The Church of Saint Agnes

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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

Abbreviated Holy Hour begins after 5:10pm Mass, includes Benediction

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, March 28, 2021

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.

As we approach Holy Week and the Easter season what better way to end your Lent than by assisting our parish with a sacrificial gift to help us sustain our church for future generations.

Please take some time to prayerfully reflect on what St. Agnes means to you, and what it would mean if it were no longer available. Supporting the Church of St. Agnes now 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. A weekly contribution will add up and will make a big difference.

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!).

Zelle®

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

ONLINE GIVING By WeShare

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

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To donate to Saint Agnes through *Venmo,* search for user **@StAgnesNYC**.

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday
(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

YouTube

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

*** The Rosary is also streamed on Saturdays after the Mass.**

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.

The latest video released on March 19, 2021 is
Episode 18: Lectio Divina

For prior episodes visit the webpage:
https://stagneschurchnyc.org/briefclasses

Holy Week & Easter 2021 Schedule

Saturday, March 27th
Palm Sunday Vigil Mass: 5:10pm

Palm Sunday - March 28th
Masses:
8:00 AM, 9:00 AM (Tridentine Mass with Schola—Latin), 11:00 AM (with Schola)*, 12:30 PM (with Schola)*, 7:00 PM

Monday of Holy Week - March 29th
Reopening Mass Schedule

Reconciliation Monday
Confessions: 8:00-9:00 AM, 12:00-2:00 PM & 4:00-6:00 PM

Tuesday of Holy Week - March 30th
Reopening Mass Schedule

Confessions: 12:40-1:40 PM

Spy Wednesday - March 31st
Reopening Mass Schedule

Confessions: 8:00-9:00 AM, 12:40-1:40 PM & 5:00-5:30 PM

Tenebrae Service: 6:00 PM*

Holy Thursday - April 1st
Masses: 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 5:10 PM*

Confessions: 12:40 - 1:40 PM

Good Friday - April 2nd
Church Opens at 11:00 AM

The Seven Last Words from the Cross: 12 Noon - 3:00 PM*
Preached by: **The Most Reverend Edmund Whalen**, *Auxiliary Bishop of New York*

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: 3:10 PM*

Stations of the Cross: 5:10 PM*

Confessions: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM & 12 Noon - 2:00 PM

Holy Saturday - April 3rd
Church Open 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Reopens at 5:00 PM

The Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM*
Celebrated by: **The Most Reverend John O'Hara**, *Auxiliary Bishop of New York*

Confessions: 12 Noon - 1:00 PM

Easter Sunday - April 4th
Resurrection of the Lord
Masses:
8:00 AM, 9:00 AM (Tridentine Mass with Schola—Latin), 11:00 AM (with Schola)*, 12:30 PM (with Schola)*

There are no evening Masses on Easter Sunday.

This Mass/Service will be Live Streamed on our YouTube Channel

On Our YouTube Channel

During Holy Week and Easter Sunday we will Live Stream the following Masses and Services on our YouTube Channel, in addition to our regular schedule:

- Spy Wednesday, March 31st
  - The Tenebrae Service at 6:00 PM.
- Holy Thursday, April 1st
  - The Mass of The Lord's Supper at 5:10pm.
  - The 12:10pm Mass will not be streamed.
- Good Friday, April 2nd
  - The Seven Last Words from the Cross preached by Bishop Whalen at 12 Noon.
  - The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:10 PM.
  - The Stations of the Cross at 5:10 PM.
- Holy Saturday, April 3rd
  - The Easter Vigil at 8:00 PM
- Easter Sunday, April 4th
  - The 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM Masses.

Our YouTube Channel
can be accessed via our website:

www.stagneschurchnyc.org

Due to COVID-19 some parts of the Holy Week Services will be omitted including:

- The Washing of the Feet will not take place at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.
- Veneration of the Cross will not take place at the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday.
- There will be no candles for the congregation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.
- There will be no Holy Water in the church fonts.

There are no lit candles allowed in the Church on Good Friday.

All seven day pillar candles in the church will be extinguished. The sacristan will re-light them after the Easter Vigil Mass.

On Good Friday
The Most Reverend Edmund Whalen will preach the Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross

Bishop Whalen was born and raised in Staten Island, New York. He attended Blessed Sacrament Church and School, Monsignor Farrell High School, Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, Pontifical Gregorian University, and Alphonsian Academy.

On June 23, 1984, he was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of New York. He has served the archdiocese as: parochial vicar for Church of the Resurrection (Rye, New York); priest-secretary to Cardinal John O'Connor; faculty/leadership at Monsignor Farrell High School, St. Joseph Seminary (Dunwoodie) and St. John Neumann Seminary Residence (Bronx); pastor of St. Benedict's Parish (Bronx) and St. Joseph–St. Thomas Parish (Staten Island); and archdiocesan Vicar for Clergy.

