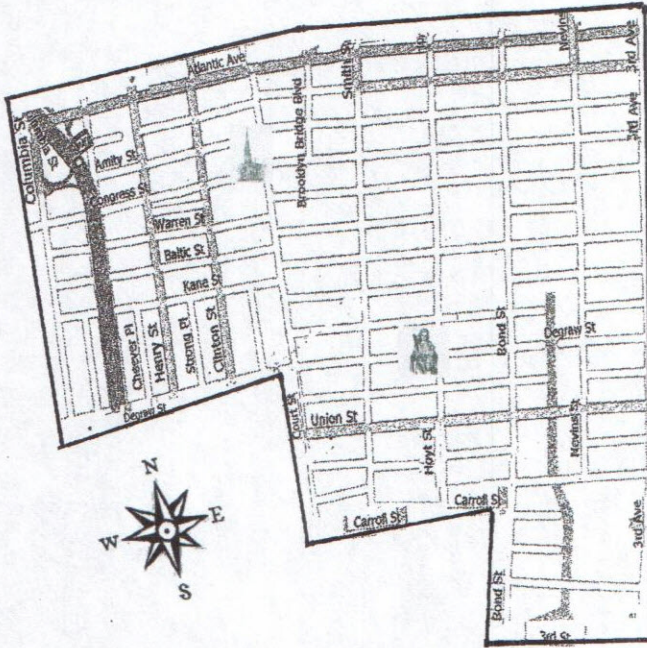




St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish Saint Paul's Church Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York



December 4, 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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2011

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church

December 3, 2011 - December 10, 2011

SATURDAY, Dec. 3
8:00AM

5:00 PM Emmanuela & Salvatore Busittil
r/b their son James Busittil

SUNDAY, Dec. 4

8:00 AM Ralph Avellino r/b Buddy & Dee

9:30 AM Julio & Juana Hernandez
r/b their daughter Nereida Maccucci

11:00 Sharon Guadalupe (2. Aniv) p/p Elena Bermudez
Dennis Soto p/p su madre Daisy Soto
Ramon Sorote p/p su esposa Helen Diaz
William Reilly y Helen Reilly, la Familia Reilly:
Joseph J., Helen y Philip

MONDAY, Dec. 5

8:30 AM Dorothy Zelenko (Living) r/b Barbara Zelenko

TUESDAY, Dec. 6

8:30 Catherine Brassie (Deceased) Barbara Zelenko

THURSDAY, Dec. 8

7 AM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
12 NOON IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
7:30 PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SATURDAY Dec. 10

8:00AM

5:00 PM Katherine & Vincent D'Mato
r/b James Busittil

*The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Paul's
for the week of Dec. 4
was donated by Tomasa Rijos
in honor of The Divine Mercy
(La Divina Misericordia)*

*Wine & Hosts at St. Paul's
for the week of Dec. 4
were donated by Daisy Soto
for the health of her son Mark Soto*

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/stpaulstagnes

St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church

December 3, 2011 - December 10, 2011

SATURDAY, Dec. 3

5:00PM Russo & Zagami Families r/b the family

SUNDAY Dec. 4

9:00AM Concetta Lopresti r/b her daughter Lee
Angela, Enrico & Mary Mazzalla r/b Vincent Mazzalla

John Donahue r.b Emily O'Leary

Joseph Fortunato & Laura Fortunato

r/b their sons Joseph and John Fortunato

Eloy Sanchez (Birthday Remembrance) r/b his wife Lydia

Louis Meglio 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. 7

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

THURSDAY, Dec. 8

10 AM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
4 PM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

SATURDAY, Dec. 10

8 AM

5:00PM Angela Mazzella (Birthday Remembrance)

Welcome to St. Paul & St. Agnes!

Skipped Mass last Sunday, Nov. 27th?

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.

Planning to Receive Holy Communion Next Sunday, Dec. 11?

Then be sure to get to Mass this Thurs., Dec. 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There are 5 Masses in our churches this Thurs., including a convenient new 4 PM Mass for children & youth this Thursday in St. Agnes. --RMP, Adm.

