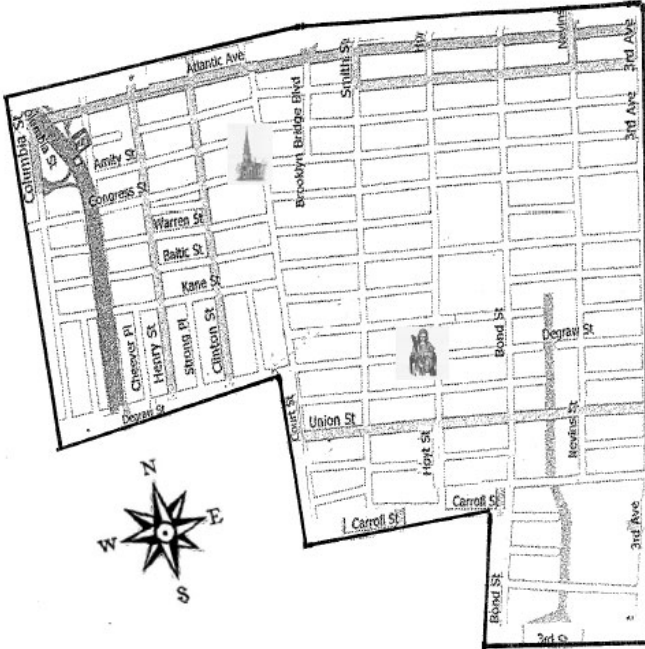




St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
Saint Paul's Church
Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York



May 13, 2012

Parish Clergy

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

Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes
 Sixth Sunday of Easter May 13, 2012 *Sexto Domingo de Pascua*

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Saturday, May 12

8 AM
 5 PM Vincent Camizzi r/b Bill & Kathy Appel

Sunday, May 13

Our 8 AM, 9:30 AM & 11 AM Masses are all Masses
 of Mother's Day Mass Remembrance

Mon., May 14 8:30 Rose Frustaci (Mother's Day Remembrance)
 r/b the family

Tues., May 15 8:30 Ethel Manas r/b Michael Brown

Thurs., May 17 7 AM ASCENSION
 12 Noon ASCENSION

Saturday, May 19

8 AM
 5 PM Jose Minan r/b Toni Manteiga

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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 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. 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

**Planning to Receive Holy Communion
 next Sunday, May 20?**

**Remember to attend Mass on Ascension Thursday,
 May 17. It's a holy day of obligation.**

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.

Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Saturday, May 12

5 PM Santina & Paul Angelone
 r/b their sons, Matthew & Paul Angelone

Sunday, May 13

9 **Mother's Day Mass Remembrance**
 11:30 People of the Parish

**Wed., May 16 8:30 Rose Caracappa, Maria Bruzzese,
 & Josephine Vivo r/b Dolly Mari**

Thurs., May 17 10 AM ASCENSION
 7:30 PM ASCENSION

Saturday, May 12

5 **Salvatore Minardi (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Connie Minardi**

***Wine & Hosts at St. Agnes
 for the week of May 13th
 were donated by Connie Minardi
 in memory of Salvatore Minardi
 as a Birthday Remembrance***

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, the entire Catholic Church, and our world.

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 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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Traveling and need to find a Sunday Mass?

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

COMING UP AT SPSA (con'd)

Mass in French at SPSA 6/28

St. Paul & St. Agnes will hold its first French language Mass on **Thurs., June 28th at 7:30 PM** at St. Paul's Church. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. The Mass will be the Vigil Mass of SS. Peter & Paul. Father Paul Anel of Heart's Home in Fort Greene will celebrate & preach.

A number of French nationals live in our parish and in neighboring areas & this Mass is an attempt to reach out to them. SPSA parishioners who attend both our English & Spanish Masses are invited to become involved in this new pastoral outreach by:

- bringing flyers announcing the Mass to their French neighbors within the parish. Flyers will be available soon.
- volunteering with the details of ushering and hospitality connected with the Mass and the reception. There will be a meeting announced for volunteers.
- attending and participating in the Mass on Thurs., June 28th, warmly welcoming our first time visitors.

