



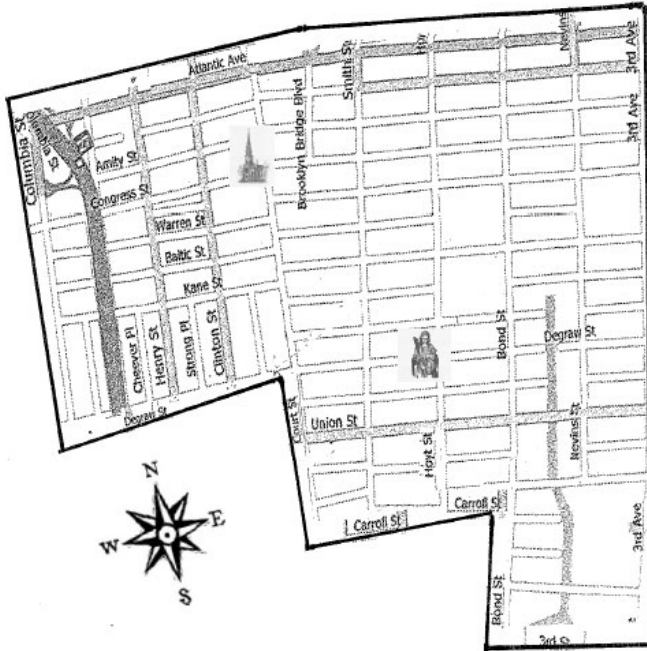
# St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish

## Saint Paul's Church

## Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York



### November 25, 2012

#### Parish Clergy

Father Robert Murray Powers, Administrator  
*Fr. Rob Powers' voicemail: 718-207-0035*  
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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#### Office at St. Agnes Church

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**Monday through Friday, 1:00—5:00 PM**



#### 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 María**; Young At Heart

# Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes

Christ the King

November 25, 2012

Cristo Rey

## Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Nov. 24

8 AM

5 PM Alice Benson r/b the children, parents, & staff of the parish CCD program

Sunday, Nov. 25

8 AM Dorothy Mazzella r/b Bill & Kathy Appel

9:30 James, Clare, Tom, & Margaret & the Forde Family  
r/b Peggy White & family

11 AM Ana Julia Mézquita (16o. Aniv.) p/p su hija, Maria Cabrera

Helen Diaz p/p Ceci

Raymond Silva (7 meses de su fallacimiento)

p/p su madre, Ramonita

Maria Fernandez p/p Angelita Vazquez

William y Helen Reilly y la Familia Reilly: Joseph J.,

Helen y Philip

Mon., Nov. 26 8:30

Tues., Nov. 27 8:30

Sat., Dec. 1

5 PM Alice Benson r/b Peggy White

### Pray for ... Recen por

... **Our Sick:** George Limnios, Mark Lites, Pura Irizzary, Steven Arcivar, Felicita Pedraza, Mark Soto, Christopher Benson, Chris Medina, Milton Piedra, Altagracia Almanzar, Vincent Biscaino, Miguel Sotolongo, Alicia Ocasio, Víctor Soto, Madeline Tarantino, Renee Wagner, Luisa Rodriguez, Maria Elena Rosa, Hilda Rios Sanchez, Pura Irizzary, Maria Luisa Barbat, Daniel Feliciano, Rosemary Rumsey, Francisco Fernandez, Lidia Alvarez

... the December prayer intentions of our Holy Father, **Pope Benedict XVI:** **General Intention:** that migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity & authentic love, especially by Christian communities. **Missionary Intention: Christ, light for all humanity:** that Christ may reveal Himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem & is reflected in the face of the Church.

This bulletin can be found on line at

[stpaulstagnes.wordpress.com](http://stpaulstagnes.wordpress.com)

### Don't ever say "Happy Holidays!"

- Say *Happy Advent* from Dec. 1 until Dec. 24; from Dec. 24 thru Jan. 13, it's *Merry Christmas*; wish your Jewish friends *Happy Chanukah*
- Send Christmas cards with a Nativity scene.
- Buy the Virgin & Child stamp for your cards.
- Have at least one Nativity scene (*crèche*) at home.
- Go to Mass on *Christ-mass*, Dec. 24th or 25th

## Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Nov. 24 5 PM

Sunday, Nov. 25 9 AM William Reilly & Helen Reilly and the Reilly Family: Joseph J., Helen, & Philip

11:30 People of the Parish

Wed., Nov. 28 8:30

Thurs., Nov. 29 8:30

Sat., Dec. 1 5 PM

### SPSA Mission Statement

Relying upon the Holy Spirit, 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 for our world at Mass

—as a **prophetic people**—proclaiming the word of God in respectful dialogue with our neighbors

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

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

We are a parish that greatly values your presence among us, whether you attend Mass exclusively here or also at other churches, or whether you attend Mass weekly, frequently, or periodically. We strongly emphasize what contemporary liturgists call the Ministry of the Assembly. We urge you to pray attentively in the Mass by singing God's praises loudly, by listening attentively to the Word of God, and by praying silently the Eucharistic prayer as the priest celebrant prays it aloud. You will discover that God will transform you and others through your participation in the mysteries of the Mass. May your experience of the liturgy here bring you lasting peace! —RMP, Adm.

