

# The Church of Saint Agnes

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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**Monday-Friday:** 10:00 AM–5:30 PM  
**Saturday and Sunday:** Closed

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday-Friday:** 1:50–4:55 PM  
**First Friday:** 8:40AM –12noon and  
1:50–4:55 PM  
(*Vespers and Benediction at 4:55 PM*)

## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday-Friday:** 7:10 AM, 8:10,  
12:10, 12:40, 1:10, and 5:10 PM

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

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 9:00 (*Traditional Latin Mass*), 11:00 (English High Mass), 12:30, 5:15, and 7:00 PM  
*Please note the church closes at 8PM.*

## CONFESSIONS

**Monday-Friday:** 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

Mass at 5:10 PM, Holy Hour at  
6pm, includes Benediction

## Sunday, December 24th —The Fourth Sunday of Advent

### NOVENAS & PRAYERS

**Monday:** Miraculous Medal

**Tuesday:** St. Agnes

**Wednesday:** Saint Michael

**Thursday:** St. Agnes

**Friday:** Sacred Heart of Jesus

*Novenas follow the 7:10am, 8:10am, 1:10pm, and 5:10pm Masses only.*

### 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

### HOLY ROSARY

**Monday-Friday:**

after the 5:10 PM Mass

**Saturday:** after the 12:10 PM Mass

### LEGION OF MARY

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

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

**Monday-Friday:** 3:00 PM

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent after the  
5:10PM Mass

### SERVING THE HOMEBOUND

The sacraments are available to the ill and  
homebound. Please contact the rectory.

### SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

**Monday-Friday:** 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM

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### WEDDINGS

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**Urbi & Orbi: The Lazy Person's Guide**

Twice a year The Holy Father publicly offers his apostolic blessing to the faithful, commonly known as *Urbi et Orbi* (Latin for "to the City [of Rome] and to the World"). This happens on Easter Sunday and again on Christmas Day from the central balcony at St. Peter's Basilica, which overlooks St. Peter's Square. There is a plenary indulgence attached to this blessing, **but you must hear it live** (watching it later on the news doesn't count). We can hear the blessing live through radio, television, and the internet. What's the catch? **Urbi et Orbi happens at noon Rome time, which is 6am in NYC.** So, set your alarm for December 25th and follow the tips below!

Options for hearing *Urbi et Orbi* live include:

**Radio**

EWTN Catholic Radio on SiriusXM Satellite Radio, channel 130.

**Television**

EWTN Television

**LiveStream/Internet**

- EWTN.com

*(It is highly advised that you familiarize yourself with the site prior to Christmas Day.)*

- The Vatican's Youtube Channel  
*(Google "Vatican Youtube")*

*Please remember that the "usual conditions" of Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and prayers for The Holy Father apply to this plenary indulgence.*

December 24, 2017

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**The Vigil for the Nativity of the Lord**  
*(Traditional Latin Mass)*

**Christmas Spiritual Bouquet**

Now is the time to enroll your living & deceased friends & relatives into St. Agnes's Spiritual Bouquet. Pick up an envelope in the back of the church or in the rectory office, fill out your information & include your offering. Your envelope will be placed on the Altar for all of our Christmas Masses. You will also receive a special Mass card to send to your intention. Envelopes with your offering can be placed in the collection basket at Mass.

**Christmas Mass for the Homebound**

Friends & Parishioners who are homebound are reminded that they can participate in a live televised Christmas Mass by praying **along with Pope Francis on Sunday, December 24th at 3:30pm Eastern Time** on EWTN or the Vatican's Youtube channel. This is the Holy Father's Christmas Midnight Mass from Rome. **Locally, you can pray with Cardinal Dolan at 12Midnight on December 25th** with a live broadcast of Holy Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral. Pix 11 and the Cathedral's own website will broadcast the Mass.

