

## Information Sheet

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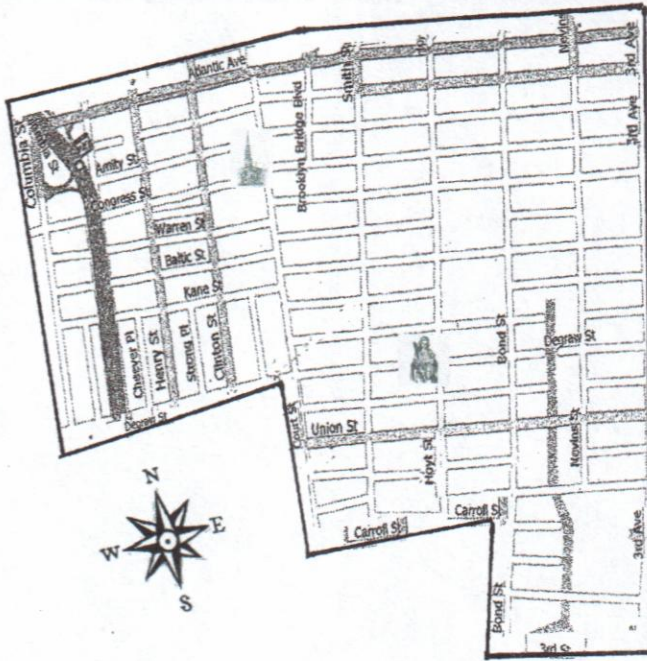
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## St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish Saint Paul's Church Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York

### January 1, 2012

#### 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)  
Joan O'Brien, Director of Music Ministry  
Lyudmila Papayani, Organist  
Ines Torres, Secretary



#### Rectory & Office at St. Paul's Church\*

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Monday through Friday 8:30AM--12 Noon



#### Office at St. Agnes Church\*

433 Sackett Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231  
Telephone: 718-625-1717

Fax: 718-625-1929

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 Maria*, 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

Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2012

Maria, Madre de Dios

## St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church

January 1, 2012 - January 7, 2012

SATURDAY, Dec. 31

8:00 AM

SUNDAY, Jan. 1

8 AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

9:30 AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

11 AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

MONDAY, Jan. 2

8:30 AM Sr. Marie Innocencia (Living Birthday Remembrance) r/b Marilu & Jeff

TUESDAY, Jan. 3

8:30AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

SATURDAY, Jan. 7

8:00 AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

5:00 PM Susan McMahan r/b Robert & Shawn Ficarra

### Traveling & Need to Find a Sunday Mass?

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or call (734) 794 2100

This bulletin can be found on line at  
[stpaulstagnes.wordpress.com](http://stpaulstagnes.wordpress.com) & at  
[www.facebook.com/stpaul/stagnes](http://www.facebook.com/stpaul/stagnes)

**Because the bulletin had to go to press early (on Tues., Dec. 27), only those intentions received by that date appear in this bulletin.**

*Por ser necesario imprimir el boletín temprano (martes, 27 de dic.), solamente las intenciones recibidas por esta fecha están en este boletín.*

### 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

## St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church

January 1, 2012 - January 7, 2012

SATURDAY, Dec. 31

5:00PM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

SUNDAY, Jan. 1

9:00AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

11:30 AM People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 4

8:30 AM Anna Garbellotto r/b Emily O'Leary

THURSDAY, Jan. 5

8:30AM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

SATURDAY, Jan. 7

5:00PM John Donahue r/b Joan Callery

### Welcome to St. Paul & St. Agnes!

### Skipped Mass on *Christ-Mass*, Sun., Dec. 25?

**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.

### Anno Domini 2012 AD

Sun., Jan. 1 Solemnity of **Mary, Mother of God**  
Mon., Jan. 2 SS. **Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**, bishops & doctors, +379 & +389  
Tues., Jan. 3 **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**, devotion promoted by St. Bernadine of Siena  
Wed., Jan. 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**, wife, mother, religious; native New Yorker & convert; foundress of the Sisters of Charity (SC); first native North American to be canonized (1975); + 1821  
Thurs., Jan. 5 **St. John Neumann**, native of Bohemia; Redemptorist (CSsR); Bishop of Philadelphia; first US bishop to be canonized (1977); + 1860  
Fri., Jan. 6 **St. Andre Bessette**, "Miracle Man of Montreal"; Holy Cross brother (CSC) who founded St. Joseph's Oratory; canonized 2010; +1937  
Sat., Jan. 7 **St. Raymond of Penyafort**, Dominican priest & friar (OP); Spain; +1275  
Sun., Jan 8 Solemnity of the **Epiphany of the Lord**  
Mon., Jan 9 Solemnity of the **Baptism of the Lord**



