



**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

**December 1, 2013**

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 234 Congress Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
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**Monday through Friday, 9 AM--12 Noon**



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 433 Sackett Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231  
 Telephone: 718-625-1717  
**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 Schedule on Saturdays**  
 11:30 AM — 12 Noon 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

**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.

**Sponsorship (Godparent) Certificates**

Any parishioner who is asked to be a godparent/sponsor in another parish should immediately contact Fr. Powers in order that regular Mass attendance can be certified objectively.

# Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

Primer Domingo de Adviento

## Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Nov. 30

8 AM Natalie Callmeyer r/b Fr. Rob Powers

5 PM Hector Torres & his daughter r/b the family

Sunday, Dec. 1

8 AM James Fagan r/b Fr. Rob Powers

9:30 Sarah Powers & family r/b Kathleen Neville

11 AM Julia & Felix Cruz p/p Daisy Soto

Jose Papo Fernandez (Primer mes de su fallacimiento)

p/p Brenda Martinez

Candido Rivera (25o. Aniv.) p/p su esposa, Helen Rivera

Por la salud de Mark Soto p/p Daisy Soto

Dolores Arias p/p el Circulo de Oracion

Walter Anthony McIntyre (Primer mes de su fallacimiento)

p/p su madre Eva

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

Mon., Dec. 2 8:30

Tues., Dec. 3 8:30 Martin Hopkins, for healing

r/b Ofelia V. Calubiran

Sat., Dec. 7

8 AM

5 PM Susan McMahan (2nd Anniv.) r/b her friends

### Pray for ... Recen por...

...Pilar Arroyo, 93, who died on Nov. 20th, and for those who mourn her, including her daughter, Maria.

...Our Sick: Cristina Justino, Daniel Ramon Ortiz, Joey Ruiz, Virginia Rodriguez, Mark Perez, Bernardo Rodriguez, Rafael Herrera, Encarnacion, Michael Justiniano, Elizabeth Henriquez, Mark Lites, Juanita Martinez, Marilyn Glynn, Lola Lopez, Hilda Rios Sanchez, Angie Cuadrado, Tere Padin, Maria Elena Rosa, Mark Soto, Victor Soto, Felicita Pedraza, Christopher Benson, Josey Ortiz, Rosemary Rumsey, Milton Piedra, Miguel Sotolongo, Vincent Biscaino, Madeline Tarantino, Altagracia Almanzar, Luisa Rodriguez, Bobby Perry, Toni Sanchez-Rodriguez, Dr. Allen Davis, Gisele Zollria

### Traveling & Need a Sunday Mass?

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://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

## Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Nov. 30

5 PM Joseph Nardiello, Sr. r/b Mr. & Mrs. Louis Palladino

Sunday, Dec. 1

9 AM Jack McDonnell r/b his daughter, Mary McDonnell-Flynn

Michele Nocerino (2nd Anniv.) & Anna Baso

r/b Michele's sister and Anna's daughter, Tina

Rosa, Mario, & Nunzio Assiduo r/b the Mazzella Family

Eloy Sanchez (Birthday Remembrance)

r/b his wife, Lydia, and children

Helen & William Reilly & the Reilly Family:

Joseph J., Helen, & Philip

11:30 the People of the Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes

Wed., Dec. 4 8:30

Thurs., Dec. 5 8:30

Sat., Dec. 7

5 PM William "Billy" Powers & Walter "Wally" Powers

r/b Bill & Kathy

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

St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish 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. 24?

**The Church advises you: Don't receive 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 if one deliberately has missed Mass on a Sunday or a holy day of obligation until one has gone to Confession and is in the state of grace once again. —RMP, Adm.