### Skipped Mass Last Sunday, Nov. 18?

**The Church advises you: Don't receive Holy Communion today to avoid committing another mortal sin.**

You are always welcome to attend Sunday Mass at St. Paul & St. Agnes, whatever your frequency of Mass attendance is. But I urge all (adults and children) to abide by church law and not to receive Holy Communion again until one has gone to Confession and is in the state of grace once again. —RMP, Adm.

### Traveling & Need a Sunday Mass?

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

This bulletin went to press early, on Nov. 12th.

### THE COLLECTION AT SPSA

Since this bulletin had to go to press early, collection figures for Nov. 17 & 18 will appear in the Dec. 2nd bulletin.

## Opportunities to Assist Sandy's Victims

Envelopes (marked with green dots) are available for those parishioners who would like to assist the victims of Hurricane Sandy who live within the Diocese of Brooklyn, which encompasses the two boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens. The funds will be distributed through Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens, which has four regional community centers. Checks should be made payable to St. Paul & St. Agnes, with a notation such as "Sandy Relief." Parishioners may certainly contribute through other relief organizations.

The Parish Office is accepting nonperishable food items, which can be brought to the Parish Offices during office hours, Mon. thru Fri., 234 Congress St.: 9 AM to 12 Noon, 433 Sackett St.: 1 PM to 5 PM. The food can also be brought to the churches on Sundays; receptacles are near our church entrances. Catholic Charities will pick up these items from us. We are **not** able to accept clothing.

Let us also continue to pray that the Holy Spirit guide government officials involved with disaster relief, and that He sustain Sandy's victims with confident hope. —RMP, Adm.

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## Catholic Art Calendars

Catholic Art Calendars are available by the church entrances. The suggested donation for each calendar is \$1.

*Para obtener un calendario en español, llame a Ines Torres en la oficina durante el horario y puede recibir uno por correo o puede pasar por la oficina. La ofrenda sugerida para cada calendario es \$1.*

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## COMING UP AT SPSA: (con'd)

### SPSA Anniversary Celebration

Over an 18 month period, from Jan. 2013 to June 2014, the Fundraising & Social Events Committee proposes these events:

Opening Mass, Jan. 2013	Gala Dinner Dance, Oct.
Day of Recollection, March	Sight & Sound (PA), Nov.
Godspell, April	Advent Party, Dec.
Doo-Wop Show, May	Concert, Dec.
BBQ/Block Party, August	<b>2014:</b>
SPSA 6th Anniv. Mass, Sept.	Quebec bus trip, March
Closing Mass & Honoree Banquet, June 2014	

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## Put the Mass Back Into *Christ-mass*

I thought Christmas was supposed to be a day of packed, standing room only crowds at Mass. I hear it still is in the NY suburbs and other parts of the country. But not around here, not in my experience of twenty years as a priest in the Diocese of Brooklyn. While it is always a joyful day for me, it is also mildly depressing to see a small fraction of the Sunday congregation at Mass on Christmas, and to see so few children here and in all the parishes in which I have served. Every year in this parish, we prepare a beautiful bag full of religious gifts for every child who comes to Mass. Yet few of our parish children have ever received one of those bags. While some attend Mass at churches near family with whom they are staying, most do not attend at all. The holy day of Christmas for most Catholic children today is a secular holiday—material gifts and meals—but little or no focus on Jesus Christ.

I plead with all parents who do not bring their families to Mass on Christmas to reconsider. —RMP, Adm.

## THIS WEEK AT SPSA:

### Preschool & K Religious Ed Next Sun. 12/02

The weekly Religious Education program of pre-school & kindergarten children and toddlers and babies continues next **Sunday, Dec. 2** at 10 AM in the basement of St. Agnes Center. No fee or registration or regular commitment to attend, but come and experience the joy of seeing your child receiving the gift of faith at a young age.

