



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

February 2, 2014

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 433 Sackett Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231
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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

The weekday Mass schedule is inside the bulletin.

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

Infirm 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 to satisfy the other parish's demands.

Parish of St. Paul & St. Agnes

Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2014

Presentacion del Señor

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Feb. 1 8 AM

5 PM In Thanksgiving to the Lord r/b Marlene Buenaobra

Sunday, Feb. 2

8 AM

9:30 Luis M. Maldonado, Sr. r/b his daughter, Maria Maldonado

11 AM Eufemia Cruz p/p su hija, Daisy Soto
Monserate Cadiz

p/p su hijo, Antonio, y su esposa Augustina Cadiz

La Virgen de Suyapa por el descanso eterno de Gustavo y

Lydia Hernandez p/p Ines Torres

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

Mon., Feb. 3 8:30 AM

Tues., Feb. 4 8:30 AM Minerva Garcia (4th Anniv.)
r/b her sister, Helen

Sat., Feb. 8 8 AM

5 PM Cirilo Bravo Negro (28th Anniv.)
r/b his daughter, Elena Bermudez

Pray for ... Recen por...

...**Katelyn Samantha Rios**, who was baptized at St. Paul's on Jan. 26, and for her parents, who have committed themselves to teach her the Catholic faith by word & example.

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

Traveling & Need a Sunday Mass?

Visit www.masstimes.org or call 734-794-2100

The Liturgy This Week

Mon., Feb 3: St. Blaise, bishop & martyr; patron invoked against throat disease; + c. 300 AD, Armenia

St. Ansgar, bishop; German missionary to Sweden & Denmark; +865 AD.

Wed., Feb. 5: St. Agatha, virgin & martyr; Sicily; +c. 251 AD

Thurs., Feb. 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions, martyred at Nagasaki, Japan; +1597

Sat., Feb. 8: St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin; born in Sudan; sold into slavery at 7; bought by Italian consul at 12 and freed; became nun in Italy; + 1947.

St. Jerome Emiliani, religious; Venice, Italy; +1537

Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Feb. 1

5 PM Patricia Lipari r/b Joan Melone

Sunday, Feb. 2

9 AM Ernestina Gonzalez (Birthday Remembrance)

p/p Frances Collazo

Helen & William Reilly & the Reilly Family:
Joseph J., Helen, and Philip Reilly

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

Wed., Feb. 5 8:30

Thurs., Feb. 6 8:30 Helen Ditri r/b Joan Callery

Sat., Feb. 8

5 PM Ernestina Gonzalez (1st Anniv.) r/b Frances Collazo

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, Jan. 26th?

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. **Certainly if one is ill, or if one is elderly and is danger of falling on snow or ice, the obligation is lifted, and there is no sin in remaining at home.** —RMP, Adm.

Important Liturgical Dates in 2014

Wed., Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday	
Wed., Mar. 19	St. Joseph	solemnity
Sun., April 13	Palm Sunday	
Thurs., Apr. 17	Holy Thursday	
Fri., Apr. 18	Good Friday	
Sun., Apr. 20	Easter Sunday	
Thurs., May 29	Ascension Thursday, holy day of obligation	
Sun., June 8	Pentecost Sunday	
Fri., Aug. 15	Assumption, holy day of obligation	
Sat., Nov. 1	All Saints (not a holy day of obligation in 2014)	
Sun., Nov. 2	All Souls Day	
Mon., Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception, holy day of obligation	
Thurs., Dec. 25	Christmas, holy day of obligation	

Blessing of Candles Today

It is the custom to bring candles to church on the Feast of the Presentation, February 2nd, popularly called Candlemas Or Candelaria as a reminder that the light of Christ is with us, illuminating whatever darkness we encounter in the world. The invitation to live in this light is for all people.

Blessing of Throats Today

The Feast of St. Blaise, patron invoked against throat disease, is observed tomorrow, Feb. 3. Throats are blessed on that day, Customarily with 2 candles that are blessed on Candlemas. Blaise, a bishop who was martyred in Armenia in the early 300's AD, was reputed to have saved the life of a baby who was choking on a piece of bone by blessing the child and removing the almost fatal object.

World Marriage Day: Who Can Renew Their Vows?

Couples and married individuals who are sacramentally married by the Catholic Church and those who are married only by civil authority are all welcome to renew their vows in the Masses on Feb. 8 and 9. The Catholic Church continues to endorse the Sacrament of Marriage is the only form of marriage of all Catholics who are called to marriage. The Church teaches that marriage is not only the commitment of the couple to uphold their marriage vows; it is a covenant with God who gives the couple the Spirit of the risen Jesus Christ when they say "I do" and who continues to bind that couple together in marriage. The Church continues as well to advise all Catholics who are civilly married to refrain from receiving Holy Communion or Confession until their marriages are convalidated by the Church. I support & endorse all these teachings.

