



**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 16, 2014**

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**Monday through Friday, 9 AM—12 Noon**



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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  
*(There is no holy hour this Mon., Feb. 17, Presidents' Day)*

**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

Sixth Sunday of the Year

February 16, 2014

Sexto Domingo del Año

## Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Feb. 15

8 AM

5 PM Mollie & James McArow r/b Ronnie McArow

Sunday, Feb. 16

8 AM Julia Connor Baker r/b Mike Sheehan

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

11 AM Felicita Costoso p/p Daisy Soto

Arquilina Lopez p/p su hijo Jose Ortiz

Manuel De Jesus Valdez p/p Daisy Soto

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

Mon., Feb. 17 8:30 Santo Sonny Scala r/b his sister Nancy

Tues., Feb. 18 8:30 Elizabeth Flamme (Birthday Remembrance)  
r/b her loving daughter, Ingrid Flamme

Sat., Feb. 22

8 AM

5 PM Anna & Nicholas Assante r/b their daughter Teresa

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

...Our Sick: Julia Kelly, William Torres, Norma Matos, 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, Altagracia Almanzar, Luisa Rodriguez, Enrique Jose Rosa, Daniel Ramon Ortiz

## 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

### Traveling & Need a Sunday Mass?

Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or call 734-794-2100

## The Liturgy This Week

Mon., Feb 17: **The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**, founded by Florentine cloth merchants in 1233

Fri., Feb. 21: **Saint Peter Damian**, bishop, doctor of the Church; +1072; defender of Gregorian reform;

Sat., Feb. 22: **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**, feast

## Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Feb. 15

5 PM William Smillie r/b Joan Melone

Sunday, Feb. 16

9 AM Robert Bombara r/b the Hudson Family

Honey Scottie r/b Jeannie & Joe Nardiello

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. 19 8:30 The Fallon Family r/b Irene Fallon

Thurs., Feb. 20 8:30 Dorothy Lowe r/b Joan Melone

Sat., Feb. 22

5 PM Louis Torres (Anniv. Remembrance)

r/b Mr. & Mrs. Anibal Torres

## 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, Feb. 9th?

**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 in 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	

## ALSO 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.
- **Closing Mass of the Anniversaries Celebration of St. Paul's & St. Agnes** at St. Agnes Church, **Sat., June 14, 5 PM**

### **Studio or 1 BR Needed for Parishioners**

A married couple in their 70's who are active parishioners seek a studio or one bedroom apt. in the parish. Please contact Fr. Rob Powers at 718-207-0035 or at [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com) if you have an apt. to rent.

### **3 BR Apartment Needed for Parishioners**

A family in the parish—a couple with three children under 12—is seeking a three bedroom apartment within our parish or in the area. Please contact Fr. Rob Powers at 718-207-0035 or at [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com) if you have an apt. to rent.

### **World Marriage Day Certificates**

Apologies to a number of parishioners who registered for certificates last weekend to commemorate their participation in World Marriage Day but who did not receive them due to my oversight. Please contact the Parish Office or email [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com) if you signed up for a certificate but did not receive one.

Thank you to the hardworking Fundraising and Social Events Committee who hosted seven Football Wedding receptions last weekend—one after every Mass. —RMP, Adm.

### **Christian Branch in *Othello the Panther***

Christian Lee Branch, leader of song at the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Paul's, is currently acting in a production in NY's Nurorican Poets Café. More info on the next page.

### **All Electronic Devices Should Be Turned Off When Entering the Church**

It is very disturbing to see the number of persons in the pews texting before Mass and perhaps during Mass. One should arrive early for Mass to pray in preparation for fuller, more prayerful participation during the Mass but that time should never be spent on an *iphone* or other device. (It is also not the time to read the *Tablet*.) It is never correct to speak on a cell phone in the pews. It is never correct to leave a cell phone or *iphone* on during Mass in order to receive calls or text messages, even if one leaves for the vestibule in response to a vibrating cell phone or a text appearing on the screen. —RMP

## THIS WEEK AT SPSA

### **Presidents' Day 02/17**

8:30 AM Mass in the chapel on Congress St.

The Parish Office is closed.

