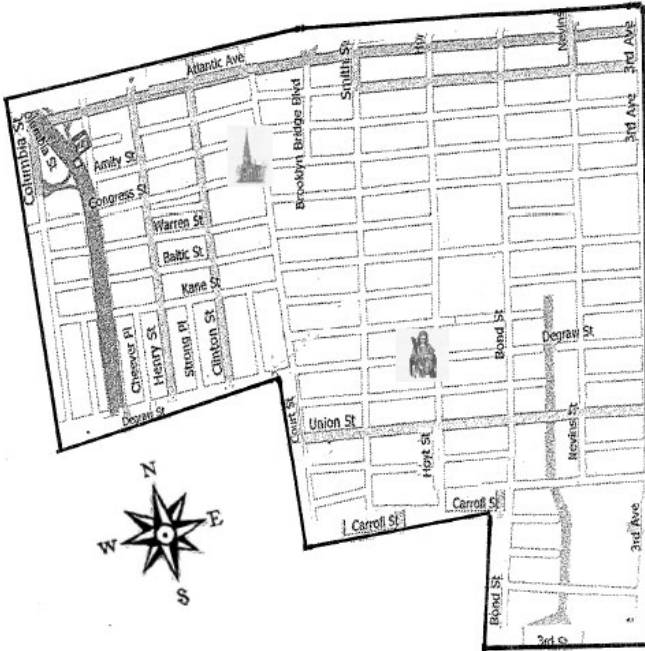




St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
Saint Paul's Church
Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York



April 15, 2012

Parish Clergy

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

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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

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

Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes
Second Sunday of Easter **April 15, 2012** **Segundo Domingo de Pascua**

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Saturday, April 14
7:30 AM Mass of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants
5 PM Easter Novena

Sunday, April 16
8 AM Easter Novena

10:15 AM In Thanksgiving for Deacon Louis Gonzalez' ministry at St. Paul & St. Agnes & for God's blessing upon him and his wife Hilda in Holy Spirit Parish

Monday, April 16
8:30 Easter Novena

Tuesday, April 17
8:30 Easter Novena

Thursday, April 19 7:30 PM Mass of Healing

Saturday, April 21
8 AM
5 PM Michael & Helen Barrett r/b their daughter, Helen Barrett

Should I Receive Holy Communion?

You are most welcome to participate at Mass in our parish churches, whoever you are and with whatever frequency you attend Sunday Mass, whether you attend exclusively here or here and at other churches, whether you attend Mass weekly or periodically. The parish community and I greatly value your presence here today.

All are welcome and encouraged to sing the praises of God, to hear the proclamation of the Word of God, and to pray the Eucharistic prayer with the priest celebrant. Our parish mission statement reminds us that we are a priestly people, offering prayer for ourselves, our loved ones, & our world, and we encourage you to undertake this vital role actively. Our parish takes seriously what liturgists call the Ministry of the Assembly & we challenge you to exercise your baptismal calling to prayer. Participation in that ministry is for your benefit and for the benefit of the parish and the entire Catholic Church.

If you are not Catholic, either a Christian of another church or a nonbaptized person, you are welcome to pray with us at Mass. The Catholic Church, however, asks that you not come forward to receive Holy Communion. I realize this is not the tradition in many churches of other Christian denominations, where all baptized persons in the congregation are invited to receive communion. But the Catholic belief about the Eucharist is unique—that the bread & wine actually become the Body and Blood of Christ when the Eucharistic prayer is prayed. This belief in transubstantiation is quite different than the beliefs about the Eucharist in Protestant Christian churches. Holy Communion should be received only by Catholics who are in full communion with the Church.

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Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Saturday, April 14
5 PM Emmanuel Zuppardo (Birthday Remembrance)
r/b his wife, Nunzia Zuppardo

Sunday, April 15
9 AM Juana Torres r/b her granddaughter, Maria Socorro
Rosa, Mario, & Nunzio Assiduo r/b the Mazzella Family
Susan Longobardi r/b the Hudson Family

11:30 People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 18
8:30 Easter Novena

Thursday, April 19
8:30 Easter Novena

Saturday, April 21
5 PM Catherine & Salvatore Minardi r/b Connie Minardi

Should I Receive Holy Communion? (*con'd from left*)

And the reception of Holy Communion is not for every Catholic at any Mass. The Church continues to advise Catholics not to receive Holy Communion if one is not in the state of grace. Certain sins are classified as serious or mortal sins, and among them is the deliberate missing of Mass on Sunday or a holy day of obligation. If even one Mass is missed deliberately, Holy Communion should not be received until one has gone to Confession & is restored to the state of grace.