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**Rosary for Life, Mon., Nov. 26, 1—3 PM, St. Agnes Center**

**Holy Hour, Wed., Nov. 26, 6-7 PM, St. Agnes Center**

**Young At Heart, Wed., Nov. 28, 1—3PM**

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## COMING UP AT SPSA:

### THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Sat., Dec. 1st, 6:15 PM, corner of Court & Congress Sts.**  
outdoor liturgy of blessing & song; refreshments afterward

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### Advent/St. Lucy Party 12/8

The annual Advent/St. Lucy Party on **Sat., Dec. 8** at St. Paul's Hall, **7—11 PM**. Music, fun, & food for the whole family. Not a fundraiser; just an opportunity to get together in anticipation of the Christmas Season. A donation form is on page 4.

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### Christmas Drama/Homily Needs Actors

Children of all ages (including infants & toddlers) are needed for this dramatization of the Gospel at the **5 PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, Mon., Dec. 24th** at St. Agnes. This is a wonderful opportunity for children who are uneasy with being on stage. The narration is done entirely by Fr. Rob Powers, who presents the biblical characters played by the children. Rehearsals are on the Sundays of Advent at 12:45 PM (**Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 23**) but there is flexibility in attendance. The Gospel is the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1, and the more children available, the better the homily will be in helping the children and the congregants to understand how God prepared His people (and how He prepares us) for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity as Jesus of Nazareth. A registration form is on page 3 of this bulletin.

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### Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Vouchers

Persons who live within our parish boundaries who are unemployed or who are of low income are welcome to register for one \$50 food voucher by going to the Parish Office during office hours. Bring a valid photo ID. The person who signs up for the voucher must be the same person who picks it up.

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### Advent Giving Tree

Parishioners who wish to buy Christmas gifts for poor children in our area will have the opportunity again this year. Next weekend, paper ornaments with gifts written on them will be available in our sanctuaries. Gift cards to children's stores are also encouraged. Catholic Charities Bklyn West Community Center will distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.

## 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 those who attend these events is welcome at [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto: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 marked with an asterisk (\*).** —RMP, Adm.

### **Catholicism for the Curious 11/28**

Series of talks & discussion on the basic elements of the Catholic faith. Led by Dominican priests of St. Joseph's Church, Sixth Ave. & Waverly Place, NY. Topic **Wed., Nov. 28: What's different about Catholic marriage?** At the NYU Catholic Center, 238 Thompson St., on several Weds. thru Dec. 12. **7:30-8:30 PM.** [www.washingtonsquarecatholic.org](http://www.washingtonsquarecatholic.org)

### **Young Adult Bible Study 12/3, 12/10, 12/17**

Year of Faith Young Adult Advent Bible Study Program, **Mon., Dec. 3, 10 & 17,** 7:30—9:30 PM at Holy Name Rectory, 245 Prospect Park West, Windsor Terrace. With Deacon Don Rizzuto. Reg: [pmorisi@diobrook.org](mailto:pmorisi@diobrook.org)

### **\*Catholic Underground 12/1**

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal's cool cultural apostolate for hipsters & yupsters. **Sat., Dec. 1st.** Solemn holy hour at 7:30 PM followed by contemporary Catholic music at 9 PM. Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, E. 92nd St. betw. 2nd & 3rd Ave, NY. [catholicunderground.net](http://catholicunderground.net)

### **Catholicism 101 12/5**

Missing lots of things from your understanding of the Catholic Church? One-shot sessions to help you get up to speed on faith, religion, & culture. No registration necessary. **Mon., Dec. 5, 7-8 PM:** "God's Love: What is Love?" A discussion of the differences and similarities between "home made" feelings about God & the Catholic faith. St. Patrick's Old Cathedral Parish House, 263 Mulberry St., NY. [www.oldcathedral.org](http://www.oldcathedral.org)

### **\*Heart's Home Open House 12/6**

Heart's Home (*Points-Cœur*), the international Catholic movement that seeks to foster compassion throughout the world, holds an Open House on **Thurs., Dec. 6** from **7 PM to 10 PM** at Heart's Home - John Paul II, 108 St. Edward's St, Fort Greene. Info: 718-522-2121; [usa.heartshome.org](http://usa.heartshome.org)

### **\*Tiffany Glass**

*Louis C. Tiffany & the Art of Devotion* considers the array of church decorations & memorials that Louis C. Tiffany (1848-1933) produced beginning in the early 1800's. Free; Museum of Biblical Art, 1865 Bdwy at W. 61st St. [www.mobia.org](http://www.mobia.org)

### **\*Jazz Mass**

Ascension Church, 221 W. 107th St., NY; every Sun. nite at 6 PM. Huge attendance of young adults. [nyc-ascensionchurch.org](http://nyc-ascensionchurch.org)