# THE COLLECTION

Dec. 17 & 18, 2011

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| St. Paul's*      | \$ 3442*       |
| <u>St. Agnes</u> | <u>\$ 2145</u> |
| Parish           | \$ 5587        |

\*St. Paul's figure includes 12/18 Fuel envelopes;  
St. Agnes submitted these envelopes on 12/4

Dec. 24 & 25, 2011  
Regular Sunday collection

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| St. Paul's (11 PM & 10:30 AM)          | \$ 2137        |
| <u>St. Agnes ( 5 PM &amp; 9:00 AM)</u> | <u>\$ 2414</u> |
| Parish                                 | \$ 4551        |

## CHRISTMAS

**It's not too late to give your  
Christmas envelopes**

(Gift, Offering, Novena, Flowers,  
& Food Voucher Fund)

**The Christmas Season continues  
into Mon., Jan. 9th.**

**Your last chance to give to the  
2011 Annual Catholic Appeal has been  
extended to Tues., Jan. 10th!**

**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 Tues., Jan. 10 & your check is dated no later than 12/31/11.**

## 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

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| 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% |

### 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.

### Play the Monthly 50/50!

- You have great odds of winning; there's only about 50-60 chances in each monthly drawing.
- The envelope chances are only \$5; they can be found by the church entrances.
- Just put your chance(s) in the collection no later than Sun., Jan. 29, the last Sunday of the month.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Congratulations, Dec. 50/50 Winners!

Rosemary Esponda St. Paul's winner \$135

Joanie O'Brien St. Agnes winner \$105



## COMING UP AT SPSA:

### 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.** Using a pew card with the newly translated responses of the congregation enables you to avoid much flipping through the missalette, particularly during the Introductory Rites of the Mass. You could then use the missalette just 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](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com).

### Christmas Food Vouchers

A total of 91 MetFood \$50 food vouchers were distributed before Thanksgiving and Christmas to low income and unemployed individuals and families who live within our parish boundaries. A total of \$4550 had to be spent; MetFood's Smith Street supermarket gives no discount nor donates a single voucher. The vouchers have been largely paid for out of the St. Vincent de Paul account, which is funded principally by the poor boxes at St. Paul's. A very small though generous group of parishioners at our two churches have returned envelopes totalling \$885.

**Please help us replenish the St. Vincent de Paul Fund of the parish.** Envelopes marked with blue dots are available by the entrances. **Checks may be written to St. Paul & St. Agnes.**

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| Funds spent on vouchers at Thanksgiving & Christmas (91 vouchers @ \$50) | - \$ 4550 |
| Funds received from envelopes from parishioners (marked with blue dots)  | + \$ 885  |
| Funds taken from St. Vincent de Paul Fund                                | + \$ 3665 |

### 2012 Calendars Available

2012 Catholic Art calendars in English and in Spanish are available in our churches. The cost to the parish of each calendar is \$1; envelopes with yellow dots are clipped to the calendars for those who wish to make donations to defray the cost. The calendars must be paid for by the parish; they are not sponsored by any business.

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| Cost of 450 calendars at \$1 per calendar: | - \$ 450 |
| Donations received as of Dec. 25th:        | + \$ 214 |

### Pray for ... Recen por...

...**Father Eamon Murray**, who was ordained to the priesthood for the Koinonia John the Baptist religious community at Visitation Church, Red Hook, on Dec. 10.

