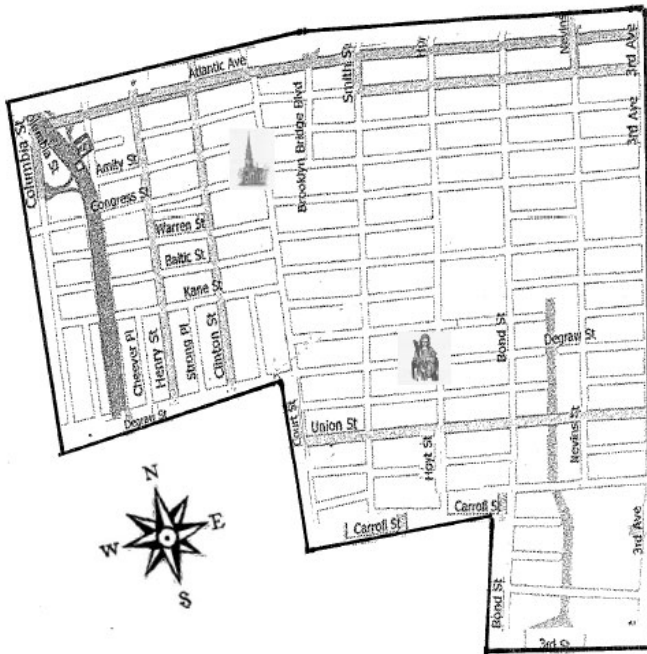




## St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish Saint Paul's Church Saint Agnes Church

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

Brooklyn, New York



**February 23, 2014**

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### Parish Clergy

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### Parish Pastoral Staff

Sister M. Innocentia Lipari, MSBT, Pastoral Associate  
William J. Gorman, Coordinator, Religious Education (CCD)  
Joan O'Brien, Director, Music Ministry, St. Agnes  
Lyudmila Papayani, Organist, St. Paul's Church  
Ines Torres, Secretary



**Rectory & Office at St. Paul's Church**  
234 Congress Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
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**Monday through Friday, 9 AM—12 Noon**

**Office at St. Agnes Church**  
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

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

Seventh Sunday of the Year

February 23, 2014

Septimo Domingo del Año

## Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Feb. 22

8 AM

5 PM Anna & Nicholas Assante r/b their daughter, Theresa

Sunday, Feb. 23

8 AM

9:30 Jose Antonio Padilla, Sr. r/b Diana Tirado

11 AM Maria Villafañe p/p Daisy Soto

Matilde Piazza p/p su querido hermano, Adolfo Piazza

Jesus Valdez p/p Mary Gonzalez

Lorenza Rivera (3er. Aniv.) p/p sus hijos

Maria Teresa Marrero De Miranda (1er Aniv. y recordatorio de su cumpleaños) p/p sus hija, Maria Teresa Miranda

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

Mon., Feb. 24 8:30 Mary Gibbons r/b Barbara Zelenko

Tues., Feb. 25 8:30 Mary Gibbons r/b Barbara Zelenko

Sat., Mar. 1

8 AM John Scala, Jr. r/b his loving sister, Nancy

5 PM Mary Gibbons r/b Barbara Zelenko

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

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

### 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

Find this bulletin online any time at

[stpaulstagnes.org](http://stpaulstagnes.org)

## Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Feb. 22

5 Louis Torres (Anniv. Remembrance) r/b M/M Anibal Torres

Sunday, Feb. 23

9 AM Salvatore Russo r/b Carlo & Rosa Amato

Anthony Strano (Birthday Remembrance)

r/b his loving wife, Lucy, & children

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. 26 8:30 Dorothy Lowe r/b Irene Fallon

Thurs., Feb. 27 8:30 Arlette Mae Boyce (3rd Anniv.)

r/b her loving daughter, Leslie A. Boyce

Sat., Mar. 1 5 PM Tommy Mollica (10th Anniv.)

r/b the Nardiello children

### 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. 16th?

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	

## COMING UP AT SPSA

### **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. 22 & 23, when a volunteer is available and in the parish office during the week.

### **Annual Catholic Appeal 2014 Underway; All Parishioners Asked to Give At Least \$250**

SPSA registered parishioners have been receiving Annual Catholic Appeal 2014 (ACA) letters and brochures in the mail during the last two weeks, and all should receive them by the beginning of next week. As in past years, I ask every SPSA household to consider giving at the level of at least \$250. I ask households who have given at that level or much higher levels to give the same amount or even higher this year. The Bklyn Diocese has set our goal again this year at \$37,851. Once that money has been pledged, all funds received from SPSA parishioners returns to the parish to repair and renovate our two beautiful but aging churches.

