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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 & 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.

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## LEGION OF MARY

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

**Academy of Sacred Drama presents *Jonah!***

The Academy of Sacred Drama will present the North American Premiere of Giovanni Battista Bassani's oratorio *Jonah (Giona)* [1689] on Saturday, June 10th at 8 PM at Corpus Christi Church (529 West 121st St, near Broadway). Tickets for this Oratorio Reading are \$25 (payable by cash or check at the door). The Academy is a society of amateur and professional musicians, writers, and artists and their advocates who explore history, music, and culture through the philosophical and storytelling lens of Baroque-era sacred dramatic music.

Visit [academyofsacredrama.org](http://academyofsacredrama.org) for more information.

**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*

June 4, 2017

**Pentecost Sunday**

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*(Tridentine Latin Mass)*

**2nd Collection for First Fridays**

Today we will have our First Friday second collection for the doors to our church. Please be generous in assisting St. Agnes with this expensive, but necessary, project. We really do need your help. Thank you for your support!



***Pentecost* - What's in a name?**

***1. What does the name "Pentecost" mean?***

It comes from the Greek word for "fiftieth" (*pentecoste*). The reason is that Pentecost is the fiftieth day (Greek, *pentecoste hemera*) after Easter Sunday (on the Christian calendar). This name came into use in the late Old Testament period and was inherited by the authors of the New Testament.

***2. What else is this feast known as?***

In the Old Testament, it is referred to by several names:

- The feast of weeks
- The feast of harvest
- The day of first-fruits

Today in Jewish circles it is known as *Shavu'ot* (Hebrew, "weeks"). It goes by various names in different languages. In England (and English), it has also been known as "Whitsunday" (white Sunday). This name is presumably derived from the white baptismal garments of those recently baptized.

***3. What kind of feast was Pentecost in the Old Testament?***

It was a harvest festival, signifying the end of the grain harvest. Deuteronomy 16 states:

*You shall count seven weeks; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you first put the sickle to the standing grain. Then you shall keep the feast of weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God [Dt. 16:9-11a].*

### **Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet**

Now is the time to enroll your loved one into St. Agnes's Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet. Pick up an envelope in the rectory office, fill out your information, and include your offering. Your envelope will be placed on the Altar for the month of June. You will also receive a special Mass card to send to your intention.

### **Pope: 'learn the language of the Holy Spirit'**

Pope Francis has urged Christians to engage with the Holy Spirit and to open their hearts to the Spirit before making important decisions. Speaking at the Casa Santa Marta, the Holy Father explained it is the Holy Spirit which moves our hearts, inspires us, and triggers emotions. Looking ahead to Pentecost Sunday, the Pope said the Church is asking for prayers that the Holy Spirit may come into our hearts, into our parishes, and into our communities.

The Pope invited the faithful to ask themselves, 'What place does the Holy Spirit have in my life?... Am I able to hear it? Am I able to ask for inspiration before making a decision or doing something? Or, is my heart quiet, lacking in emotion, and [in] turmoil?' And, he commented on the fact that "should an ECG be performed on some hearts, the result would be a flat line – totally lacking in emotion." He said that even in the Gospels there are "still" hearts: "We think of the doctors of the law, they believed in God, they knew all the commandments, but their hearts were closed, they were "still," they were not disturbed."

The Pope exhorted the faithful to let themselves be "disturbed," that is to ask the Holy Spirit to help them discern. "Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life and of everyday life. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the grace to distinguish good from less good, because it is easy to distinguish good from evil" he said.

The Pope concluded urging the faithful to look into their hearts and open them to the Holy Spirit. In the Revelation, Pope Francis said, the Apostle John begins by inviting the "Seven Churches" - the seven dioceses of that time - to listen to the Holy Spirit. "Let us, too, ask for the grace of being able to hear what the Spirit says to our Church, to our community, to our parish, to our family, and for the grace to learn the language with which to understand" he said.

Vatican Radio, May 29, 2017, edited.

### **Oppose Assisted Suicide**

Legislation has been introduced in NY State that would allow doctors to legally prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a terminally ill patient. While proponents call these bills "death with dignity" and "patient self-determination," in reality they are unnecessary, flawed, and dangerous. Legalizing assisted suicide would endanger elderly, disabled, and vulnerable people. It will send the message to others that suicide is acceptable and lead to an increase in suicides. It will leave people with depression and other mental illness untreated. And, it will turn doctors and other health professionals from healers to killers. We encourage you to contact your state legislators and urge them to oppose assisted suicide legislation. Please inform your self of the dangers in this bill by visiting [archny.org/assisted-suicide](http://archny.org/assisted-suicide) or [noassistedsuicideny.org](http://noassistedsuicideny.org).

