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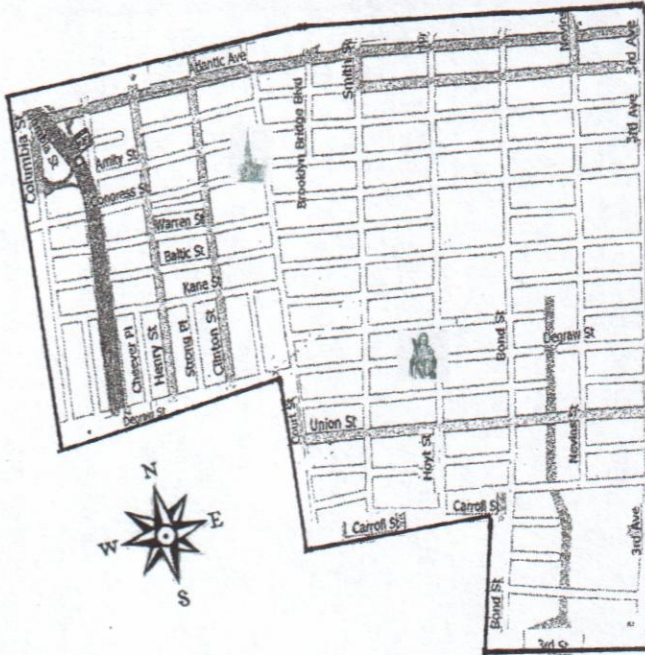
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St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish Saint Paul's Church Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York

December 25, 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. Goman, Coordinator, Religious Education (CCD)
Joan O'Brien, Director of Music Ministry
Lyudmila Papayani, Organist
Ines Torres, Secretary



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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

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2011

La Natividad del Señor

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church

December 24, 2011 - December 31, 2011

SATURDAY, Dec. 24

11:00PM VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS; NOVENA

SUNDAY, Dec. 25

10:30 AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

MONDAY, Dec. 26

8:30 AM Frederick Charles Parr & Hilda Smith
r/b the family of Joan Andrea Parr

TUESDAY, Dec. 27

8:30AM Scala & Laface Families r/b Nancy Laface

SATURDAY Dec. 31

5:00 PM VIGIL MASSES

*Wine & Hosts at St. Paul's
for the week of Dec. 25th
were donated by her daughter Ines Torres
in memory of Felicity Costoso*

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

Because the bulletin had to go to press early
(on Friday, Dec. 16th), only those intentions
received by that date appear in this bulletin.

*Por ser necesario imprimir el boletín temprano
(viernes, 16 de dic.), solamente las intenciones
recibidas por esta fecha están en este boletín.*

St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church

December 24, 2011 - December 31, 2011

SATURDAY, Dec. 24

5:00PM VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS; NOVENA

SUNDAY Dec. 25

9:00AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 28

8:30 AM Rose Caraccapa, Maria & John Bruzzese
(Christmas Remembrance) r/b Dolly Mari

THURSDAY, Dec. 29

8:30AM Benjamin Sinatra r/b Nancy Laface

SATURDAY, Dec. 31

5:00PM VIGIL MASSES

*Wine & Hosts at St. Agnes
for the week of Dec. 25th
were donated by the Nardiello & Mollica Families
in memory of the Nardiello & Mollica Families*

*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Agnes
for the week of Dec. 25th
was donated by the Nardiello & Mollica Families
in memory of the Nardiello & Mollica Families*

*The Altar Candles at St. Agnes
for the week of Dec. 25
were donated by Lee Lopresti
in memory of the Lopresti Family*

Welcome to St. Paul & St. Agnes! Skipped Mass last Sun., Dec. 18?

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.

**Your last chance to
give to the 2011 ACA**

See page 5.

**MASSES OF THE
SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE
OF CHRISTMAS**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sat., Dec. 31, 2011

Vigil Masses

5 PM (English) St. Paul's

5 PM (English) St. Agnes

Sun., Jan. 1, 2012

Masses in St. Paul's Church

8 AM (English)

9:30 AM (English)

11 AM (Spanish)

Masses in St. Agnes Church

9 AM (English)

11:30 AM (Spanish)

Remember: 'It ain't over 'til it's over'

- It's Christmas until midnight on Mon., Jan. 9th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.
- Until Jan. 10th, it's right for us to continue to wish one another a *Merry Christmas*
- Keep the *creché* up until Jan. 10th & the tree for as long as you can.
- Imitate the Blessed Virgin Mary & continue to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation now that the "holiday" *busy-ness* has passed.