Pope Francis appointed Edmund James Whalen an auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese on October 10, 2019, and he was consecrated on December 10.

Easter Spiritual Bouquet

Now is the time to enroll your living and deceased friends and relatives into St. Agnes's Spiritual Bouquet of Easter.

Pick up an envelope in the rectory office, fill out your information, and include your offering. You will also receive a special Mass card for your intention.

Your envelope will be placed on the Altar for all of our Easter Masses.

Reconciliation Monday is March 29, 2021

Reconciliation Monday is an effort to make the sacrament of Reconciliation available to the faithful in preparation for Easter.

Confessions at Saint Agnes will be heard from:

- 8 AM - 9 AM
- 12 Noon - 2 PM
- 4 PM - 6 PM

Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions Confession are heard in the Church Basement.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we are reminded that Lent is coming to close and the Resurrection is nearing. In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity.

Fasting and Abstinence

Good Friday (April 2, 2021) is an **obligatory day** of fasting and abstinence.

Current Church Law

Fasting: ***Obligatory from age 18 until age 59.***
When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Liquids are allowed at any time, but no solid food should be consumed between meals.

Abstinence: ***Obligatory from age 14 onwards.***
Abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cows, sheep or pigs --- all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Under current law, abstinence does not include meat juices and liquid foods made from meat. Fish are a different category of animal; therefore, salt and freshwater fish and shellfish are permitted.

Special circumstances:
Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail.

What is Tenebrae?

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a religious service celebrated during Holy Week. 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.

The Tenebrae Service - Wednesday, March 31st at 6pm.

Covering Statues for Lent

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.

Covering statues is often practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on Passion Sunday (now called the fifth Sunday of Lent). 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.

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.

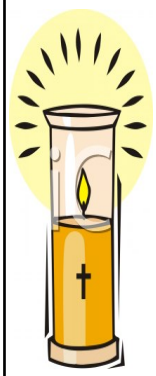
Magnificats, Trappist Preserves (Jams & Jellies) and Immaculate Waters (Soaps & Lotions) can be purchased in the Rectory Office on Weekdays 10:30am-2:30pm. Cash or Check only.

The truth behind the tradition of bearing palms today goes to the story of Palm Sunday, when the people heard that Christ was coming and

"they took out palm branches and went out to meet him and cried out 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel.'" (John 12:13).

It was a tradition to spread palms before a king as he processed into his city. It was a way to welcome him, to show him glory and homage.

Seven Day Candles



You can purchase tall pillar candles at the rectory office or through the sacristan.

These candles burn for approximately seven days.

Plain white candles are $10/each.

Memorial candles and candles with images of 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.

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Sharing God's Gifts Throughout the Archdiocese of New York

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St. Agnes, New York (045)

Saint Agnes's Goal for the 2021 Appeal is: $56,500

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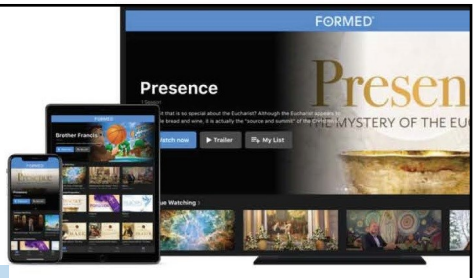

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- Enter the parish zip code (10017) to find St Agnes Church
- Enter your name and email

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 29
Monday of Holy Week
8:00 AM Paula & Angelo Buttigieg
12:10 PM For Special Intentions by Donna David
1:10 PM Bridget P. Walsh
5:10 PM Benedict Walsh

Tuesday, March 30
Tuesday of Holy Week
8:00 AM Vincent McDonnell (Living)
12:10 PM Tommy & Eileen Eaton (Living)
1:10 PM Seamus Crilly
5:10 PM Paulette Hatoun

Wednesday, March 31
Spy Wednesday
8:00 AM Johnny & Zereno Vassallo
12:10 PM All Souls in Purgatory
1:10 PM John Collins
5:10 PM Edward Essert

Thursday, April 1
Holy Thursday
8:00 AM Mary A. Young
12:10 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, April 2
Good Friday

Saturday, April 3
Holy Saturday

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 through Zelle, 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.*

Fr. Michael, Bishop O'Hara, Fr. Bob and Fr. Brian have received the first and second doses of the COVID-19 Vaccine.

Do your part to help build herd immunity, get vaccinated when it's your turn.