***Don't forget St. Agnes this Christmas! We still need help!***

*The Church of St. Agnes continues to need help with expenses for special projects and daily needs. Please see our list below and consider what you can give this Christmas. Donations can be placed in the collection basket at Mass or dropped off at the rectory office. We greatly appreciate any gift—big or small. Thank you for your understanding.*

**Special projects**

Front door repairs	\$10,000
Tabernacle Repairs	\$50,000

**Mass linens**

14 corporals @ \$45 = \$630
2 palls for Feast Days @ \$100 = \$200
60 purificators @ \$23 = \$1,380
2 embroidered Altar cloths @ \$1,500 = \$3,000

1 corporal for Feast Days @ \$85
2 palls for everyday Masses @ \$55 = \$110
60 lavabo towels @ \$20 = \$1,200

**Priest vestments**

10 amices @ \$80 = \$800
Green chasuble set for Ordinary Time \$5,400
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White chasuble set for Feast Days \$1,980
6 burses @ \$140 = \$840

5 cinctures @ \$20 = \$100
Green chasuble set for Ordinary Time \$5,400
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Purple chasuble set for Lent & Advent \$3,070
White chasuble set for Solemnity & Feast Days \$1,980
6 chalice veils @ \$115 = \$690

## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Friends & Parishioners,

Advent and Christmas is a time to thank God for deciding to enter the world over 2,000 years ago, but remember that *He meets us here, today, now*. We grow deeper in our devotion by coming to Him—meeting Him at Mass, in the Confessional, and in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We meet Him and talk to Him in our own words; asking for help, offering thanks, pondering our lives and, of course, His.

St. Agnes is happy to offer you the opportunity to practice your faith regularly. We work to meet your needs with our schedule and further support your learning with our bookstore. ***There is always more to learn, so come often.*** I then encourage you to get involved; serving God by serving His church and His children. Consider becoming a lector, an altar server, or usher. ***You will be amazed at how the Lord will make room in your schedule in order to support and encourage you to help out.*** Give volunteering a try. We understand it takes a little courage to step up, but take one step. Call the rectory office and offer your time—whatever you can give.

Further, consider giving monetarily in order to help us do the work. We need new vestments and Mass linens. Our Tabernacle still needs repair. We're sprucing up our Narthex and have other goals on the list. It matters to me, my fellow priests, and our staff that St. Agnes is a comfortable place to be. A lot has been done since I became Pastor, and we want to keep going. We're relying on your support and understanding.

Lastly, I want to wish you and your family a joyous Christmas! This is a time of joy—a wonderful break in the craziness of our lives. Take time to relax and be happy. Your joyous heart is a prayer of thanksgiving to God. Know that and offer it to Him.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Michael Barrett

