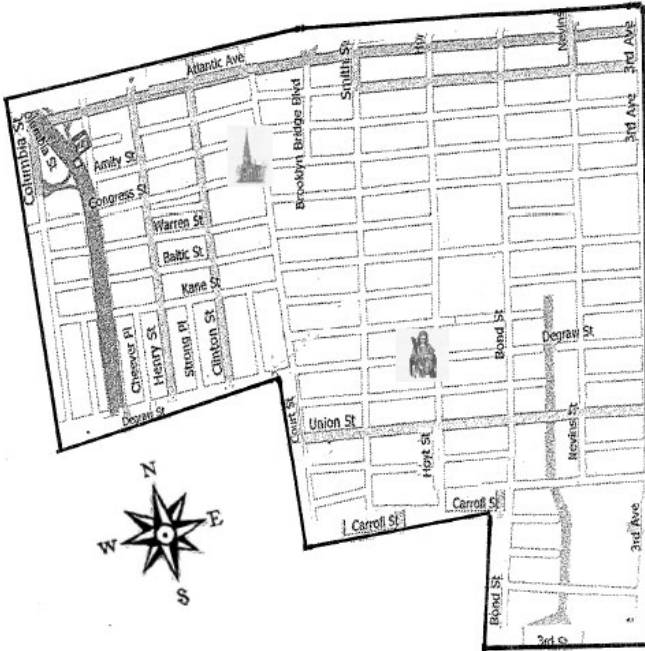




**St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish**  
**Saint Paul's Church**  
**Saint Agnes Church**

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**December 8, 2013**

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 Ines Torres, Secretary

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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

*(There is Mass this Mon., Dec. 9 at 6 PM instead of holy hour.)*

**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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2013

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

## Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Dec. 7

8 AM

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

Sunday, Dec. 8

8 AM Ralph Avellino (Anniv.) r/b Buddy & Dee

9:30 Sharon Guadalupe (4th Anniv.), Brandon Nazario (Birthday Remembrance) & Genoveva Bravo Bermudez (4th Anniv.) r/b the Bermudez Family

11 AM Eufemia Cruz p/p su hija Daisy Soto

Justina Marquez p/p su hija, Juanita Rivera, y familia

La Virgen Maria por la salud de Mark Soto

p/p su madre, Daisy Soto

George & Lucia Laboy p/p Daisy Soto

El Niñito Jesus por la salud de Luz Eneida Lanzo p/p Cesi

Marta Cano Marin p/p Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mazzola

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

Mon., Dec. 9 8:30 Jose N. Calubiran p/p Ofelia V. Calubiran

Tues., Dec. 10 8:30 Frederick Loetterle (Anniv. Remembrance) r/b the family

Sat., Dec. 14

8 AM Nancy Anderson r/b Ronnie Mangia

5 PM Larry Servideo r/b Angela Competello

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

+ **Angela Brown, 70**, who died on Nov. 18, and for those who mourn her, including her children Alvin, Alexander, and Sandra.

+ **Rosa Alamia, 83**, who died on Nov. 26, and for those who mourn her, including her children Rosaria, Angelo, Giovanna, Antonina, Pietro, and Vincenzo, & her brothers Giuseppe and Salvatore.

**Cole Samuel Spillberg & August Jude Spillberg**, who were baptized at St. Paul's on Nov. 23, and **Sylvie Diane Heggs**, who was baptized at St. Paul's on Nov. 30, and for their parents who have committed themselves to teach them 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](http://www.masstimes.org) or call 734-794-2100

## Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Dec. 7

5 PM William "Billy" Powers & Walter "Wally" Powers r/b Bill & Kathy

Sunday, Dec. 8

9 AM Angela, Maria, & Enrico Mazzella r/b the Mazzella Family

Anthony Russo (Anniv. Remembrance) r/b his wife Theresa

Edward Francis Hudson r/b Joan & Eddie Hudson & family

Cesaria Judilla r/b Flora & Carlo Tramontozzi

Helen & William Reilly & the Reilly Family:

Joseph J., Helen, & Philip

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

Wed., Dec. 11 8:30

Thurs., Dec. 12 8:30

Sat., Dec. 7

5 PM Elizabeth "Betty" Cordova 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, Dec. 1st?

**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.

## 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

## NEXT SUN., DEC. 15 AT SPSA

### **Advent Giving Tree Gifts Are Due 12/15**

Gifts for poor children and their families should be brought to church and placed under the Advent Giving Tree **no later than next Sun., Dec. 15**. Details on the next page, second column.