Tarde de Oracion 6/3

Hablante: Salomon Rodriguez de Sta. Agueda, Sunset Park. dom., 3 de junio, 2 PM en el Salon San Pablo.

Card Party & Chinese Auction Fundraiser Sat., Oct. 13, 2012

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...

+ **Tammy Virginia Branch Stokes, 53**, who died on April 25, & for those who mourn her, including her husband, Michael; her children, Michael & Ashley; her mother, Laura, & her siblings, Chamaine, Deacon Leroy, & Gregory. (*corrected*)

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

...**Diana Michelle Tavarez & Isabel Marie Verhave**, who were baptized at St. Agnes on May 5, and for **Javier Valentin**, who was baptized at St. Agnes on May 6, and for their parents, who have committed themselves to teach their children the Catholic faith by word and example.

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Sun., May 13, Sun. PreK & K Religious Education meets again today, **Sun., May 6** at St. Agnes Center at **10 AM**. No registration or regular attendance required. All infants, pre-K & kindergarten children & parents welcome.

Mon. May 14, Rosary for Life, 1 PM, CS Chapel
Mon., May 14, Holy Hour, 6 PM — 7 PM, St. Paul's.

Tues., May 15, St. Anthony Novena, 12 Noon, CS Chapel

Wed., May 16, Young At Heart, St. Agnes Center, 1-3

Thurs., May 17, Feast of the Ascension

The Ascension is a holy day of obligation. In order to remain in the state of grace and receive Holy Communion next Sun., May 20th, you must attend Mass somewhere this Thurs., May 17th. At SPSA, we offer this extensive schedule of Masses this Thursday:

7 AM	St. Paul's	12 Noon	St. Paul's
10 AM	St. Agnes	7:30 PM	St. Agnes

COMING UP AT SPSA

Mon., May 21, 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., **Mon., May 21, 7:30 PM, St. Agnes Center.**

Fundraising & Social Events Comm. May 22
7:15 PM, 234 Congress St. New volunteers always welcome.

Baccalaureate (Graduation) Masses 6/23 & 24

As in past years at SPSA, graduates of the Class of 2012 — from preschool to postgraduate and all graduates in between — are invited to register for any of the seven weekend Masses at St. Paul & St. Agnes on Sat. June 23 & Sun. June 24. At Mass, they will have the opportunity to renew their baptismal vows, publicly thanking God for His help in their accomplishments and committing themselves to use their education to build up the Kingdom of God in our neighborhood & in our world. Graduates do not have to be Catholic and do not have to be active members of our parish. Parishioners are welcome to invite family members and friends who live outside our community. The only prerequisite is that the graduates be persons of faith who are grateful to God for His role in their success. A registration form can be found on the next page, page 4. It may be returned in the collection, or the data can be sent by email to stpaulstagnes@gmail.com or can be given by telephone to Ines Torres in the Parish Office.

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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.

DON'T STOP GIVING TO THE 2012 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL!

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

Money given over the goal for SPSA \$ 11,590

Total pledged to ACA from SPSA \$ 39,595*

No. of pledges 84

No. of pledges of \$250 or more 49

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

**as of Tues., May 1, 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.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR ALL GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 2012

Name _____

School _____

Degree (if applicable) _____

Mass you will attend on June 23 or 24 _____

Telephone & email: _____

Return this form in the collection, call the Parish Office,
or email stpaulstagnes@gmail.com

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) _____

THE COLLECTION May 5 & 6, 2012

St. Paul's \$ 2784*

St. Agnes \$ 2338

Parish \$ 5122

**25 % (or \$695) of this collection came from 3 households.*

Ascension Thursday

Thurs., May 17, 2012

Jueves de la Ascension

a holy day of obligation for
all Roman Catholics

7 AM St. Paul's Church
10 AM St. Agnes Church
12 Noon St. Paul's Church
7:30 PM St. Agnes Church

Apologetics: The Art of Defending the Catholic Faith

**Monday, May 21st, 7:30 PM
Saint Agnes Center**

For more info., see page 3

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.

