

# The Church of Saint Agnes

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**January 15, 2023**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**CHURCH WEBSITE**  
[stagneschurchnyc.org](http://stagneschurchnyc.org)



## 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:

8:30 AM, 11:00\* (*High Mass*),  
12:30, 5:00 (*Spanish*), and 7:00 PM  
*Please note the church closes at 8PM.*

### Holy Day of Obligation:

See the bulletin for upcoming  
Holy Day Schedules.

### Civic Holiday:

See the bulletin for upcoming  
Civic Holiday Schedules.

\* *Live Streamed on YouTube.*

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

### Monday - Friday:

12:40–1:40 PM and 5:00–5:30 PM

### Saturday:

12:30 PM–1:30 PM

## HOLY ROSARY

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

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Friday  
from 1:45 PM to 2:45 PM  
(*Benediction at 2:45 PM*)

## FIRST FRIDAY

Afternoon Exposition: 1:45 PM-5:00 PM  
Holy Hour begins after the 5:10 PM  
Mass, ends with Benediction.

## NOVENAS & PRAYERS

Monday ..... Miraculous Medal  
Tuesday ..... Saint Agnes  
Wednesday ..... Saint Joseph  
Thursday ..... Saint Agnes  
Friday ..... Sacred Heart of Jesus

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Suspended due to Coronavirus

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent after the  
5:10 PM Mass.

## SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

Sunday ..... 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
Monday - Friday ..... 12 Noon - 2 PM  
Saturday ..... Closed

Phone: (212) 599-7588

[bookstore@stagneschurchnyc.org](mailto:bookstore@stagneschurchnyc.org)

## LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Thursday at 6:30 PM

## SERVING THE HOMEBOUND

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

## 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.

## RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Email: [rcia@stagneschurchnyc.org](mailto:rcia@stagneschurchnyc.org)

Our 2022/2023 RCIA Course began on  
September 29<sup>th</sup> and meets on Thursdays  
at 7:00 PM.

## YOUTUBE CHANNEL

[youtube.com/c/ChurchofSaintAgnesNYC](https://youtube.com/c/ChurchofSaintAgnesNYC)



## FACEBOOK

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



We will have a  
Civic Holiday Schedule on  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Day,**  
**January 16, 2023.**



Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 12:10 pm.  
The Church will close after the 12:10 pm Mass.  
There will be no Confessions.  
The Rectory Office and Bookstore will be closed.



Information on our Sunday music offerings can be found on our website at:  
[stagneschurchnyc.org/upcoming-music](http://stagneschurchnyc.org/upcoming-music)

### Spiritual Recollection for Women

takes place on the second Saturday of the month at 2 PM. (Check starts at 1:45 PM)

The next meeting will be on  
**Saturday, January 14, 2022 at 2:00 PM.**

[mhplace.org/afternoon-of-recollection](http://mhplace.org/afternoon-of-recollection)

## SAINT AGNES NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We are going through a challenging period in the history of the parish. Our operating cost are \$1,200,000 annually but we only receive approximately \$500,000 annually in collections (from the basket and online). 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.

### On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>:



We will have Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall after the 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM Masses.

We will have Pizza, Beer and Wine in the Parish Hall after the 7:00 PM Mass.



If you are interested in attending either event or would like to volunteer to help please email:  
[church@stagneschurchnyc.org](mailto:church@stagneschurchnyc.org)

## Online Giving

Saint Agnes offers three ways to make church contributions online:

**Zelle, Venmo, and WeShare.**

These are popular ways to give and they are known for their safety and ease of use.

Giving online is simple and there no need to remember your envelope!

The email associated with *Zelle* for church contributions is:  
[church@stagneschurchnyc.org](mailto:church@stagneschurchnyc.org)



Visit our website at  
[www.stagneschurchnyc.org](http://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)



## PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

January 19-27, 2023

*9 Days for Life* is a novena for the protection of human life. This novena begins on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

For more information visit the website:  
[respectlife.org/9-days-for-life](http://respectlife.org/9-days-for-life)

## March For Life – Washington D.C. January 20, 2023

The March for Life in Washington D.C. began as a grassroots response of pro-lifers nationwide to *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion throughout the nine months of a woman's pregnancy. This year, thanks to the *Dobbs vs Jackson* decision, the 50<sup>th</sup> March for Life takes place in a post *Roe* world. But the March for Life is more important than ever as we strive towards a true culture of life in our nation!