### Advent Giving Tree

Parishioners who wish to buy Christmas gifts for poor children in our area have the opportunity again this year. Paper ornaments with gift suggestions written on them are available in our sanctuaries. Gift cards to children's stores (Toys-R-Us, Kids-R-Us, Children's Place) are also encouraged. **Only new, unused, unopened gifts & no gift wrapping please. All gifts should be brought to our churches no later than Sun., Dec. 15** to enable Catholic Charities Brooklyn West Community Center to distribute these gifts in time for Christmas Day.

## NEXT WEEK AT SPSA

### **Preschool, K, & Infant Religious Ed 12/08**

Preschool, kindergarten, and infant religious ed meets again in the sacristy of St. Agnes Church next Sun., Dec. 8th at the conclusion of the 9 AM Mass. No registration or fee; parents of young children are invited to come when they can and experience the joy of seeing their children receive the gift of faith at a young age.

### **Immaculate Conception:**

#### **Not a Day of Obligation This Year 12/09**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, normally observed on Dec. 8, is observed on **Mon., Dec. 9th** and is **not a day of obligation** for US Catholics this year. For those who would like to attend Mass on Dec. 9th, SPSA offers the following Masses: 8:30 AM in St. Paul's Church; 12 Noon in St. Agnes; 6 PM in St. Paul's Church.

## COMING UP AT SPSA

### **Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 12/14**

#### **Advent / St. Lucy Party 12/14**

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting & blessing will be in front of St. Paul's, around 6 PM, on **Sat. Dec. 14th**. Refreshments follow in St. Paul's Hall.

The annual Advent/St. Lucy Party on **Sat., Dec. 14th** at St. Paul's Hall from 7 to 11 PM. Music, fun and food for the whole family. Not a fundraiser; just an opportunity for the parish family to get together before the Christmas season. Registration form on page 5 of this bulletin.

### **Young Adult Mass 12/21**

The interparish young adult ministry of our area will hold a special Mass for young adults (ages 21 thru 39); Sacred Hearts St. Stephen Church, Summit & Hicks Sts., on **Sat., Dec. 21st** at 5:30 PM followed by dinner in the rectory. Those who attend are invited to wear an "Ugly Christmas Sweater."

Info: Christian Lee Branch, sbkyouthministry@gmail.com

### **Christmas Eve Drama Needs Actors**

Children of all ages (including infants and toddlers) are needed for this dramatization of the Gospel during the homily at the 5 PM Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24 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 that the children are playing. Rehearsals are on the Sundays of Advent at 12:45 PM (**Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22**) but there is flexibility about 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 all congregants understand how God prepared His people for the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity and how He is preparing us for the Second Coming. Registration form on page 5 of this bulletin.

## THIS WEEK AT SPSA

### **Christmas Eve Drama Rehearsal Today**

The first rehearsal of the Christmas Eve dramatization of the St. Matthew's Gospel, chapter 1 is today, **Sun., Dec. 1** at 12:45 PM in St. Agnes. More info. In the left column.

### **Tarde de Oracion hoy**

*El Circulo de Oracion ha invitado al Padre Belen Gonzalez y Perez hablar sobre el tema "Respondiendo a la Gracia de Dios" hoy, el **dom., 1 dic.** de 2 a 6 PM en Salon San Pablo. Padre Gonzalez fue capellan de LICH y clero luterano y episcopaliano. Este año fue ordenado sacerdote catolico. Ahora el Padre Gonzalez sirve en el Rito Anglicano de la Diocesis de Brooklyn.*

**Mon., Dec. 2: Rosary for Life**, 1 PM, Chapel on Congress St.

**Mon., Dec. 2: Holy Hour**, 6—7 PM, Chapel on Congress St.

**Wed., Dec. 4: Young at Heart**, 1—3 PM, St. Agnes Center

### **Bible Study 12/02**

Fr. Rob Powers continues with *The God of Jesus of Nazareth: A Bible Study* on **Mon., Dec. 2nd** at 7:15 PM. Beginning with Genesis and examining the other major books of the Old Testament, the course covers the portrayal of God in these books and demonstrate their impact upon the historical person of Jesus of Nazareth as evidenced in the Gospels. No registration necessary. Mon. nights as announced in the bulletin; 7:15 PM; 234 Congress St.

