



St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
Saint Paul's Church
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Boerum Hill + Carroll Gardens +
 Cobble Hill + Gowanus +
 Columbia St. Waterfront District

Brooklyn, New York

March 10, 2013

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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

Confession

Saturdays: 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.

Holy Hour: Mondays, 6-7 PM, chapel on Congress Street

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

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 Lent

March 10, 2013

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., March 9 8 AM

5 PM Vincent Morales (Anniv. & Birthday Remembrance)
r/b his wife Annette & sister Libby

Sunday, March 10

8 AM

9:30 Julio & Juana Hernandez r/b their daughter Nereida

11 AM Aida Maldonado p/p Ines Torres

Angelina Hernandez (2do. Aniv.)

p/p su hija Norma, hijos, y familia

Felicita Costoso (9o. Aniv.) p/p su hija Ines Torres y familia

Julio Pando (9o. Aniv.) p/p Vivian Pando

Manuel Maldonado p/p Carmen Cruz

Manuela Tita Ayala, Rafael Mercado, Jr., Rafael Mercado, Sr.,

p/p su hija y hermana Angelica Kreiges y familia

Maria Viña Colon p/p Maria Gonzalez

Juan Gregorio Ureña (1o. Aniv.) p/p Nereida Urena

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

Helen y Philip Reilly

Mon., March 11 8:30 For Matthew Brule (safe return from
the war) p/p Auntie Margaret Adams

Tues., March 12 8:30

Sat., March 16 8 AM

5 PM Louis & Lucy Ranghelli r/b their niece Theresa

Pray for ... Recen por...

+ **Micaela R. Santos, 91**, who died on Feb. 24, and for those who mourn her, including her children Socorro, Felix, Clara, Santiago, Felipe, & Leandra, & her son-in-law, SPSA maintenance worker Heriberto (Eddie) Martinez.

+ **Lucille Sconza, 92**, who died on March 3, and for those who mourn her, including her children Frank, Charles, Elizabeth, and Anthony, and her sister, Katie.

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

... the March prayer intentions of **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:**

General Intention: Respect for Nature: That respect for nature may grow with the awareness that all creation is God's work entrusted to human responsibility; **Missionary Intention: Clergy:** that bishops, priests, & deacons may be tireless messengers of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

This bulletin can be found on line at

stpaulstagnes.wordpress.com

Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., March 9

5 PM Thomas F. Houghton r/b William Toner

Sunday, March 10

9 AM Carmelo Collazo (Anniv. Remembrance)

r/b his wife, Frances Collazo

Ernestina Gonzalez r/b Frances Collazo

Helen & Philip Reilly & the Reilly Family: Joseph J.,

Helen, & Philip Reilly

11:30 People of the Parish

Wed., March 13 8:30

Thurs., March 14 8:30

Sat., March 16

5 PM Mary & Matthew Fallon r/b Irene Fallon

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, March 3rd?

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 or call 734-794-2100

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

Pilgrimage (continued from page 4)

St. Joseph's Chapel: 385 So. End Ave., NY. Dedicated to the victims of 9/11. Moving statuary of St. Florian (representing firefighters); St. Michael (police officers); St. Joseph (working people) & St. Mary Magdalen on her way to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus (the families who mourn their dead.) Ever notice the enormous number of ethnic Catholic surnames among 9/11 victims, seeming to constitute a majority?

St. Patrick's Old Cathedral: 263 Mulberry St., NY. Built in 1815; Federal style; served as archdiocesan cathedral until 1879. The wall around the graveyard dates from 1842, a year of anti-Catholic rioting & destruction of Catholic church properties in NY. Venerable Pierre Toussaint—Haitian native, freed slave, & philanthropist—was a parishioner. Bishop John Dubois is buried outside the cathedral, according to his wishes: "They walked on me in life; let them walk on me in death."

65 Mott Street: According to a recent NY Archdiocese history, this seven story tenement was constructed in the 1820's. Take a walk into the courtyard inside to imagine life in the horrid slums of pre-Civil War NY, without clean water or a sanitation system. A good stop for those among us *who think who they are* as we say in Bklyn & have forgotten their roots.

