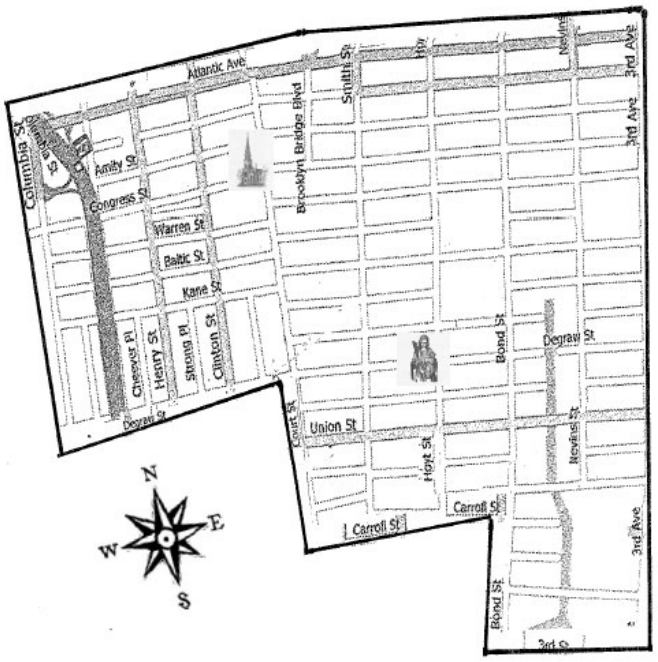

St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
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Sunday Mass Schedule at St. Agnes
Saturday: 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 9 AM English, 11:30 AM Spanish

Sunday Mass Schedule at St. Paul's
Saturday: 5PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8 AM & 9:30 AM English; 11:00AM Spanish

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent **March 17, 2013** ***Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma***

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., March 16 **8 AM**
5 PM **Louis & Lucy Ranghelli** r/b their niece, Theresa

Sunday, March 17
8 AM
9:30 **Scala & Laface Families** r/b Nancy Laface

11 AM **Mario Beritan** p/p Maria Gonzalez
Luisa Rosario p/p Carmen Cruz
Maria Viña Colon p/p el Circulo de Oracion
Helen y William Reilly y la Familia Reilly: Joseph J., Helen y Philip Reilly

Mon., March 18 **8:30**
Tues., March 19 **8:30** **John Fleming** r/b the family

Sat., March 23 **8 AM**
5 PM **Jerry Armetta** r/b Carmen Padilla Moore

Pray for … *Recen por...*

+ Iliana Medina-Foffe, 44, who died on March 6th, & for those who mourn her, including her husband, Michael; her mother, Consuelo; and her siblings Madeline, Carmen, Frank, and Raymond.

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

Lent Urges Us to Look Inward, Not Outward

NY Times Op Ed Page readers who thought the narcissistic rantings of ex-Catholics Maureen Dowd and Frank Bruni were bad enough experienced a new low on Sunday, March 1st when editorial contributor Paul Elie, who says he regularly attends a Catholic church near us in Bklyn, proposed that Catholics follow his example & not go to Mass that Sunday, and go instead to another denomination's services. His rationale: *"So if the Pope can resign, we can, too. We should give up Catholicism en masse, if only for a time."*

The author appears embarrassingly shallow in his understanding of Lent: "*a six-week season of reflection & personal sacrifice when Christians prepare for Easter by taking stock of their religious lives."* Someone should tell him that it is a season in which he shouldn't be so focused on the Church that he sees as *"so broken and won't be fixed any time soon."* He should worry about fixing himself, as we all should do in this season of penitence. And he should realize as we all should that both the Mass and the sacrament of Confession are essential for us to identify that which is broken within us and offer it to God for repair rather than judge the faults and failings of others. *—RMP*

Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., March 16
5 PM **Mary & Matthew Fallon** r/b Irene Fallon

Sunday, March 17
9 AM **Angela, Maria, & Enrico Mazzella** r/b the family
Kellie Anne Garneau (Birthday Remembrance) r/b the Hudson Family
Patrizia & Endy Russo r/b Tina
Helen & Philip Reilly & the Reilly Family: Joseph J., Helen, & Philip Reilly

11:30 **People of the Parish**

Wed., March 6 **8:30** **Ciro Barrelli** r/b Tina Baruto
Thurs., March 7 **8:30**

Sat., March 9
5 PM **John Melone** r/b Joan Melone

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 10th?

