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## 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

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## LEGION OF MARY

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

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent after the  
5:10PM Mass

**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!

***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.

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*"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."*

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

**Camp Veritas 2017**

Camp Veritas is a one-week play-and-pray sleep away summer camp for teens going into 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. It will be held at three USA locations in 2017; July 16-22 at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY, July 23-29 at Summit Lake Camp in Emmitsburg, MD, and August 13-19 at Camp Wurtsboro, NY. Enrollment is underway! The enrollment price for each week is \$450/camper. Early bird rates (if paid in full by 4/1/17) are \$400 for all sites. There is no additional charge for the dance and basketball program options (at Mount Saint Mary College nly). Volunteers (must be over 18 years old) are needed and free! More details can be found at [www.campveritas.com](http://www.campveritas.com).

***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.

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Sunday, March 13, 2016	\$6,544.00
<b>Sunday, March 12, 2017</b>	<b>\$8,078.91</b>

March 19, 2017

**Third Sunday of Lent**

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*(Tridentine Latin Mass)*

**Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services**

This weekend we will have a second collection in support of Catholic Relief Services, which carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. They work with local, national and international Catholic institutions and structures, as well as other organizations, to assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race, or nationality. Please be generous in your support. Thank you!

***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.*

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**Comfort the Sorrowful**

Help someone in distress, and you will lighten your own burden. The very joy of alleviating the sorrow of another is the lessening of one's own. If we dig someone else out of a hole, we get out of the hole we are in.

***"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing."***

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

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**The Power of Hope**

One of the beautiful effects of hope is that it relieves us of the morbid fear of failure....As pride grows less in us, there is an accompanying relief from our old terror of humiliation through failure. Once God and obedience to His will have become our all-encompassing desire, fear of the hostility of others completely evaporates; we are ready to be "fools for Christ."

***"And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?  
My hope is in You."***

PSALM 39:7

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### ***Saturday, March 25th: 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 offer a Traditional Latin Mass at 10:30am. This Solemn Mass will include Fr. Jeff Langan as Celebrant, Fr. Christopher Cullen as Deacon, and Fr. Michael Barrett as Homilist.

Our regularly scheduled Saturday Masses at 8:10am and 12:10pm will also celebrate this special day in the Church. All are welcome!

### **March for Life NYC**

March 25th, 7:45am-11:45am

NYC's local *March for Life* event, appropriately scheduled for the Solemnity of the Annunciation, will kick off with Holy Mass at 8am at the Church of the Holy Cross (329 W 42nd St., New York, NY, 10036). We will then march to an abortion clinic located at 800 2nd Avenue, between E 42nd & E 43rd Street. There, we will pray and rally for the unborn, their mothers, and the conversion of abortionists. Bring your signs & banners! Afterwards, we will go to a Pro-life conference given by Bishop Peter J. Byrne at the Church of St. Agnes. **Please note this conference will take place in the lower chapel.** For more info, contact [Marchforlifeny@gmail.com](mailto:Marchforlifeny@gmail.com) or Anggeluz at 646-246-1264.

### **Solemnity of St. Joseph**

March 19th is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This year, his special day falls on a Sunday, and so it is transferred to the following Monday, March 20th. This Solemnity will be the fourth anniversary of the installation of Pope Francis as the Universal Shepherd of the Church and the Successor of St. Peter. Pope Francis has great personal devotion to St. Joseph. It is Pope Francis who added the name of Joseph as the spouse of Mary to all of the Eucharistic prayers of the Mass. A reflection upon this devotion will help us appreciate the importance of St. Joseph in the life of the Church.

Pope Francis has a statue of St. Joseph on his desk. It is an unusual statue since it is one of St. Joseph in a sleeping position. This statue is one of the few things which Pope Francis requested be sent to Rome from his residence in Buenos Aires after his election as Pope. In 2015, Pope Francis personally attested,

***"I would like to tell you something very personal. I like St. Joseph very much. He is a strong man of silence. On my desk I have a statue of St. Joseph sleeping. While sleeping he looks after the Church. Yes, he can do it!...When I have a problem or difficulty, I write on a piece of paper and I put it under his statue so he can dream about it. This means please pray to St. Joseph for this problem."***

The sleeping position of St. Joseph is very significant; St. Joseph is told, in a dream, not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife since the child conceived in her was through the power of the Holy Spirit. This child would be Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. It is also in a dream that the Angel warns St. Joseph to take Mary and Jesus and flee to Egypt to avoid the slaughter of the innocents in Bethlehem. It is also in another dream that the Angel advises St. Joseph to return to Israel after the death of King Herod, who was responsible for the slaughter. It was in the dreams of sleep that St. Joseph came to know the will of God and to carry out his special mission as the foster father of God's own Son, for which he was chosen.