I lovingly urge you to comply with this teaching. Confession is a simple process; it can be received here at our two churches on Saturdays and by appointment during the week. I am happy also to offer the Sacrament of Confession to anyone during the week or before or after Mass if I am available. I believe that you will find fidelity to this teaching about Mass attendance will increase within you a deeper love and respect for the Eucharist. Faithfulness to Sunday Mass can be a struggle; I am happy to support those who seek to return to full communion with the Lord. I would be happy to hear your confession.

Your presence here is cherished by me and by the parish community. Please contact me if you wish to speak with me about this matter; I would be happy to have a dialogue with you. Thank you for enriching the Ministry of the Assembly with your prayers at St. Paul & St. Agnes today. —Fr. Rob Powers, Adm.

Pray for ... Recen por

...Our Sick: Felicitia Pedraza, Victor Soto, Mark Soto, Olga Castro Christopher Benson, Luisa Rodriguez, Maria Fernandez, Chris Medina, Milton Piedra, Helen Diaz, Vincent Biscaino, Miguel Sotolongo, Francisca Baez, Madeline Tarantino, Dr. Allan Davis, Raymond Silva, Renee Wagner, Freddy Mercado, Susan Sengupta, Maria Elena Rosa, Hilda Rios Sanchez, Altagracia, Almanzar, Jose Antonio Padillo, Jr.

COMING UP AT SPSA

Wed., Apr. 25, Bally's, Atlantic City bus trip.

Sponsored by Young At Heart. Leaves St. Agnes, 9 AM; leaves St. Paul's, 9:15 AM. Seat is \$30 with casino "give-back" of \$25. Call Ines at the Parish Office or Jeanne at 718-855-7768 to purchase seats.

Sab., 28 abril, Dia de Reflexion, 9:30—3 PM

con el Padre Joseph Tizio, CSsR en el Centro Sta. Ines .

Sat., May 5, 9 AM, Cornelius Heaney Mass

In Saint Paul's Church, followed by procession to the cemetery behind the chapel on Congress St., **Sat., May 5, 9:00 AM .**

Thurs., May 10, 7:30 PM, Apologetics

A seminar in apologetics, the art of explaining Catholic doctrine & practice to those who question the validity of Catholicism. This seminar will focus on issues of religious liberty for the Catholic Church in the US and the distortion of the Church's image in the media. With Fr. Rob Powers at St. Agnes Center, 433 Sackett St., **Thurs., May 10, 7:30 PM.**

Mother's Day Baby Shower

Mother's Day Baby Shower for Expectant Mother Care, a center to support pregnant women located at 44 Court St. Items must be new; diapers, wipes, outfits, onesies, blankets, bottles, or anything else that a new mother could use. Some of the women served at this center have nothing & still choose life. A gift from a stranger who cares can also help a pregnant woman who is undecided to decide to give birth to her unborn child. All items should be brought unwrapped to the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Mother's Day, May 13.

Friendly Visitor Program

A pilot parish program that matches volunteers with the sick or elderly for a weekly or biweekly visit. The goal is to provide companionship & enrich the lives of individuals who would greatly benefit from a friend. Flexible times for visits; children and infants may be brought along. If you are interested in volunteering or being matched with a volunteer, contact parishioner Cynthia Verhave at 646-315-0822 or by email at cynthiaverhave@gmail.com

Pray for... Recen por...

...the prayer intentions of our Holy Father, **Pope Benedict XVI** for the month of April: General Intention: **Vocations:** that many young people may hear the call of Christ and follow Him in the priesthood and religious life; Missionary Intention: **Christ: Hope for Africans:** that the risen Christ may be a sign of certain hope for the men & women of the African continent.

Traveling and need to find a Sunday Mass?

Visit www.masstimes.org
or call 734-794-2100

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Farewell, Deacon Louis

With hearts filled with sadness, St. Paul & St. Agnes says good-bye to Deacon Louis Gonzalez and his wife Hilda as Deacon Louis begins a new assignment tomorrow as Deacon to the Parish of Holy Spirit in Borough Park, Bklyn. Deacon Louis arrived in the former Parish of St. Peter-St. Paul-Our Lady of Pilar in November 2003 and has continued to serve here since the creation of the Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes in 2007.

The essence of the permanent diaconate is service—and Deacon Louis has been generous in every way in his humble service: in his preaching and teaching ministries; in his numerous loving relationships with parishioners; in his devotion to the sick of the parish; in his preparation of adults for sacraments and for infant baptism; and in his very devout prayer life. The parish has also benefitted greatly by the quiet presence of his wife, Hilda.

