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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

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Saturday: Closed

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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

**Do you have a special intention
or a petition?**

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

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.

Fr. Barrett's St. Patrick's Day Homily Available

By popular request from parishioners (we're not kidding), a transcript of Fr. Barrett's homily for the St. Patrick's Day Gaelic Mass here at St. Agnes is available on our website. Several people commented on this homily in particular; stop by stagneschurchnyc.org to check it out.



***Easter collections are still being counted
and therefore those numbers
will be reported next week.***

April 23, 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday

Low Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)
(Tridentine Latin Mass)

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

In recognition of Divine Mercy Sunday, St. Agnes will offer a Holy Hour today, April 23rd, at 3pm. The Holy Hour will include Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome!

We need volunteers!

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

- Individuals to clean & maintain the Altar linens in our sanctuary.*
- Individuals to support our Priests & Altar Servers by scheduling regular cleanings for vestments and maintaining their upkeep in the sacristy.*
- Lectors for weekday & Sunday evening Masses.
- Altar Servers for Sunday Masses.
- Individuals to count collections on Monday & Thursday mornings at 10am.

Listings marked with a * require a weekly monitoring/maintenance only; additional help would be needed during busy times of the church year.

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



the CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

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. Thank you!

Urbi et Orbi for Easter 2017

Pope Francis on Easter Sunday delivered his traditional Urbi et Orbi (to the city and the world) message from the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica. He prayed that the Risen Lord would walk beside those who are marginalized and who are victimized by old and new forms of slavery. The Holy Father also prayed the Lord would bring peace to the Middle East, come to the aid of Ukraine, shed His blessing upon the continent of Europe and build bridges of dialogue in Latin America.

Below is the English language translation of the Pope's Urbi et Orbi message:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Easter!

Today, throughout the world, the Church echoes once more the astonishing message of the first disciples: "Jesus is risen!" – "He is truly risen, as He said!"

The ancient feast of Passover, the commemoration of the liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery, here finds fulfilment. By His resurrection, Jesus Christ has set us free from the slavery of sin and death, and has opened before us the way to eternal life.

All of us, when we let ourselves be mastered by sin, lose the right way and end up straying like lost sheep. But God Himself, our shepherd, has come in search of us. To save us, He lowered himself even to accepting death on the cross. Today we can proclaim: "The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down His life for His sheep, and willingly died for His flock, alleluia" (Roman Missal, IV Sunday of Easter, Communion antiphon).

In every age, the Risen Shepherd tirelessly seeks us, His brothers and sisters, wandering in the deserts of this world. With the marks of the passion – the wounds of His merciful love – He draws us to follow Him on His way, the way of life. Today too, He places upon His shoulders so many of our brothers and sisters crushed by evil in all its varied forms...

In the complex and often dramatic situations of today's world, may the Risen Lord guide the steps of all those who work for justice and peace. May He grant the leaders of nations the courage they need to prevent the spread of conflicts and to put a halt to the arms trade.

Especially in these days, may He sustain the efforts of all those actively engaged in bringing comfort and relief to the civil population in Syria, prey to a war that continues to sow horror and death. May He grant peace to the entire Middle East, beginning with the Holy Land, as well as in Iraq and Yemen.

May the Good Shepherd remain close to the people of South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, who endure continuing hostilities, aggravated by the grave famine affecting certain parts of Africa.

May the Risen Jesus sustain the efforts of all those who, especially in Latin America, are committed to ensuring the common good of societies marked at times by political and social tensions that in some cases have resulted in violence. May it be possible for bridges of dialogue to be built, by continuing to fight the scourge of corruption and to seek viable and peaceful solutions to disputes, for progress and the strengthening of democratic institutions in complete respect for the rule of law.

May the Good Shepherd come to the aid of Ukraine, still beset by conflict and bloodshed, to regain social harmony. May He accompany every effort to alleviate the tragic sufferings of those affected by the conflict.

The Risen Lord continues to shed His blessing upon the continent of Europe. May He grant hope to those experiencing moments of crisis and difficulty, especially due to high unemployment, particularly among young people.

