

The Church of Saint Agnes

143 East 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10017



REOPENING MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM,
12:10, 1:10, and 5:10 PM

Saturday: 8:00 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, and 7:00 PM
Please note the church closes at 8PM.

REOPENING CONFESSIONS

Monday-Friday:
12:40–1:40 PM and 5:00–5:30 PM

Saturday:
12:30 PM–1:30 PM

FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL

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

SERVED BY

Rev. Michael J. Barrett S.Th.D., *Pastor*
Rev. Robert J. Brisson, *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Gova Showraiah Dasari
(Fr. Francis), *Parochial Vicar*
Most Reverend John O'Hara,
In Residence
Rev. Brian McWeeney, *In Residence*

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Mr. Alexander Pattavina
apattavina@stagneschurchnyc.org

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Due to Coronavirus will are not offering exposition at this time.

We will keep you updated.

HOLY ROSARY

Monday-Friday:
after the 5:10 PM Mass
Saturday: after the 12:10 PM Mass

Sunday, November 29, 2020

NOVENAS & PRAYERS

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Tuesday: St. Agnes
Wednesday: Saint Michael
Thursday: St. Agnes
Friday: Sacred Heart of Jesus

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

See the bulletin for upcoming Holy Day Schedules.

CIVIC HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

See the bulletin for upcoming Civic Holiday Schedules.

LEGION OF MARY

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Suspended due to Coronavirus

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.

RCIA (Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults)

Beginning in September, classes meet on Thursdays at 6:45pm. Registration begins in June.

SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

Due to the Coronavirus our Bookstore is currently closed.

Email bookstore@stagneschurchnyc.org to arrange a purchase or appointment. See the bulletin blurb for details.

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.

Please give \$20...



In the recent past we have asked you to give \$20 to help us. Coronavirus has dramatically impacted our finances. Saint Agnes needs your help by giving financial support either online or through the mail. This would go a long way in helping us with our yearly deficit of \$300,000.

Online Giving at St. Agnes

St. Agnes offers three ways for Friends and Parishioners to make church contributions online. Zelle, Venmo, and WeShare are popular ways to give and they are known for their safety and ease of use. Those who give online say that they prefer the simplicity (no need to remember your envelope!).



The email associated with Zelle for church contributions is:
church@stagneschurchnyc.org



Visit our website at
www.stagneschurchnyc.org
and click on the "We Share" icon.



To donate to Saint Agnes through Venmo, search for user [@StAgnesNYC](https://www.venmo.com/@StAgnesNYC).



Note: On most newer smartphones (iOS 11 or higher, Android 8.0 or higher) you can use your phone's camera app to scan QR Codes. You can also download a third party QR Code Reader on the Google Play or the Apple App Store.



November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

First Sunday of Advent (Traditional Latin Mass)

Reopening Saint Agnes

• Reopening Mass Schedule

- **Weekdays** - 8:00 am, 12:10 pm, 1:10 pm and 5:10 pm
- **Saturday** - 8:00 am, 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm (*Sunday Vigil*)
- **Sunday** - 8:00 am, 9:00 am (*Traditional Latin*), 11:00 am (*High Mass*), 12:30 pm and 7:00 pm

• Reopening Confession Schedule

Confessions are heard in the basement of the Church

- **Weekday** - 12:40–1:40 pm and 5:00–5:30 pm
- **Saturday** - 12:30 PM–1:30 pm

• The Rectory Office

Open 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, Monday - Friday

- Arrange an announced Mass at St. Agnes.
- Purchase Seven Day Candles

- Please contact us by email for funerals, weddings, Baptisms, etc. church@stagneschurchnyc.org



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[@stagneschurchnyc](https://www.facebook.com/stagneschurchnyc)



The St. Agnes YouTube Channel

Click the link on our website at stagneschurchnyc.org

Livestreamed Masses on YouTube

Monday-Saturday: 12:10 pm

Sunday: 12:30 pm

Brief Classes YouTube Series

Join us on our YouTube Channel for our Brief Classes Series. Episodes are released every other Friday and run for approximately 20 minutes.

Topics include:

the Holy Rosary, Mental Prayer and Contemplation, Sacrament of Reconciliation, medical ethics, music, the liturgy, the Catholic funeral, the Catholic Voter, St Joseph and the Communion of Saints

Saint Agnes Church

Christmas is coming, and this year it will be unusual with all the restrictions and limitations on family gatherings and ways of worshiping Our Lord. Crazy as it all will be, I thought a way to make it crazier is to ask the faithful who know the Church of St. Agnes to come together and give the parish one million dollars. Yes, one million dollars, which is not much, considering the history of St. Agnes and all the good the parish has done since 1873.