However, a Catholic who makes solemn vows before a civil authority to remain together with his/her spouse for life, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health deserve the prayers and support of the Church as well as the sacramentally married do. While discerning the call to convalidate a civil marriage, a Catholic can certainly turn to the Lord and ask for His guidance and a quickening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism and Confirmation. Civilly married couples are also welcome to renew their vows on Feb. 8 & 9. —RMP

COMING UP AT SPSA

- **Ash Wednesday, Wed., Mar. 5**
 - **Father Clement Machado** will offer three Masses in preparation for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on **Thurs., Mar. 13** at St. Agnes at **7:30 PM** and on **Fri., Mar. 14** at St. Paul's at **12 Noon** and at **7:30 PM** Anointing with oil from St. Joseph's Oratory after each Mass.
 - **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**
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**PLEASE HELP PAY THE FUEL BILL THIS WINTER!
WE ARE USING 4X THE USUAL QUANTITY
OF GAS & OIL TO HEAT OUR PARISH PLANTS!**

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Preschool, K, & Infant Religious Ed 02/02

Preschool, kindergarten, and infant religious ed meets again in the sacristy of St. Agnes Church today, **Sun., Jan. 26** after the 9 AM Mass. No registration or fee; parents of young children are invited to come when they can & experience the joy of seeing their children receive the gift of faith at a young age.

Mon., Feb. 3 : Rosary for Life, 1 PM, chapel on Congress St.

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

Bible Study 02/03

Fr. Powers continues with *The God of Jesus of Nazareth: A Bible Study* on **Mon., Feb. 3rd** at 7:15 PM. The course covers the portraits 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.

Fundraising & Social Events 02/04

The Fundraising & Social Events Committee meets at 234 Congress St. on **Tues., Feb. 4** at 7:15 PM. New volunteers are always welcome. Note that the date of this meeting has changed since last Sunday's bulletin.

NEXT SUNDAY AT SPSA

World Marriage Day 02/08 & 02/09

SPSA will celebrate World Marriage Day on **Sat. & Sun., Feb. 8 & 9**. All married persons present at each Mass—both those attending as couples and those attending by themselves— are invited to renew their marriage vows. A "football wedding" reception follows each Mass (but with light refreshments; no sandwiches flying through the air). Couples who are attending Mass together or married individuals who are attending alone are invited to register for a commemorative certificate; a form can be found on page 5.

Open Doors 2/9 & 2/23

Once again we will open our doors on two Sundays in Feb. to our many neighbors who would like to visit our churches. St. Agnes will be open on **Sun., Feb. 9** from 2—5 PM. St. Paul's will be open on **Sun., Feb. 23** from 2—5 PM. Extend an invitation to anyone you think might be interested; explain to them that this not an *open house* aimed at recruitment but *Open Doors*, an opportunity to for many to visit our churches. Volunteers are needed to offer hospitality; call the Parish Office or email stpaulstagnes@gmail.com if you are interested in assisting with Open Doors. Volunteers are also encouraged to attend the Fundraising & Social Events Committee's meeting on **Thurs., Feb. 6** at 7:15 PM at 234 Congress St. as this project is under the committee's direction.

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.

Visits to Old St. Patrick's Catacombs

These catacombs (underground passageways of tombs) are as extensive as the outline for St. Patrick's Old Cathedral (built in 1815; archdiocesan cathedral until 1879) that stands above them. Many prominent New Yorkers of the 1700's and 1800's are interred there. 263 Mulberry St., NY. For tours, contact catacombs@oldcathedral.org

Catholic Underground 02/01

Holy hour with contemporary Christian music settings of the psalms. A young adult outreach of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. **Sat., Feb. 1**, 7:30—9 PM. Our Lady of Good Counsel, 230 E. 92nd St., (betw. 2nd & 3rd Aves.,) NY. catholicunderground.org

Thea's Turn 02/02

Staged reading of *Thea's Turn, The Life of Sister Thea Bowman*, by Mary Queen Donnelly. Story of the late dynamic & somewhat eccentric African American nun. St. Francis Xavier, W. 16th St. betw. 5th & 6th Aves., NY. **Sun., Feb. 2**, 2 PM.

*Italian for Beginners 02/04

Italian for Beginners in Sacred Hearts—St. Stephen Rectory, 108 Carroll St. On Tuesdays, 10:30 AM—12 PM; began Jan. 28; \$20 per class. Info: Rosanna 718-406-3670

Gender Issues Workshop 02/07

Facing sex, gender and sexual orientation issues as a lay minister in a Catholic pastoral context? Nobody loves you or the Church? If so, this conference is for you: *Gender Issues in the American Church: A Vineyard Workers' Workshop*. But you've got to pay a hefty \$100 fee. **Fri., Feb. 7**, 9 AM — 12 PM; Keating Hall, Fordham Univ., Rose Hill campus, Bronx. Thomas Beaudoin, Ph.D. Info: Jodi Hunt; 718-817-4800, ext. 5966; jhunt18@fordham.edu; [reg: www.fordham.edu/gre](http://www.fordham.edu/gre)

Medieval Lecture at the Cloisters 02/08

Relics, Tombs and Masses—Medieval Rituals of the Dead. Fr. Xavier Seubert, OFM, lecturer. The Cloisters, 99 Margaret Corbin Drive, NY. **Sat., Feb. 8**, at 12 PM & repeated at 2 PM. \$20 fee at the door; no reg.