**Corrected figures for the
Dec. 11th & 12th Collection**

(Regular Sun. collection + Immaculate Conception)

St. Paul's \$ 3761

St. Agnes* \$ 4206*

Parish \$ 7967

*includes \$1000 contribution from 1 household

The figures for the Dec. 18th collection will appear
in the Jan. 1, 2012 bulletin.

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: _____

Merry Christmas!

¡Feliz Navidad!

COMING UP AT SPSA:

Sunday PreK & K Religious Ed

meets again on Sun., Jan. 8th, 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.

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.

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 from 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. Another \$2450 in vouchers was given out this past week; a full report will appear in next week's bulletin.

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.

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 & encouraged, 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

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Parish Office Closed on Mon. Dec. 26 & Tues. Dec. 27

- No holy hour Mon. Dec. 26 or Mon. Jan. 2 at St. Paul
Mon. night holy hour resumes on Mon. Jan. 9, 6-7 PM
- No Rosary for Life, Mon., Dec. 26 or Mon. Jan. 2
Next Rosary for Life: Mon., Jan. 9th, 1 PM, CS chapel
- Young At Heart has winter recess until Wed., March 7
- **Holy Hour, Thurs., Dec. 29, 11-- 12:30 PM, CS chapel**
- **Sat. confessions** resume on Sat., Dec. 31:
1 to 1:30 PM in St. Agnes
4 to 4:30 PM in St. Paul's

Misa del Regreso del Niño Jesus 12/26

La misa que concluye la Posada es a las 7 PM el lunes, 26 de dic. a las 7:30 PM en Iglesia San Pablo.

2012 Mass Book Open

The Mass book is open for intentions for January, February, March 2012 at the Parish Office. Intentions may be arranged during office hours. The stipend remains \$15.

Kathie's Back at the 8 on 01/01

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

Pray for Your Family at Mass in SPSA Next Sunday 01/01

As we have done in past years in SPSA on the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, next Sunday, January 1st, we will invite all members of the congregation to enter into the sanctuary, place their hands upon the altar, and pray for their family members, living and deceased.

Usually the Sunday in the octave is the Solemnity of the Holy Family, but this year it has been superceded by Mary, Mother of God, which is always observed on Jan. 1st. Nevertheless, the focus on the family is appropriate on this feast as well. What St. Luke says of Mary at the time of the birth of Jesus is that "she kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Just as Mary reflected upon God's mysterious presence in her family, so we must do with God's presence in our families, praying for our family members and asking God to give us the grace to understand and love them as He does.

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

Fr. Robert Barron's 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

***Catholic Underground 01/06**

Cultural apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (www.franciscanfriars.com). Every 1st Sat. of the month at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 230 E. 90 St. betw. 2 & 3 Ave.), NY. **Sat., Jan. 6, 7:30--10:30 PM.** Eucharistic adoration & showcasing of Catholic Underground artists. Both hip & solemn.
<http://catholicunderground.net>

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

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. Info: 212-736-8500

Fr. Groeschel Speaks on Mother Seton

"Our Great Teachers - The Saints" series continues on **Sat. Jan. 21** with Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR gives conference at 2:30 PM followed by Vigil Mass at 4 PM. Third Saturday of the month. Holy Innocents Church, 128 W 37 St. at Bdwy, NY. Info: 914-235-6839

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, aesthetics, & film. 2 locations: Mount 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

*** Silence in the City 01/19**

Evening of reflection for men & women. Meets on 3rd Thurs. **Thurs., Jan. 19, 7-9 PM.** Eucharistic adoration, conference with Fr. Thomas Vendetti, LC, Mass. Reservations encouraged. 914-244-3685. At Holy Innocents 128 W 37th St at Bdwy, NY

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**Your last chance to give to the
2011 Annual Catholic Appeal is today.
You could help SPSA pay its fuel bills.**

**And you could help demonstrate to
the Diocese of Bklyn. that we are
a viable parish of 2 churches.**

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. Make sure your contribution is postmarked no later than Sat., Dec. 31 & that your check is dated no later than 12/31.**

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:** Felicity 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.

+ **Timothy Cole, 82**, who died on Nov. 26, & for those who mourn him, including his wife, Marlene; his children, Maureen, Tim, Joan, Robert & Eileen; and his sister, Kathleen. Detective Cole had served in the 76th Precinct of the NYPD for 38 years.

+ **Tomasina Valdez, 68**, who died on Nov. 28, & for those who mourn her, including her sons, Fr. Fausto Leonardo, CM, and Ramon.

+ **Juana Torres, 103**, who died on Dec. 13, & for those who mourn her, including her son, Jose.

... **Salvatore Scafuri & Patricia Assante**, who married at St. Agnes on Dec. 10th.

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