

The Church of Saint Agnes

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SERVED BY

Rev. Michael J. Barrett S.Th.D., *Pastor*
Rev. Robert J. Brisson, *Parochial Vicar*
Most Reverend John O'Hara,
In Residence
Rev. William Elder, *In Residence*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays: 10:00 AM–5:30 PM

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:30, 10:00,
11:00 AM (*Tridentine Latin Mass*),
12:30, 5:15, and 7:00 PM
Please note the church closes at 8PM.

Weekdays: 7:10, 8:10 AM,
12:10, 12:40, 1:10, and 5:10 PM
Saturday: 8:10 AM, 12:10, and
5:10 PM (*fulfills Sunday obligation*)

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:10 PM (*Vigil Mass*)

7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40,
11:40 AM, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40,
5:10 (*High Mass*), and 6:10 PM

CIVIC HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:10 AM, 12:10PM, and 1:10PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekdays: 1:50–4:55 PM

First Friday: 8:40AM –12noon and
1:50–4:55 PM

(*Vespers and Benediction at 4:55 PM*)

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 7:30–8:30 AM,
12:40–1:40 PM, and 5:00–5:30 PM
Saturday: 11:45 AM–12:30 PM,
4:45–5:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL

Opens with Mass at 5:10 PM
Closes with Benediction at 7:00 PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Weekdays: 3:00 PM

NOVENAS

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Wednesday: Saint Michael
Friday: Sacred Heart of Jesus
*Novenas follow the 7:10am, 8:10am,
1:10pm, and 5:10pm Masses only.*

BAPTISMS

Baptisms of children should take
place as soon as possible. Please
make arrangements one month
before your preferred date.

WEDDINGS

By appointment at least six months
in advance. Pre-Cana is required.

HOLY ROSARY

Weekdays: after the 5:10 PM Mass
Saturday: after the 12:10 PM Mass

SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

Open **Sunday:** 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM

Weekdays: 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

(212) 599-7588

church@stagneschurchnyc.org

MUSIC OFFICE

Mr. Heitor Caballero
sacredmusic@stagneschurchnyc.org

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every **Thursday** at 6:30 PM

Venerable Fulton Sheen on Lent

Last fall, we printed reflections on Advent by Ven. Sheen. As he preached at The Church of St. Agnes for 50 years and is one of the most notable Catholic speakers in modern history, it is appropriate to consider his thoughts on the season of Lent.

Invite God In

There is not a single soul at which God has not knocked thousands of times. As the sun is always illuminating, so God is always acting on the soul. Whether we respond or not to God's summoning of our souls, notice that the first impetus always comes from Him. He seeks us before we dream of seeking Him; He knocks before we invite Him in; He loves us before we respond.

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

REVELATION 3:20

Cultivate Virtue

True peace has a firm trust in God despite its own past sins; false peace shrinks from the thought of God because it will not put an end to present sins. The only way of keeping evil out is to let God in. Character-building does not consist in the elimination of vice, but in the cultivation of virtue; not in the casting out of sin, but in the deepening of love. The person who wishes to expel evil without praying for the presence of God is doomed to failure. Nothing is secure until He is there and until His love is spread throughout our hearts.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

JOHN 14:27

Excerpts From: *Fulton Sheen. "Lenten Meditations with Fulton J. Sheen."* This booklet is available for purchase in the St. Agnes bookstore.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, February 27, 2016	\$5,498.00
Sunday, February 26, 2017	\$5,056.00

March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Lent

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(Tridentine Latin Mass)

In March, we remember St. Joseph...

O God, Who has predestined St. Joseph from all eternity for the service of Thine Eternal Son and His Blessed Mother, and made him worthy to be the spouse of this Blessed Virgin and the foster father of Thy Son: we beseech Thee, through all the services he has rendered to Jesus and Mary on earth, that Thou wouldst make us worthy of his intercession and grant us to enjoy the happiness of his company in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditate before the Blessed Sacrament

St. Agnes reminds you that we offer Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament for 3 hours a day, 5 days a week. Exposition begins at 1:50pm and concludes with Benediction at 4:55pm.

