

The Church of Saint Agnes

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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

SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

Open **Sunday:** 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM

Weekdays: 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

(212) 599-7588

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MUSIC OFFICE

Mr. Heitor Caballero
sacredmusic@stagneschurchnyc.org

LEGION OF MARY

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

Rosary of the Virgin Mary

“From the beginning Christian piety, especially during the Lenten devotion of The Way of the Cross, has focused on the individual moments of the Passion. The Rosary selects certain moments from the Passion, inviting the faithful to contemplate them in their hearts and to relive them.”

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

New York Encounter Set for Jan. 13-15

Three prelates of the Church, including Cardinal Dolan, will participate in the *2017 New York Encounter*, a three-day public cultural festival featuring panel discussions, artistic performances, and exhibits.

The annual gathering will be held Jan. 13-15th, Friday to Sunday, at the Metropolitan Pavilion in Manhattan, 125 W. 18th St. This year’s theme is “Reality Has Never Betrayed Me.”

A dialogue between Cardinal Dolan and Father Matt Malone, S.J., president and editor-in-chief of *America* magazine, will address “The American Dream Come True: American Saints and Their Relevance for Our Times,” on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 4 p.m. Cardinal Seán O’Malley of Boston and Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States, will offer Mass on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 9 a.m.

Begun in 2009 by members of the Catholic lay ecclesial movement, Communion and Liberation, the goal of the *New York Encounter* is to give witness to a new, flourishing life, generated by faith. Except for a performance on Saturday evening, all events are free, and no registration is necessary. Information: www.newyorkencounter.org

Thank you!

Through a generous donation, the sanctuary lamp in our church has been offered in memory of Rita & William Woods by their children. This donation provides continuous candlelight for the week beginning with the Feast of the Epiphany.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, January 3, 2016	\$5,542.00
Sunday, January 1, 2017	\$5,212.00

Christmas contributions/donations are still being received and therefore those numbers will be reported later this month. Thank you!

January 8, 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

Feast of the Holy Family
(Tridentine Latin Mass)

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.

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Earth to heav'n replies.**

- “We Three Kings” by John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

Pope Francis to Visit Fatima in May 2017

The Vatican confirmed that Pope Francis will visit Portugal in 2017 to mark the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions of Fatima. The Pope, who accepted the invitation made by President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa and the bishops of Portugal, “will go on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima from May 12-13,” the Vatican announced Dec. 17th. The pilgrimage will mark the anniversary of the Marian apparitions, which first began on May 13, 1917, when three shepherd children reported seeing the Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once a month until Oct. 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis will be the fourth pontiff to visit the Marian shrine, following Blessed Paul VI, Saint John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI.

Source: Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service, 12/19/16. Edited for space.

Celebrate Fatima at The Cathedral of St. Patrick

Please join the Catholic Charities Junior Board on May 13, 2017 for a special Mass and devotion in honor of the 100th anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima! The celebration will begin with a solemn Mass at 12 PM followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Rosary and the Fatima prayers, a recollection on the message of Fatima, Eucharistic Procession, and Benediction. We hope that you can join us for this special Centennial Feast of Our Lady. Please save the date! For more information, visit: <https://archny.org/events/100th-anniversary-of-our-lady-of-fatima>

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The Feast of St. Agnes

Vigil Mass: Join us for a Vigil Mass on Friday, January 20th, at 5:10pm to celebrate the Feast of St. Agnes. The Vigil Mass will include our choir. All are welcome!

Traditional Latin Mass: We are pleased to announce a Traditional Latin Mass on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 10:30am. This is the Feast Day of our Patroness, St. Agnes, and we will have a Solemn Mass, which includes our choir.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Jan 16th

The Church of St. Agnes will offer three Masses on January 16th, which is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Masses will be at 8:10am, 12:10pm, and 1:10pm. The church will close after the 1:10pm Mass.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 16th. We will resume our regular schedule the following day. Thank you!