### ***What can we learn from the newest priests? Encourage vocations***

Members of the newest priestly ordination class in the United States were closely connected to the Church, growing up through their Catholic school or parish, according to a new survey of the 2017 ordinands. "They're much more likely than Catholics in general to have attended Catholic school. A third of them have a relative who's a priest or religious. They come from pretty active Catholic families," Dr. Mary L. Gautier, co-author of "The Class of 2017: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood," told CNA. "They have more opportunity to be aware of and around priests," she added.

The annual survey of ordinands is conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University (CARA). This year's survey featured 444 respondents, 343 of whom are entering the diocesan priesthood, from 140 dioceses. The survey was conducted in March 2017. According to the U.S. bishops' conference, CARA compiles data every year for the Secretariat for Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

The average age of ordination has continued a slight, yet steady, downward trend in age from 1999, as the 2017 class average was 34 years, down from 36 years in 1999. Sixteen was the average age the ordinands first began considering the priesthood. ***Most of this year's ordinands – 82 percent – were "encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their life,"*** most often by a parish priest, although others reported being encouraged by a friend, family member, parent, teacher, or parishioner.

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Vocations, continued...

That “staggering number” should spur the faithful to be aware of their role in encouraging vocations, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, chair of the bishops’ Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, stated in response to the survey.

Conversely, almost half the respondents (48 percent), including 60 percent of those in religious life, *reported being dissuaded from entering the seminary by someone else*. Encouragement of young men to enter the seminary is indeed a “very important” factor in their decision, Gautier said, encouragement “from family, friends, the parish priest, the teachers in the school, all of that makes a difference. Seminarians were more likely than the average Catholic child to be involved in their parish and attend Catholic school, according to several statistics taken together. “Between 40 and 50 percent” of the respondents went to Catholic school at some point in their life – anywhere from kindergarten through tertiary education -- and almost six in ten (59 percent) received religious education at their parish, “for seven years, on average,” the study said.

Three-fourths were altar servers at their parish, and 52 percent of respondents served as lectors at Mass; 43 percent were Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Almost four in five regularly prayed at Eucharistic Adoration and almost seven in ten prayed the Rosary.

Regarding family life, the ordinands had an average of three siblings in their family, and are “very unlikely to be only children,” Gautier said. They are often the oldest siblings in their family, but in 2017 more respondents were middle children than were oldest children in their families.

Forty-three percent of the respondents listed an undergraduate degree from a college or university as their highest education level before entering seminary and 16 percent said a graduate degree was their highest level. Those in religious life were on average more highly educated, as the vast majority (86 percent) of respondents in religious life had received an undergraduate or a graduate degree, compared to 52 percent of diocesan ordinands.

Almost one third (28 percent) of the respondents “carried educational debt, which averaged \$28,318, at the time they entered the seminary,” the study showed. Of those who carried such debt into seminary, they “were able to reduce it to an average amount of \$25,830 which is 9 percent less than when they entered (unadjusted for inflation),” the study showed.

Respondents who were in religious life were actually able to reduce their student debt by almost half (46 percent) while in seminary, as almost three-fourths of them received assistance for this from their religious community. Meanwhile, the average debt for seminarians preparing for diocesan priesthood increased slightly.

***JUNE 4, 2017***

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, June 5 St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr**

7:10 AM Nico Ronquillo (Living)  
8:10 AM Charlie Rogers  
12:10 PM James & Bernadette Ginivan  
12:40 PM Joan Schiavino  
1:10 PM Mary Bright  
5:10 PM Sean Kelly

**Tuesday, June 6**

7:10 AM Marimelle Bueno  
8:10 AM Intentions of the  
Gonzalez-Paris Family (Living)  
12:10 PM Elaine M. Cummings  
12:40 PM Fr. Ryan (Living)  
1:10 PM Francie Ferry  
5:10 PM Patrick Kenney

**Wednesday, June 7**

7:10 AM Shirley Ann  
8:10 AM Gloria Caponigro  
12:10 PM Madonna Guevarra (Living)  
12:40 PM Sancho Tolentino, Sr.  
1:10 PM In honor of the Sacred Hearts  
of Jesus & Mary  
5:10 PM Jean Elias

**Thursday, June 8**

7:10 AM Rosemary Kimani  
8:10 AM Souls in Purgatory  
12:10 PM Rolando M. Resuma  
12:40 PM Fr. Mateo (Living)  
1:10 PM Gertrude Graham  
5:10 PM Rodrigo and Eusebia Gonzalez

**Friday, June 9**

7:10 AM Jennifer Ikilai & the Deceased members  
of the Opedum Family  
8:10 AM Souls in Purgatory  
12:10 PM Jean Licari  
12:40 PM Norberto Molina & Rufo Espinosa  
1:10 PM Mary Bright  
5:10 PM Rodrigo Gonzalez

**Saturday, June 10**

8:10 AM Jim Conroy Nilson (Living)  
12:10 PM Joanne Doherty  
5:10 PM Anton Philippe Lacson Yupangco (Living)

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

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