



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 29, 2013

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



Office at St. Agnes Church

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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

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 seeks a letter or certificate in order to serve as 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

Feast of the Holy Family

December 29, 2013

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Dec. 28 8 AM Christmas Novena
5 PM Sarah Powers & family r/b Kathleen Neville

Sunday, Dec. 29

8 AM Benjamin Sinatra (4th Anniv.) r/b Nancy
9:30 John J. Fleming r/b the family

11 AM Lani Almanzar p/p su abuela, Altigracia Almanzar
Raymond Lugo (18th Anniv.) p/p su esposa, Magdalena Lugo
Dolores Arias (20. Mes de su fallacimiento)
p/p Ita Toranzo y familia

Juanita y Luciano Montanez r/b la Familia Montanez

Ismael Ramirez p/p Daisy Soto

Evelina Rosario p/p Ines y Luis Torres

Por la salud de Mark Soto p/p su madre Daisy Soto

Eleisel Ortiz p/p su esposa Rosalie

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

Mon., Dec. 30 8:30 AM Christmas Novena

Tues., Dec. 31 8:30 AM Christmas Novena; *weekday Mass;*
does not fulfil the holy day of obligation

5:00 PM MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wed., Jan. 1 12 PM MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Sat., Jan. 4 8 AM Christmas Novena
5 PM Christmas Novena

Pray for ... Recen por...

+ Jose Gonzalez, 50, who died on Dec. 12, and for those who mourn him, including his son, Joshua, and his siblings, Anna, Griselda, Maria, Ernie, Jennie, and Grimelda.

...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, Altigracia 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. 28
5 PM Rose & Tom Mollica, and Joe & Rose Nardiello
r/b Joe and Jeannie

Sunday, Dec. 29

9 AM Hilda Colon (1st Anniv. Remembrance) r/b Joanie O'Brien
Angela, Maria, & Enrico Mazzella r/b the Mazzella Family

Carmello Collazo r/b his loving wife, Frances

David Sanchez (Birthday Remembrance)

r/b his loving mother, Mitzi Andino

Helen & William Reilly & the Reilly Family:

Joseph J., Helen, & Philip

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

Wed., Jan. 1 10:30 AM MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thurs., Jan. 2 8:30

Sat., Jan. 4

5 PM Sister Mary Herbert Finch, CSJ (25th Anniv.)
r/b the Gorman Family

*Wine & Hosts at St. Agnes for the week of Dec. 29
were donated by the Cona Family
in memory of Louis Cona & all our loved ones*

*The Altar Candle at St. Agnes for the week of Dec. 29
was donated by Nunzia in memory of
Emmanuel Zuppardo*

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. 22nd? Skipped Mass on Christmas?

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

Preschool, K, & Infant Religious Ed 01/05

Preschool, kindergarten, and infant religious ed meets again in the sacristy of St. Agnes Church **Sun., Jan. 5** at the end 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.

Rosary for Life Resumes 01/06

Rosary for Life resumes at 1 PM on Mon., Jan. 6 in the chapel on Congress St. under the direction of Sister Innocentia.

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.

Fundraising & Social Events Comm. 01/09

The Fundraising & Social Events Committee meets on **Thurs., Jan. 9** at 7:15 PM in St. Agnes to plan the events of 2014. New volunteers are always welcome.

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.

- **Open Doors** at St. Agnes, **Sun., Feb. 9**, 2—5 PM
- **Open Doors** at St. Paul's, **Sun., Feb. 23**, 2—5 PM
- **St. Joseph & St. Patrick Brunch**
at St. Paul's Hall, **Sun., March 16**
- **Closing Mass of the Anniversaries**
Celebration of St. Paul's & St. Agnes
at St. Agnes Church, **Sat., June 14**, 5 PM

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Prayer for the Family 12/29 & 12/30

As in past years, all parishioners at Masses of the Sun. of the Octave of Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family (**Sat. & Sun., Dec. 28 & 29**) are invited to enter the sanctuary, place their hands upon the altar, and offer prayers for each & every member of their families, living and deceased. This ritual aims to inspire greater devotion to prayer for the family, which flows from the dimension of our baptism called our common priesthood, in which we offer intercessory prayer for others. Every time we attend Mass, we have an opportunity to intercede for others, particularly for those members of our families who do not have the faith to pray for themselves.

Parish Office Closed Until Mon., Jan. 6th

Our parish secretary, Ines Torres, continues her vacation this week, and will return to work on Mon., Jan. 6th. Services are available by appointment only in response to voicemails. The Mass Book for Mass intentions in January, February, & March will open on Jan. 6th. All Masses next Sun., Jan. 5th will be offered for those enrolled in the Christmas Mass Remembrance and there will be no individual Mass intentions.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 12/31 & 01/01

a holy day of obligation this Tues. & Wed.

