



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 22, 2013

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The office is closed until Mon., Jan. 6th.



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Monday through Friday, 1:00—5:00 PM

The office is closed until Mon., Jan. 6



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
(No holy hour this Mon., Dec. 23)

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

Third Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2013

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Dec. 21 8 AM

5 PM Silvia Nieves r/b her husband

Sunday, Dec. 22

8 AM Gemelli, DiCaprio, & Fagan Families r/b the family

9:30 Bruno & Rose Frustaci r/b the family

11 AM Osvaldo Ocasio (4th Anniv.) p/p su esposa Judith e hijos

Kurt Soto, MD p/p su madre, Daisy Soto

Beato Carlos Manuel Rodriguez p/p Juana Colon

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

Mon., Dec. 23 8:30 AM

Tues., Dec. 24 8:30 AM *Mass of Christmas Eve; does not fulfil
the holy day of obligation*

10:30 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

(with concert beforehand, at 9:30 PM)

Wed., Dec. 25 10:30 AM CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS

Thurs., Dec. 26 7:30 PM *Misa del Regeso del Niño Jesus*

Sat., Dec. 28 8 AM Christmas Novena

5 PM Sarah Powers & family r/b Kathleen Neville

Wine & Hosts at St. Paul's for the week of Dec. 22

*were donated by Nancy in memory of
the Scala and LaFace Families*

Pray for ... Recen por...

...**Sebastian Philip D'Agostino**, who was baptized at St. Agnes on Dec. 14, and for his parents who have committed to teach him the Catholic faith by word and example.

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

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**—praying for ourselves, and 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., Dec. 21

5 PM Joseph Nardiello, Sr. r/b Young at Heart

Sunday, Dec. 22

9 AM For the McDonnell Family r/b Mary McDonnell-Flynn

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

Artemio Rojas r/b his sister, Frances Collazo

Margarita Sanchez r/b Carmen Miranda

Helen & William Reilly & the Reilly Family:

Joseph J., Helen, & Philip

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

Tues., Dec. 24 5 PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

Wed., Dec. 25 9 AM CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS

Thurs., Dec. 26 8:30 Christmas Novena

Sat., Dec. 28

5 PM Rose & Tom Mollica, and Joe & Rose Nardiello

r/b Joe and Jeannie

Wine & Hosts at St. Agnes for the week of Dec. 22

*were donated in memory of Emmanuel Zuppardo
by his loving wife Nunzia and family*

The Altar Candle at St. Agnes for the week of Dec. 22

*was donated by Joe and Jeannie in memory of
Rose & Tom Mollica and Joe & Rose Nardiello*

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, Dec. 15th?

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.

COMING UP AT SPSA

December 50/50 12/29

Please place your 50/50 envelope chances in the collection **no later than next Sun., Dec. 29th**. They are only \$5 each & you may play multiple chances. The envelopes can be found by the church entrances.

Mary, Mother of God 01/01

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, **Wed., Jan. 1st** is a holy day of obligation. The Mass schedule can be found on page 5 of this bulletin.

Bible Study 01/06

Fr. Rob Powers continues with *The God of Jesus of Nazareth: A Bible Study* on **Mon., Jan. 6th** at 7:15 PM. The course covers the portrayal of God in the Old Testament and demonstrates 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.

Mass Book Opens 01/06

The Mass Book opens for Masses in January, February, and March on **Mon., Jan. 6th**. Since the Parish Secretary is on vacation until that date, Mass intentions **will not** be available from **Wed., Jan. 1st** thru **Sun., Jan. 5**.

SPSA Anniversaries Mass 01/25

The Anniversaries Celebration of St. Paul (175 years) and St. Agnes (135 years) continues with a special Mass at **5PM** on **Sat., Jan. 25** at St. Paul's which will incorporate the feasts of St. Agnes (Jan. 21); St. Paul (Jan. 25); and St. Peter (Feb. 22). Our celebrant is Bishop Raymond Chappetto, Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn and Vicar General of the Bklyn. Diocese. Mass is followed by a reception in St. Paul's Hall.