Tenement Museum: A tenement building at 97 Orchard St.; built in 1863; closed in 1935 when it no longer met city health codes. Has been restored apt. by apt. to the different periods of immigration, including the apt. of the Moores, an Irish immigrant family who lived there in 1869. Their story is tragic & reflects the dire poverty & ever present danger of fatal illness in those times. A must for Irish crepe hangers, keelers, professional wake goers, and obituary readers. Tickets: 866-606-7232. Moores' apt. is on fourth floor; no elevator.

McSorley's Old Ale House: At the end of the pilgrimage, check out McSorley's for the best lunch deal in Manhattan; great pub food; really cheap. Irish memorabilia all over the walls. This pub opened in 1854, and it looks it. You can feel your forefathers' presence when you walk in—but not your foremothers.' Devout, pious Irish women, the McSorley matriarchs never doubted that men were made in God's image; they weren't so sure about their own sex. In order to keep out 1800's trollops and 1900's floozies, McSorley's admitted no women. But it really didn't matter to nice Catholic girls working as teachers & nurses, for Metropolitan Life, or in a downtown office before going into the convent. They drank manhattans not beer (the pub only serves ale) and they certainly weren't interested in hooking up with Mr. Goodbar.

But by 1970, it was no longer a man's world, and that year a court order mandated the last men-only bar in NY to serve women. Much time has passed, and the Daily News photo of 22 year old Marcia Kramer bellying up to the bar is as much in faded sepia tone as the mid-1800s lithographs of Wolfe Tone & Daniel O'Connell. A packed 20-something scene by night, McSorley's is a quiet neighborhood pub by day. Friendly service; gone are the gruff greenhorns who slammed beer mugs on the table for decades. 15 E. 7th St., NY.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPSA

St. Joseph & St. Patrick's Day Brunch 3/10

St. Paul's Hall, **today, Sun., March 10th**, 1:30—4:30 PM. \$15; children, \$12. Corned beef & cabbage, music & entertainment, Italian pastries. **Grand 50/50**; red envelope chances in church vestibules. Some tickets may be available at the door

Pre-School & K Religious Ed: Sun., Mar. 10, 10 AM, 433 Sackett

Rosary for Life: Mon., Mar. 11, 1 PM, chapel/Congress St.

Holy Hour: Mon., Mar. 11, 6—7 PM, chapel/Congress St.

Via Crucis: martes, 12 marzo, 7 PM, *Santa Ines*

Via Crucis: viernes, 15 marzo, 7 PM, *San Pablo*

Stations of the Cross: Fri., Mar. 15, 1 PM, chapel /Congress St.

Mass Book Opens 3/11

Mass intentions for April, May, & June can be arranged in the Parish Office beginning this **Mon., March 11**.

Young at Heart 3/13

Young at Heart resumes its weekly bingo and refreshments this **Wed., March 13** from **1 to 3 PM** in St. Agnes Center.

Fri., Mar. 10: Day of Abstinence from Meat

for all Catholics 14 years of age and older

Parish Mission with Fr. Machado 3/17—3/19

Father Clement Machado will offer a three day mission at SPSA from **Sun. March 17 thru Tues. March 19** at **7 PM** that will observe two important feasts, St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. On the last night, he will anoint with St. Joseph's Oil from St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, the shrine founded by St. (Brother) André Bessette. Confession offered from 5 PM to 6:30 PM each night. Don't miss this mission!

Tues., March 19: St. Anthony Novena. 13 week novena begins; ends on Tues., June 11. **1 PM.** Congress St. chap.

Mon., March 25: Reconciliation Monday Confession
In St. Agnes 3 to 5 PM; in St. Paul, 6 to 8 PM.