ACA 2013 raised \$23,276 for the parish after parishioners who gave early enabled us to achieve the goal of \$37,851 in March 2013. About 35% of registered parish households, 139 parishioners, gave to the appeal. Ninety-one (91) of those 139 gave \$250 or more. Among those 91, one household gave \$12,000; five gave between \$2000 and \$2750; and 7 gave between \$1000 and \$1200. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the \$61,127 raised at SPSA came from the 13 households who gave \$1000 or more.

SPSA donors pledged and gave what they said they would; of the \$61,500 pledged in the 2013 ACA, \$61,127 was given by Jan. 15th (99.4%.) Only \$372 (0.4%) was not received!

Thank you to all 139 generous stewards of SPSA who gave so generously in 2013. Please join them this year in Annual Catholic Appeal 2014. —RMP, Adm.

### **Mass to Close Annivs. Celeb. 06/14**

The final Mass of Thanksgiving which will conclude the 18 month Anniversaries Celebration of St. Paul's Church and St. Agnes Church will be **Sat., June 14** at 5 PM at St. Agnes Church, followed by a reception in St. Agnes Center.

### **Apartments Needed for Parishioners**

A married couple in their 70's who are active parishioners seek a **studio or one bedroom** apt. in the parish. A family in the parish—a couple with three children under 12— is seeking a **three bedroom** apartment within our parish.

Please contact Fr. Rob Powers at [stpaulstagnes@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulstagnes@gmail.com) or at 718-207-0035 or at if you have an apt. to rent.

**No *iphone* or cell phone use or texting  
inside our churches at any time.**

## TODAY AT SPSA

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

St. Paul's will open its doors to all visitors today, **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.

### **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.

## THIS WEEK AT SPSA

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

Fr. Powers continues with *The God of Jesus of Nazareth: A Bible Study* on **Mon., Feb. 24th** 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.

## NEXT WEEK AT SPSA

### **Ash Wednesday 03/05**

The Mass schedule for **Ash Wednesday, March 5**, will appear in next Sunday's March 2nd SPSA bulletin.

### **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 6** at 7:15 PM at St. Agnes Center? —RMP, Adm.

## COMING UP AT SPSA

### **Masses with Father Machado 03/13—03/14**

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 PM** and at **7:30 PM.** Anointing with oil from St. Joseph's Oratory after each Mass; Confession schedule to be announced.

### **Available at the Parish Office This Week**

- Tickets for the March 16th St. Joseph/St. Patrick's brunch
- Registration for April 26th Dioc. Wedding Anniv. Mass. See next page for details.

## 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 (\*) & are in larger font.** —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. \$25 tickets. Final performances: **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)

### 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)

### Catholic Underground 03/01

Franciscan Friars of the Renewal's outreach to young adults with holy hour of psalms set to contemporary music at 7:30 PM in church followed by concert in hall at 9 PM. **Sat., Mar. 1**, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 230 E. 90th St. betw. 2nd & 3rd Aves., NY. [catholicunderground.net](http://catholicunderground.net)

### \*St. Augustine's Haiti Fundraiser 03/02

St. Augustine's Church, Park Slope, holds annual Parish Social For Haiti to support projects in its sister parish of St. Andre, Dufort, Haiti. The event is a pot luck dinner with music, dancing, entertainment, & a raffle. \$10 adult admission; no advance sales. **Sun., Mar. 2**, 3—7 PM. Park Place School, 62 Park Place betw. 5th & 6th Aves. [staugustineparkslope.org](http://staugustineparkslope.org)

### Traditional Latin Mass Training 03/15

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

### \*Medical Mysteries Demystified 03/12

Dr. Eric Kenworthy, MD, local internist, addresses for seniors, caregivers, & others questions like: the difference between *osis* and *isis*; what is white coat syndrome; are heart attack symptoms the same for men & women; insurance questions. One of the *Senior Edge Series* presentations at the Carroll Gardens branch of the Bklyn Public Library, 396 Clinton St. at Union St. Light refreshments. **Wed., Mar. 12**, 1:30—2:30 PM

### 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)

### \*Diocesan Wedding Anniv. Mass 04/26

All couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, or 50th+ Anniv. in calendar year 2014 may register with Ines Torres through SPSA Parish Office **before Apr. 4**. Certificates given & photo op with Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, the celebrant. **Sat., Apr. 26**, 11 AM, St. James Cathedral-Basilica, 250 Cathedral Place, near Jay & Tillary Sts.

## THE COLLECTION

February 15 & 16, 2014

St. Paul's	\$	2034
St. Agnes	\$	1668
Parish	\$	3702

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**

Participate in  
**Annual Catholic Appeal 2014**  
at the level of at least **\$250**  
and assist SPSA in the  
**repair and renewal** of  
St. Paul's Church and  
St. Agnes Church

## Open Doors

St. Paul's Church

Today, Sun., Feb. 23, 2014

2—5 PM

an opportunity for parishioners and all  
neighbors to visit historic St. Paul's  
(built in 1838) and to visit our  
19th century cemetery off Congress St.

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