My sister and brother-in-law invited me to their home on Lake George this past summer, and the ideas may have started when I visited the town of Lake George and saw the southernmost beach that is called “Million Dollar Beach.” Lake George is impressive, and the Beach was constructed in 1951 for a million dollars and continues to be an outstanding place to enjoy the lake to this day. Besides costing a million dollars, it offers a million-dollar view of beautiful Lake George with its stunningly clear water and will continue to do so for many decades to come.

With the COVID-19 crisis and the reduction in economic support along with the fact that St. Agnes has been operating at a deficit for years; one million dollars is not much and can help us get through the next two or three years. Then we may have to ask for another million dollars. But for now, I hope we can make it through the next few years during this time of crisis. Supporting the Church of St. Agnes is not just about getting through a tough time. It is also for the decades ahead in bringing the Catholic Faith to the public square of New York City.

Financial support can come through pledges over the next three to five years, putting St. Agnes in your Will, giving St. Agnes stock that has increased in value, setting up an Equity Fund. Of course, if it is possible, writing a check is the easiest way. Some of the faithful at St. Agnes could offer the parish a significant amount of money, and some can only offer a smaller amount. Many of you can give a significant amount. Either way, everyone who lives in the neighborhood and for the vast number who are commuters who work—or used to work—in Midtown Manhattan, will all benefit from being generous with a great parish where people can find and stay close to God.

Fr. Bob and I are giving \$70,000 to St. Agnes from money we each received from our mothers' legacies. It is not much, but it shows that we are committed to helping in any way we can. I invite all of you to think about ways to help St. Agnes overcome our economic struggle. If nothing else, Fr. Bob and I will not have to worry so much about paying the bills, which will add years to our life span!

Wishing you all a safe Thanksgiving with your families.

God bless! Have a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Fr. Michael J. Barrett
Pastor



A Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent



Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Please join us for A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Advent, sung by members of the St. Agnes Schola Cantorum. Through the Word of God, communal prayer, and festal song, this reverent liturgy takes us on a journey from the story of creation to the birth of Christ. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, some aspects of this service will be modified, though we hope this will be a thrilling and moving way to ring in the season of Advent. Masks are required for the duration of the liturgy and those in attendance must maintain distance from one another. Admission is free, and we ask for a donation of \$10 at the door or online. The liturgy will be also livestreamed on the St. Agnes YouTube Channel.

See the church website or Facebook page for more information.

Facebook Event: <https://fb.me/e/25z1GbUvv>

All donations will exclusively benefit the Saint Agnes Music Program.

St. Agnes Christmas Spiritual Bouquet



Enrollment is now open for our annual Christmas Spiritual Bouquet. Remember your living and deceased friends and relatives by including them in our Christmas Masses. Pick up an envelope in the rectory office or from the sacristan, fill out your information, and include your offering. Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket at Mass. Your envelope will be placed on the Altar for all of our Christmas Masses. You will also receive a special Mass card to send to your intention.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint Agnes will offer our Reopening Weekday Mass Schedule on Tuesday, December 8th. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am, 12:10pm, 1:10pm and 5:10pm.

We will also have a Vigil Mass on Monday, December 7th at 5:10pm



Donate a Christmas Tree at Saint Agnes

We are asking for assistance in paying for Christmas trees which will 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. To make your donation, please email the rectory office or stop by during regular business hours. Thank you!

Due to COVID-19 we will be unable to celebrate our Annual Spanish Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12th). We hope to continue this beautiful tradition next year.

Temporary Suspension of Limits on Charitable Contributions

In most cases, the amount of charitable contributions taxpayers can deduct on Schedule A of their taxes is limited to a percentage (usually 60 percent) of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income.

This year, for 2020, individuals may deduct qualified contributions of up to **100 percent** of their adjusted gross income.

To qualify, the contribution must be:

- made by check, cash, or credit card; online or by mail
- made payable to a qualifying organization; **Saint Agnes Church**
- made during the calendar year 2020

A corporation may deduct qualified contributions of up to 25 percent of its taxable income. Any contributions made by a corporation that exceed the 25% amount can carry over to the next tax year.

