

The Church of Saint Agnes

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SERVED BY

Rev. Michael J. Barrett S.Th.D., *Pastor*
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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 10:00 AM–5:30 PM
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday-Friday: 1:50–4:55 PM
First Friday: 8:40AM –12noon and
1:50–4:55 PM
(*Vespers and Benediction at 4:55 PM*)

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7:10 AM, 8:10,
12:10, 12:40, 1:10, and 5:10 PM

Saturday: 8:10 AM, 12:10, and
5:10 PM (*fulfills Sunday obligation*)

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:00 (*Traditional Latin Mass*), 11:00 (English High Mass), 12:30, 5:15, and 7:00 PM
Please note the church closes at 8PM.

CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday: 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

Mass at 5:10 PM, Holy Hour at
6pm, includes Benediction

Sunday, January 7th —The Epiphany of the Lord

NOVENAS & PRAYERS

Monday: Miraculous Medal

Tuesday: St. Agnes

Wednesday: Saint Michael

Thursday: St. Agnes

Friday: Sacred Heart of Jesus

Novenas follow the 7:10am, 8:10am, 1:10pm, and 5:10pm Masses only.

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

HOLY ROSARY

Monday-Friday:

after the 5:10 PM Mass

Saturday: after the 12:10 PM Mass

LEGION OF MARY

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Monday-Friday: 3:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent after the
5:10PM Mass

SERVING THE HOMEBOUND

The sacraments are available to the ill and homebound. Please contact the rectory.

SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

Monday-Friday: 12:00 Noon–2:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 10:30AM—12:30 PM

Phone: (212) 599-7588

bookstore@stagneschurchnyc.org

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.

Rectory Telephone: (212) 682-5722 www.stagneschurchnyc.org church@stagneschurchnyc.org

**Traditional Latin Mass for
The Baptism of the Lord**

The Church of St. Agnes is pleased to announce a Traditional Latin Mass on **Saturday, January 13, 2018**, at 10:30am, for the Baptism of the Lord.* All are welcome!

*According to the 1962 calendar



January 7, 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord

Today's readings: page 77 (red missal)
Ordinary of the Mass: page 844

Opening hymn: #30 (blue hymnal)
Offertory hymn: #18
Recessional hymn: #36

The Holy Family
(Traditional Latin Mass)

Bookstore sale!

Stop in the bookstore and enjoy 40% off Christmas items including books, ornaments, and Nativity sets. We're clearing out to make room for new items!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Jan 15th

The Church of St. Agnes will offer three Masses on **January 15th**, 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 and there will be no Confessions that day.

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 15th, as will the bookstore. We will resume our regular schedule the following day. Thank you!

New Year's Resolution: TRY DAILY MASS

Change your life for the better. Get closer to Our Lord. How? Stop by and spend some time in church. Put your thoughts aside and be in the Presence of the Lord.

Once a week, apart from Sunday, come to Mass. The Mass is the perfect prayer and brings us back to Our Lord's death and resurrection for us through the Cross. **If you attend at lunchtime, you're afternoon will be better and more peaceful. In the morning, it changes your day.**



The Feast of St. Agnes

Sunday, January 21st is the Feast Day of our Patroness, St. Agnes. The Church of St. Agnes will have special Masses that day (in accordance with our usual Sunday schedule) in celebration.

Mark the date!
More information will be provided next week.



Donations Accepted!

St. Agnes is pleased to accept donations of the following items:

- Rosaries (broken or whole, both ok)
- Catholic Medals
- Catholic Prayer Cards (new and like-new only)

We **CANNOT** accept:

- Books
- Booklets (including novenas)
- Crucifixes
- Magnificat booklets
- Pictures

Please understand that we can only accept items that we can pass on for donation (Rosaries, prayer cards, and medals). We cannot burden those who distribute the donations by sending items they cannot use. Please be respectful and donate only what is requested. Thank you to all who have donated; this program has been a wonderful success!

Healing after Abortion
Days of Prayer and Healing

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? *Days of Prayer and Healing* offer the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wound of abortion. The next *Days of Prayer and Healing* will be held on **Saturday, January 27, 2018**. This event will be in Manhattan, in the English language (some *Days* are offered in Spanish).

For location and confidential registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Friends & Parishioners,

Please accept my sincerest apologies for the lack of heat in the church. As you may have guessed, our heating system broke, but please be assured that steps to repair it are well underway. Many thanks for your understanding.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Michael Barrett

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.

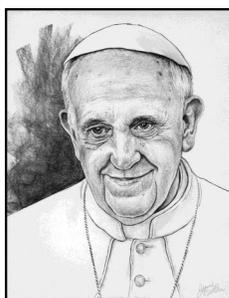
4. Why is Epiphany connected with January 6th?

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.



Pope Francis: Sin separates us from both God and neighbor

On Wednesday, Pope Francis emphasized how sin breaks our relationship with God and with our community, which is why at the beginning of every Mass we pause to recognize our sinfulness and ask for forgiveness.