No Rosary for Life; No Holy Hour; No Bible Study

## NEXT WEEK AT SPSA

### **Open Doors at St. Paul's 02/23**

St. Paul's will open its doors to all visitors on **Sun., Feb. 23** from 2 to 5 PM. The 19th century cemetery, located behind the chapel on Congress St., will also be open to visitors. Volunteers are needed to offer hospitality; call the parish office or email [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com) if you are interested in assisting with Open Doors.

### **Preschool, K, & Infant Religious Ed 02/23**

Preschool, kindergarten, and infant religious ed meets again in the sacristy of St. Agnes Church today, **Sun., Feb. 23** after the 9 AM Mass. No registration or fee; parents of young children are invited to come when they can & to experience the joy of seeing their children receive the gift of faith at a young age.

### **Bible Study 02/24**

Fr. Powers continues with *The God of Jesus of Nazareth: A Bible Study* on **Mon., Feb. 23rd** 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. We are currently reading Exodus. No registration necessary. Mon. nights as announced in the bulletin; 7:15 PM; 234 Congress St.

## COMING UP AT SPSA

### **Fundraising & Social Events Comm. 03/06**

I am thinking of renaming this committee. The word committee itself has a pejorative tone, suggesting talk, pipe dreams, and complaints with little action. Nothing could be further from the truth about this group of parishioners, who are creative, energetic, and extremely hardworking. They really perform a vital role in developing the life of the parish in the fundraising & social events that they plan and undertake.

Why not join the committee in their next meeting on **Thurs., March 6th** at 7:15 PM at St. Agnes Center? —RMP, Adm.

### **St. Joseph & St. Patrick Brunch 03/16**

St. Paul's Hall, **Sun., March 16, 1:30 — 4:30 PM**. \$15; children: \$12. Corned beef and cabbage, music & entertainment; Italian pastries; this year spaghetti & meatballs for those who don't go for the typical St. Paddy's Day fare; and a **Grand 50/50 Raffle**; red envelope chances are in the church vestibules. Tickets on sale after Masses begin this weekend, Feb. 15 & 16, when a volunteer is available and in the parish office during the week.

## 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.

### \*Christian Branch in *Othello the Panther*

An adaptation of Shakespeare's play that chronicles the final years of the Black Panther movement. Christian Lee Branch, leader of song at the 9:30 Mass at St. Paul's, is in the caste. Show runs through Sun., Feb. 23; \$25 tickets. Remaining performances: **Sun., Feb. 16**, 6 PM; **Thurs., Feb. 20**, 7 PM; **Fri., Feb. 21**, 7 PM; **Sat., Feb. 22**, 7 PM; **Sun., Feb. 23**, 2 PM. Nuyorican Poets Café, 236 E. 3rd St., betw. Aves. B & C. [www.nuyorican.org](http://www.nuyorican.org)

### \*Gay Catholics 02/21

Gay Catholics meet to discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession and its meaning for LGBT people. St. Francis Xavier Church, Mary Chapel, 16th St. betw. 5th and 6th Aves., **Fri., Feb. 21**, 7 PM. [sfxavier.org](http://sfxavier.org)

### Go Bococa Babies 2/22

Go Bococa Babies offers free, high quality new & gently used baby child equipment to anyone in the area. No charge. Items are donated to & picked up from Cuyler Warren United Methodist Church, 450 Warren St. at Bond St. **Sat., Feb. 22** from 4-6 PM. [gobococa.com](http://gobococa.com)

### \*Vox N Plux Concert 02/23

Vox N Plux, music group, will hold concert at St. Augustine's Church, 116 Sixth Ave., Park Slope on **Sun., Feb. 23**, 3 PM. Group includes guitarists William Andersen & Oren Fader and Soprano Elizabeth Farnum. Classical, modern, jazz, and folk songs. [www.staugustinesparkslope.org](http://www.staugustinesparkslope.org)

### Global Fresh Water Ethics 02/23

Christina Peppard, Asst. Prof. of Theology, Science & Ethics, Fordham U., is an expert on global fresh water ethics. Lecture & dialogue at St. Francis Xavier, Mary Chapel, W. 16th St. betw. 5 & 6 Aves., NY. **Sun., Feb. 23**. 1 PM. [sfxavier.org](http://sfxavier.org)

### 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](mailto:crcevent@fordham.edu)

Find this bulletin online any time at  
[stpaulstagnes.org](http://stpaulstagnes.org)

### \*Why Be Catholic? 03/10

In a world in which there are over 270 religions and in a time of spiritual boredom and theological confusion, people are seeking to find God & meaning in their lives. But what is the truth? And does being Catholic even matter? Joe Danzi, the presenter, will argue that it does, very much. **Tues., March 11**, 6—7 PM, St. Francis of Assisi Church, W. 35th St., betw. Bdwy. & 7th Ave, NY. Reg. online at [stfrancisnyc.org](http://stfrancisnyc.org) or call 212-236-8500; \$10.