COMING UP AT SPSA:

Christmas Drama Needs Actors

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, Saturday, 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. Rehearsals are on the remaining Sundays of Advent at 12:45 PM (**Dec. 4, 11, & 18**) but there is flexibility with attendance. 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. 4th. For more info., email stpaulstagnes@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.**

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. Last week 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.

New Translation of the Roman Missal

After one Sunday of the new English translation of the Roman Missal, I strongly recommend all parishioners do the following in order to participate fully and consciously 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.

'Girl With the Guitar' at the 8 on 12/11

Kathie Bistreich will play the guitar & lead song at the 8 AM Mass in St. Paul's next **Sun., Dec. 11th**

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THIS WEEK AT SPSA

- **Holy Hour, Mon., Dec. 5,** 6 to 7 PM, St. Paul's
- **Rosary for Life, Mon., Dec. 5,** 1 PM, CS chapel
- No Holy Hour this Thursday, Dec. 8th
- **Young At Heart: Wed., Dec. 7,** 1 - 3 PM

Tarde de Oracion 12/04

En Salon San Pablo hoy, dom. 4 de dic. de 2 PM hasta 6 PM. Con Hector Garcia de Sta. Brigida.

Sunday PreK & K Religious Ed 12/04

Meets this morning, Dec. 4th, 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 12/04

today, **Sun., Dec. 4th,** 12:45 PM, St. Agnes
new actors welcome; details of the drama at left

Immaculate Conception 12/08

This **Thurs., Dec. 8,** the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception,** is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics in the US, for whom the Immaculate Conception is the nacional patron. Masses in **St. Paul's** at **7 AM** (chapel on Congress St.); at **12 Noon;** and at **7:30 PM.** Masses in St. Agnes: **10 AM & 4 PM.** Please note there is no 8:30 AM weekday Mass on Dec. 8th. A 4 PM Mass has been added on this feast to accommodate the children of our parish. Children in our Religious Education program will be required to have bulletins signed at the end of whichever Mass they attend.

Advent / St. Lucy Party this Sat. 12/10

The annual Advent / St. Lucy Party will be held from **7 to 11 PM** in **St. Paul's Hall this Sat., Dec. 10.** The party is free; donations are welcome; a form and more info. is on page 3. **The Christmas Tree Lighting** which will happen just after the 5 PM Mass at St. Paul's, at 6:15 PM

Advent Giving Tree: Gifts due Dec. 11

All who wish to participate may take one or more ornaments from the Advent Giving Tree in either church; buy a new unused gift; place the unwrapped gift under the tree with the paper ornament taped to it **no later than next Sunday, Dec. 11th.** After a process of sorting the gifts at SPSA, Catholic Charities Brooklyn West will pick them up & distribute them to low income families in our area before Dec. 25th. **This year Catholic Charities is encouraging donors to give gift cards in lieu of gifts in order that the family be allowed to choose gifts for the children.** Gift cards from Toys R Us, Kids R Us, Babies R Us, Children's Place & Baby Gap would all be welcome. But both new, unwrapped, unused children's gifts and gift cards to children's stores are welcome.

**Advent / St. Lucy Party
Sat., Dec. 10, 2011
Donation Form**

*Formulario de Donacion
para la Fiesta de Adviento / Sta. Lucia*

Name:
(nombre)

Telephone & email:
(no. de telef. y email)

**No. of people attending the party from my home
(including me) _____**
*numero de personas asistiendo a la fiesta
de mi casa (incluyendo mi) _____*

Dish or dessert I would like to bring
(plato o postre que me gustaria traer)

I would prefer to make a donation of \$ _____
(Me gustaria donar en efectivo: \$ _____)

**I will not be able to attend but would like to
contribute \$ _____**

*No vamos poder atender--de todo modo me gustaria
donar en efectivo \$ _____*

This form may be brought to the Parish Office
or emailed to stpaulstagnes@gmail.com

*Puede devolver este formulario a la Oficina
o puede enviar la info. a stpaulstagnes@gmail.com*

