PM

Sunday Mass Schedule at St. Agnes

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9 AM English, 11:30 AM Spanish

Sunday Mass Schedule at St. Paul's

Saturday: 5PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8 AM & 9:30 AM English; 11:00AM Spanish

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday: 1--1:30 PM in St. Agnes; 4--4:30 PM in St. Paul's

Weekday Masses

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM, St. Paul's (Chapel)
Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM, St. Agnes (Chapel)
Saturday 8:00 AM, St. Paul's (Chapel)

Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Congress Street

Open for prayer, Monday through Friday, 7 AM to 3 PM.

Exposition & Benediction: Mondays, 6 to 7 PM, St. Paul's
Thursdays, 11 AM--12:30 PM, chapel on Congress St.

New Parishioners

We welcome new members of the parish. All parishioners should register and use church envelopes in order to maintain our parish of two churches.

Rite of Infant Baptism

Parents may inquire at either parish office about the commitment that is entailed.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should make arrangements with one of the parish clergy at least six months in advance.

Religious Education (CCD)

Sundays in St. Agnes Hall, after the 9AM Mass.

RCIA (Sacramental Process for Adults)

Adults interested in receiving sacraments are invited to call either parish office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

Parishioners who can not leave their homes may have the sacraments brought to them. Call the Parish Office.

Societies and Organizations

Please call either parish office about any of these organizations: Boy Scouts; *Caballeros de Colon*; *Carismáticos*; *Cursillistas*; Knights of Columbus; *Legión de María*, Young At Heart

*English and Spanish are spoken at each parish office.

Se habla ingles y español en cada oficina parroquial.

Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2011

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church

December 17, 2011 - December 24, 2011

SATURDAY, Dec. 17

8:00AM Leo Zelenko (Anniv. remembrance)
r/b Barbara Zelenko

5:00 PM Nancy Mc Arow r/b Ronnie Mangia

SUNDAY, Dec. 18

8:00 AM DiCaprio, Gemelli, & Catelli Families
r/b the family

9:30 AM Nicarcia Lopez & Venancio Lopez
r/b their daughter Carmen Lopez

11:00 Julio y Juana Hernandez p/p su hija Nereida
Lorenza Rivera (10. meses de su fallecimiento) p/p su hijos
Osvaldo Ocasio (20. Aniv.) p/p su esposa Judith y hijos
Ramon Sorote p/p su esposa Helen Diaz
Eufemia Cruz (recordatorio de Navidad)
p/p su hija Daisy Soto

Kurt Soto MD (25o. Aniv) p/p su madre Daisy Soto

Cecilia del Carmen Morales p/p Helen Diaz

Pascual Granata p/p Teresa Barrett

Teresa Loli p/p su hija Teresa Barrett

Misa en accion de gracias p/p Gladys Belnaves

William Reilly y Helen Reilly, la Familia Reilly:
Joseph J., Helen y Philip

MONDAY, Dec. 19

8:30 John J. Fleming & Palma Scarimbola
r/b the Fleming Family

TUESDAY, Dec. 20

8:30 Rose & Bruno Frustaci r/b the family

SATURDAY Dec. 24

11:00PM VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY Dec. 25

10:30 AM CHRISTMAS

*Wine & Hosts at St. Paul's
for the week of Dec. 18th
were donated by Nancy LaFace
in memory of The Scala & Laface Families*

Traveling & Need to Find a Sunday Mass?

Visit www.masstimes.org or call (734) 794 2100

This bulletin can be found on line at
stpaulstagnes.wordpress.com & at
www.facebook.com/stpaul/stagnes

St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church

December 17, 2011 - December 24, 2011

SATURDAY, Dec. 17

5:00PM Louis & Vinny Cretella r/b Rita D'Angelo

SUNDAY Dec. 18

9:00AM Aretemio Rojas r/b Frances Collazo

Julie DeCarlo (Birthday Remembrance)

r/b Angela & Lenny Chirico

Angela, Enrico & Mary Mazzella r/b Vincent Mazzella

David Sanchez Andino (Birthday Remembrance)

r/b his mother Mitzi Andino & family

Stella Lo Presti r/b Fanny & Peter Aloï

William Reilly & Helen Reilly, The Reilly Family :
Joseph J., Helen and Philip

11:30 AM People of St. Paul & St. Agnes

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21

8:30 AM The Fallon Families r/b Irene Fallon

THURSDAY, Dec. 22

8:30AM Rosa, Mario & Nunzio Assiduo
r/b Vincent Mazzella

SATURDAY, Dec. 24

5:00PM VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

SUNDAY, Dec. 25

9:00 AM CHRISTMAS

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Welcome to St. Paul & St. Agnes! Skipped Mass last Sun., Dec. 11?

