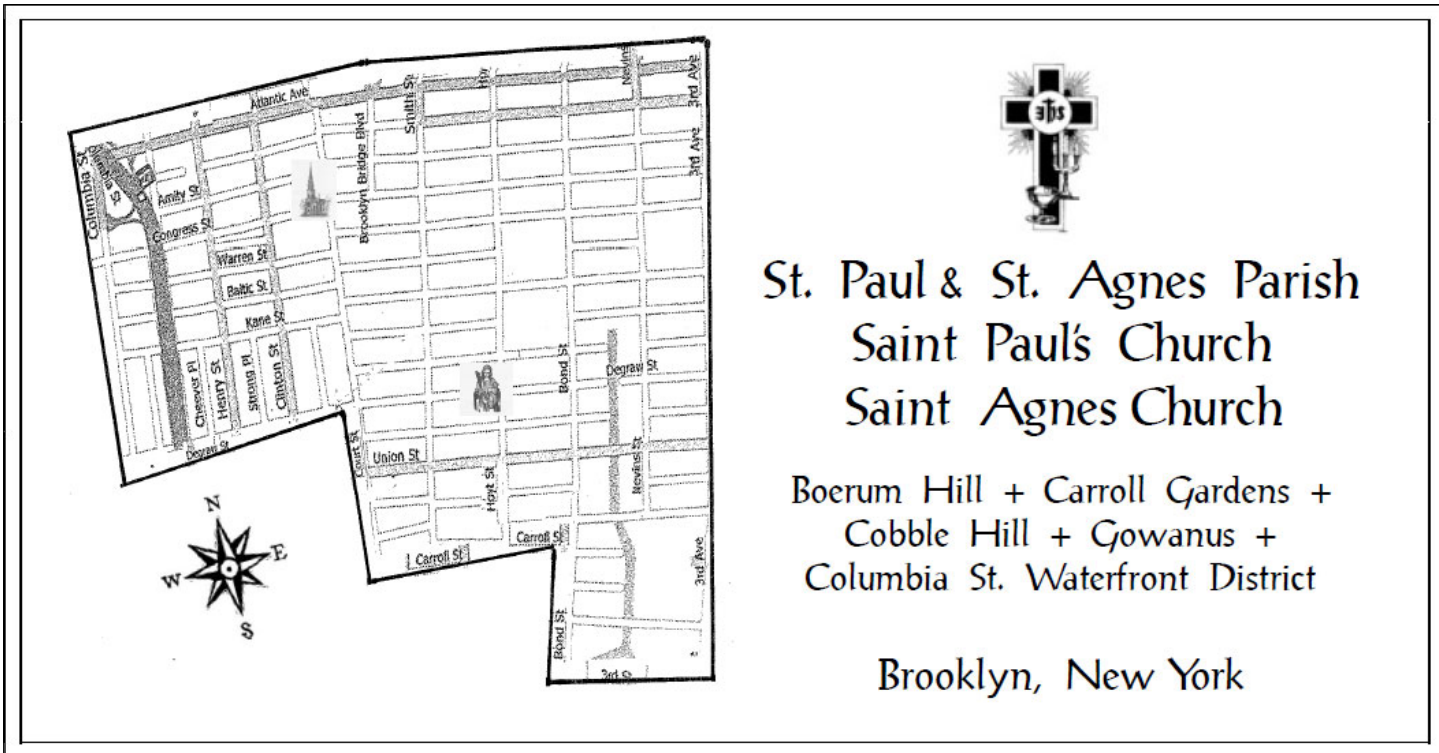




St. Paul & St. Agnes Parish
Saint Paul's Church
Saint Agnes Church

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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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

Eighth Sunday of the Year

March 2, 2014

Octavo Domingo del Año

Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Mar. 1

8 AM John Scala, Jr. r/b his loving sister, Nancy
5 PM Mary Gibbons r/b Barbara Zelenko

Sunday, Mar. 2

8 AM

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

11 AM Maragarita Ojeda p/p Daisy Soto
Jesus "Bigote" Valdez (Primer mes de su fallecimiento)
p/p Luis y Ines Torres

Sagrado Corazon por la salud de Mark Soto
p/p su madre Daisy Soto

Mario Baretan (Primer Aniv.) p/p Antonia y Jose Ortiz
Helen Diaz y Ramon Sorote (Recordatorio de su cumpleaños)
p/p Sadie y Shampa

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

Mon., Mar. 3 8:30 Marion Zelenko r/b Barbara Zelenko

Tues., Mar. 4 8:30 Dorothy Zelenko (living) r/b Barbara Zelenko

Wed., Mar. 5 7 AM ASH WEDNESDAY (chapel)
12 PM ASH WEDNESDAY (church)
7:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY (church)

Sat., Mar. 8

8 AM
5 PM Rosa Ruiz r/b her loving children

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 or call 734-794-2100

Saint Agnes Roman Catholic Church

Sat., Mar. 1

5 Tommy Mollica r/b the Nardiello children

Sunday, Mar. 2

9 AM 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., Mar. 5 10 AM ASH WEDNESDAY
4 PM ASH WEDNESDAY

Thurs., Mar. 6 8:30 Leo Zelenko r/b Barbara Zelenko

Sat., Mar. 8 5 PM Carmelo Collazo (Aniv. Remembrance)
r/b his loving wife, Frances

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. 23rd?

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.

Lenten Regulations

Regulaciones Cuaresmales

Fasting: On Ash Wednesday & Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 may have one full meal and 2 light meals for sustenance but may not eat between meals.