There will be **no** 5 PM Mass in St. Agnes on Jan. 25.

20 % of SPSA Gives to Typhoon Victims

Please take an envelope (marked with a green dot) for Filipino and Vietnamese victims of last month's devastating Typhoon Haiyan. One hundred percent (100%) of these funds will be given through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to those whose lives have been severely and adversely affected by the most destructive typhoon in history. **Only 60 out of the 300 SPSA households that attend Mass here weekly have submitted envelopes.** A total of **\$1855** has been received. The typhoon may no longer be in the news but it remains a reality for thousands. Please respond to this important appeal. Thank you to the 60 who have already contributed and special thanks to those who have contributed generously.

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Parish Office Closed Until Mon., Jan. 6th

Our parish secretary, Ines Torres, is taking vacation for the next two weeks, and will return to work on **Mon., Jan. 6th**. Services are available by appointment only by leaving a voicemail. Mass intentions cannot be arranged for the remaining Masses of December, including **Sun., Dec. 29th**. The Mass Book for Mass intentions in January, February, and March will open on **Jan. 6th**. All Masses on **Sun., Jan. 3rd** will be offered for those enrolled in the Christmas Mass Remembrance and there will be no individual Mass intentions for that Sunday.

Holy Hour Mon., Dec. 23, 6—7 PM, chapel on Congress St.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 12/24 & 12/25

Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24:

5 PM at St. Agnes, with children's drama during the homily

10:30 PM at St. Paul's with concert beforehand at 9:30 PM
(Please note the change in the time of the concert.)

Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25:

9 AM Mass at St. Agnes **10:30 AM** Mass at St. Paul's

Christmas is a holy day of obligation.

In order to remain in the state of grace next Sunday, you must attend Mass somewhere this **Tues., Dec. 24** after 4 PM or on **Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25th**.

Misa del Regreso del Niño Jesus 12/26

Misa para concluir la Posada. San Pablo, 26 dic., 7:30 PM

Preschool, K, & Infant Religious Ed Today

Preschool, kindergarten, and infant religious ed meets again in the sacristy of St. Agnes Church today, **Sun., Dec. 22** 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.

Christmas Eve Drama Rehearsal Today

The fourth rehearsal of the Christmas Eve dramatization of the Gospel is today, **Sun., Dec. 22** at 12:45 PM in St. Agnes. This is a comprehensive drama which begins with the Holy Trinity before the creation of the world, and includes many Old Testament figures who are an essential back drop to the story of the Incarnation. We still need lots of children. And we still need a live baby to play the Christ child as in past years. Just come to the rehearsal today, or call Fr. Rob Powers (718 207 0035) or email him at stpaulstagnes@gmail.com.

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. 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.*

Bklyn. Holiday Artisan Market 12/21 & 12/22

Twenty (20) designers & artisans; clothing, accessories, home décor, beauty products, gourmet food. At *The Invisible Dog*, 51 Bergen St. **Sat & Sun., Dec. 21 & 22**; Sat: 10 AM—7 PM; Sun: 11 AM—6 PM.

Presented by *French Morning & Provence en Boîte*.

A Radio Christmas Carol 12/21

Charles Dickens' Christmas classic performed as a one hour radio play; adapted by David Fuller with actors of Theater 20/20. Freewill offering at door. For the whole family; followed by reception. **Sat., Dec. 21**, 3 PM. St. Charles Borromeo Church, 31 Sidney Place. www.stcharlesbklyn.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

Lessons & Carols in Gowanus 12/22

Our Lady of Peace Church, 522 Carroll St. betw. 3 & 4 Aves., performs Festival of Lessons & Carols on **Sun., Dec. 22**, 7 PM. Arsenio Perez, vionist & musical director; organist, cello, viola, and soloists. Free will offering. Info: 718-624-5122

Leonardo Da Vinci thru Feb. 2

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

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.