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

COMING UP AT SPSA:

Mon., March 25: Reconciliation Monday
Confessions at St. Agnes, 3—5 PM; at St. Paul's, 6—8 PM

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday and Good Friday are not holy days of obligation. But attending Mass on these days is really essential to renew our connection with the Death & Resurrection of Jesus Christ—the essence of our faith. Please consider coming to Mass on these days as well as fulfilling your obligation to come to Mass on Easter Sunday.

Thurs., March 28, 7:30 PM: **Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Last Supper, St. Paul's
The chapel of reposition will be open until 10 PM after Mass

Fri., March 29, 3 PM: **Good Friday**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion, St. Agnes
seguida por el Via Crucis a San Pablo/ followed by Stations of the Cross to St. Paul (conducted in Spanish.)

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

Sun. March 31: Easter Sunday
usual Sunday AM schedule

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dom., 7 abril, 2 PM: ***Tarde de Oracion:***
Patrocinado por el Circulo de Oracion de SPSA.
Salon San Pablo. Luis Vazquez hablará sobre un tema del apologetica, "Imágenes Sagrados."

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., Oct. 19: **SPSA Annivs. Gala Dinner Dance**, Baron de Kalb K of C Hall, Sheepshead Bay $100/pp

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Diocese of Bklyn Events

For more info. about these events, consult the next page:

- **Diocesan Youth Day, Sat., April 13**
- **Young Adult Day of Reflection, Sat., April 20**
- **Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Sat. April 19—21**
- **Diocesan Wedding Anniv. Mass** (25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, & 50th+ Anniv.) **Sat., April 27**, 11 AM
- **Youth Pilgrimage** to St. Kateri Shrine, Sat., May 4

SPSA Needs Your Help with the 2013 ACA

SPSA Goal for 2013 ACA	$37,851
Money Pledged by SPSA (as of March 11, 2013)	$33,551
% of Goal Achieved	89%
No. of pledges from SPSA	46
No. of pledges $250+	31
No. of pledges $1000+	10

THIS WEEK AT SPSA:

PARISH MISSION WITH FR. MACHADO

Sun. March 17 thru Tues. March 19

Tonight: 1st Night of Mission 3/17

Father Clement Machado begins a three night Lenten Parish Mission here at SPSA tonight, **Sun. March 17**, with preaching during a holy hour at **7 PM** at **St. Agnes**. All are encouraged to come to this mission for deep spiritual renewal. Fr. Machado AND Fr. Powers are available each night of the mission for Confession from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.

Monday: 2nd Night of Mission: Blessing of Religious Articles 3/18

The second night of the mission, **Mon., March 18th**, Father Machado will celebrate Mass at **St. Paul's** at **7 PM**. At the conclusion of Mass, he will bless religious articles and water, salt, & oil. Bring any or all of these objects with you. Confessions from 5 to 6:30 PM with Fr. Machado & Fr. Powers.

Tuesday: 3rd Night of Mission: Blessing with Oil of St. Joseph 3/19

The third night of the mission, **Tues., March 19th**, Fr. Machado will celebrate the Mass of the Solemnity of St. Joseph in **Saint Agnes** at **7 PM**. At the conclusion of the Mass, he will bless everyone with Saint Joseph's Oil from St. Joseph's Oratory, the Shrine founded by St. (Brother) Andre Bessette. Confessions from 5 to 6:30 PM with Fr. Machado & Fr. Powers.

St. Anthony Novena 3/19

13 week novena begins this **Tues., March 19th** at 1 PM; ends on Tues., June 11. **1 PM**. Congress St. chapel.

Preschool & K Religious Ed Sun. 3/17

The weekly Religious Education program of pre-school & kindergarten children & toddlers & babies continues this Sun., **Sun., March 17th** at 10 AM in the basement of St. Agnes Center. No fee or registration or regular commitment to attend; just come & experience the joy of seeing your child receiving the gift of faith at a young age.