Please offer prayers for Deacon Louis & Hilda and for our parish at this time of transition, and pray in thanksgiving to God for Deacon Louis' nearly 9 years of fruitful ministry here. —RMP

Sun., Apr. 15, Sun. PreK & K Religious Education

meets again next **Sun., Apr. 15** at St. Agnes Center at **10 AM.** No registration or regular attendance required. All infants, pre-K & kindergarten & their parents welcome.

Mon. Apr. 16, Rosary for Life, 1 PM, CS Chapel

Mon., Apr. 16, Holy Hour, 6 PM — 7 PM, St. Paul's Church

Tues., April 17, St. Anthony Novena, 12 PM

The St. Anthony Novena continues this Tuesday at noon for 14 Tuesdays, & ends with Mass on Tues., June 12. CS chapel.

Wed., April 18, Young at Heart, 1-3 PM, St Agnes Ctr.

Thurs., Apr. 19, 7:30 PM, Healing Mass

with **Msgr. Joseph Malagrecia**; St. Paul's Church

This is an annual liturgical event at SPSA, and is always a beautiful Mass. Healing really occurs, not through the imposition of hands, but through the proclamation of the Word of God & the consecration of the Eucharist. You don't want to miss this Mass. Msgr. Malagrecia is Pastor of Holy Cross Church and Director of Charismatic Renewal in the Bklyn. Diocese.

dom., 22 de abril, 11 AM, San Pablo

misa en honor del Beato Charlie

St. Paul's March Maintnce. & Repair Env.

Last month, registered parishioners on the St. Agnes list received a Maintenance & Repair envelope for March 18th; those on the St. Paul's list never received one for the month of March. I ask all St. Paul's envelope holders to take one of the yellow M & R envelopes available in the back of the church in order that the parish receive these funds. Thank you. -RMP

SPSA Parish Mission Statement

Relying upon the Holy Spirit in all that we do, we, the Roman Catholic Parish of **St. Paul & St. Agnes**, invite all in our neighborhood to celebrate our common baptism in the **Lord Jesus Christ**

—as a **priestly people**—interceding for our loved ones and our world at Mass;

—as a **prophetic people**—proclaiming the Word of God in dialogue with our neighbors;

—as a **royal people**—building up the Kingdom of God through lives of humble service.

KEEP GIVING TO THE

2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL!

SPSA Goal for 2012 ACA (completed) \$ 28,005

Money given over the goal for SPSA \$ 8,335

Total pledged to ACA from SPSA \$ 36,340*

No. of pledges 65

No. of pledges of \$250 or more 41

No. of Court of Honor pledges (\$1000+) 10

Please consider a pledge of \$250 or more.

Since we have reached our goal,
all money that is now given to the 2012 ACA
will be returned to SPSA to pay our fuel bills.

ACA brochures are by the doors of the churches.

**as of Wed., April 4, 2012*

Play the monthly 50/50.

**With only about 60 chances in
each raffle, you have a great
chance of winning.**

50/50 envelope chances are available by the doors of the church. Only \$5 each. Envelopes for the April 50/50 must be returned in the collection **no later than Sunday, April 29th.**

ENVELOPE REGISTRATION

You may return this form by mail, in the collection, or to stpaulstagnes@gmail.com

Name _____

Address (with apt. #) _____

City, State, Zip _____

Age (optional) _____

Email address (optional) _____

Telephone number (optional) _____

SPSA appreciates your desire to be a registered member. If you should decide for any reason to discontinue your registration, please call the Parish Office to cancel costly mailings.

HEALING MASS

Msgr. Joseph Malagrecia

Thurs., April 19th

7:30 PM

St. Paul's Church

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PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 31 & April 1, 2012

St. Paul's \$3817*

St. Agnes \$3255**

Parish \$7072

*28% of this figure came from 7 individuals

**18% of this figure came from 1 individual

Cool Things to Do 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 that appears on this page. Feedback from readers who attend these events is welcome at stpaulstagnes@gmail.com. Readers are also welcome to share any information about other events at that email address. **Items appearing for the first time in this column are highlighted (*).** —RMP, Adm.

Byzantium & Islam: Age of Transition

Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum of Art covering the 600's AD, the century of the rise of Islam and the beginning of the decline of the Eastern Roman Empire. **March 14 —July 18.** 1000 5th Ave. & E. 84th St.; metmuseum.org; 212-535-7710

Finding God in Art 4/20

Ph.D candidate in African art history leads tour of Metropolitan Museum of Art's African galleries, with emphasis on faith and spirituality. Tour interspersed with discussion. No previous knowledge of art history required. **Fri., Apr. 20, 7:30 PM.** Register by Apr. 17 with Fr. Anthony SooHoo, SJ of St. Ignatius Loyola, NY. soohooa@stignatiusloyola.org; 212-288-3588

Fr. Groeschel on Mother Teresa 4/21

Fr. Benedict Groeschel speaks on Mother Teresa as the final session of "Our Great Teachers—The Saints" at Holy Innocents Church, 128 W. 37th St. & Bdwy., NY, on **Sat., April 21.** Conference at **2:30 PM**; Vigil Mass at 4 PM.

