The Church of Saint Agnes

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Sunday, April 2, 2017

SERVED BY

Rev. Michael J. Barrett S.Th.D., *Pastor*
Rev. Robert J. Brisson, *Parochial Vicar*
Most Reverend John O'Hara, *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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Mr. Heitor Caballero
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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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In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

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.

We need volunteers!

St. Agnes is in need of volunteers. We're looking for:

- Individuals to clean & maintain the Altar linens in our sanctuary.*
- Individuals to support our Priests & Altar Servers by scheduling regular cleanings for vestments and maintaining their upkeep in the sacristy.*
- Lectors for weekday & Sunday evening Masses.
- Altar Servers for Sunday Masses.
- Individuals to count collections on Monday & Thursday mornings at 10am.

Listings marked with a * require a weekly monitoring/maintenance only; additional help would be needed during busy times of the church year.

We ask all volunteers to call the rectory at (212) 682-572 and speak with Anna. Thank you!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, March 27, 2016	$5,899.00
Sunday, March 26, 2017	**$6,264.50**

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

(Tridentine Latin Mass)

Prayer is the key that opens God's merciful heart.

- Pope Francis (from his Twitter account!)

Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart.

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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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Do Not Give Up

Our occasional failures must not be mistaken for the desertion of God. Two attitudes are possible in sin: We can fall down and get up, or we can fall down and stay there. The fact of having fallen once should not discourage us; because a child falls, it does not give up trying to walk. As sometimes the mother gives the most attention to the child who falls the most, so our failures can be used as a prayer that God be most attentive to us, because of our greater weaknesses.

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up.
GALATIANS 6:9

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Good Thoughts

Evil thoughts are best destroyed by good thoughts that crowd them, evil loves by stronger loves of the good. Evil is not to be fought, head-on, by mere brute willpower; it is better for us to flank it, to drive it from the field by a greater intensity of goodness, a greater love of God. A mind filled with ideas of love and beauty has little room for evil notions.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
ROMANS 12:21

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

Reconciliation Monday—April 10th

"Reconciliation Monday" is scheduled for April 10th. It is an Archdiocesan-wide effort to make the sacrament of Reconciliation available to the faithful in preparation for Easter. St. Agnes is participating in Reconciliation Monday; therefore, our confession schedule for April 10th has been extended. In addition to our regular schedule, confessions will be heard from 3pm—9pm. Don't wait until the last minute!

Easter Spiritual Bouquet...

Now is the time to enroll your living and deceased friends and relatives into St. Agnes's 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 all of our Easter Masses. You will also receive a special Mass card to send to your intention.

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 for our Tenebrae service on Wednesday, April 12th, at 6pm.

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- Register at formed.org
- Use the code for St. Agnes Church: 2JZC49

The Church of Saint Agnes
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 schedule, we will have confessions from 3:00 PM–9:00 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
Mass of the Lord's Supper 5:10 PM
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
Stations of the Cross 5:10 PM
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.

Holy Week Schedule for Pope Francis

The Vatican has released details of the celebrations that Pope Francis will preside over for Holy Week and Easter. Below please find scheduled broadcasts by EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) for the NY (Eastern) time zone. Do you know someone who is ill or home-bound? They can participate in Holy Week through these broadcasts.

- On Palm Sunday, April 9th, the Pope will lead a procession for the blessing of the olive and palm branches in St. Peter's Square and then celebrate the Mass of Our Lord's Passion. **EWTN will broadcast this Mass live at 3:30am Eastern time and replay the Mass again at 8pm Eastern time.** Palm Sunday also marks the XXXII World Youth Day with the theme taken from St Luke's Gospel 'The Mighty One has done great things for me'
- On Thursday, April 13th, Pope Francis will preside at the Chrism Mass with the blessing of the holy oils in St. Peter's Basilica. **EWTN will broadcast this Mass live at 3:30am Eastern time.**
- On Good Friday, April 14th, the Pope will lead the celebration of Our Lord's Passion in St Peter's Basilica. **EWTN will broadcast this liturgy live at 11am Eastern time and replay it again at 12midnight on Saturday, April 15th.** The liturgy will be followed by the traditional Via Crucis, or *Way of the Cross*, at the Colosseum, after which the Pope will greet the crowds and impart his Apostolic Blessing. **EWTN will broadcast live from the Colosseum at 6:30pm Eastern time and and replay the program again at 5:30am on Saturday, April 15th.**
- On Saturday, April 15th, the Holy Father will celebrate the Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica, including the blessing of the new fire and a procession with the Pasqual (Easter) candle. During the celebration he will administer the Sacrament of Baptism before concelebrating Mass with the other cardinals and bishops. **EWTN will broadcast this Mass live at 2:30pm Eastern time and replay the Mass at 12midnight Eastern time on Sunday, April 16th.**
- Finally, on Easter morning, Sunday April 16th, Pope Francis will preside at the Mass of Our Lord's Resurrection in St. Peter's Square before giving his 'Urbi et Orbi' blessing (to the city of Rome and to the world) from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. **The Holy Father's Mass will be broadcast live at 4am Eastern time and replayed at 7pm Eastern Time on EWTN. The live "Urbi & Orbi" blessing will also be broadcast on EWTN at 6am Eastern time.**

Source: Vatican Radio, March 28, 2017. Edited.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 3 Lenten Weekday
7:10 AM For the homeless
8:10 AM Rosemary & Jim Mulvihill
12:10 PM O'Shaughnessy & Flaherty Families
12:40 PM St. Joseph
1:10 PM Josefita Londono
5:10 PM Anthony Curten

Tuesday, April 4 Lenten Weekday
7:10 AM James McCulloch & James Kilmurray
8:10 AM Manual David
12:10 PM Fr. John Holiburg
12:40 PM Yolande Jean-Pierre
1:10 PM Leoncio Bismonte
5:10 PM Zelmira Hovoricova

Wednesday, April 5 Lenten Weekday
7:10 AM Federico & Simona Vara
8:10 AM Fr. John Holiburg
12:10 PM Katie & Harvey Strassman (Living)
12:40 PM Robert Mattis
1:10 PM Dorothy Grace O'Mara
5:10 PM Brid Gallagher

Thursday, April 6 Lenten Weekday
7:10 AM Deceased members of the Ivan Oule Family
8:10 AM Intentions of the Gonzalez- Paris Family (Living)
12:10 PM Frank Kelly
12:40 PM Laureana Ramos
1:10 PM Ferdinand Gonzales
5:10 PM Victoria Cordoba De Velasquez

Friday, April 7 Lenten Weekday
7:10 AM Lily Billingsly
8:10 AM Gabriela Zmigrodzka (Living)
12:10 PM Muriel La Combiniere
12:40 PM Living Members of the McDermott Family
1:10 PM Margaret M. McMahon
5:10 PM Jim Dwyer

Saturday, April 8 Lenten Weekday
8:10 AM Rosa & Leonardo Mendoza
12:10 PM Allison Amendolare (Living)
5:10 PM Reynaldo Quinones (Living)

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.

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