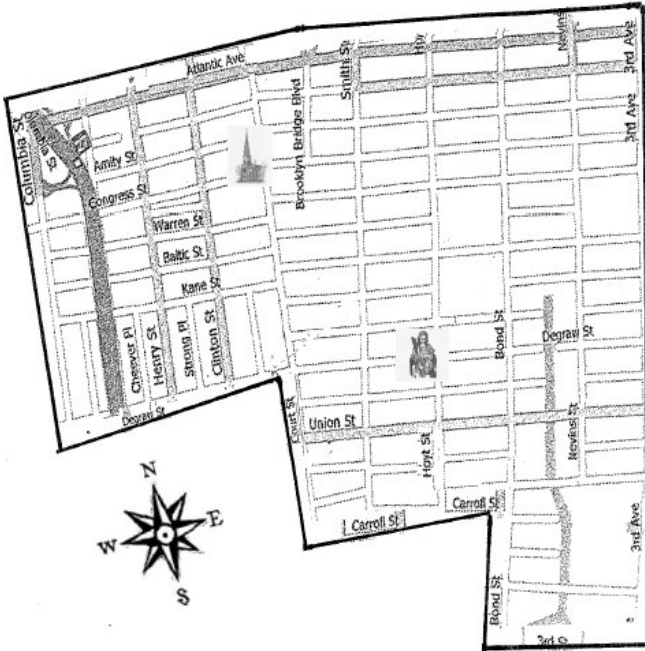




St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
Saint Paul's Church
Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York



April 29, 2012

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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; (**Mass this Sat., May 5th is at 9 AM; there is no 8 AM Mass this Sat., May 5th**)

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
 (**No holy hour this Mon., April 30th**)

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**; Knights of Columbus; **Legión de Maria**; Young At Heart

Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes
Fourth Sunday of Easter **April 29, 2012** **Cuarto Domingo de Pascua**

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Saturday, April 28

8 AM Rose & Bruno Frustaci r/b the family
5 PM In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus r/b Milagros Ruiz

Sunday, April 29

8 AM Mary Ellen Hudson r/b Buddy & Dee
9:30 AM St. Jude, in thanksgiving r/b Milagros Cruz
11 AM Efrain Rios (12o. Aniv.) p/p su esposa, Julia Rios
Emelia Gay (7o. Aniv.) p/p Teresa Rios
Rosalina Castillo (4o. Aniv.) p/p la Familia Castillo
Narciso Arroyo y Gregorio Negron p/p su hija, Altagracia Padilla
Victoria Jaime (18o. Aniv.) p/p su hija, Cynthia Jaime
Eusebio Charo Lebron p/p Tomasa Rijos
Ramon Sorote p/p su esposa, Helen Diaz

Monday, April 30 8:30 Healing of Marion Gargiulo r/b the family

Tuesday, May 1 8:30 Robert Hoyt r/b Bill & Kathy Appel

Saturday, May 5

9 AM Cornelius Heaney (164th Anniv.) r/b St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
5 PM McArow Families r/b Ronnie Mangia

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I lovingly urge you to respect this teaching. Confession is a simple process; it can be received on Saturdays at St. Paul's between 1 & 1:30 PM and at St. Agnes between 4 & 4:30 PM or 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 for many people; 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 these matters; I would be happy to dialogue with you. Thank you for enriching the Ministry of the Assembly at St. Paul & St. Agnes today. —Fr. Rob Powers

Pray for... Recen por...

...**Michael Carlo & Christina Tortorelli**, who will marry on Sat., May 12th at 2 PM at St. Agnes.

...**Our Sick**: Felicita 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.

...**Jacquay Gerard Carter, Andre Michael Camps, David Esteban Sanchez, & Giuliana Rose Hernandez-Leone**, who were baptized at St. Agnes on April 21 & for **Caden Ray Hernandez**, who was baptized at St. Paul's on April 22, & for their parents, who have committed to teach their children the Catholic faith by word and example.

Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., April 28

5 PM William F. Nevins r/b Franklin Siegel

Sun., April 29

9 AM Anthony DiDeo r/b Lee Lopresti
Constance Wheary (Living Birthday) r/b her daughter, Jennifer Angela, Maria, & Enrico Mazzella r/b the Mazzella Family
Flynn Fry r/b Philip Caulfield & Bahar Snowden

11:30 People of the Parish

Wed., May 3 8:30 Easter Novena

Thurs., May 4 8:30 Easter Novena

Sat., May 5

5 PM Frank Portelli r/b the Nardiello Family

Should I Receive Holy Communion Today?

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.

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.

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Traveling and need to find a Sunday Mass?

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

COMING UP AT SPSA

Celebrating the Vocation of Christian Motherhood 5/13

While Mother's Day, May 13th, is a secular holiday, Catholics should not only honor their mothers on that day as all members of society do but also reflect upon the vital role mothers play in the domestic church, the Church's building block. Mothers will be asked to renew their baptismal vows at our parish Masses on May 13 as in past years.

Fathers will be asked to recommit themselves to their vocation on Fathers' Day, June 17.

Mother's Day Baby Shower 5/13

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**.

Tues., May 15, 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 attempt to articulate the challenges the Church faces in preaching the Gospel in today's world. With Fr. Rob Powers at St. Agnes Center, 433 Sackett St., **Tues., May 15, 7:30 PM. Please note the date of this seminar has been changed again since the April 22nd bulletin.**

Fundraising & Social Events Comm. May 22

7:15 PM, 234 Congress St. New volunteers always welcome.

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 May: **General Intention: the Family:** that initiatives which defend & uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society; **Missionary Intention: Mary, Guide of Missionaries:** that Mary, Queen of the World and Star of Evangelization, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Sun., Apr. 29, 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 children & their parents are welcome.

Mon. Apr. 30, Rosary for Life, 1 PM, CS Chapel

Mon., Apr. 30, Holy Hour, 6 PM — 7 PM, St. Paul's Church

Wed., May 2, Young At Heart, St. Agnes Center, 1-3 PM

Sat., May 5, 9 AM, St. Paul's Church

Cornelius Heeney Mass

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

Heeney was a remarkable Catholic layman. Born in King's County (now Co. Offaly, Ireland) in 1754, he emigrated at the age of 30 to Philadelphia. There he almost drowned in a shipwreck on the Delaware River. Oystermen were willing to rescue the victims, but at \$1 per head. A kind Quaker paid Cornelius' ransom, a charitable act the emigrant never forgot.

A partner of John Jacob Astor, Heeney broke with Astor after four years & amassed his own fortune in the fur trade. He devoted his life to the care of widows & orphans, and assisted in the building of St. Peter's and Old St. Patrick's churches in lower Manhattan. He retired to Brooklyn in the 1830's, settling in a farmhouse on what is now Amity Street. In 1836, he donated the land for St. Paul's Church, and later gave the land for the Sisters of Charity convent & orphanage, St. Peter's Hospital (now Cobble Hill Health Center), & St. Peter's Church on Hicks Street. The Mass this Saturday will be a celebration of a very generous heritage, one we should not forget.

Bishop DiMarzio Asks SPSA to Begin Strategic Planning

In a letter to the parish which was dated April 16th, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn, accepted the recommendation of the Diocesan Strategic Planning Commission that St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish submit a strategic plan of action with annual goals and objectives. This plan would address the physical renovations of our churches and other parish buildings. It would also address the need for the parish to continue to maintain its balanced budget. SPSA has had a balanced budget for the last three fiscal years.

The letter was read at some Masses last weekend and will be read at all other Masses this weekend. Bishop DiMarzio stated that "the Commission unanimously concluded that these issues can be effectively addressed without the need for any further reconfiguration of the parish." The bishop has no plans to close either parish church. SPSA is given the challenge at this time to thrive as a two church parish—a challenge I believe we can meet by working together and with the help of God.

With the assistance of diocesan pastoral planning personnel, I will be forming this strategic planning commission with parish leaders in the coming weeks. *Fr. Robert M. Powers*

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 \$ 10,765

Total pledged to ACA from SPSA \$ 38,770*

No. of pledges 80

No. of pledges of \$250 or more 46

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

**as of Tues., April 24, 2012*

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.

Play the monthly 50/50.

**Get your chances into the collection
no later than Sun., May 27th.**

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

50/50 envelope chances are available by the
doors of the church. Only \$5 each.