St. Paul & St. Agnes

Advent / St. Lucy Party

Fiesta de Adviento / Sta. Lucia

**this Sat., Dec. 10, 2011
7 to 11 PM**

following the Tree Lighting in
front of St. Paul's at 6:15 PM

**St. Paul's Hall
190 Court Street**

**Music, Fun, Food & Family!
All Parishioners Invited!**

*¡Musica, Comida, Alegria, Familia!
¡Todos Feligreses Invitados!*

**Would you like to donate something?
Use the form on the left.**

*¿Le gustaria donar algo?
Use el formulario a la izquierda.*

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

**MASSES OF THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Thurs., Dec. 8, 2011**

7 AM	St. Paul's (chapel)
10 AM	St. Agnes
12 PM	St. Paul's
4 PM	St. Agnes
7:30 PM	St. Paul's

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: _____

**Children's Dramatization
of the Gospel**

at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
St. Agnes Church,
Sat., Dec. 24th at 5 PM

All children in our parish
and in our neighborhood are
welcome to participate.

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. Continues this week on PBS stations Channels 13 & 21. DVD series & book for sale at CatholicismSeries.com

The Way: Film

Former bratpacker Emilio Estevez directed this story of a journey along the pilgrimage trail to Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in Northern Spain. The applauding critics like the film's interesting portraits of modern day pilgrims weaving in & out of it. Starring his father, Martin Sheen. Theatre locations: 1-718-777-FILM

Mens' Vocation Evening 12/8

Evening of Reflection, Adoration, & Fellowship for men 18 to 40 who are considering a vocation to priesthood and/or religious life. **Thurs., Dec. 8th, 6:30-10:30 PM.** Fr. Jack Rathschmidt, OFM Cap, presenter. Includes Mass for the holy day. At St. Michael Friary, 282 Warwick St, East NY, Bklyn. Reg: 845-642-1025 or brotimjonesofmcap@gmail.com

Great Marian Congress 12/9--11

Koinonia John the Baptist hosts the Great Marian Congress, **Fri.-Sun., Dec. 9--11.** Visitation Church, 98 Richards St, Red Hook. Brochures with schedule of talks, Masses, and dinners is available in our churches.

Advent Day of Prayer in NY 12/10

"Let's Go to Bethlehem: Meditations on the Word." At St. Francis of Assisi Church, San Damiano Hall, 127 W. 31st St., NY. Sat. Dec. 10, 9:30 AM--12 PM. With Fr. Kevin Tortorelli, OFM. Reg: 212-736-8500 x311

Advent Concert at SH-SS 12/11

Advent concert with Jim Lake and the *Arcadia Brass*. Sun, Dec. 11, 11 AM at Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Church, 108 Carroll St.

Advent Speaker at SH-SS 12/14

Msgr. Steven Ferrari, Episcopal Vicar of Bklyn, will speak on *Hearing the Word & Listening to the Word* on **Wed., Dec. 14, 7:30 PM** in Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen rectory hall, 108 Carroll St.

Congratulations, Nov. 50/50 Winners!

Juanita Rivera	St. Paul's Winner	\$135
Camille Bering	St. Agnes Winner	\$140

Fundraising & Social Events 12/05

The Fundraising & Social Events Committee meets this **Mon., Dec. 5th at 7 PM** in the rectory on Congress St. to do final planning for this Sat.'s **Advent/St. Lucy Party**. New volunteers are always welcome.

One parishioner kicked in \$250 to the 2011 ACA last week. 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 Nov. 28, 2011

SPSA goal for 2011 ACA (completed): \$ 28,005
Money given over the goal for SPSA **+ \$ 25,562**

Total pledged to ACA from SPSA: \$ 53,817

Number of Pledges from SPSA to the ACA:	140
Number of Pledges of \$250 or more:	75
Court of Honor Pledges (\$1000 or more):	13
Percentage of goal achieved:	192%

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.

... Evelyn Saa & Luke Preston Blumberg, who were baptized at St. Paul's on Nov. 27, & for their parents who have committed themselves to teach their children the Catholic faith by word and example.

... Flora Berg, 92, who died on Nov. 21; and for those who mourn her, including her children Adele, John, and Yvonne

... Dominick Catania, 73, who died on Nov. 21, and for those who mourn him, including his wife, Frances; his son, John; and his brother, Joseph

THE COLLECTION

	Nov. 20 & 21	Nov. 27 & 28*
St. Paul's	\$ 2177	\$ 3520
St. Agnes	\$ 2238	\$ 3106
Parish	\$ 4415	\$ 6626

*includes Maintenance & Repair envelopes

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