Seven Day Candles

You can purchase tall pillar candles at the rectory office or through the sacristan. These candles burn for approximately 7 days. Plain white candles are \$10/each. Memorial candles and candles with images (our Lord, the Blessed Mother and various Saints) are \$12 each or two for \$20.

We can also accept payment electronically (Zelle, Venmo) and place your candle in the church for you. See our website, stagneschurchnyc.org, for more details.

Saint Agnes Bookstore

Email: bookstore@stagneschurchnyc.org

Even though our bookstore remains closed due to COVID-19 you can email us if you want a specific item. If we have it we can arrange for you to purchase it through the Rectory Office.

We are also able to offer a limited number of short appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays if you want to take a quick look inside the bookstore. Please email us to make arrangements.

Magnificats, Boxed Christmas Cards, and Advent Candles can be purchased in the Rectory Office on Weekdays 10:30am-2:30pm. Cash or Check only.

The time of Advent is a time of hope. Jesus wants us to love Him. It is His desire that we be holy, very much His own.

- St Josemaria Escriva



Saint John
Damascene

December 4th

The last of the Greek fathers, John was born in Damascus, Syria. He succeeded his father as chief representative of the Christian community to the caliph in Damascus, then under Islamic rule. However, after serving some years, he was forced to resign in 719 because of his faith. He entered a monastery in the mountain wilderness between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea, and lived there until his death. As a priest, he devoted himself to prayer and writing, producing 150 works on theology, philosophy and religious education, as well as a defense of the veneration of icons and numerous hymns. His work was widely cited in the Middle Ages. Pope Leo XIII declared him a doctor of the church in 1890.

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The Christmas Novena

November 30th is the feast day of St. Andrew the Apostle.

St. Andrew was the very first disciple called by Our Lord; his brother was St. Peter. The feast of St. Andrew marks the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of a new year with the start of Advent. In fact, the Sunday that falls nearest to St. Andrew's feast day on November 30th is always the first Sunday of Advent. There are many traditions associated with St. Andrew's feast day; beginning a Christmas novena is one of the most popular. The St. Andrew Christmas Novena, or more simply, The Christmas Novena, is a wonderful way to enter into the Advent season that is marked by a time of anticipation, penance, and prayer. This novena is prayed through all four weeks of Advent.

It is piously believed that whoever recites the St. Andrew Christmas Novena prayer FIFTEEN times each day from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve (December 24th) will obtain the favor requested.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour
and moment
in which the Son of God
was born
of the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem,
in the piercing cold.

In that hour, vouchsafe,
I beseech Thee, O my God,
to hear my prayer
and grant my desires
through the merits
of Our Savior,
Jesus Christ,
and of His blessed Mother.

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Note: Masses in **BOLD** are public Masses at St. Agnes, in accordance with our Reopening Schedule. All other Masses are said privately by one of our priests.

Monday, November 30

Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM Zachary Maura (Living)
1:10 PM Maria Teresa & Candido Mendes
5:10 PM Nikola Ogrebic

Tuesday, December 1

8:00 AM Teddy Maura (Living)
12:10 PM Mark Devlin
12:40 PM Didem Ark
1:10 PM Soledad Reyes (Living)
5:10 PM Pacita Cudala

Wednesday, December 2

8:00 AM Vincent McDonnell (Living)
12:10 PM Roze & Martin Rrasi (Living)
1:10 PM Carl Devivo
5:10 PM Maria Teresa & Candido Mendes

Thursday, December 3

Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 AM Brendan Patrick Smith
12:10 PM Eric Garrido
1:10 PM Magda Maura (Living)
5:10 PM Rev. George Joseph Weiner, SMM

Friday, December 4

8:00 AM McDermott Family (Living)
12:10 PM Ann Kancelaric
12:40 PM Francis & Mary
1:10 PM Bernadette Nespole (Living)
5:10 PM Nora & Joseph McCarthy & Gerard McCarthy

Saturday, December 5

8:00 AM Pacifico Guevarra
12:10 PM Francis & Mary
5:10 PM Fr. Bill Olesik (Living)



Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are available in the Rectory Office or from the sacristan.

Announced Masses Available for 2021

Our Mass Book for 2020 is now closed, but Masses for 2021 are available. To arrange an announced Mass, stop by or call the rectory office, send us a check by mail, or make your donation online through **Zelle**.* The donation for an announced Mass is \$15.

* If you make your donation online, please email us at church@stagneschurchnyc.org with any details, such as a desired Mass date. Please include your phone number. We will do our best to accommodate your request.