The Church advises you:
Don't receive Holy Communion today
to avoid committing another mortal sin.

You are always welcome at St. Paul & St. Agnes, no matter what your frequency of Mass attendance is. But I urge all (adults and children) to abide by Church law and not to receive Communion if one or more Sunday or holy day of obligation Masses have been missed deliberately until one has gone to Confession and is in the state of grace once again. --RMP, Adm.

CONFESSION FOR ADVENT

Mon., Dec. 18, 2011

St. Agnes Church
3:30 PM -- 5 PM

St. Paul's Church
6 PM -- 7:30 PM

Father Rob Powers,
Confessor

For other times and the option of
another church & confessor,
consult page 4 of this bulletin.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sat., Dec. 31, 2011 & Sun. Jan. 1st

- Unlike at Christmas, our Sat. Vigil & Sun. Mass schedule remains the same on Dec. 31 & Jan 1
- As in past years on the Sunday in the Christmas Octave, all are invited into the sanctuary to pray for their family members.

MASSES OF CHRISTMAS

a holy day of obligation throughout the world
un día de obligacion para todo el mundo

Sat., Dec. 24, 2011
Christmas Eve

5 PM St. Agnes
with dramatization of Matthew 1's
genealogy of Jesus of Nazareth

11 PM St. Paul's
preceded by concert of
Christmas carols at 10:15 PM

Sun., Dec. 25, 2011
Christmas Day

9 AM St. Agnes
10:30 AM St. Paul's

Don't Say "Happy Holidays"

- Say *Happy Advent* until Dec. 24th; from Dec. 24th thru Jan. 9th it's *Merry Christmas*; wish our Jewish friends *Happy Chanukah*
- Send Christmas cards with a Nativity scene
- Buy the Virgin & child stamp for your cards
- Have at least one *creché* (Nativity scene) at home
- Go to Mass on *Christ-Mass*, Dec. 24th or 25th

ENVELOPE REGISTRATION

You may return this form by mail or in the collection.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

The following info. is optional:

teleph. no: _____ age: _____

email address: _____

THE COLLECTION

(Regular Sun. collection + Immaculate Conception)

Dec. 11 & 12, 2011

St. Paul's \$ 2896

St. Agnes* \$ 4206*

Parish \$ 7102

*includes \$1000 contribution from 1 household

Help Wanted on Dec. 24th: Shepherds & Angels

We need lots and lots of bucolic & celestial creatures for our dramatization of the story of the Incarnation at the Christmas Eve vigil Mass, Friday, Dec. 24th, 5 PM at St. Agnes. No age limit on the children; infants & toddlers welcome to participate. Rehearsal today, **Sun. Dec. 18 at 12:45 PM at St. Agnes Church.**

COMING UP AT SPSA:

Caste of Thousands Needed on 12/24

Children of all ages (including toddlers and infants) are needed for the dramatization of the Gospel that occurs at the **5 PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, Sat., Dec. 24th** in **St. Agnes**. This is a wonderful opportunity for children who are uneasy with being on stage. The narration is done entirely by Fr. Rob Powers, who describes the biblical characters played by the children. The last rehearsal is today at 12:45 PM. The Gospel is the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1, and the more children available, the better the homily will be in helping congregants to understand how God prepared His people (and how He prepares us) for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity as Jesus of Nazareth. **Simply come to the rehearsal today, Sun. Dec. 18th.**

Getting Used to the New Translation

I strongly recommend all parishioners do the following in order to participate fully at Mass:

Use a missalette for the readings and Eucharistic prayer. The translation of the Scriptures remains the same, but you might discover reading along with the proclamation enables you to focus better. Silently reading the Eucharistic prayer with the celebrant will enable you to better focus upon and pray the prayer. **No missalette should be removed from the church.**

Use a pew card for the new responses. Pew cards with the newly translated responses of the congregation means you can avoid much flipping through the missalette, particularly during the Introductory Rites of the Mass. You could then use the missalette only for the readings and for the Eucharistic prayer.

