

# The Church of Saint Agnes

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Rev. Michael J. Barrett S.Th.D., *Pastor*  
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*In Residence*  
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

**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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## LEGION OF MARY

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

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent after the  
5:10PM Mass

**Law of the Eucharistic Fast**

A complete fast from all food and drink for 1 hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is **current law** for all Catholics. *This law is year-round, not just for Lent.* The fast does not include water & medicine. If you have forgotten this fast, Lent is a great time to make a new effort!

***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.

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“Sometimes it is hard, especially during vacation when we have nothing to do. I remember once having two hours between trains in Paris. I went to the Church of Saint Roch to make my holy hour. There are not ten days a year I can sleep in the daytime This was one. *I was so tired, I sat down at 2:00p.m.--too tired to kneel--and went to sleep. I slept perfectly until 3:00p.m. I said to the Good Lord: "Did I make a holy hour?" The answer came back: "Yes! That's the way the Apostles made their first one."*

The best time to make a holy hour is in the morning, early, before the day sets traps for us. By being faithful to it, and letting nothing interfere with it, we use it as the sign and symbol of our victimhood. We are not called to great penances, and many would interfere with our duty, but the hour is our daily sacrifice in union with Christ.”

- Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

***Did you know?***

Fr. Barrett and Fr. Brisson can hear Confession in both English & Spanish. Don't let a language barrier get in the way! Wondering when they'll be in the Confessional next? Call the Rectory at 212-682-5722.

**In March, we remember St. Joseph...**

*O God, Who has predestined St. Joseph from all eternity for the service of Thine Eternal Son and His Blessed Mother, and made him worthy to be the spouse of this Blessed Virgin and the foster father of Thy Son: we beseech Thee, through all the services he has rendered to Jesus and Mary on earth, that Thou wouldst make us worthy of his intercession and grant us to enjoy the happiness of his company in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Sunday, March 20, 2016                      \$5,505.00  
**Sunday, March 19, 2017                      \$5,204.50**

March 26, 2017

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**  
*(Tridentine Latin Mass)*

**Welcome to St. Agnes!**

All visitors are most welcome to worship and pray at St. Agnes. To register as a parishioner or volunteer, contact the rectory at (212) 682-5722.

***Venerable Fulton Sheen on Lent***

*Last fall, we printed reflections on Advent by Ven. Sheen. As he preached at The Church of St. Agnes for 50 years and is one of the most notable Catholic speakers in modern history, it is appropriate to consider his thoughts on the season of Lent.*

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**The Scars of Christ**

What do the scars of Christ teach us? They teach us that life is a struggle: that our condition of a final resurrection is exactly the same as his; that unless there is a cross in our lives, there will never be an empty tomb; that unless there is a Good Friday, there will never be an Easter Sunday; that unless there is a crown of thorns, there will never be the halo of light; and that unless we suffer with him, we shall not rise with him.

*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.*

ROMANS 8:18

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**Become a New Person**

You can put off your old nature and put on a new. Since grace is regeneration, it makes little difference what your old nature was. If I throw away an old coat, it makes little difference if I did so because it is torn, or because it is spotted with soup, or because it is moth-eaten, or because it is faded. The only thing that matters is, I throw it away. And when I throw it away, I get a new coat.

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: \ everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17*

Excerpts from: Fulton Sheen. "Lenten Meditations with Fulton J. Sheen." This booklet is available for purchase in the St. Agnes bookstore.

**Holy Water**

Holy Water is one of our best sacramentals. That is, it helps us direct our minds and hearts to the things of God. St. Agnes has Holy Water available in the north east corner of the church, near the statue of St. Michael. Bring your own bottle, or purchase one in the bookstore for a few dollars.

## Holy Week at St. Agnes

As we look ahead to the holiest time in the Church year, we invite everyone to celebrate Holy Week at St. Agnes. Please see out full schedule, printed in this bulletin, as well as on our website. St. Agnes is very pleased to announce that **Bishop John O'Hara will preach the "Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross" on Good Friday.** We also have many hours of Confession available (don't wait until the last minute!), as well as Tenebrae, Stations of the Cross, and many other services.

Plan ahead and join us!

-Fr. Michael Barrett, S.Th.D.

## What is Tenebrae?

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a religious service celebrated in Holy Week on the evening before or early morning of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday. Tenebrae is distinctive for its gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted or recited. One candle is extinguished after each of the nine psalms of Matins and the five of Lauds, gradually reducing the lighting throughout the service. The six altar candles are put out during the Benedictus, and then any remaining lights in the church. The last candle is hidden beneath the altar, ending the service in total darkness. The strepitus (Latin for "great noise"), made by slamming a book shut, banging a hymnal or breviary against the pew, or stomping on the floor, symbolizes the earthquake that followed Christ's death, although it may have originated as a simple signal to depart. After the candle has been shown to the people, it is extinguished, and then put on the credence table, or simply taken to the sacristy. All rise and then leave in silence.

St. Agnes will provide a worship aid to the faithful.

## Formed on Confession

*Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*, is the latest addition to the Augustine Institute's library of sacramental preparation programs and is available on FORMED. *Forgiven* explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love.

