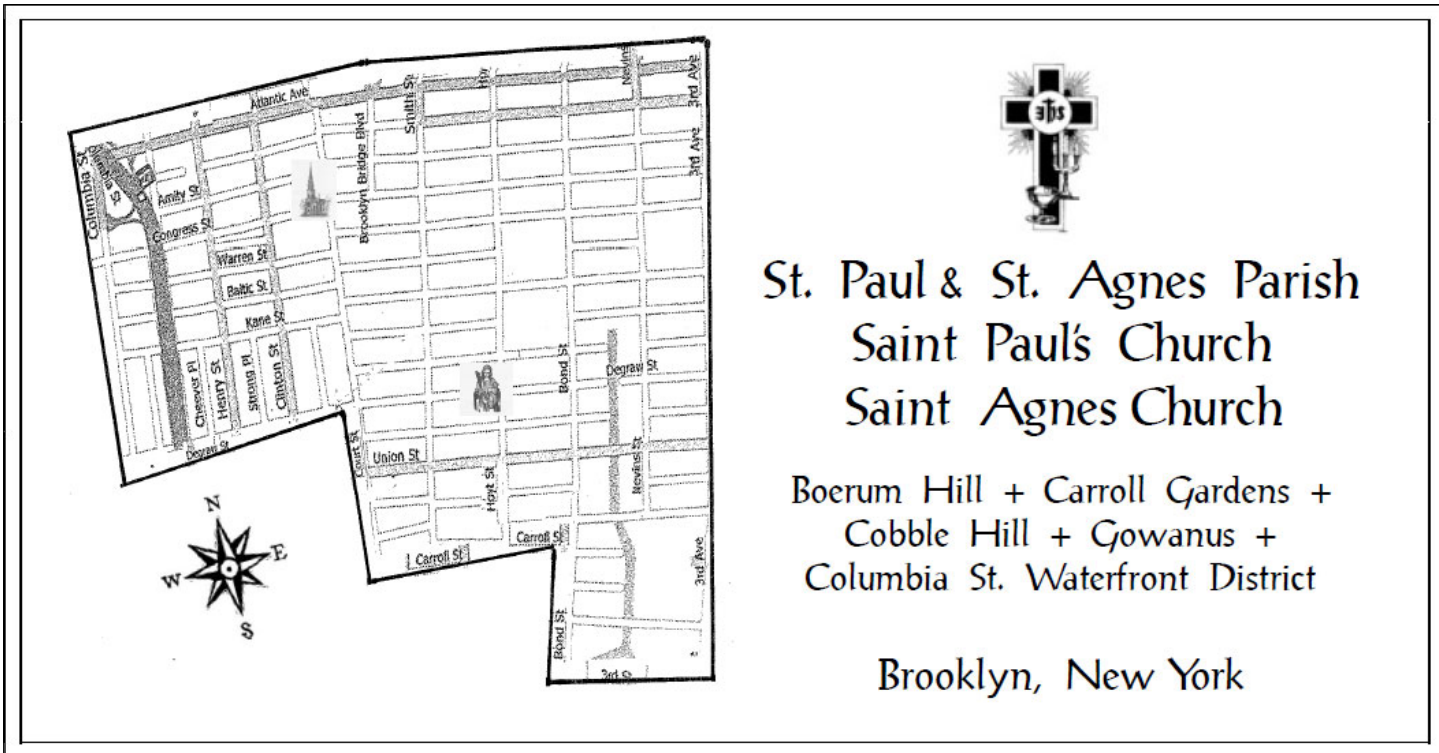




St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
Saint Paul's Church
Saint Agnes Church

Boerum Hill + Carroll Gardens +
 Cobble Hill + Gowanus +
 Columbia St. Waterfront District

Brooklyn, New York



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 234 Congress Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201
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 433 Sackett Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231
 Telephone: 718-625-1717
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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

Third Sunday of the Year

January 19, 2014

Tercer Domingo del Año

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Jan. 25 8 AM

5 PM ST. PAUL & ST. AGNES ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Sunday, Jan. 26

8 AM Minerva Garcia (Birthday Remembrance)
r/b her loving sister, Helen

9:30 Jimmy Fagan r/b Bridget & Peggy

11 AM Maria Vina Colon (1er Aniv.) p/p su familia
Carmen Resto (1er Aniv.) p/p sus hijas, Carmen y Antonio
Julio Esponda (6o. Aniv.) p/p su hermana, Rosemary
Incarnacion Pratt (Recordatorio de su cumpleaños)
p/p su hija, Virginia Maldonado
Sagrado Corazon por la salud de Mark Soto
p/p su madre, Daisy Soto

Mon., Jan. 27 8:30 AM

Tues., Jan. 28 8:30 AM For the safety of Matthew Brule
r/b Auntie Margaret Adams

Sat., Feb. 1 8 AM

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

*The Altar Candle at St. Paul's for the week of Jan. 26
was donated in memory of Carmen Resto (1st Aniv.)
by her loving daughters, Carmen and Antonia*

Pray for ... Recen por...