Abstinence: Catholics 14 years of age and older may not eat meat on Ash Wednesday, on any of the Fridays of Lent, or on Good Friday.

Ayuno: En el miercoles de ceniza y el viernes santo, catolicos entre las edades de 18 y 59 comida complete y dos comidas ligeras para sustentencia, sin comer entre comidas.

Abstinencia: Todos catolicos de la edad de 14 anos o mayors están requeridos abstenerse totalmente de carne de cualquier forma el miercoles de ceniza, el viernes santo, y los viernes de la Cuaresma.

NEXT WEEK AT SPSA

9 AM Children's Choir 3/12

Children's Choir rehearsal meets **Wed., Mar. 12** from 3:45 to 4:30 PM at St. Agnes in preparation for the 9 AM Mass. Info: see Joan O'Brien

Young At Heart 3/12

Young At Heart resumes on **Wed., Mar. 12**, 1-3 PM at St. Agnes Center. New members always welcome.

COMING UP AT SPSA

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Brunch 03/16

Grand 50/50 Raffle

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 this weekend, Mar. 1 and 2, 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 \$373 (0.6%) was not received!

Thank you to all 139 stewards of SPSA who gave so generously in 2013. Please join them this year in ACA 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.

TODAY AT SPSA

Preschool, K, & Infant Religious Ed 03/02

Preschool, kindergarten, and infant religious ed meets again in the sacristy of St. Agnes Church today, **Sun., Mar. 2**, after the 9 AM Mass. No registration or fee; parents & young children welcome any time.

THIS WEEK AT SPSA

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.
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Bible Study 03/03

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.

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

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

Ash Wednesday 03/05

Ash Wednesday, **Wed., Mar. 5**, initiates the forty day Season of Lent but is **not** a holy day of obligation. The Sacrament of Confession is available after every Mass. Ash Wed. is a day of fasting and abstinence (see details on page to the left.)

Masses at St. Paul's: **7 AM** (chapel); **12 PM**; **7:30 PM**

Masses at St. Agnes: **10 AM**; **4 PM**

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, & 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 this **Thurs., March 6** at 7:15 PM at St. Agnes Center? —RMP, Adm.

NEXT WEEK 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.

**No iphone use, cellphone use, or texting
inside our churches before, after, or during Mass.**

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 (*) & are in larger font.** —RMP, Adm.

***Romance in the City 03/02**

Fr. Edward Hopkins, LC and Fr. Jason Smith, LC lead discussions on the meaning of sexuality for Catholic men & women today. St. Patrick's Old Cathedral, 263 Mulberry St. Sunday afternoons, 5—6 PM.

Mar. 2: *Listening to God*; **Mar. 9:** *Discernment of God's Plan*.
oldcathedral.org Reg: romance-in-the-city-2.eventbrite.com

***The Death of Bessie Smith**

In order to highlight issues of justice surrounding the future of Inter-faith Medical Center, Bed-Stuy, and LICH, New Bklyn Theatre is holding a production of Edward Albee's *The Death of Bessie Smith*, the story of a blues singer who dies when a Memphis whites-only hospital refuses to admit her. At Inter-faith MC, 1545 Atlantic Ave.

Sat., Mar. 1 & 8: 7:30 PM; **Sun., Mar. 2 & 9:** 2 PM; **Fri. & Sat., Mar. 7 & 8:** 7:30 PM. Free tickets: newbrooklyntheatre.com

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, and 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

***Young Adult Mass 03/11**

Monthly Mass for young adults sponsored by Young Adult Ministry of the Bklyn. Diocese. Mass on **Tues., Mar. 11,** 7:30 PM, chapel of the dioc. center at 310 Prospect Park West, Windsor Terrace. Fr. James Massa, celebrant. Followed by gathering at a Park Slope *biergarten*.

Why Be Catholic? 03/11

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 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

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 718-207-0035 or stpaulstagnes@gmail.com if you have an apt. to rent.

***Sister Theresa Kane, RSM 03/14**

Catholic Lesbians & *It Was the Women Who Stayed* team up to present *A Conversation With Theresa Kane* at the Mary Chapel, St. Francis Xavier Church, W. 16th St. betw. 5th & 6th Aves., NY on **Fri., March 14,** 7—9 PM. As head of the LCWR in 1979, the Bklyn. Sister of Mercy shocked the late Pope John Paul II in his DC visit with a public challenge to include "half of humankind" in the ministries of the Church. Sr. Theresa will address the role of women in the Church today, an update on the embattled LCWR, and her assessment of the papacy of Francis (no doubt glowing). sfxavier.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

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 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 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 receiving cancer treatment in hospitals throughout the NYC area. If you would like to crochet or knit a small blanket contact Harriet, a Cobble Hill resident, at 718-596-7297. 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

Regular Collection + Maintenance & Repair

February 23 & 24, 2014

St. Agnes	\$	4117
St. Paul's	\$	3157
Parish	\$	7274

Help us make it a
GRAND 50/50
on **Sun., March 16th!**

Our goal is \$4000:

\$2000 for the winner and
\$2000 for SPSA

As of Sun., Feb. 23, the level was at **\$395:**
\$200 for the winner & **\$195** for SPSA.
Get your chances in today!

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

Congratulations, Feb. 50/50 winners!

Joan Melone	St. Agnes winner	\$180
Joseph & Helen Acosta	St. Paul's winners	\$150

Ash Wednesday, March 5th

7 AM	St. Paul's (chapel)
10 AM	St. Agnes
12 PM	St. Paul's
4 PM	St. Agnes
7:30 PM	St. Paul's

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