## Christmas Mass Schedule

### Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve

8:00 AM Low Mass

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

9:00 AM Traditional Latin Mass

*Vigil for the Nativity of Our Lord (1962 Calendar)*

11:00 AM High Solemn Mass,

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

12:30 PM Mass with Cantor

*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

**5:10 PM Mass with Cantor**

*Vigil for the Nativity of Our Lord*

9:30 PM Carols and Christmas Music

**10:00 PM High Mass**

*Christmas Midnight Mass*

### Monday, December 25th Christmas Day

8:00 AM Low Mass

*The Nativity of Our Lord*

9:00 AM Traditional Latin Mass

*The Nativity of Our Lord*

11:00 AM High Solemn Mass,

*The Nativity of Our Lord*

12:30 PM Mass with Cantor

*The Nativity of Our Lord*

***\*No evening Masses on Christmas Day***

### Tuesday, December 26th

8:10 AM Low Mass

12:10 PM Low Mass

***\*The Rectory office is closed. No Confessions today.***

### Sunday, December 31st New Year's Eve

8:00 AM Low Mass

9:00 Traditional Latin Mass

*Sunday Within the Octave of Nativity*

11:00 AM High Solemn Mass

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

12:30 PM Mass with Cantor

5:10 PM Mass with Cantor

### Monday, January 1st New Year's Day

8:10 AM Spoken Mass

10:30 AM Traditional Latin Mass

*The Octave Day of Christmas*

12:10 PM Mass with Cantor

*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

1:10 PM Low Mass

5:10 PM Low Mass

### Tuesday, January 2nd

8:10 AM Low Mass

12:10 PM Low Mass

***\*The Rectory office is closed. No Confessions today.***

### Sunday, January 7th

8:00 AM Low Mass

9:00 AM Traditional Latin Mass

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

11:00 AM High Solemn Mass

*The Epiphany of the Lord*

12:30 PM Mass with Cantor

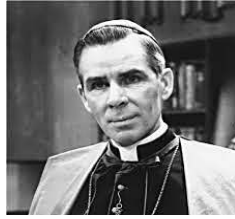
5:15 PM Mass with Cantor

7:00 PM Mass with Cantor

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE WELL: The Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day are two separate obligations. Therefore, you must attend Mass on Sunday and Monday, unless you attend a Sunday Mass and return for the 5:10PM Vigil or the Midnight Mass (10PM) on Christmas Eve. Those following the traditional calendar of 1962 (Latin Mass) must attend both the Sunday 9AM (Vigil of the Nativity) and Monday 9AM (The Nativity of Our Lord) Masses to fulfill their obligations.**

**Venerable Fulton Sheen on Advent**

***Venerable Fulton Sheen is a significant part of the history of The Church of St. Agnes. He preached from our pulpit for 50 years! Venerable Sheen is one of the most well-known Catholic figures of the 20th century, reaching people through television, radio, and standing-room-only lectures.***



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***“I want you to have a Merry Christmas, but I know you cannot be merry without a reason, and the only reason there is a Christmas is because there is a Christ!***

***I want you to have a Feast, but you cannot have a feast without a festival and this is the Birthday of the Savior.***

***I want you to have Peace, but you cannot have Peace without a Peace-Maker.***

***I want you to be merry, but you cannot be merry without attending a wedding:  
The nuptials of God and man  
in the unity of the Person of the Son of God.”***

Source: *Christmas Inspirations*, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Maco Publishing Co., Inc, 1966.

***In Loving Memory...***

The bread and wine Consecrated at our Masses for the week of December 24th is offered in loving memory of Altagrace and Aristide Francis. May they rest in peace.



***Donate a Christmas Tree at St. Agnes***

We are asking for assistance in paying for five Christmas trees which will decorate the entrances to the church and rectory. The donation is \$100 per tree, which can be offered in memory of a loved one. Your donation will be published in the bulletin. Please contact the rectory at (212) 682-5722 to make your donation.

***Our first tree (one of five) has been generously donated in loving memory of Anne Dunn by her daughter Jennifer.***

**DECEMBER 24, 2017**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, December 25** *Merry Christmas!*

**Tuesday, December 26** **St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

8:10 AM In thanksgiving to the Infant Jesus  
12:10 PM Adonis Pilapil

**Wednesday, December 27** **St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

7:10 AM Shewaye Yohannes Family  
8:10 AM Holy Family  
12:10 PM Elizabeth Grube  
12:40 PM Jennifer Duran (Living)  
1:10 PM Philip Wesley  
5:10 PM Olga Harris

**Thursday, December 28** **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

7:10 AM Virginia Ngo (Living)  
8:10 AM In thanksgiving to  
Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
12:10 PM Dr. Anek Singhakowinta  
12:40 PM Peter Scura  
1:10 PM Teofila Guevarra  
5:10 PM Monica Mwathi

**Friday, December 29**

7:10 AM Vanessa Lawson (Living)  
8:10 AM Vincent Amarando  
12:10 PM Edouard Miranda  
12:40 PM Steven Tom  
1:10 PM Dolores Nazareth  
5:10 PM Anna Orlorde

**Saturday, December 30**

8:10 AM Marlene Moore (Living)  
12:10 PM Catherina P. Grady-Negri  
5:10 PM Lawrence Felberg

***Holy Family & Nativity Candles  
available now!***

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**Remember:** A complete fast **from all food and drink for one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is *current law*** for all Catholics. The fast does not include water & medicine.



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