Typhoon Benefit Concert in Midtown 12/23

The Ugnayan Filipino Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 135 W. 31st St., hosts benefit concert on **Mon., Dec. 23** for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Entitled in Tagalog *Alay Ko Sa Kyo* (My Offering to You), it will showcase Broadway talent and professional singers. \$20 tickets available thru parish office; 212-736-8500. www.stfrancisnyc.org

*Catholic Underground 01/04

Catholic Underground, the apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, holds monthly holy hour with contemporary Christian music at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 230 E. 93rd St., NY on **Sat., Jan. 4** at 7:30 PM. Timothy Cardinal Dolan, guest presider. catholicunderground.net

*Winter Silent Retreat 01/17-01/19

St. Francis Xavier/NY offers 3 day silent retreat on Martin Luther King weekend, **Fri.—Mon., Jan. 17—20** at Jogues Reteat House, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. Facilitated by Fr. Joseph Marina, SJ. \$225. talking permitted during dinner. Info. and reg.: Joan Schechter, 347-803-9972; JoanJSA@aol.com

Household Safety Workshop 01/15

Balance Your Body to Help Avoid Falls. Easy home suggestions by Alston Schoenfeld, Madison occupational therapist. Part of *The Senior Edge* series for seniors, caregivers, family & friends. Carroll Garden Branch, Bklyn. Public Library, 396 Clinton St. at Union St., **Wed., Jan. 15**, 1:30—2:30 PM. 718-596-6972.

Cardinal O'Malley 01/18

Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, offers "face to Face" on his experience of the Church and her love for the human person. **Sun, Jan. 19**, 11 AM. The Manhattan Center, 311 W. 34th St., NY. Part of the New York Encounter, a 3 day cultural festival. Info: www.newyorkencounter.org

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 or 516-797-2250) or Harriet, a Cobble Hill resident, at 718-596-7297. www.wecareblankets.org

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 Bronze works 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. 212-535-7710. metmuseum.org

Find this bulletin online at

stpaulstagnes.org

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Tues., Dec. 31, 2013

5 PM Vigil Mass
St. Paul's Church

*followed by a gathering at 234 Congress Street
"Somewhere in the World It's Midnight,"
to celebrate the arrival of
Anno Domini 2013 at 6 PM EST.*

Wed., Jan. 1, 2014

10:30 AM Mass
St. Agnes Church

12 Noon Mass
St. Paul's Church

Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation.

Don't ever say "Happy Holidays!"

- Say *Happy Advent* from Dec. 1 until Dec. 24; from Dec. 24 thru Jan. 12, 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):

CHRISTMAS

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5 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
with children's dramatization during the homily;
St. Agnes Church

10:30 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
St. Paul's Church
with concert beforehand at 9:30 PM
Please note the change on the time of the concert.

Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25

9:00 AM Christmas Morning Mass
St. Agnes Church

10:30 AM Christmas Morning Mass
St. Paul's Church

Christmas is a holy day of obligation.

Play the December 50/50!

Envelope chances available by the church entrances.
Only \$5 each. Place them in the collection **no later than next
Sun., Dec. 29.** You've got great odds of winning this raffle!

ACA 2013 Edges Toward \$23,000!

It's not too late to contribute to Annual Catholic Appeal 2013. More than \$22,500 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 this parish fund. Brochures can be found by the church entrances.

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| SPSA Goal for 2013 ACA (completed) | \$ 37,852 |
| + Money Given Over the Goal for SPSA | \$ 22,848 |
| Total Pledged to ACA from SPSA | \$ 60,700* |

**as of December 16, 2013*

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| No. of pledges from SPSA | 138 |
| No. of pledges \$250+ | 91 |
| No. of Court of Honor pledges \$1000+ | 15 |

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