Via Crucis, dom., 17 marzo, *2 PM, San Pablo*

Rosary for Life: Mon., Mar. 18, 1 PM, chapel/Congress St.
No 6 PM Holy Hour on Mon. March 18th
No Via Crucis el martes, 19 marzo, 7 PM, Santa Ines

Young at Heart, **Wed., Mar. 20,** 1—3 PM, St. Agnes Center

Via Crucis: viernes, 22 marzo, *7 PM, San Pablo*
Stations of the Cross: **Fri., Mar. 22**, 1 PM, chapel / Congress St.

Fri., Mar. 22: Day of Abstinence from Meat
for all Catholics 14 years old and older

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. 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.*

*Civilization & Archaelogy 3/18

The Sense of the Mystery at the Birth of Civilization: the Newest Finding in Archaelogy. **Mon., March 18, 7 PM.** Dr. Giorgio Buccellati (UCLA) & Marilyn Kelly-Buccellati (Director, Urkesh/Mozan excavations, Syria.) NYU Kimmel Center, Rm. 905, 60 Washington Square South, NY. www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org

*Episcopal Deacon at SHSS 3/21

The Journey to Holy Week. **Thurs., March 21, 7 PM.** Deacon Anthony Bowen of Christ Church Cobble Hill. Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Rectory, 108 Carroll Street (betw. Hicks & Henry Sts.)

*Faure Requiem 3/22

Faure Requiem performed by the Colby College Chorale & the St. Francis Xavier choir. **Fri., March 22**, 8 PM. Free will offering. St. Francis Xavier Church, W 16th St (betw. 5 & 6 Ave.) sfxavier.org

Manhattan Church Pilgrimage 3/23

Pilgrimage of 2013 Honoring Mary Our Mother from the top of Manhattan Island to the bottom: begins at 9 AM on **Sat., March 23** at St. Francis Cabrini Chapel, and concludes at 6 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine, 7 State St. Total walking distance: 13.5 miles. Churches visited enroute: Our Lady of Esperanza; Notre Dame; Our Lady of Good Counsel; Lady Chapel, St. Patrick's Cathedral; Our Lady of Guadalupe. Raindate: Sept. 14. reg. requd: http://www.pofnyc.org

Way of the Cross Over Bklyn Bridge 3/29

Stations of the Cross begins at 10 AM on Good Friday, **Fri., March 29** at St. James Cathedral-Basilica (Jay & Tillary Sts.), crosses Bklyn Bridge, stops at Ground Zero, ends at St. Peter's Church, 22 Barclay St., NY at 1:30 PM. Sponsored by Commun-ion & Liberation. 212-337-3580; www.wocbrooklynbridge.com

*Piero della Francesca at the Frick until 5/19

15th century Renaissance painter Piero della Francesca at the Frick Museum until May 19. 1 E. 70th St. www.frick.org; 212-288-0700

*Intro. to the Bible 4/4

Ten week course to give you a sound basis to the structure & contents of the Old & New Testaments. Thurs. evenings, 7—8 PM, beginning **Thurs., Apr. 4th.** Fr. Brian McWeeney, instructor. St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, 263 Mulberry St. Reg: www.oldcathedral.org

Taizé Prayer 4/5

Beautiful music, scriptures, & meditation inspired by the Taize monastery in southern France. **Fri., April 5th**, 6—7 PM, St. Francis Xavier Church, W. 16th St. (betw. 5th & 6th Aves.), NY. sfxavier.org

*Job Seekers Outreach Ministry 4/6

No-fee series of weekly meetings t assist unemployed persons seeking Jobs. Helps participants discover job search strategies; led by employment specialist. In-person interview necessary for reg. Job Seekers Outreach Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi, W. 31st St (Bdwy & 7th Ave.) NY. 212-736-8500, ext. 269; jobsministry@stfrancisnyc.org

Diocesan Youth Day 4/13

"On this Rock I Will Build My Church:" Day of conferences for youth, grades 7 thru 12. Righteous B, Catholic recording artist & keynote speaker. **Sat., Apr. 13**, 10 AM—4 PM. The Mary Louis Academy, Jamaica Estates. Reg: Christian Branch: sbkyouthministry@gmail.com

