

The Church of Saint Agnes

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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 & 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 ROSARY

Weekdays: after the 5:10 PM
Mass

Saturday: after the 12:10 PM
Mass

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

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

SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

Open **Sunday:** 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM

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Saturday: Closed

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MUSIC OFFICE

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LEGION OF MARY

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

**Looking to support new vocations?
Try the Invisible Monastery!**

The Invisible Monastery is a means for the laity to join their prayers (said on their own schedule) with others for an increase in vocations. It was created by Vianney Vocations who, as you might guess, are named after St. John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Parish Priests. Supported by a number of Dioceses and Archdioceses in the United States, including New York, Vianney Vocations works to create a culture of vocations and inspire more men to consider the priesthood of Jesus Christ. You can formally pledge to help the Invisible Monastery on their website (<http://www.invisiblemonastery.com>).

Members of Invisible Monastery are encouraged to pray for vocations in a variety of ways:

- ◆ Offer private intentions at Mass
- ◆ Pray the Rosary for vocations
- ◆ Dedicate part of a Holy Hour to pray vocations
- ◆ Offer up personal sacrifices
- ◆ Other personal devotions and prayers.

Why Pray?

Reason #1 We need more priests and religious!

The Church’s need for priests is growing. As priests retire, not enough men are being ordained to replace them. Meanwhile, the Catholic population is growing. This leads to painful parish closings, mergers, and over-worked priests. Likewise, the number of religious sisters has plummeted by nearly 70% in the past 50 years, which means fewer sisters in schools, hospitals, and other critical Catholic missions.

Reason #2 We need the Eucharist!

“Considering that the Eucharist is the greatest gift our Lord gives to his Church, we must ask for priests since the priesthood is a gift for the Church. We must pray insistently for this gift. We must ask for it on our knees.” ~ Pope John Paul II

Reason #3 Prayer is the “one thing necessary!”

“I often think that prayer—the unum necessarium—is the one aspect of vocations work which we tend to forget or to undervalue.” – Pope Benedict XVI

Reason #4 Prayer works!

“If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have obtained the requests made of Him.” ~ 1 John 5:14-15

Now, more than ever, your prayers are needed!

Source: Vianneyvocations.com



May 21st, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Fifth Sunday after Easter
(Tridentine Latin Mass)

Fixing our Church Doors

St. Agnes needs help with 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 are costly. 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!

Vocation Prayer Apostolate

As our Seminarians head towards graduation, it’s a great time to remind all of the *Vocation Prayer Apostolate* of the Archdiocese of New York. The Apostolate is a spiritual army of men and woman—many who are homebound, in hospitals, and in nursing homes—who offer their prayers & sufferings for an increase in priestly vocations. Pick up a copy of their brochure, found in the narthex, which includes suggested prayers and supportive scripture passages. This is a *tremendously* important apostolate. Please consider joining their excellent work!

Prayer to Know My Vocation

*Lord, I want to be happy in this life
and spend eternity with You in the life to come.
From the first moment of my existence,
You knew my vocation.
Please help me discover Your plan for my life.
Help me to know myself.
Help me to overcome my fears.
Help me to want what You want.
Help me to trust You completely.
Send Your Holy Spirit into my mind and heart
so I can see the gifts You have given me
and hear Your call to serve the Church.
Increase my desire to bring others to You
and to help them reach heaven.
Mary Most Holy, Mother of God,
pray for me, that I can discover my vocation
and have the courage to respond in faith.
Amen.*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

This was the first Easter I celebrated at St. Agnes and I enjoyed being with all of you, the faithful of this parish. You have a tremendous devotion to Our Lord on the Cross and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday, but also a devotion to the The Church of St. Agnes, which is wonderful to see!

In a short time, I have come to grow in my love for this parish, where I used to attend Mass many years ago when I worked in Midtown. I have thanked Our Lord for now giving me the great challenge to serve St. Agnes over the coming years. My challenge as a priest is to help everyone who comes to Mass or to Confession to develop a deeper devotion to Our Lord. My challenge as a pastor and manager is to improve the Church and the workplaces where our staff carries out their mission, as well as restoring the living area for the priests at the rectory. I do this through faith in Jesus Christ, who will help us to turn a corner as we seek economic support for all the needed improvements to our church.

This Easter, the first person we must thank is Our Lord, who presides over us in the tabernacle, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. How fortunate we are to be able to worship God right in the middle of Midtown, just a short way from our workplaces! We should also thank St. Agnes, who continues to watch over us everyday. I also thank the staff at St. Agnes; Holy Week Services turned out so well because of their commitment to making it special. Many thanks to our new music director, Heitor Caballero, who has provided music for helping us praise God.

Thank you, friends and parishioners, who generously gave to St. Agnes this Easter. Your gifts are much needed and truly appreciated.

As the Easter season continues, we remember that Christ has Risen, Alleluia! Our lives have changed now that we have become children of God through Christ's death on the Cross. We thank the Lord for all the blessings He has given us! And, never forget Our Lady, who always accompanies Jesus; she is our Mother. The Queen of Heaven rejoices, Alleluia!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Michael Barrett

Easter gifts to St. Agnes for 2017: \$48,792.00
Easter gifts to St. Agnes for 2016: \$31,762.00

HYMNS TO OUR LADY

Please come and join in singing *Hymns to Our Lady* on **Wednesday May 24th, at 6 PM, following the Vigil Mass for Ascension Thursday.** There will be special music by the St. Agnes Schola Cantorum, prayers, and the Rosary. Let's all join our voices together, singing hymns in honor of Our Lady! All are welcome!

