

The Church of Saint Agnes

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SERVED BY

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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 14h —The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

***New Year's Resolution:
Take another look at Scripture***

A new year is a great time to take a fresh look at Scripture. Even if you can't get to Mass, follow along with the Daily Readings. Take 15 minutes to look over a favorite Bible verse and/or discover new ones. Ponder a line or two of the ever-rich Psalms. Invest in a Bible, download an app, pick up a pocket Bible or Magnificat. You can also have the Daily Readings e-mailed to you (see below).

Mass Readings

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) posts Daily Mass Readings online at usccb.org; you can also have them e-mailed to you. Sign up at their website! USCCB.org —>Bible—> Today's Reading. Scroll down to the bottom the daily reading and sign up for the e-mail. The mailing will arrive at about 6:10am EST every morning. If you would prefer to listen to the readings, you have that option on the menu to the left of "Today's Reading." Or, if you receive the mails, scroll to the bottom and click on "Listen to an audio of this reading." You'll also find an additional link, "Watch a video reflection."

The Church provides these resources in order to make it easier (no stress!) to follow the Mass or enrich your practice when you can't visit a church. These resources are FREE, so give them a try!

Looking for daily Mass Readings in a booklet form? Stop in the St. Agnes bookstore for the monthly publication of *Magnificat*. This booklet is available in English, with a very limited availability in Spanish, for \$5.95.

I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will call to Me. You will come and pray to Me, and I will answer you. You will seek Me, and you will find Me because you will seek Me with all your heart.



Jeremiah 29:11-13

Good News Translation (GNT)

January 14, 2018

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings: page 335 (red missal)

Ordinary of the Mass: page 844

Opening hymn: #30 (blue hymnal)

Offertory hymn: #123

Recessional hymn: #34

Second Sunday after Epiphany

(Traditional Latin Mass)

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!

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.

A fourth Christmas tree has been generously donated in loving memory of Rita & William Woods by their children. Thank you!



Christmas Contributions

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

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!

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*

St. Agnes of Rome

Patron of Betrothed couples; chastity; Children of Mary; Colegio Capranica of Rome; crops; gardeners; Girl Guides; girls; rape victims; virgins; the diocese of Rockville Centre, New York

Birth: 291, Death: 304

A popular saint about whom little is known, Agnes is said to have been a beautiful, wealthy Roman maiden who had, in childhood, dedicated herself to God. Some say that a rejected suitor betrayed her to authorities; others say that she was asked at 13 to sacrifice to the gods and marry, both of which she refused. Legends tell of her being thrown into a brothel, where her purity was miraculously preserved. Having escaped that fate, she was martyred. Agnes was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. Her bones are currently conserved beneath the high altar in the church of Sant'Angese fuori le mura in Rome, which was built over the catacomb that held her tomb. Her skull is preserved in the church of Sant'Agnese in Agone in Rome's Piazza Navona.

St. Agnes is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms. Her feast day is celebrated on January 21. (Source: catholic.org)

Feast of St. Agnes Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit a church on the Feast Day of its Patron/ Patroness. Spending some time at the church by reciting one Our Father and one Creed is the traditional "visit" required. The usual conditions of Confession, reception of the Eucharist, and prayers for The Holy Father also apply.

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. Mark the date!

Did you know?

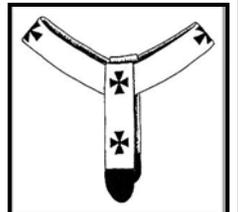
There is a second feast day for St. Agnes in the 1962 (Extraordinary Form) Calendar. Extremely rare, it follows a full eight days (octave) after the January 21st feast and is therefore celebrated on January 28th. It is possible that this octave is marked in remembrance of the Saint's visit to her parents. As written in the *Little Pictorial Lives of the Saints*, "A week after her death, Saint Agnes appeared to her parents as they were praying at her tomb; she was amid a choir of virgins clothed in golden robes and crowned with garlands. She begged them not to weep for her as for one dead, telling them rather to rejoice with her in her happiness."

Little Pictorial Lives of the Saints, by John Gilmary Shea (Benziger Brothers: New York, 1894).

Did you know?

St. Agnes is honored with a tradition that continues to this day within the Church. As reported, St. Agnes appeared to her parents with a choir of virgins and a lamb at her side. Agnes means "lamb" in Latin and "the pure one" in Greek. On her feast day, January 21st, it is customary for two small lambs, traditionally less than a year old, to be presented to the Holy Father for his blessing. When the sheep are shorn in the summer, religious sisters will collect the wool and use it to weave the Pallium, which are white stoles with six black crosses worn by archbishops to show their authority and unity with the Pope; a Pallium is a symbol of the Good Shepherd. After the Pallium are woven, they are kept in an urn at the tomb of St. Peter until the feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29th), when the Pope presents the stoles to newly appointed archbishops.

Source: CNA, January 21, 2015



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 are several ways
to avoid loving God;
Deny that you are a sinner.

Pretend that religion is for the
ignorant and the superstitious,
but not for the truly learned
such as yourself.

Insist that the sole purpose of religion
is social service. Judge religion
by whether or not it is accepted by the
“important” people of the world.

Avoid all contemplation,
self-examination,
and inquiry into the moral state
of your soul.”

*Source: Advent & Christmas with Fulton J. Sheen, edited and compiled by Judy Bauer, Liguori Publications, 2001.
Available for purchase at the St. Agnes bookstore.*

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!***

JANUARY 14, 2018

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 15

8:10 AM Sr. Celine
12:10 PM William Noriega
1:10 PM Paz Asuncion

Tuesday, January 16

7:10 AM Jean Felix Tchicaya
8:10 AM Cesar M. Sevilla
12:10 PM Cesar M. Sevilla
12:40 PM Sean Ginivan (Living)
1:10 PM Deceased members of the Costa Family
5:10 PM Vito Giambrone

Wednesday, January 17 *St. Anthony, Abbot*

7:10 AM Bill Delaney
8:10 AM Vincent McDonnell (Living)
12:10 PM Mariann Calderone
12:40 PM Gilma Valdes
1:10 PM Edith Guevarra (Living)
5:10 PM Thomas DiSilvestre

Thursday, January 18

7:10 AM Francisco Da Silva Laranja Filho
8:10 AM George Harrison
12:10 PM Kate Stack
12:40 PM Irene Newton
1:10 PM Joan M. Raynolds (Living)
5:10 PM Amgela Giambrone

Friday, January 19

7:10 AM Francisco & Anna,
Jennifer & Lucanio (Living)
8:10 AM Esilda Aranguren
12:10 PM John Martin
12:40 PM Jose Pinto Stephen
1:10 PM Manyann Calderone
5:10 PM Mary Danner (Living)

Saturday, January 20

8:10 AM Maryann O'Rourke
12:10 PM Angela DeClemente
5:10 PM Yarko Svetlana



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

January 8, 2017 \$4,214.00
January 7, 2018 \$4,967.00