"If we really loved the good God, we should make it our joy and happiness to come and spend a few moments to adore Him, and ask Him for the grace of forgiveness; and we should regard those moments as the happiest of our lives."

- St. John Vianney

Rosary Donations, Catholic Medals, and Prayer Cards accepted!

St. Agnes is happy to accept donations of Catholic medals and prayer cards in addition to the Holy Rosary. Drop them off at the Bookstore. Thank you!

***FORMED* is available for FREE !**

- Register at formed.org
- Use the code for St. Agnes Church: 2JZC49



Did you know?

Fr. Barrett and Fr. Brisson can hear Confession in both English & Spanish. Don't let a language barrier get in the way! Wondering when they'll be in the Confessional next? Call the Rectory at 212-682-5722.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY GAELIC MASS Friday, March 17th – 9:30 AM

A Mass in Gaelic will be offered at St. Agnes for the Solemnity of St. Patrick on Friday, March 17th at 9:30 AM. Newly ordained Fr. James Sheridan will be the Celebrant, with Fr. Michael Barrett as Homilist. Contact Anna Megan in the rectory at (212) 682-5722 for more information. Saint Agnes will otherwise be on a regular weekday schedule.

Traditional Latin Mass for the Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday, March 25th, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. St. Agnes is pleased to announce a Traditional Latin Mass at 10:30am. Our regularly scheduled Saturday Masses at 8:10am and 12:10pm will also celebrate this special day in the Church. All are welcome!

Pope Francis on Ash Wednesday 2017

Pope Francis marked Ash Wednesday inviting the faithful to renew their hope in Christ's promises and their commitment to follow Him ever more closely. Pointing out that on Ash Wednesday we enter the liturgical time of Lent, Pope Francis said this time of penitence and mortification is actually a journey of hope as it directs us on the path towards Resurrection, and help us renew our Baptismal identity.

To better understand what this means, he said, we must refer to the fundamental experience of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, in which the Chosen People journeyed towards the Promised Land and, through spiritual discipline and the gift of the Law, learned the love of God and neighbor.

The Scriptures, the Pope said, tell of a tormented journey that symbolically lasted forty years, the time span of a generation, and that difficulties and obstacles represented continuous temptations to regret Egypt and to turn back. But, he said, the Lord stayed close to the people who finally arrived in the Promised Land guided by Moses.

Their journey, he explained, was undertaken 'in hope', and in this sense "it is an 'exodus' out of slavery and into freedom. "Every step, every effort, every test, every fall and every recovery has a sense within God's design for salvation, as He wants life – not death – and joy – not pain – for His people" he said.

Source: *Vatican Radio*, Linda Bordoni, March 1, 2017

We need volunteers!

St. Agnes is in need of volunteers. We're looking for:

- Lectors for weekday & Sunday evening Masses.
- Altar Servers for Sunday Masses.
- Individuals to count collections on Monday & Thursday mornings at 10am.

We ask all volunteers to call the rectory at (212) 682-572 and speak with Anna. Thank you!

Revive Faith Everyday

The Church of St. Agnes is very happy to announce an archdiocesan-sponsored event, *Revive Faith Everyday*, that will be lead by Fr. Donald Haggerty. This three-day event, whose theme is "Purpose" will include two days of reflection and testimony on personal struggles with faith and will conclude with Mass on March 15th. All are welcome!

The Church of St. Agnes
March 13, 14, and 15th
6pm-7pm

*Please note that all three nights of this event
will take place in the church.*

Law of the Eucharistic Fast

A complete fast from all food and drink for 1 hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is current law for all Catholics. *This law is year-round, not just for Lent.* The fast does not include water & medicine. If you have forgotten this fast, Lent is a great time to make a new effort!