Ascension Thursday: May 25th

This Thursday, May 25th, is Ascension Thursday. **It is a Holy Day of Obligation.** St. Agnes will offer *eleven* Masses in accordance with our Holy Day Mass Schedule, found on the cover of the bulletin. We will have our regular confession schedule and the bookstore will be open from 11:30am-6:30pm that day. Stop in!

Mass times are: 7:10am, 7:40am, 8:10am, 8:40am, 11:40am, 12:10pm, 12:40pm, 1:10pm, 1:40pm, 5:10pm (*High Mass*), and 6:10pm. **You can also fulfill your obligation by attending the 5:10pm vigil Mass on Wednesday, May 24th.**



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CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

Pledge from the pew this weekend!

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.

This weekend you can make your pledge from the pew! Pledge cards and pencils are available for your use; place your pledge card in the collection box at Mass. You can also take your card home, if you choose, and return it to St. Agnes at any Mass, drop it off at the Rectory, or mail it to the Appeal. Thank you for your support!

RCIA Program at St. Agnes

The Church of St. Agnes is happy to announce a RCIA course for those interested in completing sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation) or converting to the Catholic faith. RCIA, the Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults, covers all aspects of Catholic teaching: revelation, scripture, theology, sacraments, and commandments. We also welcome those who seek to deepen their knowledge of the faith. Classes start on September 14th and will meet in the lower church hall on Thursdays at 7pm. After completing the course, students will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Agnes on March 31, 2018. There is NO CHARGE for this course. For more information, contact Sim Johnston, an experienced RCIA instructor, at 212 410 4254 or gsmjohnston@gmail.com. General questions can also be sent to St. Agnes at church@stagneschurchnyc.org. Now is the time to complete your sacraments! Register today!

Pope Francis Reflects on Visit to Fatima

“Let us greet the Virgin of Fatima!”

Following his pilgrimage to Fatima, Pope Francis said the Regina Coeli on Sunday, took on “a particular significance, imbued with memory and prophecy for those who view history with the eyes of faith.” Reflecting on his journey, the Pope said, “At Fatima I was immersed in the prayer of the faithful holy People, prayer that for one hundred years has flowed there like a river, for the maternal protection of Mary for the whole world.”

The Holy Father focused on the “recollected and contemplative climate” during his pilgrimage. “And at the centre of everything,” he said, “was and is the Risen Lord, present in the midst of His People in the Word and in the Eucharist; present in the midst of the many sick people, who are the protagonists of the liturgical and pastoral life of Fatima, as of every Marian sanctuary.”

One of the highlights of Pope Francis pilgrimage was the Solemn Mass on Saturday, when he canonized two of the visionaries of Fatima, Francisco and Jacinta Marto. With the canonization, the Pope said, “I wanted to propose to the whole Church their example of adhesion to Christ and to evangelical witness... And I also want to propose to the whole Church to have the heart of children.” He said their sanctity is not “a consequence of the apparitions, but of the fidelity and ardour with which they corresponded to the privilege they had received of being able to see the Virgin Mary.”

He pointed out that the visionaries, after having seen Mary, frequently said the Rosary, did penance, and offered sacrifices for an end to the war [World War I, which was raging at the time], and for the souls most in need of divine mercy. “In our day, too,” the Pope said, “there is great need of prayer and of penance to implore the grace of conversion,” and an end to the many wars and conflicts in the world today, “which disfigure the face of humanity.”

“Let us allow ourselves to be guided by the light that comes from Fatima,” Pope Francis said, before concluding his reflection with a prayer: “May the Immaculate Heart of Mary always be our refuge, our consolation, and the way that leads to Christ.”

Source: Vatican Radio, June 14, 2017

Pauline Books & Media—New location!

The Daughters of St. Paul, who operate The Pauline Books & Media book center, have relocated to 115 East 29th Street, between Park & Lexington Avenues. The new location is one block away from the 28th Street subway station on the #6 train. The hours and the phone number remain the same.

MAY 21, 2017

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 22 Easter Weekday

7:10 AM Marianne T. Bogunovich
8:10 AM Jeanette Matthews
12:10 PM Fritz Munoz
12:40 PM Rita Crawley
1:10 PM Intentions of Fr. Robert Quavato
5:10 PM Evelyn Guieb

Tuesday, May 23 Easter Weekday

7:10 AM Adolf & Rose Sierra
8:10 AM Angelo Ventrone
12:10 PM Rose D'Amato
12:40 PM Joseph Pisani & Family (Living)
1:10 PM Joseph L. Hopkins
5:10 PM Bruce Caulfield (Living)

Wednesday, May 24 Easter Weekday

7:10 AM Mary Bright
8:10 AM Catherine Gleason
12:10 PM Patricia Neinast
12:40 PM Serapio & Pilar Gatan
1:10 PM Eloise Liz
5:10 PM Carmel Walsh (Living)

Thursday, May 25 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:10 AM Gareth Martinis
7:40 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)
8:10 AM Gloria LaFauci
8:40 AM The O'Boyle Family (Living & deceased)
11:40 AM St. Pio of Pietrelcina
12:10 PM Samuel Wiener (Living)
12:40 PM Rose D'Amato
1:10 PM Leo Conaghan
1:40 PM Iwona Witkowska
5:10 PM Susan Gan (Living)
6:10 PM Joan Mallon (Living)

Friday, May 26 St. Philip Neri, Priest

7:10 AM Marie Tripolene
8:10 AM Pauline Hamme (Living)
12:10 PM Frances Staszewski
12:40 PM Leo Conaghan
1:10 PM Jean Paul
5:10 PM In Thanksgiving to the Virgin Mary

Saturday, May 27 Easter Weekday

8:10 AM Katherine J. Valles (Living)
12:10 PM Agnieszka Zmigrodzka (Living)
5:10 PM Michael and Tracy Borelli (Living)



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