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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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent after the
5:10PM Mass

***Covering Statues for Lent -
When and Why?***

Towards the end of Lent you may notice purple cloths draped over the crucifixes, statues, and saint images at your parish. In some churches, these items may be removed from the sanctuary altogether. This old custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in His suffering and death on the cross. When we cover or remove these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The tradition is often practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on Passion Sunday (now called the fifth Sunday of Lent) and ending on Good Friday. This time period is known on the old liturgical calendar as *Passiontide*. Even though this period is no longer officially called by this name, the tradition is still practiced in many places. Then, as in a dramatic unveiling, the holy images are again revealed for the Easter Vigil to mark the end of the penitential season. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront. Temporarily veiling the crosses and religious images in the penitential color of Lent is a beautiful custom that helps us to reflect on the deeper theological meaning of the liturgical season.

CRUCIFIXES & IMAGES VEILED:
Passion Sunday (5th Sunday of Lent)

CRUCIFIXES REVEALED:
Good Friday
(to emphasize Jesus' death on the Cross on that day)

IMAGES & STATUES REVEALED:
Easter Vigil
(the early evening of Holy Saturday)

WHY: In covering the religious images during the height of Lent, all attention is centered on the Passion and death of Christ. This is why the only images NOT to be covered are the Stations of the Cross.

Source: CatholicCompany.com

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, April 3, 2016 \$6,289.00
Sunday, April 2, 2017 \$7,337.00

April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday
(Tridentine Latin Mass)

***St. Agnes bookstore open LATE
on Reconciliation Monday!***

The St. Agnes bookstore will have extended hours on Monday, April 10th, which is Reconciliation Monday. The bookstore will be open from 12noon-7:30pm. Stop in and support our church! Thank you!

Second collection for The Holy Land

Catholics throughout the world are being asked to support the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land by contributing to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. On behalf of the Catholic Church, the Franciscans care and guard some 50 shrines in the Holy Land while welcoming and coordinating the reception of tourists and pilgrims. Funds raised from the second collection will support their work.

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.

**Who, the day before He suffered,
took bread into His holy and venerable hands,
and having lifted up His eyes to heaven,
to Thee, God, His almighty Father,
giving thanks to Thee, blessed it, broke it,
and gave it to His disciples,
saying: Take ye and eat ye all of this.
FOR THIS IS MY BODY.**

*The Consecration of the Host
at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*



Fr. Barrett's St. Patrick's Day Homily Available

By popular request from parishioners (we're not kidding), a transcript of Fr. Barrett's homily for the St. Patrick's Day Gaelic Mass here at St. Agnes is available on our website. Several people commented on this homily in particular; stop by stagneschurchnyc.org to check it out.

PALM SUNDAY

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.**

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.

Easter Sunday Urbi & Orbi

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.** However, the entire blessing from start to finish should only be 20 minutes or so. Set your alarm and receive your blessing!

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

(This is a busy site; take a moment to familiarize yourself before Easter Sunday.)

- The Vatican’s Youtube Channel

(Google “Vatican Youtube”)

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

Franciscans & The Holy Land

The Good Friday collection to support the Catholic Church in the Holy Land reminds us that, in the Holy Land, the Church entrusts its parishes and shrines to the Franciscan Order. This year marks the 800th anniversary of the Order's work in the Holy Land. Below, please find their history, taken from their official website here in America, myfransiscan.org.

The presence of the Franciscans in the Holy Land goes back to the very origins of the Order of Friars Minor, which was founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209. In 1217, the Province of the Holy Land was established when the Order was divided into several provinces. The Holy Land Province included the place where Christ was born, where He performed His ministry, and where He died and was resurrected. Therefore, the Province of the Holy Land was considered to be the jewel among the other provinces. St. Francis himself stayed several months in the Holy Land during 1219-1220.

In 1291, the city of Saint-Jean-d'Acre, the last remaining Crusader stronghold, fell into Muslim hands. The Franciscans found refuge on Cyprus. Pope John XXII permitted the Provincial Minister of the Holy Land to send two friars to the Holy Places every year. Despite the difficulties, the Friars Minor continued to exercise all possible forms of apostolate. It wasn't until 1333 that there was a definitive return of the Friars Minor to the Holy Land with legal possession of certain Holy Places and right of use for others. Through the mediation of the Franciscan Roger Guerin, they obtained from the sultan of Egypt the site of the Cenacle [the "Upper Room" where the Last Supper took place] and the right to officiate at liturgies in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It was established that the Friars Minor would exercise these rights on behalf of the Christian world. This project was approved in 1342 by Pope Clement VI with the bulls *Gratias Agimus* and *Nuper Carissimo*. In 1623, the Province of the Holy Land was reorganized into a number of smaller entities, called Custodies. This is how the Custody of the Holy Land was created.

The Friars Minor, then, are the official guardians of the Holy Places by the desire and at the request of the Universal Church. Pope Paul VI, the first pope since Saint Peter to visit the Holy Land, recalled this fact and it was confirmed by Pope John Paul II during his pilgrimage during the Great Jubilee Year, 2000 AD.

Today, the Custody's apostolate is carried out in several countries of the Middle East, with some 300 friars working in collaboration with about 100 sisters from various congregations. The Franciscans serve the principal shrines of the Redemption, including the Holy Sepulchre, the Nativity at Bethlehem, and the Annunciation at Nazareth. This work has grown to include support of schools and missions in the Holy Land, as well as care for refugees and other needy people throughout the region.

APRIL 9, 2017

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 10 **Monday of Holy Week**
7:10 AM Living members of the Mary Frances family & deceased members of the Bonaventure Opedun Family
8:10 AM Barry Grand
12:10 PM Carroll Thomas
12:40 PM Maria Orlando Wagner
1:10 PM James F. Feeney
5:10 PM Pacita Cudala

Tuesday, April 11 **Tuesday of Holy Week**
7:10 AM All deceased members of the Okolimong Family
8:10 AM Max Bissainthe
12:10 PM Julia V. Grady
12:40 PM Leslie Gatan (Living)
1:10 PM Caroline Marone Stempko
5:10 PM John A. Caulfield

Wednesday, April 12 **SPY WEDNESDAY**
7:10 AM Bob & Dolores Hope
8:10 AM Elizabeth Ugwu
12:10 PM Vincent Prciuolo
12:40 PM Lisa M. Bogan
1:10 PM Mary Camalerri (Living)
5:10 PM Living & deceased membes of the Morgan Family

Thursday, April 13 **HOLY THURSDAY**
8:10 AM The Holy Father Pope Francis
12:10 PM Joseph Pisani & Family (Living)
1:10 PM Susan Gan (Living)

Friday, April 14 **GOOD FRIDAY**

Saturday, April 15 **HOLY SATURDAY**

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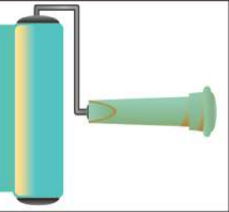
Those who are homebound can receive the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion. Please contact the rectory office at (212) 682-5722.

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!



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