### **Fundraising & Social Events 12/05**

The Fundraising & Social Events Committee meets **Thurs., Dec. 5th** at 7:15 PM. New members are always welcome.

### **Annual Catholic Appeal 2013**

It's not too late to contribute to Annual Catholic Appeal 2013. Almost \$22,000 that were given to the appeal since March 26, when SPSA made its goal in this bishop's appeal, have been returned to the parish to pay for repair and renovation of our churches. Any contributions given at this time the ACA Office will continue to forward back to our parish for this fund. Brochures can be found by the church entrances.

SPSA Goal for 2013 ACA (completed) \$ 37,852

**+ Money Given Over the Goal for SPSA \$ 21,973**

Total Pledged to ACA from SPSA \$ 59,825\*

*\*as of November 22, 2013*

No. of pledges from SPSA 135

No. of pledges \$250+ 89

No. of Court of Honor pledges \$1000+ 15

### **Typhoon Victims Collection**

Please take an envelope (marked with a green dot) for Filipino and Vietnamese victims of last month's devastating Typhoon Yolanda. One hundred percent (100%) of these funds will be given to those whose lives have been severely and adversely affected by the most destructive typhoon in history.

## 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 all events that appear 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.

### Lessons & Carols on E. 84th St. 12/01

Advent Lessons & Carols with motets centered on the Annunciation at St. Ignatius Loyola, Park Ave & E. 84th St., NY on **Sun., Dec. 1**, 4 PM. Free will offering.

### ***Spiritual and Religious: What Can Religious Traditions Learn from Spiritual Seekers?*** 12/02

An ecumenical academic panel reflects upon the challenge churches face from many Americans who identify themselves as spiritual but not tied to one formal religion. Fordham U./Lincoln Center, 113 W. 60th St., [www.fordham.edu/ReligCulture](http://www.fordham.edu/ReligCulture) Free; RSVP: [crcevent@fordham.edu](mailto:crcevent@fordham.edu); 212-636-7347

### Art Historian Talks on John the Baptist 12/04

Fr. Leo J. O'Donovan, SJ, former Georgetown U. president and art historian, offers slide lecture *The Role of St. John the Baptist as Forerunner of Jesus & the Model for Us Today*. **Wed., Dec. 4**, 7 PM, Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola, Park Ave. & E. 84th St., NY.

### \*Advent Evening for Artists 12/05

Advent Evening of Recollection for artists offered by the Catholic Artists Society, an association of artists & media professionals at St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, 263 Mulberry St., NY. **Thurs., Dec. 5**, 7 PM. Fr. Austin Litke, OP will reflect on the work and spiritual life of the artist. Reception to follow at 8 PM. All are welcome. [oldcathedral.org](http://oldcathedral.org)

### \*An Advent Carol: Musical Drama 12/07

An Advent Carol takes audiences on a journey from the Annunciation to the Flight into Egypt. The characters of Mary, Joseph, Anne, Joachim, Elizabeth, and the Magi are portrayed as genuine people who struggle with hopes & dreams, fears & doubts. Dialogue by J.S. Pecorella; music by Anne Holland & Laurence Rosania; a Xavier Company production. **Sat. Dec. 7**, 7:30 PM. Free will donation. St. Francis Xavier, W. 16th St. betw. 5th & 6th Aves., NY. [www.sfxavier.org](http://www.sfxavier.org)

### Medieval & Renaissance Concert Dec. 8 & 9

*A Chanticleer Christmas in NY* at St. Ignatius Loyola, Park Ave. at E. 84th St., NY. **Sun., Dec. 8**, 4 PM; **Mon. Dec. 9**, 7 PM. Carols, medieval & Renaissance sacred works, contemporary Christmas pieces. \$60. 212-288-2520; [www.smssconcerts.org](http://www.smssconcerts.org)

### \*Lessons & Carols at St. Mary's 12/08

St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 467 Court St. at Luquer St., offers Lessons and Carols **Sun., Dec. 8** at 3 PM.