The Church & Immigration Reform 02/11

The Catholic Church and Immigration Reform. Fr. Brian Jordan, OFM, campus minister, & Arnold Sparr, history prof. & SPSA parishioner. Free. **Tues., Feb. 11**, 11:10 AM, Room 4202, St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St. www.sfc.edu

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: Deacon Leroy Branch, 917-496-4221; or 877-NYS-WWME option 2; wwwme.org

Catholic Lesbians 02/14

Poetry reading by Jeanne Ungar. **Fri., Feb. 14**, 7—9 PM. West Room, St. Francis Xavier Church, W. 15th St. betw. 5th & 6th Aves., NY. Info: 917-297-6804 or SFXWomen@aol.com. sfxavier.org

Traditional Latin Mass Training 02/15

Learning About the Traditional Latin Mass with priests of the Christ the King Institute at Our Lady of Peace, 522 Carroll St., **Sat., Feb. 15**. Class at 12 PM; Mass at 1 PM with Gregorian chant. www.LatinMassBrooklyn.org

*Extensive Adult Ed in Midtown 02/17

St. Francis of Assisi, 135 W. 31st, offers the most extensive adult ed program of any parish anywhere with courses in The arts, literature, spirituality, film, theology, and foreign language. The fee for each course is typically \$25. Register online at stfrancisnyc.org or call 212-236-8500. Spring semester begins on **Mon., Feb. 17**.

Intro. to St. Paul 02/19—04/09

Course on St. Paul that covers Paul's understanding of Christ, salvation, the Church and her relationship to Israel. Joseph Nuzzi, teacher. Wednesdays **Feb. 19 thru April 9**; choice of 2 sessions: 12—1 PM or 6:30—7:30 PM. St. Francis of Assisi, 129 W. 31st St., NY. Reg.: www.stfrancisnyc.org or 212-736-8500

Racial Justice & Empathy 02/24

Is Empathy Enough? Racial Justice and the Moral Imagination in the 21st Century. A forum that mines the arts, history, and theology to explore the power and weakness of empathy as a force for social change. **Mon., Feb. 24**, 6 PM. Fordham U. Lincoln Center. Free. RSVP: crcevent@fordham.edu

*Divorced, Widowed, Separated 02/28—03/02

The Beginning Experience weekend **Fri—Sun., Feb. 28—March 2** at the Montfort Retreat Center in Bay Shore. Helps grieving single again persons emerge from darkness of grief into the light of a new beginning. Turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Info: Jim, 718-474-3779 or BeginningExperienceLI@hotmail.com

Blankets for Children With Cancer

We Care Blankets is an organization that provides knitted & 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

THE COLLECTION

January 25 & 26, 2014

Regular Collection + Maintenance & Repair

St. Paul's \$ 3120*

St. Agnes \$ 2256**

Parish \$ 6431

*26% of this amount (\$814) came from 7 households.

**22% of this amount (\$500) came from 2 households.
Envelopes from St. Agnes congregants who attended the 5 PM
Mass at St. Paul on Jan. 26 are also included in this figure.

**We are using four times as much fuel weekly
this winter as we did in the past two mild
winters. Please upgrade your weekly
contributions and your monthly fuel envelope.**

Congratulations, Jan. 50/50 Winners!

Jose T. Cruz St. Paul's winner **\$130**

Pablo & Rosana Acosta St. Agnes winners **\$130**

Play the Feb. 50/50

Envelope chances are only \$5 each and are in monthly
envelope packets and by the church entrances. Support your
parish churches with this monthly fundraiser. Return your
Feb. 50/50 envelopes in the collection no later than **Feb. 23.**

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): _____

World Marriage Day

Sat. & Sun., Feb. 8 & 9

All married couples and married
individuals attending Mass that
weekend are invited to renew
their marriage vows.

A "football wedding" reception follows each Mass.

A form appears below in this column for any
couple or married individual who would like
to commemorate the occasion with a certificate.

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

REGISTRATION FORM

for couples & individual married persons who wish
to receive a certificate of their renewal of
their marriage vows at Mass in SPSA on Feb. 8 & 9

Name of husband:

Husband will attend? Yes ___ No ___

Name of wife:

Wife will attend? Yes ___ No ___

Date, Time, and Church in which you will
attend Mass on the weekend of Feb. 8 & 9:

Telephone number(s):

Email address:

*You may return this form in the collection or by USPS
to the office or email it to stpaulstagnes@gmail.com*

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