For more details about bus pilgrimages visit:  
<https://bit.ly/archnymarchforlife>



## Seven Day Candles

You can purchase tall pillar candles at the rectory office, bookstore or through the sacristan. These candles burn for approximately seven days.

Plain white candles are \$10/each.

Candles with images of our Lord, the Blessed Mother and various Saints are \$12 each or two for \$20.

### Do you have a Special Intention?

You can donate the Altar Flowers (\$250/arrangement), the Sanctuary Lamp (\$50/week) or the bread and wine that will be consecrated at Mass (\$50/week) for the intention of a love one. Your Donation will also be printed in the bulletin. Contact the rectory office for more information.

# FORMED

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Entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks, and popular ebooks are all just a click away!

For more information on FORMED:  
<https://formed.org/>

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- Go to FORMED.org/signup
- Enter the parish zip code (10017) to find St Agnes Church
- Enter your name and email

#### Already have a FORMED Account?

- Visit FORMED.org
- Click Sign In
- Enter your email
- Click the link in your email
- You're in! No more passwords!

Formed is also available on:



## Saint Agnes

Feast Day: January 21<sup>st</sup>



St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death! – Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, “Jesus Christ is my only Spouse.”

According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower. In great anger, [suitor] Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy.

Next he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. “I would offend my Spouse,” she said, “if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!” Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword.

Other accounts of Agnes’ life hold the Prefect Sempronius responsible for her martyrdom. It is said he condemned the young girl to be dragged through the streets naked. Some versions of the legend state that Agnes’ hair grew instantly to cover her entire body and all the men who attempted to rape the beautiful virgin were immediately struck blind.

The stories go on to explain that another man presided over Agnes’ trial after Sempronius excused himself. The new man sentenced Agnes to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out to the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by Christians.

She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 304.

# *Mass Intentions*

## **Monday, January 16**

### **Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Victor D. Ziminsky Jr.  
12:10 PM Paul Rrasi (Living)

## **Tuesday, January 17**

### **Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbott**

8:00 AM Phyllis Palonis  
12:10 PM Jenee Benjamin (Healing)  
1:10 PM Victor D. Ziminsky Jr.  
5:10 PM Lauren O'Neill (Living)

## **Wednesday, January 18**

### **Wednesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory  
12:10 PM Leah Almeida (Healing)  
1:10 PM Rose & Dan Rubertone  
5:10 PM Victor D. Ziminsky Jr.

## **Thursday, January 19**

### **Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Victor D. Ziminsky Jr.  
12:10 PM For special intentions by Rose Rrasi  
1:10 PM Jan Benjamin (Healing)  
5:10 PM Esilda Aranguren

## **Friday, January 20**

### **Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Billy Kaiserman  
12:10 PM Lauren O'Neill (Living)  
1:10 PM Victor D. Ziminsky Jr.  
5:10 PM Billy Kaiserman

## **Saturday, January 21**

### **Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00 AM Victor D. Ziminsky Jr.  
12:10 PM Cristina Salcedo  
5:10 PM Victor D. Ziminsky Jr.

To arrange an announced Mass, stop by or call the rectory.

The donation for an announced Mass is \$15.

Masses are available from April to December 2023.



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You can find a link on our website: [stagneschurchnyc.org](http://stagneschurchnyc.org)



### **Livestream Masses**

Monday-Saturday @ 12:10 pm and Sunday @ 11:00 am

# Saint Agnes' 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



**Saint Agnes will kick off  
its 150th Anniversary Year  
on the Feast of Saint Agnes,  
January 21, 2023, at the 5:10 PM Mass.**

Bishop O'Hara will celebrate this special Mass.

**Please join us for this monumental  
occasion in the history of our parish.**

**This Mass will be preceded by a  
mini-concert starting at 4:45 PM.**

Our Schola Cantorum will sing music by  
Bruckner, Howells, and Peter Philips.

The full program will be posted on our music  
webpage: [stagneschurchnyc.org/upcoming-music](http://stagneschurchnyc.org/upcoming-music)

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who visit a church on the Feast Day of its Patron or Patroness. Saturday, January 21, 2023 is St. Agnes' Feast Day. 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.

## Prayer to Saint Agnes

St. Agnes, although you were only a child,  
you believed that Jesus was always with you;  
help us to remember that he is also with us,  
and to remain true to his presence.

St. Agnes, you refused to give up your faith;  
help us to be proud of our faith, to love it,  
to be strong in it, and to give witness to it daily.

St. Agnes, patron of children,  
watch over the children of the world;  
keep them safe from harm;  
be with them in their hour of need;  
and always pray for them.

Amen.