Art & Spirituality 5/14

Making Time: Late Nights, Bothering God, Art Lessons at All Hours/ An Art Presentation by Fr. Michael F. Tunney, SJ. **Mon., May 14, 7 PM**, Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola Church, E. 84th St. & Park Ave, NY. A select tour through the priest-artist's recent works, linking the art & his own experience of prayer & reflection. A response to the classic Ignatian search for God in all things. Fr. Tunney is Professor of Fine Arts at Canisius College, Buffalo.

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

*Mass for Infertile Couples 5/16

The Gianna Mass is for couples struggling with infertility and pregnancy related difficulties. **Wed., May 16** at 6:30 PM; St. Catherine of Siena Church, 411 E. 68th St. (betw. York & 1st Aves.), NY. Relic of St. Gianna present for veneration. Dr. Anne Nolte & other natural fertility treatment experts from NY's Gianna Center, available for consultation after Mass.

*Helpers of God's Precious Infants 5/19

Mass at Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs Church, 110-06 Queens Blvd., Forest Hills, **Sat. May 19**, 7:30 AM followed by procession of 15 decades of the Rosary to an abortion clinic, with return to OLQM for benediction. www.helpersny.org

Brooklyn Studio Tours 5/19 & 5/20

Brooklyn Studio Tours opens again in Carroll Gardens & Red Hook. Showcases several local artists of different genres. **Sat. & Sun., May 19 & 20**. 12 Noon—6 PM. Map available on line at brooklynstudiotours.com

Korean Festival in Midtown 5/20

14th Annual *Korea Town*, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Church, NY & the St. Francis Korean Community. Korean dance, music, costumes, cuisine. **Sun., May 20, 9 AM—5 PM** On Broadway betw. W. 31st & W. 31st St.

LGBT Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi/NY 5/21

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

Genesis Course at St. Francis/NY beg. 5/30

A Bible course, *Genesis 1-11: the Pre-History* at St. Francis of Assisi Church, San Damiano Hall, 129 W. 31st St, NY. For six Wednesdays beginning Wed., May 30, ending July 11 (no class on July 4.) \$25. Register: at jnuzzi@stfrancisnyc.org

Film: *Solitary Confinement...* 5/31

Solitary Confinement: Torture in Your Backyard. A film screening & panel discussion on the effects of solitary confinement & how we can put an end to it in our city, state, & nation. **Thurs., May 31, 7-9 PM**, St. Francis College, Founders Hall, 182 Remsen St., Bklyn Hgts.

*St. Dominic's Parish 40th Anniv. 6/24

St. Dominic's Parish, 2001 Bay Ridge Ave., Bensonhurst celebrates its 40th Anniversary on Sun., June 24. Special trilingual Mass celebrated by Bishop DiMarzio at 11:30 AM. Dinner dance at Gargiulo's Restaurant, 2911 W. 15th St, 2 PM. Cocktails, dinner, music, open bar. \$100; children 3-12, \$50. Tickets: St. Dominic's Rectory, 718-259-4636

*Ignatian Spirituality Conference 6/29—7/1

Finding God in Unsettled Times: A Conference on Ignatian Spirituality. **Fri, June 29 — Sun., July 1** at Loyola University, Maryland. St. Ignatius lived in unsettled times both in the history of his era & in his personal life. Centered later we find ourselves in unsettled times that are different & yet much the same. A conference on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. www.jesuit-collaborative.org

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.

Kujenga Youth Retreat XXII 7/27-29

The Kujenga weekend is an intensive leadership training workshop which focuses on evangelizing peers & the importance of a Christ-centered life in moral & ethical development. For ages 14—18. \$175 until June 15th; reg. June 15 thru July 10: \$200. **July 27-29** at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, LI. Info: Elreta Fowler; 718-774-3806; blackcatholicconcern@diobrook.org; vbcambassadors@aol.com

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