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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 and 12:10PM

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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MUSIC OFFICE

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LEGION OF MARY

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

December 25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord

The Nativity of the Lord
(Tridentine Latin Mass)

Rosary of the Virgin Mary

*“Each of the luminous mysteries
is a revelation of the Kingdom now present
in the very person of Jesus.”*

- From the Apostolic Letter “Rosary of the Virgin Mary”
by St. John Paul II, Oct 2002

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.

**“And the Word was made flesh
and dwelt among us.”**

“*Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis.*”

- John 1:14

Urbi & Orbi Blessing - What does it say?

We can read transcripts of The Holy Father’s Christmas message online (Google *Messages Urbi et Orbi*), but what does the blessing itself say? Below please find the English translation of Pope Francis’s Easter Urbi et Orbi 2016 blessing:

THF: *May the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, in whose power and authority we trust, intercede for us before the Lord. R: Amen.*

THF: *Through the prayers and merits of Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Michael the Archangel, Saint John the Baptist, the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, may Almighty God have mercy on you and forgive all your sins, and may Jesus Christ bring you to everlasting life. R: Amen.*

THF: *May the almighty and merciful Lord grant you indulgence, absolution, and the remission of all your sins; a season of true and fruitful penance, a well-disposed heart, amendment of life, the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit, and final perseverance in good works. R: Amen.*

THF: *And may the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. R: Amen.*

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 and follow the tips below!

Three options for hearing Urbi et Orbi live include:

Radio

EWTN Catholic Radio on SiriusXM Satellite Radio, channel 130.

Television

EWTN Television on the following stations in NYC:

- Time Warner Digital Cable, Channel 460
- RCN Digital Cable, Channel 260
- Verizon Fios Digital Cable, Channel 285
- DirecTV, Channel 370
- Dish Network, Channel 261

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”*)

Usually, the broadcast begins with a few minutes of coverage of the crowds and/or local news regarding Christmas. The Holy Father will appear on the balcony and share his thoughts on Christmas, particularly its meaning for today’s world. He will likely speak for 10-15 minutes. He will then put on a stole and the minister will hold a gigantic book for him to read the blessing. This is the time to kneel or sit up! Pope Francis will bless everyone in the crowd and all who are listening to the broadcast through the approved media listed above. Afterwards, he might offer a few more words and wish everyone a Merry Christmas. This will conclude the annual Urbi et Orbi Blessing; it should take 20 minutes in total. At this point, you can go back to bed!

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas thoughts from the Pastor...

My first Christmas at the Church of St. Agnes is also the first Christmas I will spend with my family in New York since 1983. Returning to the City after so many years away is to return to the even greater family of the Church here on the east side, and particularly to the parishioners and regular visitors for Mass or Confession here on 43rd Street, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Place.

You are all in my prayers, even before I arrived, and even more so in the year to come. There is a lot we can do with Christ in the middle of our lives in 2017. From myself and my staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

With the Child, Jesus
Rev. Michael J. Barrett

Christmas Mass and Confession Schedule

Saturday, Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

Masses: 8:10am, 12:10pm, 5:10pm (with Cantor) and 10:00pm Solemn Christmas Mass of Midnight

Music: Audivi Media Nocte, by John Taverner and O Magnum Mysterium, by T. L. de Victoria

The 5:10pm Mass and Midnight Mass will fulfill the Christmas Day Obligation.

The 10:00pm Christmas Midnight Mass will be preceded by carols and Christmas music at 9:30pm.

Confessions: 12:30 – 1:30pm and 5:00 – 5:45pm

Sunday, Christmas Day Schedule

Masses –8:30am (Said Mass), 10:00am (Said Mass)

11:00am Tridentine Solemn High Mass

Music: Missa “O Magnum Mysterium” by T. L. Victoria, Laetentur Coeli by Lassus and Hodie Christus Nat's Est a 8 by G. P da Palestrina.

12:30pm High Mass

Music: Motets by Lassus and Palestrina.

The church closes shortly after the 12:30 Mass. There will be no evening Masses on Christmas Day.

Monday, December 26, 2016

Mass will be offered at 8:10am and 12:10pm. The church will close shortly after the 12:10pm Mass. There will be no Confessions or evening Mass.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2016.

New Years Mass and Confession Schedule

Saturday, New Years Eve Mass Schedule

8:10am, 12:10pm and the 5:10pm (Sung) Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Confessions: 12:30 – 1:30PM and 5:00 – 5:45PM

Sunday, January 1, 2017

8:30am, 10:00am, 11:00am Tridentine Solemn High Mass, 12:30pm

Music: Missa “Purificationis” by Joseph Fux.

Evening Masses 5:15 & 7:00pm

Monday, January 2, 2017

Mass will be offered at 8:10am and 12:10pm. The church will close shortly after the 12:10 Mass. There will be no Confessions or evening Mass.

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017.

Venerable Fulton Sheen’s Christmas Wish

“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.

Do you have a special intention or petition?

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

You could...

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.

2017 Calendars are here!

Wall calendars for 2017 are available in the rectory office. Stop by to pick up a copy!

Mass Intentions

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

8:10AM Adonis Pilapil
12:10 PM Patrick McGurran
1:10PM Diane Michele Callaghan

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

7:10 AM Jin Zhu Zhang
8:10 AM Betty Grube
12:10 PM Rose D'Amato
12:40 PM Jin Zhu Zhang
1:10 PM Jin Zhu Zhang
5:10 PM Olga Harris

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

7:10 AM Jin Zhu Zhang
8:10 AM Jin Zhu Zhang
12:10 PM Dr. Anek Singha Kowinta
12:40 PM Jin Zhu Zhang
1:10 PM Teofila Guevarra
5:10 PM Jin Zhu Zhang

Thursday, December 29

7:10 AM Jin Zhu Zhang
8:10 AM Jin Zhu Zhang
12:10 PM Rose D'Amato
12:40 PM Eufemia Nadresi
1:10 PM Marie Enide Prevail (Living)
5:10 PM Edouard Miranda

**Friday, December 30 The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

7:10 AM Margaret Drohan (Living)
8:10 AM Mary Peters
12:10 PM Catherine P. Grady-Negri
12:40 PM Rose D'Amato
1:10 PM Lorraine Wiener
5:10 PM Kathleen Farrell

Saturday, December 31

8:10 AM Betty Grube
12:10 PM Marlene Morre (Living)
5:10 PM Rose D'Amato

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, December 20, 2015 \$5,384.00
Sunday, December 18, 2016 \$6,426.00

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