- Register at [formed.org](http://formed.org)
- Use the code for St. Agnes Church: 2JZC49

## Prayers for Fr. Johnny Dominic

Fr. Johnny was recently in a car accident in India. Although he is expected to make a full recovery, we ask the Friends & Parishioners of St. Agnes to remember him in your prayers. Thank you!

## In Thanksgiving...

*The bread & wine consecrated at our Masses for the week of March 27th has been generously donated by Laetitia, in thanksgiving for her new job.*

## Faith Every Day:

### Archdiocese of NY Men's Conference

The Archdiocese of New York Men's Conference is a day for Catholic men to gather together for fellowship, spiritual enrichment, and practical insights on how to live their faith. The lineup of speakers include Mr. Alfred Kelly, CEO of Visa and Director of the 2015 Visit of Pope Francis to New York City; Fr. Jonathan Morris, pastor, author, and media personality; and Mr. Ryan Young, director of the well-renowned *Camp Veritas* (a youth ministry retreat program). In addition to Mass, there will also be the opportunity to experience God's mercy to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sat, April 1, 2017

11:00 AM – 5:30 PM

St. Joseph's Seminary,

201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704

For more information and to register, visit [www.ArchNYMensConference.everbrite.com](http://www.ArchNYMensConference.everbrite.com).



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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.

Please prayerfully consider your gift. Pledge envelopes can be found in the back of the church; they can be mailed to the Appeal office or submitted to the parish. You can also pledge online. Thank you!

**The Church of Saint Agnes**  
**The Reverend Michael J. Barrett, Pastor**

**SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK, 2017**

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH**

5:10 PM Vigil Mass

Mass – 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM

11:00 AM (*Tridentine High Mass with Schola*),

12:30 (High Mass with Schola), 5:15, 7:00 PM

**MONDAY, APRIL 10TH**

Along with our regular confessions we will have  
confessions from 3:00 PM–8:00 PM

**SPY WEDNESDAY – APRIL 12TH**

Daily Mass Schedule:

7:10, 8:10AM, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 5:10 PM

Tenebrae Service – 6:00 PM

Confessions: 7:30–8:30 AM, 12:40–1:40 PM,  
5:00–5:30 PM

**HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 13TH**

Masses: 12:10 PM, 5:10 PM

(*Mass of the Lord's Supper*)

Confessions: 7:30 AM–9:00 AM,

11:30 AM–1:30 PM, 4:00 PM– 5:00 PM,

6:30 PM–7:00 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 14TH**

“The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross”

12:00 Noon–3:00 PM.

*Preached by the Most Reverend John O'Hara,  
Auxiliary Bishop of New York.*

*Celebration of the Passion of the Lord*

3:00 PM (*Solemn*)

5:10 PM Stations of the Cross.

Confessions: 8:00 AM–9:00 AM,

11:30 AM–2:30 PM, 5:00 PM– 6:00 PM

**HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 15TH**

Church open: 11:30 AM–1:30 PM,

reopens at 5:00 PM

**The Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM**

Confessions: 12:00 Noon–1:00 PM,

5:00 PM–7:30 PM

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD –  
APRIL 16TH**

Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM

11:00 AM (*Tridentine High Mass with Schola*)

12:30 PM (*High Mass with Schola*)

**THERE ARE NO EVENING MASSES OR  
CONFESSIONS ON EASTER SUNDAY.**

*MARCH 26, 2017*

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, March 27 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Tom Shortell  
8:10 AM Annette Lucille Baudo  
12:10 PM Dorothy Grace O'Mara  
12:40 PM Donna Wick  
1:10 PM RAJ (Living)  
5:10 PM Raymond Smolka Jr.

**Tuesday, March 28 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Lillian Clarke  
8:10 AM Jack Wilkinson  
12:10 PM Linda Malter  
12:40 PM Therese Portogallo (Living)  
1:10 PM Richard Healy  
5:10 PM Robert Devine

**Wednesday, March 29 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Robert Spilabotte  
8:10 AM Lucienne Bissainthe & Nicole Polynice  
12:10 PM Edouard Miranda  
12:40 PM Therese Dupre  
1:10 PM Victor Luis Estrella  
5:10 PM Nan Grimes

**Thursday, March 30 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Fr. Brenden Fitzgerald (Living)  
8:10 AM Sister Eileen Kantz  
12:10 PM Noreen Cinquegrana (Living)  
12:40 PM Angela J. Placek  
1:10 PM Robert G. Becker  
5:10 PM Anna Panzino

**Friday, March 31 Lenten Weekday**

7:10 AM Father Seon (Living)  
8:10 AM Mary Gaffney  
12:10 PM Rose D'Amato  
12:40 PM Salvatore Cinquegrana (Living)  
1:10 PM Tommaso Padula  
5:10 PM George Gabrynowicz

**Saturday, April 1 Lenten Weekday**

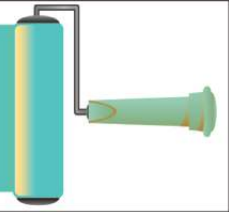
8:10 AM Father Paul John (Living)  
12:10 PM Milagros and Jude Barcenas  
5:10 PM Maria Lizardi



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