### Traditional Latin Mass Training 03/15

*Learning About the Traditional Latin Mass* with priests of the Christ the King Institute at Our Lady of Peace, 522 Carroll St., **Sat., Mar. 15**. Class at 12 PM; Mass at 1 PM with Gregorian chant. [www.LatinMassBrooklyn.org](http://www.LatinMassBrooklyn.org)

### To Whom Do Children Belong 03/15

Melissa Moschella, Asst. Prof. of Philosophy, Catholic U. of America, speaks on the rights of parents to direct the education of their children & discusses the roots of the current claim that children belong not to their parents but to the whole community. Murray Hill Institute, operated by the women's branch of Opus Dei. **Sat., March 15**, 2:30—3:30 PM. 243 Lexington Ave. & W. 34th St., NY. rsvp: [rdellamarco@murrayhillinstitute.org](mailto:rdellamarco@murrayhillinstitute.org) by Wed., March 12

### \*Lenten Morning of Prayer 03/15

*Make This Part of Your Lenten Journey With Christ: A Contemplative Prayer Practice.* A morning of recollection led by Bill Frederickson. **Sat., March 15**, 9:30 AM—12 PM. St. Francis of Assisi, W. 35th St. betw. Bdwy. & 7th Ave. Reg. at [stfrancisnyc.org](http://stfrancisnyc.org) or call 212-236-8500. \$15; lunch not included. Some call it centering prayer but it has always been known as the practice of a simple gaze upon God in Christ from the heart with no other intention except to Love God as gift of the Holy Spirit. A presentation on the origins of contemplative prayer in the mystical tradition & the actual exercise of the prayer method.

### 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. 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)

### Adult Ed in Midtown

The best parish adult ed in town; well worth the hike up to Midtown. St. Francis of Assisi, 135 W. 31st St. betw. Broadway & 7th Ave., NY. A number of the courses begin this week. Courses are in the arts, literature, spirituality, film, self-help, theology, & foreign language. A list appears in the Sun., Feb. 9 bulletin that can be found online at [stpaulstagnes.org](http://stpaulstagnes.org); descriptions of the courses and registration at [stfrancisnyc.org](http://stfrancisnyc.org). Reg also by calling 212-236-8500. Tuition ranges from \$10 to \$25.

## THE COLLECTION

Regular Sunday Collection + Fuel Envelopes

**February 8 & 9, 2014**

St. Paul's	\$	3184
St. Agnes	\$	3517
Parish	\$	6701

Let's make it a  
**GRAND 50/50**  
on **Sun., March 16th!**

**Our goal is \$4000:**  
**\$2000** for the winner and  
**\$2000** for SPSA

Red envelope chances are available in the vestibule; only \$5 each. You can return them in the collection or to the Parish Office.

Unlike other 50/50's in town, there's no cap on the winner's prize.

## 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. Joseph & St. Patrick's Day Brunch

**Sun., March 16, 2014**

**1:30 PM**

**St. Paul's Hall**

corned beef & cabbage, Italian pastries,  
spaghetti & meatballs (**new this year**)  
great music & entertainment,  
Grand 50/50 drawing and  
the *craic* will be mighty!

**\$15**

## Play the Feb. 50/50

Envelope chances are only \$5 each and can be found by the church entrances.

Support your parish churches with this monthly fundraiser.

Return your Feb. 50/50 envelopes in the collection no later than next Sun., **Feb. 23.**

## Open Doors

**St. Paul's Church**

**Sun., Feb. 23, 2014**

**2—5 PM**

Volunteers are needed to  
host our many guests.

more info. on page 3 of this bulletin

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