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.

THE COLLECTION

April 21 & 22, 2012

**Regular Sun. collection +
Maintenance & Repair envelopes**

St. Paul's \$ 3028

St. Agnes \$ 3313

Parish \$ 6341

**164th Anniversary Mass
of Cornelius Heeney**

**Saturday, May 5th, 9 AM
Saint Paul's Church**

followed by procession to Cornelius Heeney's
tomb in the cemetery off Congress Street

Apologetics:

**The Art of Defending the
Catholic Faith**

**Tuesday, May 15th, 7:30 PM
Saint Agnes Center**

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 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 info. about other events at that email address. **Items appearing for the first time in this column are highlighted (*).** —RMP, Adm.

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

*Moving Beyond the "Culture Wars" 5/1

"Moving Beyond the Culture Wars: How Catholic Social Teaching Also Can Enlighten Current Partisan Debate on Basic Questions of Poverty, War, & Social Justice. Inaugural event for the St. Francis College Institute for Peace & Justice. Panelists include Prof. & SPSA parishioner Arnold Sparr on the right to organize & Msgr. Al LoPinto on fighting poverty. **Tues., May 1, 11:10 AM to 1:10 PM**, Room 4202, 180 Remsen St., Bklyn. Hgts.

Catholic Alumni Club 5/4

The Catholic Alumni Club of the Archdiocese of NY holds its next First Friday Dinner on **Fri, May 4** at O'Casey's Restaurant, 22 E. 41st St. Cocktails, 6 PM; dinner, 6:30; Father George Rutler will speak at 7:30 PM about his new book, *Cloud of Witnesses*. \$37 for non-members. CAC is a social club for professional single Catholics of similar educational backgrounds. Reservations: 718 654 3072.

*Catholic Underground 5/5

The Catholic Underground, the cool cultural apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to hipsters & yupsters that is acclaimed for its beautiful Eucharistic adoration. **Sat., May 5, 7:30 — 9:30 PM.** Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 230 E. 90th St., NY. No musical presentation this time; adoration only. www.catholicunderground.net

* LGBT Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi/NY 5/5

LGBT Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi/NY on the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month: **Mon., May 7 & Mon., May 21; 6:30 PM.** Wine & cheese on the 7th; dinner on the 21st. Info: Meredith Augustin; maugustin@stfrancisnyc.org

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.

*Bereavement Group at St. Francis of Assisi/NY 5/9

St. Francis of Assisi Church, W. 31st St. betw. 7th Ave & Bdway., has a bereavement group that meets on 8 Wednesdays beginning on **Wed., May 9** from 5 to 6:30 PM; the Clare Room of St. Francis House, 135 W. 31st St., NY. For all who are experiencing the pain of the loss of a loved one. Contact Fr. Paul Lostritto, OFM, 212-736-8500; plostritto@stfrancisnyc.org

*The Original Source of Law: 5/9 The Individual? The State? God?:

Discussing the Criteria for a Just Legal System. Speakers: Dr. Robert George (Princeton) & Dr. Andrea Simoncini (Florence). **Wed., May 9, 7 PM.** NYU Kimmel Center, Rm. 914, Washington Squ. So., NY. www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org

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

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

*Bishop Ford Girls' Volleyball Camp 7/16-20

Bishop Ford HS, Windsor Terrace, hold its first Girls' Volleyball Camp for 5th thru 8th graders. Tuition: \$75. **July 16—July 20.** Info: 718-360-2507 or dcatapano@bishopfordhs.org.

Medjugorje 23rd Annual Youth Festival

"Mladfest," the Medjugorje Youth Festival, is an annual prayer meeting for 50,000 youth & 400 priests from around the world.

Prayer, testimonies, processions, Eucharistic adoration, concerts, dancing to enrich the spiritual life of the youth. \$2479 from JFK to Croatia, accommodations & meals. Led by Fr. Peter Kaczmarek & Sister Marcella Purpura, CSJ. **July 28-Aug. 7.** www.pilgrimages.com/srmarcie or 800-206-TOUR

*Kujenga Youth Retreat XXII 7/27-29

The Kujenga weekend is an intensive leadership training

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