Tues., Dec. 31:

5 PM Vigil Mass at St. Paul's

followed by a gathering at 234 Congress St.

"Somewhere in the World It's Midnight,"

to celebrate the arrival of Anno Domini 2013 at 6 PM EST.

Wed., Jan. 1:

10:30 AM Mass at St. Agnes

12 Noon Mass at St. Paul's

In order to receive Holy Communion next Sunday, you must attend Mass somewhere this Tues., Dec. 31 or on Wed., Jan. 1.

Last Chance to Help Typhoon Victims 12/31

If you have not done so already, please take an envelope (marked with a green dot) for Filipino and Vietnamese victims of last month's devastating Typhoon Haiyan. **Please mail it to either Parish Office no later than this Tues., Dec. 31** or bring it to Mass on Tues. or Wed. 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 62 out of the 300 SPSA households that attend Mass here weekly have submitted envelopes, about 20%.** A total of \$1881 has been received as of Dec. 20. 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 62 who have already contributed and special thanks to those who have contributed generously.

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.

Medieval Treasures from Hildesheim ends 01/05

Display of ecclesiastical furnishings and art treasures, including bronze works from St. Mary's Cathedral, Hildesheim, Germany. **Thru next Sun., Jan. 5** at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Ave, NY. \$25; seniors, \$17; students, \$12. 212-535-7710. metmuseum.org

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.

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. Targeted at young Catholic adults; open to all. Timothy Cardinal Dolan, guest presider. catholicunderground.net

***St. Jean Baptiste 100th Anniv. 01/05**

Timothy Cardinal Dolan will celebrate a Pontifical Mass marking the 100th anniversary of the completion of St. Jean Baptiste, a magnificent baroque church at Lexington Ave. & E. 76th St., NY. **Sun., Jan. 5**, 2 PM.

***Gary Shteyngart Lecture 01/08**

Gary Shteyngart discusses his latest work, *Little Failure*, as first event of *Bklyn. Voices* lecture series on **Wed., Jan. 8**, 7:30 PM Tuohy Hall, St. Joseph's College, 245 Clinton Ave. Autobiographical comedy of author's emigration from Russia, family life, alcoholism, & desire to be a writer. Tickets @ \$25 include copy of his book. Purchase tickets at the door or online at <http://www.greenlightbookstore.com/event/gary-shteyngart>

***Faith & Spirituality in the Digital Age 01/12**

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM & Fr. Anthony D. Andreassi, CO lead discussion on faith & technology: What are concrete ways in which technology can foster our relationship with God? And when must we retreat from our wired worlds to hear God's voice. **Sun., Jan. 12**, 7 PM Newman Hall, St. Boniface Oratory Church, 111 Willoughby St. Food & drink available. Info: adultfaithformation@oratory-church.org

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 Retreat 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.

Traditional Latin Mass Training 01/18

Learning About the Traditional Latin Mass with priests of the Christ the King Institute at Our Lady of Peace, 522 Carroll St., **Sat., Jan 18**. Class at 12 PM; Mass at 1 PM with Gregorian chant. www.LatinMassBrooklyn.org

Cardinal O'Malley 01/19

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

***Marriage Encounter 02/14—02/16**

An opportunity for married couples to grow more deeply in love with God, spouse, and family. **Fri.—Sun., Feb. 14—16**. Info: 877-NYS-WWME option 2 or www.wme.org or Deacon Leroy Branch, 917-496-4221

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

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stpaulstagnes.org

Mass of the Anniversaries Celebration
of St. Paul's Church (175 Years)
and St. Agnes Church (135 Years)

Bishop Raymond F. Chappetto, celebrant
Sat., Jan. 25, 2014, 5 PM
St. Paul's Church

THE COLLECTION

Dec. 15 & 16, 2013

St. Paul's	\$ 2529*
St. Agnes	\$ 2650**
Parish	\$ 5179

*28% of this amount (\$700) came from 2 households
**15% of this amount (\$400) came from 1 household

Remember:

'It's not over 'til it's over'

- It's Christmas until midnight on Sun., Jan. 12, the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord
- Until Jan. 13, it's right for us to continue to wish one another *Merry Christmas*
- Keep the *crèche* up until Jan. 14 and the tree up for as long as you can.
- Imitate Mary, Mother of God & continue to contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation now that the "holiday" *busy-ness* has passed.

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):

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

a holy day of obligation

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St. Agnes Church

12 Noon Mass

St. Paul's Church

Merry Christmas... *Feliz Natal...*

Joyeux Noël... *Frohe Weihnachten...*

Feliz Navidad... *Buon Natale...*

Happy Christmas... *Mùnng Giang Sinh...*

God jul... *jwaeu Nwel...*

Maligayang Pasko... *Krismasi Njema*

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.

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*

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

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