### Poetry, Jazz, Photography Evening 12/18

The Big Apple From Skin to Core: Poetic Images of NY/ An evening of poetry, jazz, and photographs. **Wed., Dec. 18**, 7 PM. Fordham U., Pope Auditorium, 60th St. & Columbus Ave., NY. [www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org](http://www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org)

### Traditional Latin Mass Training 12/21

*Learning About the Traditional Latin Mass* with priests of the Christ the King Institute at Our Lady of Peace, 522 Carroll St., **Sat., Dec. 21**. Class at 12 PM; Mass at 1 PM with Gregorian chant. [www.LatinMassBrooklyn.org](http://www.LatinMassBrooklyn.org)

### Lessons & Carols at Old St. Patrick's 12/22

Advent Lessons & Carols with the Basilica Schola, Basilica Voices, and the St. Bridget's Handbell Choir. **Sun., Dec. 22**, 6 PM. St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, 263 Mulberry St., NY.

### \*Sacred Hearts New Years Eve Party 12/31

Sacred Hearts-St. Stephen Parish New Years Eve Party. **Tues., Dec. 31**, 8 PM — 2 AM. Cabrini Hall, 125 Summit St. DJ, dinner, open bar, balloon drop, dessert, candy table after midnight. Tickets: [newyareseve@sacredhearts-stephen.com](mailto:newyareseve@sacredhearts-stephen.com) or call Valerie, 917-842-1242. Adults: \$125; seniors, \$100; children (6-17 years): \$60.

### Blankets for Children With Cancer

We Care Blankets is an organization that provides knitted and crocheted blankets to children undergoing cancer treatment in hospitals throughout the NYC area, including Downstate, Maimonides, Lutheran, & Sloane Kettering. If you would like to crochet or knit a blanket that is of any color or pattern and measures 32" by 40" or donate yarn, contact Tamara Baker, founder ([TamaBak9@aol.com](mailto:TamaBak9@aol.com) or 516-797-2250) or Harriet, a Cobble Hill resident, at 718-596-7297. [www.wecareblankets.org](http://www.wecareblankets.org)

### Leonardo Da Vinci thru Feb. 2

*Leonardo Da Vinci Treasures from the Biblioteca Reale*, Turin at the Morgan Library & Museum, 225 Madison Ave, NY. 212-590-0393.

### Chagall: Love, War & Exile thru Feb. 2

Display of 30 Chagall paintings, including images of Jesus and the Crucifixion. At the Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Ave. at 92nd St., NY, thru Feb. 2. Free admission on Saturdays. \$12; seniors: \$10; students: \$7.50. 212-423-3200

### Medieval Treasures from Hildesheim

Display of ecclesiastical furnishings and art treasures, including Works in bronze from St. Mary's Cathedral, Hildesheim, Germany. Thru Jan. 5 at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Ave, NY. \$25; seniors, \$17; students, \$12.

## Children's Dramatization of the Gospel

at the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass  
St. Agnes Church,  
Tuesday, 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*

**Name of child:**

**Age of child:**

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

**Telephone & email addresses:**

### 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

### 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):

St. Paul & St. Agnes

## Advent/St. Lucy Party

*Fiesta de Adviento/Sta. Lucia*

**Sat., Dec. 14, 2013  
7 to 11 PM**

St. Paul's Hall  
190 Court Street

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

Would you like to donate something?  
Use the form below.

*¿Le gustaria donar algo?  
Use el formulario abajo.*

## Advent/St. Lucy Party Sat., Dec. 14, 2013 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.

*Puede devolver este formulario en la colecta or puede  
traerlo a la oficina o puede enviar la informacion a  
stpaulstagnes@gmail.com.*

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