To obtain a pew card is quite easy: simply visit the Parish Office during office hours, or call either office and leave a message with your name and address, or email your request to stpaulstagnes@gmail.com. These cards are available only for those who attend Mass regularly or frequently in St. Paul & St. Agnes.

Kathie's Back at the 8 in January

Kathie Bistreich will play the guitar & lead song at the 8 AM Mass in St. Paul's on **Sun., Jan. 1 & Sun., Jan. 8.**

Christmas Food Vouchers

Envelopes are available for parishioners who wish to provide food vouchers for many unemployed and low income people who live within the boundaries of our parish. These vouchers are redeemable for \$50 worth of food items at MetFood on Smith Street. 49 vouchers were given out before Thanksgiving; \$2450 was taken from the St. Vincent de Paul Fund to pay for the vouchers.

Please help us replenish the fund. Envelopes marked with blue dots are available by the entrances.

Checks may be written to St. Paul & St. Agnes.

Parishioners or neighborhood residents who need a voucher may sign up for one by calling Ines Torres, the Parish Secretary, during office hours.

Christmas Masses in SPSA

The schedule can be found on page 3, to the left.

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

- **Confessions: Mon., Dec. 19,**
3:30 to 5 PM, St. Agnes
6 PM to 7:30 PM, St. Paul's
No holy hour on Mon., Dec. 19
- **Rosary for Life, Mon., Dec. 19,** 1 PM, CS chapel
- **Holy Hour, Thurs., Dec. 21,** 11-- 12:30 PM, CS chapel

Confession on Mon., Dec. 19

Since Advent is a penitential season, all parishioners are strongly encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Confession (also called Reconciliation and Penance) at least once during the season.

Father Rob Powers will also be available for the sacrament in English & Spanish this **Mon., Dec. 19th** from **3:30 to 5 PM** in St. Agnes & from **6 PM to 7:30 PM** in St. Paul's. Fr. Chris Cashman will be available for Confessions in English at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Court & Luquer Sts., on **Tues., Dec. 20,** 5 to 7:30 PM.

There are no scheduled confessions on Christmas Eve, Sat. Dec. 24th. Persons who are unable to confess during the scheduled times above may call Fr. Powers at either Parish Office in advance for an appointment.

Mass Book Opens Mon., Dec. 19th

The Mass book for January, February, March 2012 opens at the Parish Office tomorrow, Mon. Dec. 19 during office hours. The stipend is \$15.

Sunday PreK & K Religious Ed 12/18

meets this morning, Dec. 11, and many Sun. mornings at St. Agnes Center at 10 AM. No registration or regular attendance required. All infants, pre-K, & kindergarten children & their parents are welcome. These years of a child's life are fertile ground for catechesis. This program, now in its 2nd year, has been lifegiving for all who have participated in it.

Christmas Drama Rehearsal Today 12/18

today, **Sun., Dec. 11th,** 12:45 PM, St. Agnes
new actors welcome; details of the drama at left

2012 Calendars Available

2012 Catholic Art calendars in English and in Spanish are available near the entrances of the church. The cost to the parish of each calendar is \$1; donations are welcome, as the calendars are not sponsored by any business. During the times of the Spanish Masses, English calendars are in the sacristy but are available upon request.