### **St. Lucy Blessing 12/14 & 12/15**

At the conclusion of the Sat. vigil and Sun. Masses next weekend, **Sat. Dec. 14 & Sun., Dec. 15** we will have the blessing of the eyes through the intercession of St. Lucy, the patroness of those who suffer from diseases of the eye. The name of St. Lucy, a Sicilian consecrated virgin who was martyred around 308 AD, is derived from the Latin word for sight, *luce*. Her feast is Dec. 13th, but fittingly we offer this ritual on *Gaudete* Sunday in Advent, the season in which we are constantly reminded that God wants to open our eyes to the abundant signs of His presence.

## COMING UP AT SPSA

### **Advent Reconciliation (Confession) 12/17**

**Tues., Dec. 17th:** St. Agnes 3-5 PM; St. Paul's, 6—8 PM  
Father Powers is the confessor.

### **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 Masses 12/24 & 12/25**

#### Christmas Eve Vigil Masses on 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 10 PM

#### Christmas Morning Masses on Wed., Dec. 25:

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

Christmas is a holy day of obligation.

### **Misa de Regreso del Nino Jesus 12/26**

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

### **December 50/50 12/29**

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

Congratulations to our November 50/50 winners:

<b>Ricardo Perez</b>	St. Paul's winner	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Robert A. Fritz</b>	St. Agnes winner	<b>\$150</b>

## THIS WEEK AT SPSA

### **Preschool, K, & Infant Religious Ed Today**

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

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

The second rehearsal of the Christmas Eve dramatization of the Gospel is today, **Sun., Dec. 8** at 12:45 PM in St. Agnes. More info. on the next page, 2nd column

### **Immaculate Conception 12/09 not a day of obligation this year**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, normally observed on Dec. 8, is observed on **Mon., Dec. 9th** and is not a holy day of obligation for US Catholics this year. For parishioners who wish to attend Mass on Dec. 9th, SPSA will offer these Masses on Dec. 9: St. Paul's Church: **8:30 AM & 6 PM**; St. Agnes Church: **12 Noon**.

### **Bible Study 12/09**

Fr. Rob Powers continues with *The God of Jesus of Nazareth: A Bible Study* on **Mon., Dec. 9th** 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. After Mon., Dec. 9, the Bible Study will meet again on Mon., Jan. 6th.

### **Helpers / God's Precious Infants Mass 12/13**

Msr. Philip Reilly's Helpers of God's Precious Infants will hold their monthly Mass and Rosary vigil which is aimed at the peaceful conversion of all who engage in or are supportive of the violence of abortion on this **Sat., Dec. 14**. A 7:30 AM Mass in St. Paul's Church will be followed by a procession to and from the front of 44 Court St., which houses a large Planned Parenthood abortion clinic. I strongly encourage parishioners to participate in this Mass and procession.

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

**The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Blessing** will be in front of St. Paul's at 6 PM on **Sat. Dec. 14th**. Refreshments follow in St. Paul's Hall.

**The Annual Advent/St. Lucy Party** is 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. Everyone is invited and welcome. A form for those who would like to donate something is on page 5 of this bulletin.

## 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 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.

### 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; 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 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](http://metmuseum.org)

## Advent Giving Tree

Parishioners who wish to buy Christmas gifts for poor children in our area have the opportunity again this year, but there is just one week left to this project. Paper ornaments with gift suggestions written on them are available in our sanctuaries; take yours today. You are also encouraged to give gift cards to children's stores (Toys-R-Us, Kids-R-Us, Children's Place).

**Only new, unused, unopened gifts & no gift wrapping please. All gifts should be brought to our churches no later than next Sun., Dec. 15** with the paper ornaments taped to them.

Your cooperation with this deadline of Sun. Dec. 15th will enable our parish volunteers to sort the gifts and have them ready for Catholic Charities Brooklyn West Community Center to pick up these gifts on Dec. 17th. This is big but very worthwhile undertaking for SPSA and for Catholic Charities.

### Christmas Eve Drama Needs Actors 12/24

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. 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.

### 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 this parish fund. Brochures can be found by the church entrances.

SPSA Goal for 2013 ACA (completed)	\$ 37,852
<b>+ Money Given Over the Goal for SPSA</b>	<b>\$ 22,023</b>
Total Pledged to ACA from SPSA	\$ 59,875*
*as of December 3, 2013	

No. of pledges from SPSA	136
No. of pledges \$250+	89
No. of Court of Honor pledges \$1000+	15

### Typhoon Victims Collection Is Low

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 to those whose lives have been severely and adversely affected by the most destructive typhoon in history. **Only 43 out of the 300 SPSA households that attend Mass here weekly have submitted envelopes.** A total of \$1105 has been received. The typhoon may no longer be in the news but it remains a reality for thousands. Please respond.

## 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. 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):

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 brought to the Parish Office, or emailed to  
stpaulstagnes@gmail.com.

*Puede puede traer este formulario a la oficina o puede enviar  
la informacion a stpaulstagnes@gmail.com.*

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