"Sin severs: Severs the relationship with God and severs the relationship with our brothers, the relationship with family, with society, with the community: Sin always severs, separates, divides," the Pope said on Jan. 3, at his first general audience of the year.

The Penitential Rite, at the beginning of Mass, "favors the attitude with which to dispose oneself to worthily celebrate the Holy Mysteries, that is, recognizing our sins before God and our brothers, recognizing that we are sinners."

Pope Francis continued his weekly audience catechesis on the topic of the Mass, focusing on the part where we make a general confession, professing to God and brothers that "I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do."

He emphasized how we even confess to "omissions" in deed, which means the times we failed to do good. "We often feel good because – let's say – 'I did not hurt anyone,'" the Pope said. "In reality, it is not enough not to harm our neighbor, we need to choose to do good, seizing the occasions for giving positive testimony that we are disciples of Jesus."

When we pray the "Confiteor," as the prayer is called, we confess to both God and our brothers and sisters that we are fellow sinners. And it helps us to understand how sin not only separates us from God, but also from our fellow human being, he said.

Then, when we make the gesture of beating our breast, repeating the words "through my fault" three times, this also reminds us that we have sinned by our own responsibility and no one else's.

Out of fear or shame, sometimes we want to accuse others for our sin, he said, but it is good to always confess our sins "with sincerity."

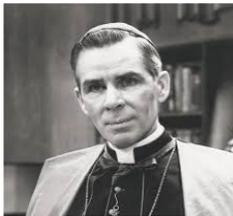
After this confession of sin, Francis continued, we then turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints and angels to help us on the path towards full communion with God, "when sin will be definitively annihilated."

Source: [Hannah Brockhaus](#), [CNA/EWTN News](#), Jan 3, 2018. Edited.



Venerable Fulton Sheen on Advent

Venerable Fulton Sheen is a significant part of the history of The Church of St. Agnes. He preached from our pulpit for 50 years! Venerable Sheen is one of the most well-known Catholic figures of the 20th century, reaching people through television, radio, and standing-room-only lectures.



“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.”

Donate a Christmas Tree at St. Agnes



We are asking for assistance in paying for five Christmas trees which decorate the entrances to the church and rectory. The donation is \$100 per tree, which can be offered in memory of a loved one. Your donation will be published in the bulletin. Please contact the rectory at (212) 682-5722 to make your donation.

Two additional Christmas trees have been generously donated. One tree is in honor of Lorenzo Scalia by Syla Scalia, and another by an anonymous donor.

Thank you!

Basics of New Testament Greek Class

Explore the basics of the dialect of Ancient Greek used in the writing of the New Testament with Father Matt Berrios, CSP. By the end of this class, you could have a working knowledge of how to work through the text in its original language. Discover richness of the original Greek and why translators struggle to find the right words. Register at welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

When: Thursdays, January 18 - April 12, 2018,
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Event Contact: Father Matthew Berrios,
matthew.berrios@stpaultheapostle.org

Where: Church of St Paul the Apostle Parish Center
405 West 59th Street
New York, NY 10019
www.stpaultheapostle.org

Deadline: January 11, 2018

There is a \$30 Course Fee, which includes the textbook *Greek: An Intensive Course, 2nd rev. ed.* by Hardy Hansen and Gerald Quinn.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8 *The Baptism of the Lord*

7:10 AM Norbert & Mary Pinto
8:10 AM Gloria Caponigro
12:10 PM William J. Myles
12:40 PM Arthuro & Stephanie Correa (Living)
1:10 PM Joan Carroll
5:10 PM Corinna Martinez (Living)

Tuesday, January 9

7:10 AM Rosemary Roche
8:10 AM Paolo Du-Hum Baek
12:10 PM Luis Fernandez
12:40 PM Leah & Miguel Almeida (Living)
1:10 PM Julian Bartido
5:10 PM Ayarko Svetlana

Wednesday, January 10

7:10 AM Michael McGinley
8:10 AM Mary McIntosh
12:10 PM Dee Wills (Living)
12:40 PM Julieta & Jose Almeida Rodrigues
1:10 PM James E. Womack
5:10 PM Cynthia Gordon (Living)

Thursday, January 11

7:10 AM Vincent McDonnell (Living)
8:10 AM Denis Russell (Living)
12:10 PM Lui Vunibobo
12:40 PM Elvina & Lino Correa
1:10 PM Hylla Rebello
5:10 PM Felix Quinones

Friday, January 12

7:10 AM Brendan Keown
8:10 AM McDermott Family (Living)
12:10 PM Irene Newton
12:40 PM Catherine Canny
1:10 PM Constantine (Dino) Georgiopoulos
5:10 PM Helen David (Living)

Saturday, January 13

8:10 AM Sylwia Kielbowicz (Living)
12:10 PM Ellen Girgenti (Living)
5:10 PM Maria Luisa Opulemcia

Remember: A complete fast from all food and drink for one hour before the reception of the Holy Eucharist is *current law* for all Catholics. The fast does not include water & medicine.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church contributions for the weekends of December 24th and 31st, as well as Christmas Day are unavailable at this time. Those numbers will be reported on a future date.