## THIS WEEK AT SPSA

### Parish Office Closed this Tues. & Wed., Jan. 2 & 3

- No holy hour Mon. Jan. 2 at St. Paul  
Mon. night holy hour resumes on Mon. Jan. 9, 6-7 PM
- No Rosary for Life on 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., Jan. 5, 11-- 12:30 PM, CS chapel**

### 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 Jan. 8th

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

### Prayers for the Family at Mass Today

As we have done in past years in SPSA on the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, today, Sun., Jan. 1st, we invite all members of the assembly 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.

The Solemnity of the Holy Family was observed on Fri., Dec. 30, last week.

### Open Doors at St. Paul's & at St. Agnes

Last winter, we opened our church doors on two Sunday afternoons, enabling our neighbors to visit our two churches which are normally restricted for liturgy and prayer. These "Open Doors" allowed some of us to play host to these visitors, who were delighted to experience these historic and artistic treasures. There is a meeting on **Tues., Jan. 10 at 7 PM** at 234 Congress St. for all who are interested in participating.

### Sunday PreK & K Religious Ed

meets again on **Sun., Jan. 8th**, and on several 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.



## **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 1/07**

Cultural apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal ([www.franciscanfriars.com](http://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. 7, 7:30--10:30 PM.** Eucharistic adoration & showcasing of Catholic Underground artists. This month: guitarist & singer Danielle Rose Both hip & solemn. <http://catholicunderground.net>

### **12 Step Retreat for Men 1/06--1/08**

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](http://www.mountmanresa.org)

### **Book of Revelation Course beg. 1/18**

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](http://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

### **\*Art in Renaissance Venice 1400-1515**

*Art in Renaissance Venice: 1400-1515: Paintings & Drawings from the Museum's Collection.* Until Feb. 5, 2012. At the Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1005 5th Ave. at 84th St, NY. 212-535-7710. Annual Christmas Tree & Neapolitan Creche at the Met thru Jan. 8th

### **\*Earliest Known Images of Christ**

Exhibit on display at NYU's Institute for the Study of the Ancient World. 15 E. 84th St. at 5th Ave. Daily: 11 AM-6 PM; Fri.: 11 AM - 8 PM. Admission free. **Thru Jan. 8th.**

### **St. Ignatius Young Adults 1/08**

*Finding God in the Workplace* with Vince Buzzeo & Joan McGovern on **Sun, Jan. 8** at 6 PM in the St. Ignatius Parish Lounge. All young adults welcome. Register: email Fr. SooHoo, SJ at [soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org](mailto:soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org) St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Ave & E 84 St, NY, 212-288-3588

### **\*Catholic Lesbians 1/13**

Meeting to plan the year's events of this group at St. Francis Xavier Parish, NYC. **Fri, Jan. 13,** 7 - 9 PM. West Room, 55 W 15th St, NY. 917-297-6804 or [SFXWomen@aol.com](mailto:SFXWomen@aol.com)

### **\*Men's Retreat 2/2--2/5**

Men's retreat directed by Fr. Ugo Nacciarone, SJ of St. Ignatius Church, NY. At St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset, LI. 3 day retreat for men focusing on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Cost: \$390 includes private room & all meals. Info & reservations: Terri at 516-621-8300 x15.

### **\*Annual Winter Silent Retreat 1/13--1/16**

At Jogues Retreat House, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY on Martin Luther King weekend, **Fri-Mon, Jan. 13-16.** \$220. Info & reservations: Joan Schechter, St. Francis Xavier, NYC: 646-334-5540 or [JoanJSA@aol.com](mailto:JoanJSA@aol.com)

### **\*India Pilgrimage/Trip**

Travelers/pilgrims interested in a 1-3 week trip/pilgrimage to India in Feb. 2012 may contact St. Francis Xavier NYC parishioner Paul Ramsay ([pl\\_ramsay@yahoo.com](mailto:pl_ramsay@yahoo.com)) or 212-967-6909. Apart from transportation, estimated cost of eating & sleeping: \$125/day. Includes work at one of Mother Teresa's homes, visits with families at home, and sacred & secular sites where St. Francis Xavier lived, worked, and is buried.

### **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, **Santa Santaniello,** **Nicky Scozzari.** (Names in boldface appear for the first time.)