Doo Wop at Bishop Ford 4/13

Bishop Ford HS, 500 19th St., Windsor Terrace, hosts its Annual Doo Wop Spectacular on **Sat. Apr. 13**; Showtime: 7:30 PM; Doors open 6:30 PM. $35; Info: 718-360-2554; rhammond@bishopfordhs.org

*The Legacy of Pope Benedict XVI 4/20

Conference on the Pope's legacy for the universal Church, the American Church, & the Church on Long Island. **Sat., Apr. 20**, 12—3:15 PM. Free; reg. required. Center for Catholic Studies, Nassau Community College, Garden City. 1-516-572-7472

Voices of Women Symposium 4/19

"The Church & Women: 50 Years After Vatican II", Molloy College, Rockville Centre, LI, **Fri., Apr. 19**, 9—3 PM. Reg. deadline: Apr. 11. 516-678-5000 ext. 6302; dmcgovern@molloy.edu

*Young Adult Day of Reflection 4/20

Year of Faith retreat for persons 18-39. Holy Trinity Church, Whitestone, Queens; Fr. Joseph Gibino; $10. **Sat. Apr. 20,** 9 AM—4 PM. Reg: Christian Branch; sbkyouthministry@gmail.com

Marriage Encounter 4/19—4/21

Retreat weekend for couples who are married sacramentally and who wish to deeper & strengthen their marriages. **April 19-21**; May 17-19; July 26-28; Nov. 1-3. Info: Deacon Leroy Branch (917 496 4221) or 1877-NYS-WWME or www.wwmebq.org or www.wwme.org

Diocesan Wedding Anniv. Mass 4/27

All couples who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th+ or 50th+ wedding anniversary in 2013 are invited to register for the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniv. Mass on **Sat. April 27th** at 11 AM in Immaculate Conception Church, Jamaica Estates. Participating couples receive a certificate and may have a photo taken with the celebrant, Auxiliary Bishop Octavio Cisneros. Reg: $35 fee; thru SPSA Parish Office; **Reg. by April 5**. Info: Martha Hernandez, 718 281 9540

*Youth Pilgrimage to Upstate NY 5/4

Year of Faith Youth Pilgrimage to St. Kateri Shrine, Fonda, NY for youth 13—18. **Sat., May 4.** Leave Bklyn 7 AM; return to Bklyn. 8 PM. Reg. deadline: April 19. $20.
contact Christian Branch, sbkyouthministry@gmail.com

Participate in the Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday, March 28th

7:30 PM, St. Paul's

Good Friday, March 29th

3 PM, St. Agnes

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8 PM, St. Agnes

Thank you & *Gracias*

to SPSA's **Fundraising & Social Events** Committee
for the wonderful St. Joseph & St. Patrick's Day Brunch
last Sunday, March 10th.

Grazie

to **Court Street Pastry** for the abundance of
fresh *sfinge* & *zeppoli* given to the brunch

Merci

to **Provence en Boîte** (Smith & Degraw Sts.)
for a large donation of beverages to the brunch

Congratulations to

Joe Ortiz, who won **$1615,**

the Grand 50/50 prize.

Get your March 50/50 envelopes in the
collection no later than Easter Sunday, March 31st!

THE COLLECTION

Feb. 23 & 24, 2013

Regular Collection + Fuel

St. Paul	$ 3789*
St. Agnes	$ 3261**
Parish	**$ 7205**

*17% of this total ($652) came from 5 households
**8% of this total ($250) came from 2 households

Lenten Mission
Father Clement Machado

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

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

Bring religious articles, water, oil
and salt in order to have these objects blessed.

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

Fr. Machado will bless all congregants with
St. Joseph's oil from St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal

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

Thanks to 10 Heavy Hitters at SPSA, We Have Already Reached 89% of Our Goal!

Ten SPSA households have given $25,300 of the $33,551 in the 2013 ACA (75%). Three of these households gave between $2000 and $2500; one gave $12,000. Thank you to all 46 who have contributed. Please keep giving; soon the funds will be coming to SPSA once our goal is reached.

ENVELOPE REGISTRATION

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

*Name*_____

Address (with apt. #)

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City, State, Zip

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Age (optional) _____

Email address (optional):

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Telephone number (optional):

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