Non-violence at heart of Pope's plea for World Day of Peace

In his annual message for the World Day of Peace, which is marked by the Catholic Church on January 1st, Pope Francis called for a renewed culture of nonviolence, saying military responses to conflicts only breed further violence. He says that we find ourselves “engaged in a horrifying world war fought piecemeal,” and that violence is clearly “not the cure for our broken world.” But, Pope Francis continues, “Christ’s message offers a radically positive approach. He, Himself, walked the path of nonviolence and became an instrument of reconciliation.” The Pope says nonviolence is more powerful than violence and it has produced impressive results. And, he notes that such efforts are not the legacy of the Catholic Church alone but are typical of many religious traditions. “I emphatically reaffirm,” he says, “that no religion is terrorist; and that the name of God cannot be used to justify violence.”

“All of us want peace,” Pope Francis concluded, “in 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds. Everyone can be an artisan of peace.”

*Source: Linda Bordoni, Vatican Radio, Jan 2, 2016.
Edited for space.*

Epiphany - 4 Things to Know

- 1. What does the word "Epiphany" mean?**
"Epiphany" means “manifestation.” It comes from Greek roots that mean "to show, to display" (*phainein*) and "on, to" (*epi-*). An epiphany is thus a time when something is shown, displayed, or manifested to an audience.
- 2. What is the feast of the Epiphany about?**
According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God, and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with His baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.
- 3. When is Epiphany celebrated?**
This varies from country to country. In some countries, Epiphany is a holy day of obligation. Where that is the case, it is celebrated on January 6th. In the United States, Epiphany is not a holy day of obligation, and its celebration is transferred to the first Sunday after January 1st.

- 4. Why is Epiphany connected with January 6th?**
Pope Benedict explains:

It is hard to say how far back the beginnings of the Christmas feast go. It assumed its definitive form in the third century. At about the same time the feast of the Epiphany emerged in the East on January 6 and the feast of Christmas in the West on December 25. The two feasts had different emphases because of the different religious and cultural contexts in which they arose, but essentially their meaning was the same: the celebration of the birth of Christ as the dawning of the new light, the true sun, of history.

Eventually, however, the emphasis on January 6 shifted--particularly in the west (and in some parts of the east)--to reflect manifestations of Christ beside that which occurred at his birth (namely, those that occurred at the coming of the magi, at his baptism, and at the wedding feast of Cana).

*Source: Jimmy Akin, National Catholic Register, Jan 3, 2013.
Edited for space.*

Venerable Fulton Sheen on Epiphany...

“There were only two classes of people who heard the cry Christmas night: the shepherds and wise men. Shepherds: those who know they know nothing. Wise men: those who know they do not know everything. Only the very simple and the very learned discovered God — never the man with one book.”

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.

Serving the ill & homebound...

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

JANUARY 8, 2017

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

7:10 AM William P. Hansche, Jr.
8:10AM James McDade
12:10 PM Leonides A. Batacan
12:40 PM Elizabeth Monaghan (Living)
1:10 PM Jorge Cortez Barrientos
5:10 PM Patricia McCulloch (Living)

Tuesday, January 10

7:10 AM Sally Ann O'Connor
8:10 AM Cecil Morris
12:10 PM Maria Orlando Wagner
12:40 PM Thomas DeLuca
1:10 PM Nancy Diaz Crespo (Living)
5:10 PM Jesus Reyes

Wednesday, January 11

7:10 AM Emma Puyat Deocampo
8:10 AM George Giogios
12:10 PM Jack Alexander C. Ginivan (Living)
12:40 PM George J. Carbone
1:10 PM Joan Sanfilippo
5:10 PM Mr. C. Dantzler

Thursday, January 12

7:10 AM Nancy Lynch Dean
8:10 AM Catherine & Louis Armanini
12:10 PM Sean, Katie, and Jack Ginivan
(Living)
12:40 PM Anne Wilfinger
1:10 PM James Flanagan
5:10 PM Ann Lenihan

Friday, January 13

7:10 AM Cecilia Bonner (Living)
8:10 AM Gerry McQuaid
12:10 PM Margaret Lovett
12:40 PM Joseph Bertani
1:10 PM John R. Souto
5:10 PM Sylwia Kielbowicz (Living)

Saturday, January 14

8:10 AM Rosa & Leonardo Mendoza
12:10 PM Henry V. Kensing
5:10 PM Ellen & Margaret Girgenti (Living)

St. Agnes Newsletter for Fall 2016

Be sure to pick up a copy of the St. Agnes Newsletter, available in the back of the church and the Narthex. You'll find updates on all that has been happening at St. Agnes for the past few months.