***Organ Concert at St. Ignatius/NY 4/22**

Mander Organ Recital Series presents K. Scott Warren, Interim Director of Music, St. Ignatius Loyola, NY; Organist & Choir Master, Congregation Emanu-El, **Sun. April 22, 4 PM** at St. Ignatius, 980 Park Ave at E. 84th St, NY. Tickets: \$20; students & seniors, \$15. www.smssconcerts.org; 212-288-2520

***Organ Concert at St. James/Bklyn. 4/22**

Sing a New Song: organ & chorus concert on **Sun, Apr. 22, 4 PM.** Celebrating the 190th Anniv. of St. James Cathedral Basilica (parish founded 1822). Works by Schubert, Franck, Brahms, Bruckner. Joseph Smith, Director of Music at St. James. Freewill offering. brooklyncathedral.net. St. James is on Jay St., one block north of Tillary St. at Cathedral Pl.

Lecture: "The Atheistic Imagination 4/24 A Challenge for Jews, Christians, & Muslims"

Fr. Patrick J. Ryan, SJ, presenter; respondents: Rabbi Daniel Polish & Amir Hussain. **Tues., Apr. 24, 6 PM**, Pope Auditorium, Fordham U/ Lincoln Center, 113 W. 60th St, NY & on **Wed., Apr. 25, 6 PM**, Walsh Library, Fordham U/Bronx. Free; Info: 718-817-4745 or email mcgchair@fordham.edu

This bulletin can be found on line at
stpaulstagnes.wordpress.com

***Reading Programs for Kids & Adults**

Reading skills & speed reading programs for children, adolescents, & adults offered by Fordham Univ. at 3 sites in Bklyn during **June, July, & August:** St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St, Bklyn Hgts.; PS 104, Bay Ridge; Bklyn. College, Campus Road & E. 27th St. 1-800-978-9596

***Taking Offense: When Art & the Sacred Collide**

A film showing ants crawling over the body of the crucified Jesus...a portrait of the Virgin Mary adorned with elephant dung...the projection of a Quranic text on a naked female body: these and other recent works have pitted outraged believers against strident defenders of artistic freedom. A fine panel will address the issue: Camille Paglia, art & culture critic, and Dana Gioia, poet, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts & 2010 winner of Notre Dame's Laetare Medal.

Wed., April 25, 6—8 PM. Pope Auditorium, Fordham U/Lincoln Center, 113 W. 60th St., NY. Free. 212-636-7347; www.fordham.edu/ReligCulture.

***Flea Market in Astoria 4/28**

St. Francis of Assisi School, 21st Ave & 46th St in Astoria, hosts an Outdoor Flea Market on Sat., Apr. 28, 9 AM to 4 PM. Prospective vendors may call Lucy at 917 335 2695.

***Cancer Healing Mass 5/1**

Healing Mass including the Communal Rite of Anointing of the Sick with devotion to St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer patients, offered on **Tues., May 1, 7 PM** at the main altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 Madison Ave & E. 50th St./, NY. For cancer patients, survivors, family, friends, the medical community; no tix necessary. christina.vertullo@marist.edu

Guided Tours of St. FX/Bklyn 5/5 & 5/6

As part of its 125th Anniversary celebration, St. Francis Xavier, 225 6th Ave at Carroll St., offers guided tours of its neo-Gothic church on **Sat. & Sun., May 5 & 6.** St. Francis Xavier was constructed in 1904, in the same year & by the same architect as St. Agnes, Thomas Houghton. Info: 718-638-1880.

***Study Latin at Old St. Patrick's beg. 5/7**

Amo Latinum: Learn the basics of Latin in ten sessions beginning on **Mon., May 7** at 7:30 PM at St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, Mott & Mulberry Sts., NY. Fr. Peter Stravinskis, Ph.D., STD, teacher. Register at www.oldcathedral.org/latin Fees: \$53.49 + textbook purchase (\$23.85 on Amazon)

***Mental Illness Healing Mass 5/15**

Healing Mass including the communal Rite of Anointing of the Sick and devotion to Saint Dymphna, patron saint of the mentally ill, offered at the main altar of St. Patrick's Cathedral, 460 5th Ave & 50th St, **Tues., May 15, 7 PM.** For those suffering from emotional & psychological difficulties, Alzheimer's, autism, their friends, family, & the mental health community; no tix necessary. christina.vertullo@marist.edu

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