The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* is underway! As you know, funds raised from the Appeal support programs in our archdiocese, including our schools and religious education. It also provides for our retired religious and invests in our future by supporting our seminarians. Lastly, it helps to fund Catholic Charities, which provides care to millions of people in our archdiocese.

Please prayerfully consider your gift. Pledge envelopes can be found in the back of the church; they can be mailed to the Appeal office or submitted to the parish. You can also pledge online. If you need time to think about your gift, you will be given an opportunity to make your pledge during Mass on Commitment Weekend, scheduled for March 11th and 12th. Thank you!

Do you have a special intention or petition?

If so, St. Agnes has several ways to work with you.

You could...

1. Arrange a Mass at St. Agnes. You choose the time & date from our regularly scheduled Masses. (Please note this does not include Sunday Masses.) The Archdiocese determines the donation amount for each Mass, currently at \$15. Stop by the rectory to sign up! Your arranged Mass will be printed in the bulletin.

2. Arrange a Mass with the Missions. St. Agnes supports our Missionary priests by passing along your intention & donation (\$10) for a Mass that they will say for you. This is an excellent way to support our priests abroad while honoring your intention.

3. Offer the bread & wine for our Masses at St. Agnes. Your donation (\$50) will provide the bread & wine that will be consecrated at our Masses for your chosen week. This is a very beautiful way to remember your petition. Your donation will be printed in the bulletin.

4. Make a donation for the sanctuary lamp. As you know, this lamp reminds us of the Living Presence of Our Lord in the tabernacle. It must always be lit when He is present. Your donation (\$50) will provide continuous candlelight for a chosen week and will be printed in the bulletin.

5. Light a tall (pillar) candle and place it within the church. You can purchase them at the bookstore or through the rectory for \$10/each. These candles burn for approximately 7 days. Light your candle and leave it with the plastic casing. The sacristan will put it into an appropriate glass sleeve.

6. Light a small candle from one of the many stations in the church. Help yourself! Please remember to leave a donation of \$1 in the nearby receptacle.

Masses and donations for the bread & wine or sanctuary lamp are cash only, arranged through the rectory. Candles are cash only. Thank you.

Serving the ill & homebound...

Those who are homebound can receive the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion. Please contact the rectory office at (212) 682-5722.

MARCH 5, 2017

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 6 Lenten Weekday

7:10 AM Oscar Rodriguez (Living)
8:10 AM Intentions of the Gonzalez Paris Family
12:10 PM Joseph Cepelak
12:40 PM James Feeney
1:10 PM Austin Connor
5:10 PM Vincent Boller

Tuesday, March 7 Lenten Weekday

7:10 AM Arthur George
8:10 AM In Honor of St. Joseph
12:10 PM Gooding Family (Living)
12:40 PM Mychael Lyons
1:10 PM John Patrick Connolly
5:10 PM Marie Vilardi

Wednesday, March 8 Lenten Weekday

7:10 AM Manuel Martinez
8:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)
12:10 PM Michael and Delia McGann
12:40 PM Inocencio & Coronacion Mijares
1:10 PM Jose Rivera
5:10 PM Ita Beirne (Living)

Thursday, March 9 Lenten Weekday

7:10 AM In Thanksgiving
8:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)
12:10 PM Rev. John J. Fullum (Living)
12:40 PM Nadira Persaud Zeltser
1:10 PM Angel Madrid
5:10 PM Dorothy Grace O'Mara

Friday, March 10 Lenten Weekday

7:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)
8:10 AM Grace Feeney
12:10 PM Gary Breen
12:40 PM St. Padre Pio
1:10 PM Richard Brown
5:10 PM Margaret Ryan

Saturday, March 11 Lenten Weekday

8:10 AM Luca Ronquillo (Living)
12:10 PM For the intentions
of Anggeluz Amendolore
5:10 PM Leandra Solis

**Rosaries, Catholic Medals,
and Prayer Cards accepted!**

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