Dear brothers and sisters, this year Christians of every confession celebrate Easter together. With one voice, in every part of the world, we proclaim the great message: "The Lord is truly risen, as He said!" May Jesus, who vanquished the darkness of sin and death, grant peace to our days.

Happy Easter!

Source: Vatican Radio, April 16, 2017. Edited for space.

Fixing our Front Doors

Last week, St. Agnes took up a second collection for the expense of repairing the front doors to our church. As these doors receive heavy traffic every day, the repairs necessary to keep up with our schedule is costly at \$40,000. We continue to need assistance with this expense. Please consider what you can give; donations can be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the rectory. Thank you for supporting our church.

Formed on Confession

Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession, is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute's library of sacramental preparation programs and is available on FORMED. *Forgiven* explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love.

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

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we especially remember the Chaplet that the Lord gave to St. Faustina, commonly known as the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This chaplet can be prayed on any Rosary, as the number of prayers coordinate to the number of beads. Traditionally, the chaplet is prayed at the hour of our Lord's death, 3pm. Here at St. Agnes the chaplet is prayed every weekday at that time. Come join us!

Instructions for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

- Begin with the Sign of the Cross. Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Apostle's Creed.
- Then, on the "Our Father beads," say the following prayer:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

- On the "Hail Mary beads," say the following prayer:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

- Repeat these prayers in this same pattern until all 5 decades of the Rosary are completed.

- In conclusion, say the following prayer three times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is recorded in the book, "*Divine Mercy in My Soul*," written by St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) of Poland. First published in English in 1981, it is a well-known work that can be purchased in the St. Agnes bookstore.

Benedict XVI Celebrates His 90th Birthday

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI celebrated his 90th birthday with German friends, family, and traditional Bavarian music and beer on Monday, April 17th.

In brief remarks to a crowd which included his brother, Monsignor Georg Ratzinger, and Bavarian prime minister, Horst Seehofer, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI thanked God for "the 90 years that the good God has given me...There have been challenges and difficult times, but He has always guided me and pulled me out [of those situations], so that I could continue my path. And I am full of gratitude above all that He gave me such a beautiful homeland."

Since his real birthday occurred on Easter Sunday, Benedict XVI marked the occasion the next day.

Source: Devon Sean Watkins, Vatican Radio, April 18, 2017. Edited for space .

APRIL 23, 2017

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 24 Easter Weekday

7:10 AM Mary & James McCulloch
8:10 AM Joan & Thomas Feeney
12:10 PM Josie O'Brien (Living)
12:40 PM Kathleen McKeon
1:10 PM Gregory Roche
5:10 PM Eugene Ancheta

Tuesday, April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist

7:10 AM Anna, Francisco, Louciano,
Jennefer, Diana, and Katherina
8:10 AM Edmund Anthony Rafalko
12:10 PM Rose D'Amato
12:40 PM Dale K. Graves (Living)
1:10 PM Anna Megan (Living)
5:10 PM Therese Lewis (Living)

Wednesday, April 26 Easter Weekday

7:10 AM Elisabel and Rodolfo Guazzaroni
8:10 AM Michael and Tracy Borelli (Living)
12:10 PM Doug Moses
12:40 PM Margaret Petznick
1:10 PM James Feeney (Living)
5:10 PM Katherine J. Valles (Living)

Thursday, April 27 Easter Weekday

7:10 AM St. Joseph
8:10 AM Gylla Lucky (Living)
12:10 PM Sheila Geohrig
12:40 PM Eileen O'Malley
1:10 PM Joan & Thomas Feeney
5:10 PM Vince Lombard

Friday, April 28 Easter Weekday

7:10 AM Papa Bonaventure, Robinah Opedum, and
the deceased members
of the Opedum Family
8:10 AM Jose Gil De Borja E. Menezes
12:10 PM Rose D'Amato
12:40 PM Sydney Pinto
1:10 PM Donald Paulpine
5:10 PM Anastacio Caceres Rivera

**Saturday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and
Doctor of the Church**

8:10 AM Marianne T. Bogunovich
12:10 PM Edouard Miranda
5:10 PM Loretta Sallustio



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