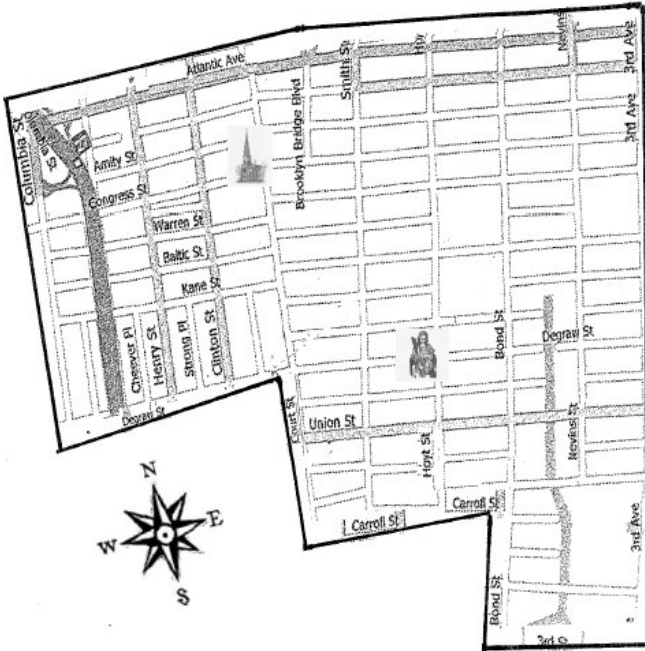




St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
Saint Paul's Church
Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York



May 6, 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
This Monday, May 7th, Holy Hour will be from 6:30-7:30 PM.

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 **May 6, 2012** **Cuarto Domingo de Pascua**

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Saturday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 6

8 AM The Healing of Marion Gargiulo r/b the family
9:30 AM Mary, Joseph, Al & Ed Casazza r/b Virginia Pearson
11 AM La Virgin Maria p/p la Legion de Maria
Candida Garib p/p su hijo, Elvis Miner Peralta
Celeste R. Rodriguez p/p su nieto, E. Miner Peralta
Felicita Costoso (Recordatorio de Cumpleaños)
p/p su hija, Ines Torres
Pete Seda p/p Julia Rios
Celia Jaramillo (1er. Aniv.) p/p su hija, Gloria, y su nieta
Nelson Diaz (Recordatorio de Cumpleaños)
p/p su esposa, Helen Diaz
En Accion de Gracias a San Alejo p/p Tomasa Rijos
Juana Sanchez p/p su hija, Helen Rivera
Luis Sanchez p/p su hermana, Helen Rivera
Robert McIntyre p/p su madre, Eva McIntyre
Alfredo Loli (Recordatorio de Cumpleaños)
p/p su hija, Teresa Barrett
Ramon Sorote p/p su esposa, Helen Diaz

Mon., May 7 8:30 Taras Wozny r/b Bill & Kathy Appel

Tues., May 8

Saturday, May 12

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

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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 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

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Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., May 5

5 PM Frank Portelli r/b the Nardiello Family

Sun., May 6

9 Mark R. Ferraioli (Birthday Remembrance) r/b Frank C. Maddalone
Rosa, Mario, & Nunzio Assiduo r/b the Mazzella Family
Maria, Maddalena, Maria, & Salvatore Lubrano
r/b the Mazzella Family
Frank Cintron r/b Aunt Maria Feliciano
Gene Cortese r/b Mr. & Mrs. John DiTucci

11:30 People of the Parish

Wed., May 9 8:30 The Fallon Families r/b Irene Fallon

Thurs., May 10 8:30 Angela, Mario, & Enrico Mazzella
r/b the Mazzella Family

Sat., May 12

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

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.

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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

Mon., May 21, 7:30 PM, Apologetics The Date Has Been Changed Again!

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. Please note the date of this seminar has been changed again since the April 29th 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.

+ **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, Chamine, Deacon Leroy, & Chamine.

+ **Raymond Silva, 53**, who died on April 30, & for those who mourn him, including his mother, Ramonita, & brother, Carlos

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

...**Benjamin Kofron & Nicoletta Pagnotta**, who married at St. Paul's on April 27th.

...**Tyler Javier Sanchez**, who was baptized at St. Agnes on April 29th & for his parents, who have committed to teach their son the Catholic faith by word and example.

...**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, Altigracia, Almanzar, Jose Antonio Padillo, Jr.

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Sun., May 6, 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 & their parents are welcome.

Mon. May 7, Rosary for Life, 1 PM, CS Chapel

Mon., May 7, Holy Hour, 6:30 PM — 7:30 PM, St. Paul's.
Please note the change in time for this Monday only.

Tues., May 8, St. Anthony Novena, 12 Noon, CS Chapel

Wed., May 9, Young At Heart, St. Agnes Center, 1-3 PM

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 12 & 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 next Sun., **Mother's Day, May 13**.

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.

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

April 28 & 29, 2012

St. Paul's	\$ 2676*
St. Agnes	\$ 2059
Parish	\$ 6341

*24 % (or \$676) of this collection came from 4 households.

Apologetics: The Art of Defending the Catholic Faith

Please note the date has been
changed again, this time to

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

For more info., see page 3

**Congratulations,
April 50/50 Winners!**

Gene Rodriguez

St. Paul's winner **\$185**

Rudy & Gladys Vargas

St. Agnes winners **\$135**

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.

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 this weekend, **Sat., May 5 at 6:30 PM, & Sun. May 6 at 10:30 PM & 1:15 PM**. St. Francis Xavier was constructed in 1904, the same year & by the same architect as St. Agnes, Thomas Houghton. Info: 718-638-1880.

LGBT Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi/NY 5/7

LGBT Ministry at St. Francis of Assisi/NY on the 1st & 3rd Mon. 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

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; lostritto@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

*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.

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*Art Presentation at St. Ignatius/NY 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.

*Brooklyn Studio Tours 5/19 & 5/20

Brooklyn Studio Tours opens again in Carroll Gardens & Red Hook. Showcases several genres of local art. **Sat. & Sun., May 19 & 20**. 12 Noon—6 PM. brooklynstudiotours.com

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

A Bible course, Genesi 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.

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.

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

Return your May 50/50 envelope in the collection

no later than Sun., May 27th. Only \$5 per chance

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