Thurs., March 28: Holy Thursday, St. Paul's, 7:30 PM

Fri., March 29: Good Friday, St. Agnes, 3 PM
followed by Stations of the Cross (*Via Crucis*)

Sat., March 30: Easter Vigil, St. Agnes, 8 PM

Tues., April 9: A Visit With St. Paul. one man show with Glenn Smith in the role of St. Paul; 1 hr. 15 min.; free will offering; St. Paul's Church, 7 PM. SPSA Anniversaries event. www.visitwithstpaul.com.

Sat., April 27: Diocesan Wedding Anniv. Mass
for 25, 30, 40, 50 or 50+ years. Call Parish Office to register.

A Saint Patrick's Day Pilgrimage

There's a whole lot more to St. Patrick's Day than the American innovations of green beer and corned beef & cabbage. It is a day on which all Catholics, regardless of ethnicity, should reflect upon the power of the Gospel to convert the hearts of all people and bring them to salvation in Jesus Christ. If the Holy Spirit could bring the tree worshipping and potcheen drinking Druids to the One True Church through the preaching of St. Patrick, He could certainly be at work in our own time, bringing about a revival of the Catholic faith.

Visits to these sites always stir within me profound gratitude for my Catholic heritage. Check them out when you have the time. www.hopstop.com is useful when planning your travels on foot and by subway or bus. **New items appear marked with asterisks (*) in this column that appears annually in the bulletin.** —RMP, Adm.

Msgr. Duffy Memorial: The bronze plaque located in St. Agnes Church between the sanctuary and the confessional. Msgr. James S. Duffy was only 31 when he was appointed rector of the newly formed Parish of St. Agnes in 1878. He built a small wooden church upon his arrival and then built an impressive Gothic church that was completed in 1888 but struck by lightning & consumed by fire in 1901. Undaunted by the loss, Msgr. Duffy directed the building of the larger, more magnificent Gothic edifice that we have today. Msgr. Duffy was rector for 40 years until his death in 1918.

247 Clinton Street: This private house at the corner of Verandah Place & Clinton Street was a women's hospital opened by the Sisters of Charity of New York in 1847. The Sisters of Charity from Emmitsburg, Maryland, founded by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in 1809, arrived in the neighborhood that same year to found St. Paul's School. Where the apartment buildings are on Congress St. stood a large convent, orphanage and industrial school complex that was razed in the 1940's.

St. Paul's Cemetery: Located behind the chapel next to the rectory at 234 Congress Street, this small churchyard has the tomb of Cornelius Heaney, the philanthropic Parmentier sisters, and six Sisters of Charity who died in the mid-1800's. The sisters were likely buried there and not at the mother-house in Riverdale because a frozen East River in mid-winter did not permit the shipping of their bodies.

84 Amity Street: A plaque at this address across the street from Long Island College Hospital marks the site of the farmhouse into which Cornelius Heaney moved upon his arrival in Brooklyn from lower Manhattan in 1835. A fitting patron for young urban professionals, Cornelius Heaney retired from his partnership with fur trader John Jacob Astor and devoted the rest of his life to the care of widows and orphans and to the development of the Catholic Church in lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. Heaney was a native of King's County, Ireland (now Co. Offaly).

***Frank McCourt's Birthplace:** While 175 Amity Street certainly doesn't qualify as a pilgrimage stop, many would be interested to know that this walkup with its double set of bay windows contained the flat of Malachy & Agnes McCourt, an immigrant Irish couple who baptized their firstborn child, Francis, at St. Paul's Church on September 4, 1930.

Frank McCourt returned to Ireland a few years later with his parents, grew up in Limerick ("Stab City" as the Irish nicknamed it), and after a teaching career at Stuyvesant High School, wrote the bestseller *Angela's Ashes* in 1996.

Angela's Ashes is a great read. McCourt's portrayal of the desperation of pre-Celtic Tiger Ireland challenges many who romanticize their Irish roots. There are reasons why Irish emigrants returned home in far fewer numbers from the US than Italians and Greeks did. Many Irish immigrants had no desire to return to communities that were so class conscious and where they were so poor. And there's a reason why the Irish Christian Brothers and the Sisters of Mercy had to maintain discipline in the schools—they were dealing with young blackguards (hoodlums) in a very different age. *Angela's Ashes* is helpful in its portrayal of the grinding poverty of that period.