St. Joseph indeed has much to say to us and sets an example of a person who gave himself to God by giving himself to his family. May we know more fully in our lives the "dream of God" by taking time to be with Him more in prayer, especially in the Eucharist, and to participate more fully in family life and the life of the Church.

*Source: Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito (Born in Brooklyn, former Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn!), Diocese of Palm Beach, March 11, 2016. Edited to include this year's liturgical schedule and for space.*

### ***Faith Every Day:***

#### **Archdiocese of NY Men's Conference**

The Archdiocese of New York Men's Conference is a day for Catholic men to gather together for fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and practical insights on how to live their faith. The lineup of speakers include Mr. Alfred Kelly, CEO of Visa and Director of the 2015 Visit of Pope Francis to New York City; Fr. Jonathan Morris, pastor, author, and media personality; and Mr. Ryan Young, director of the well-renowned *Camp Veritas* (a youth ministry retreat program). In addition to Mass, there will also be the opportunity to experience God's mercy to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

*For more information and to register, visit [www.ArchNYMensConference.everbrite.com](http://www.ArchNYMensConference.everbrite.com).*

## ***Pope Francis: Conversion - learning to do good with deeds, not words***

Avoiding evil, learning to do good, and allowing yourself to be carried forward by the Lord: this is the path of Lenten conversion pointed out by Pope Francis in a recent homily at the Casa Santa Marta. It is a conversion, the Pope said, that is manifested not with words, but with “concrete things.” We have to learn to do good:

***“It’s not easy to do good; we must learn it, always. And He teaches us. But, learn. Like children, you have to learn every day to do something, to be better than the day before. Avoiding evil and learning to do good: this is the rule of conversion. Because being converted doesn’t come from a fairy who converts us with a magic wand: No! It’s a journey. It’s a journey of avoiding and of learning.”***

You learn to do good with concrete actions, not with words:

***“He, the Lord, names three concrete things, but there are many: seek justice, relieve the oppressed, give orphans justice, defend the cause of the widow... but concrete things. You learn to do good with concrete things, not with words. With deeds... For this reason Jesus, in the Gospel, rebukes the ruling class of the people of Israel, because ‘they talk and don’t act,’ they don’t know concreteness. And if there is no concreteness, there can be no conversion.”***

Lift yourself up with the help of the Lord with humility, and we will be forgiven. The Lord is able “to change us” – not overnight, but on a journey:

***“An invitation to conversion, avoid evil, learn to do good... ‘Come, arise, come to me, let us reason together, and let us go forward.’ But [you might say] I have so many sins...’ ‘But don’t worry’ [God responds]. ‘If your sins should be like scarlet, they will become white as snow.’ And this is the path of Lenten conversion. Simple. It is the Father who speaks, it is the Father who loves us, who really loves us. And who accompanies us on this path of conversion. Only He asks us to be humble. Jesus says to the rulers: ‘He who exalts himself will be humble; and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’”***

Pope Francis concluded his homily by recalling the stages along the path of Lenten conversion: avoiding evil, learning to do good, getting up and going with Him. And then, he said, “our sins will all be forgiven.”

Source: Christopher Wells, Vatican Radio, March 14, 2017. Edited for space.

*MARCH 19, 2017*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 20 Solemnity of St. Joseph,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:10 AM Oscar Rodriguez (Living)  
8:10 AM Susan Gan (Living)  
12:10 PM Helen & Julius Gabriele  
12:40 PM Joseph Pisani & Family (Living)  
1:10 PM Susan Raynolds (Living)  
5:10 PM James Neelan

**Tuesday, March 21 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Felix Gallagher  
8:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)  
12:10 PM Diane DeStefano  
12:40 PM Mario Gigante  
1:10 PM Virginia Kowalchuk  
5:10 PM Jose Miguel Lacson Yupangco (Living)

**Wednesday, March 22 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Robert Spilabotte  
8:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)  
12:10 PM Teodora Gonzales (Living)  
12:40 PM Marianna Alomia  
1:10 PM Matilda & William Carvalho  
5:10 PM Marianne T. Bugunovich

**Thursday, March 23 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Adolf & Rose Sierra  
8:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)  
12:10 PM Eduardo Lozada  
12:40 PM Victor Luis Estrella  
1:10 PM Trinidad Guevarra  
5:10 PM Libby Kaufman

**Friday, March 24 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Thanksgiving  
8:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)  
12:10 PM Rosa D'Amato  
12:40 PM Josefita Londono  
1:10 PM Patricia Finan  
5:10 PM Kevin Davitt

**Saturday, March 25 Solemnity of the  
Annunciation of the Lord**

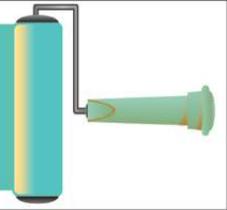
8:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)  
12:10 PM Fr. Michael Barrett (Living)  
10:30AM The Parish of St. Agnes  
5:10 PM Rita Simonetti



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