### **\*Regina Pacis Now a Minor Basilica 12/7 - 8**

The Holy Father has named Regina Pacis a Minor Basilica, the third in the Bklyn. Diocese in addition to St. James Cathedral – Basilica & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Basilica. All are invited to these celebrations: **Fri., Dec. 7,** 7 PM: sacred music concert; 7:30 PM: solemn sung vespers; **Sat., Dec. 8:** 2:30 PM solemn pontifical Mass of Dedication & Blessing of Papal Symbols. Regina Pacis Church, 1230 65th St. [www.reginaparish.org](http://www.reginaparish.org)

### **\*Taizé Prayer 12/14**

Experience the peace of Taizé prayer and song from the ecumenical monastery of Taizé in southern France. St. Francis Xavier Church, W. 15th St., NY. **Fri., Dec. 14, 6 PM.** [www.sfxavier.org](http://www.sfxavier.org)

### **Helpers of God's Precious Infants 12/15**

Msgr. Philip Reilly's Helpers of God's Precious Infants will hold their monthly Mass and prayer vigil aimed at the conversion of hearts of all who engage in or who are supportive of abortion. On **Sat., Dec. 15,** with 7:30 AM Mass followed by procession to and from a neighboring abortion clinic. St. Paul's Church, 234 Congress St. at Court St. [www.helpersny.org](http://www.helpersny.org)

### **\*CS Lewis' Screwtape Letters 12/20**

Commentary & staged reading of the CS Lewis classic. At the American Bible Society, 1865 Bdwy & 61st St, NY, **Thurs., Dec. 20,** 7 PM. Info: [www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org](http://www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org)

## **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2012 as of Nov. 6, 2012**

It's not too late to give to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) of the Brooklyn Diocese. All money that is given will be returned to SPSA, where it will be used to pay the fuel bills of our massive church structures that need to be heated 24/7. The big expense is maintaining them at 52-55 degrees during the week. ACA brochures are available by the church entrances.

SPSA Goal for 2012 (completed): \$ 28,005  
Money given over the goal for SPSA: + \$ 28,180  
Total Pledged to ACA from SPSA \$ 56,185

No. of SPSA pledges to 2012 ACA: 132  
No. of pledges of \$250 or more: 78  
No. of Court of Honor pledges (\$1000+): 14

No. of pledges from SPSA to 2011 ACA: 153  
No. of pledges of \$250 or more in 2010: 83  
No. of Court of Honor pledges (\$1000+): 13  
Total pledged to 2011 ACA from SPSA: \$ 54,862  
\$ given to SPSA from 2011 ACA: \$ 26,857

**Advent/St. Lucy Party**

**Sat., Dec. 8, 2012**

**Donation Form**

*Formulario de Donacion  
para la Fiesta de Adviento/Sta. Lucia*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Nombre:*

**No. of people attending the party from my home  
(including me)** \_\_\_\_\_

*Numero de personas asistiendo a la fiesta  
de mi casa (incluyendo mi)* \_\_\_\_\_

**Dish or plate I would like to bring:** \_\_\_\_\_

*plato o postre que me gustaria traer:*

**I would prefer to make a donation of \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Me gustaria donar en efectivo: \$* \_\_\_\_\_.

**I cannot attend but would like to give \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

*No vamos a poder atender—de todo modo me gustaria  
donar en efectivo \$* \_\_\_\_\_.

This form may be returned in the collection, brought to the  
Parish Office, or emailed to [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com).

*Puede devolver este formulario en la colecta or puede  
traerlo a la oficina o puede enviar la informacion a  
[stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com).*

**Children's Dramatization  
of the Gospel**

at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
St. Agnes Church,  
Monday, Dec. 24th, 5 PM

All children in our parish and in our  
neighborhood are welcome to participate.

**REGISTRATION FORM**

*You may return this form by mail or in the collection  
or you may email the data to [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com)*

**Name of child:**

**Age of child:**

**Parent(s)' name(s):**

**Telephone & email addresses:**

**St. Paul & St. Agnes**

**Advent/St. Lucy Party**

*Fiesta de Adviento/Sta. Lucia*

**Sat., Dec. 8, 2012**

**7 to 11 PM**

St. Agnes Center  
433 Sackett Street

Music, Fun, Food, & Family!  
All Parishioners Invited!

Would you like to donate something?  
Use the form on the left.

*¿Le gustaria donar algo?  
Use el formulario a la izquierda.*

Saturday, Dec. 8th is  
**the Solemnity of  
the Immaculate Conception**  
and is a holy day of obligation.

The Mass schedule will appear in the Dec. 8th bulletin.

**ENVELOPE REGISTRATION**

*You may return this form by mail, in the  
collection, or to [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address ( with apt. #)  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip  
\_\_\_\_\_

Age (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (optional):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number (optional):  
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