Please remember your envelopes:

- **Christmas Gift Envelope**
- **Christmas Novena Envelope**
- **Christmas Flower Envelope**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

The items below are for the information of our parishioners, who may find these programs pastorally & spiritually helpful. I do not endorse every event. -RMP, Adm.
(* indicates event appears for first time in bulletin)

Catholicism: PBS Series

Inspired by Sir Kenneth Clark's 1969 BBC series *Civilization*, Fr. Robert Barron has travelled the world to create a 10 part documentary series *Catholicism*. Great reviews in both the secular & Catholic press for its cinematography, narration, & informative content. Check TV program guides for Channels 13 & 21. DVD series & book for sale at CatholicismSeries.com

12 Step Retreat for Men 01/06--01/08

Saint Camillus Twelve Step Retreat for Men in GA, AA, NA, OA, and SA at Mount Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 239 Fingerboard Rd., Staten Island, **Fri-Sun, Jan. 6-8**. suggested offering: \$195. www.mountmanresa.org

*Joyeux Noël Christmas Concert 12/18

St. Ignatius Loyola NY choir performs French masterpieces of Christmas, with organ, harp, & cello accompaniment. Today, **Sun, Dec. 18th at 4 PM**. Tickets online at smssconcerts.org. Church is located at Park Ave. & 84th St, NY. www.stignatiusloyola.org

*Our Savior Christmas Concert 12/21

Robert Prior conducts Christmas concert on **Wed., Dec. 21 at 5:30 PM** at Church of Our Savior, 59 Park Ave at 38th St, NY. www.oursaviornyc.org

Book of Revelation Course beg. 01/18

8 week course on the Book of Revelation. Joseph Nuzzi, instructor. Two sections: **Jan. 18 -- Mar. 21, 12 PM to 1 PM** or **6:30 to 7:30 PM** in San Damiano. \$25 check to St. Francis of Assisi Church. Send check, name, phone, email, & preferred section to Fr. Kevin Tortorelli, OFM, Adult Ed. Center, 135 W 31st St, New York, NY 10001.

*Workshops for Artists of Faith 2012

The Glen Workshops are weeklong courses exploring the intersection between faith and art. This summer's theme: *The Generations in Our Bones: Art & Tradition*. Workshops in fiction, poetry, memoir, spiritual writing, playwriting, assemblage, songwriting, life drawing, painting, photography, and film. 2 locations: Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA; **June 10 - 17**. St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM; **July 29 - Aug. 5**. Sponsored by *Image Magazine*. www.glenworkshop.org

Dial a Homily

Father Danny Murphy, Pastor of St. Savior, Park Slope, gives a three minute homily every day except Monday based on the Scripture readings of that day's Mass. 718-768-2560

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One donor dropped \$300 in the 2011 ACA last week; another gave \$250. What will you give to help the church you love?

Even if we have a warm winter this season, oil & gas prices are still higher than last year. Our massive church structures have to be heated 24/7. All gifts to the ACA will help pay these bills as we receive them. Please give to the ACA if you have not done so yet. Brochures are available by the church entrances.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2011 as of Dec. 12, 2011

SPSA goal for 2011 ACA (completed): \$ 28,005
Money given over the goal for SPSA + \$ **26,867**

Total pledged to ACA from SPSA: \$ 54,872

Number of Pledges from SPSA to the ACA:	144
Number of Pledges of \$250 or more:	79
Court of Honor Pledges (\$1000 or more):	13
Percentage of goal achieved:	196%

Pray for... Recen por...

... **Our Sick:** Felicita Pedraza, Victor Soto, Mark Soto, Christopher Benson, Maria Gonzalez, Luisa Rodriguez, Sheila Polanco, Chris Medina, Milton Piedra, Helen Diaz, Miguel Sotolongo, Francisca Baez, Dr. Allan Davis, Raymond Silva, Dolores Pellegrino, Ana Dobson, Freddy Mercado, Susan Sengupta, Maria Elena Rosa, Apolonia Carrion, Suyapa Arroyo, Omara Sanchez, Maria Fernandez, Jenny Colon.

... **Benjamin Vincent Lavalley**, who was baptized at St. Paul's on Dec. 10, & for his parents who have committed themselves to teach him the Catholic faith by word and example.

+ **Susan McMahan, 59**, who died on Dec. 7th, & for those who mourn her, including her brother, Patrick

Please be faithful to attending Mass on
Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

*Favor de ser fiel a asistir a la
misa en la Nochebuena o
en el Dia de la Navidad.*

Travelling?

Check www.MassTimes.org or
call (734) 794 2100 for a
Mass in the area where
you are visiting.