...Our Sick: 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,
Dr. Allen Davis, Toni Sanchez-Rodriguez, Hilda Rios Sanchez,
Juanita Martinez, Marilyn Glynn, Angie Cuadrado, Victor Soto,
Felicitia Pedraza, Christopher Benson, Milton Piedra, Vincent Biscaino,
Miguel Sotolongo, Madeline Tarantino, Altagracia 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., Jan 27: St. Angela Merici, virgin, religious, founder of
the Ursulines (OSU), the first order dedicated to the
education of poor girls; +1540, Brescia, Italy

Tues., Jan. 28: St. Thomas Aquinas, Dominican (OP),
Philosopher & theologian; +1274

Fri., Jan. 31: St. John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesians,
Congregations dedicated to the education of poor boys,
+1888, Turin, Italy

Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Jan. 25

5 PM NO 5 PM MASS IN ST. AGNES

Sunday, Jan. 26

9 AM In honor of the Virgin of Altagracia r/b Lydia Sanchez
Raffaele Nocerino r/b Tina
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., Jan. 29 8:30 Sister Mary Herbert Finch, CSI (25th Anniv.)
r/b the Gorman Family

Thurs., Jan. 30 8:30

Sat., Feb. 1

5 PM Patricia Lipari r/b Joan Melone

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. 19th?

**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.

Important Liturgical Dates in 2014

Sun., Feb. 2	Presentation	feast
Sat., Feb. 22	The Chair of St. Peter	feast
Wed., Mar. 5	Ash Wednesday	
Mon., Mar. 17	St. Patrick	
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	

COMING UP AT SPSA (con'd)

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 welcome to renew their vows on Feb. 8 & 9. —RMP, Adm.

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.

- **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**

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

Preschool, K, & Infant Religious Ed 01/26

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., Jan. 27: Rosary for Life, 1 PM, chapel on Congress St.
Holy Hour, 6 — 7 PM, chapel on Congress St.

Bible Study 01/27

Fr. Powers continues with *The God of Jesus of Nazareth: A Bible Study* on **Mon., Jan. 27th** 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.

NEXT SUNDAY AT SPSA

Blessing of Throats & Candles 02/01 & 02/02

The Feast of the Presentation falls on Sun., Feb. 2 this year. Congregants are welcome to bring candles to Mass to have them blessed on this feast, popularly called Candlemas. The blessing of throats, in anticipation of the Feast of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), will be offered at the end of every Mass on **Sat. & Sun., Feb. 1 & 2.**

*Se observará la Fiesta de **Nuestra Señora de Suyapa,** Patrona de Honduras, en la misa de **11 AM el dom., 2 de feb.***

Kathie Bistreich, **the Girl With the Guitar,** will lead song at the **8 AM** Mass in St. Paul's on **Sun., Feb. 2.**

NEXT WEEK AT SPSA

Fundraising & Social Events 02/06

The Fundraising & Social Events Committee meets at 234 Congress St. on **Thurs., Feb. 6** at 7:15 PM. New volunteers are always welcome.

COMING UP 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.

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.

Human Trafficking 01/26

Peace & Justice Committee of St. Francis Xavier NY hosts info. night on what people can do to end human trafficking. Estimates are that as many as 21 million people are trafficked for commercial sex or forced labor, some as young as five. Large sporting events like the Super Bowl are targets for human traffickers, providing a lucrative market for their trade. **Sun., Jan. 26, 1 PM.** St. Francis Xavier, W. 16th St. betw. 5th & 6th Aves., NY. www.sfxavier.org

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

Partner Project: *Breaking the Silence* 01/29

The Partner Project presents *Breaking the Silence*, an attempt to end all forms of violence against women. Keynote speaker Ted Bunch delivers a *Call To Men* to educate men on this sad social phenomenon. A Molloy student will speak on her experience of relationship violence. **Wed., Jan. 29, 5 PM.** Free. Madison Theatre, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, LI. www.acalltoaction.org; www.molloy.edu

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. & 92nd St., NY, **thru Feb. 2.** Free admission Saturdays. 212-423-3200

*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., 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.**

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

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** and repeated at 2 PM. \$20 fee payable at the door; no registration.

*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

*Catholic Lesbians 02/14

Poetry reading by Jeanne Ungar, poet & painter. 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

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. soon.

*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

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 18 & 19, 2014

Regular Collection + Maintenance & Repair

St. Paul's	\$ 3040*
<u>St. Agnes</u>	<u>\$ 3391**</u>
Parish	\$ 6431

*23% of this amount (\$700) came from 2 households

**18% of this amount (\$610) came from 5 households

The Maintenance & Repair collection for St. Paul's on Jan. 19 amounted to \$925 and included envelopes received from St. Paul's congregants who did not receive M & R envelopes for Dec. 22, 2013 and who responded to the appeal for two contributions during January. The \$1099 received at St. Agnes for M & R on Jan. 19 reflects only contributions solicited this month as St. Agnes congregants did receive M & R envelopes for Dec. 22, 2013.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2013

SPSA Goal for 2013 ACA (completed 3/26/13)	\$ 37,852
+ Money Given Over the Goal for SPSA	\$ 23,648
Total Pledged to ACA from SPSA	\$ 61,500*

**as of January 13, 2014*

No. of pledges from SPSA	139
No. of pledges \$250+	92
No. of Court of Honor pledges \$1000+	15

**The Diocese of Bklyn will mail
ACA 2014 brochures this month.**

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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