But the book is also a sham; McCourt admitted later that he had embellished many details. Nonfiction sells far better than fiction; McCourt and his publisher no doubt opted to market the book as memoir in order to gain financially. Many Irish were enraged by his slanderous treatment of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Jesuits, and his own family.

***Fr. Mychal Judge's Home:** 9/11 hero Father Mychal Judge, baptized in St. Paul's in 1933 as Robert Emmet Judge, grew up in this brownstone at **230 Dean St.** His parents, Mary & Michael, were immigrants from Co. Leitrim. Michael died when Emmet was six. In order to support her three children, Mary converted their home into a boarding house, a common practice at that time. Upon graduation from St. Francis Prep (then on Baltic St. off Court St.), Emmet entered the Franciscan friars (OFM's) and upon ordination in 1961, took the name Mychal. A lifelong servant of the poor and sick, he became a beloved NYFD chaplain. He died in the South Tower lobby on Sept. 11, 2001. As he was anointing the dying there, he was struck by debris from the collapse of the North Tower. The famous photo of his lifeless body being carried by five firemen has been referred to as "the American Pietà."

***Vinegar Hill:** Tucked between DUMBO & the Bklyn. Navy Yard, developer John Jackson in 1800 named the area Vinegar Hill after the legendary Irish rebellion that took place in County Wexford in 1798 in order to attract Irish immigrants. With its cobblestone streets and modest brownstones, Vinegar Hill retains the feel of a 19th century immigrant Irish neighborhood.

St. Brigid's Church: Built in 1848 during the height of Irish emigration from the Potato Famine, this neo-Gothic church designed by architect Patrick Keely is renowned for its beautiful Bavarian stained glass. 185 Ave D, NY.

Irish Hunger Memorial: During the Irish Potato Famine (1845-1850), anyone who owned one quarter of land or more was not entitled to relief from the British colonial government. As a result, 1 million Irish peasants starved to death. Designed by Brian Tolle & Gail Wittmer-Laid and opened in 2002, the memorial is a quarter acre of Irish soil & vegetation (including nettles) mounted on a sloping granite platform with a stone cottage from Co. Mayo. Moving inscriptions about the Potato Famine and other tragedies of world hunger. In Battery Park City at No. End Ave. & Vesey Street, NY; closed Mondays.

As of Tues., March 5th,
the level of the **Grand 50/50**
was **\$2255:**

\$1125 for the winner and
\$1130 for SPSA

Red envelope Grand 50/50 chances
can be found by the church entrances
and may be brought to the brunch at
St. Paul's Hall this afternoon.

LENTEN MISSION
Father Clement Machado

Sun., March 17, 7 PM, St. Agnes

Mon., March 18, 7 PM, St. Paul's

Tues., March 19, 7 PM, St. Agnes

The Sacrament of Confession will be available on
March 17—19 from 5 PM thru 6:30 PM.

Tuesday, April 9, 7 PM
Saint Paul's Church

A Visit With St. Paul

Glenn Smith performs a one-man show

THE COLLECTION

March 2 & 3, 2013

St. Paul	\$ 2375*
St. Agnes	\$ 2877**
Parish	\$ 5252

*20% of this total (\$450) came from 3 households
**17% of this total (\$500) came from 1 household

**St. Joseph &
St. Patrick's Day
Brunch**

Sun., March 10, 2013

1:30 PM

St. Paul's Hall

corned beef & cabbage, Italian pastries,
great music & entertainment,
Grand 50/50 drawing and
the *craic* will be mighty!

\$15

children: \$12

**Participate in
the Sacred Triduum**

Holy Thursday, March 28th
Good Friday, March 29th
Holy Saturday, March 30th

ENVELOPE REGISTRATION

*You may return this form by mail
or in the Sunday collection.*

Name _____

Address (with apt. #)

City, State, Zip

Age (optional) _____

Email address (optional):

Telephone number (optional):

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