

# The Church of Saint Agnes

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**February 26, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**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 8 PM.*

### Holy Day of Obligation:

See the bulletin for upcoming  
Holy Day Schedules.

### Civic Holiday:

8:00 AM and 12:10 PM\*  
*Please note the church closes after the  
12:10 PM Mass and there are no confessions.*

\* *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)



## 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. 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.

## 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!

**zelle**

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.

**venmo**

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



## What is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

## Fasting and Abstinence

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
are the two obligatory days  
of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.**

**Fridays during Lent  
are obligatory days of abstinence.**

**Fasting:** *Obligatory from age 18 until age 59.*

Fasting means only one full meal a day may be taken. Two smaller meals may be eaten to maintain physical strength but together they should not equal another full meal. Snacking between meals is not permitted, but drinking liquids is allowed. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

**Abstinence:** *Obligatory from age 14 onwards.*

Abstinence forbids the eating of meat (including pork) and poultry. Saltwater fish, freshwater fish and shellfish are permitted. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in the discipline of abstaining to the extent that they are able.

**Special circumstances:**

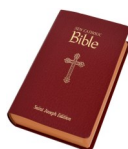
Those that are excused from fast and abstinence include the physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail.

## Saint Agnes Bookstore & Religious Gift Shop

located in the rear right of the Church



Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM



212-599-7588 / bookstore@stagneschurchnyc.org

## 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.



## Inner Healing Retreat

*A Spiritual Confluence of  
Psychology and Catholicism*

Father Johny Dominic will return to Saint Agnes to lead retreats this March. Find out more by attending an Open House here at St. Agnes where he will discuss the benefits of his retreats.

### Open House Event:

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 6pm to 8pm

**Retreat 1 - Module A:** March 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

*Fri. 3/10 - 5pm to 8pm*

*Sat. 3/11 & Sun. 3/12 - 8am to 6pm*

**Retreat 2 - Module B:** March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

*Fri. 3/17, Sat. 3/18 & Sun 3/19 - 8am to 6pm*

**Note: Module B builds on Module A**

### About Rev. Fr. Johny Dominic PhD:

Asst. Director, Sumedha Centre for Psychology and Spirituality (in India), and former parochial vicar of St. Agnes (2008-2015), who specializes in helping people explore and address their emotional conflicts as a pathway to a deeper inner life in Christ.

### For more information and to register contact:

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(914) 727-9779 / mzwiliams231@gmail.com

Andrea O'Boyle

(732) 639-4296 / aoboyle@aol.com



You can purchase 7-day tall pillar candles at the rectory office, bookstore or through the sacristan.

These are the only pillar candles that are allowed to burn in the church.



Your prayers can save lives and change hearts. 40 Days for Life is a life-saving prayer campaign that will take place throughout our Archdiocese starting on Ash Wednesday (February 22) and concluding on Palm Sunday (April 2).

40 Days for Life is a peaceful initiative consisting of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful vigil at abortion facilities, and educational outreach with the goal of protecting mothers and their children from abortion. More than 22,000 unborn children have been saved from abortion during 40 Days for Life campaigns.

To learn more visit: [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

For information about participating contact Laurie at:  
[40days.manhattan@gmail.com](mailto:40days.manhattan@gmail.com)

## The Goretti Group - Young Adult Event

**Friday, March 3, 2023**

**after the 5:10 PM Mass & Way of the Cross**

Join the Goretti Group here at Saint Agnes for a talk by the Archdiocese of New York's Public Policy office team and leaders of Discussion & Discipleship, Ed Mechmann and Alexis Tracey, on **"The Christian Battle in the World Today: Insights from Saint Joan of Arc."**

Email [ny@thegorettigroup.org](mailto:ny@thegorettigroup.org)  
for more information.

On the First Sunday of Lent, begin your journey with self-reflection and allow yourself to experience the mercy of the Lord. How will you renew your commitment to prayer, fasting and almsgiving this season?

## Prayer Before A Crucifix: A Plenary Indulgence for Lent

On any Friday during Lent a plenary indulgence is granted the Faithful who, after Communion, devoutly recite the following prayer before an image of the crucified Lord. On other days of the year the indulgence is a partial one.

At St. Agnes, the large Crucifix on the wall above the sanctuary will work, in addition to a printed image in a missal, prayer book, or church bulletin.

If you have received the Eucharist and recite the prescribed prayer, the only remaining requirements for this indulgence are (1) confession and (2) prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father; one Our Father, One Hail Mary, and one Glory Be will do.

One can obtain a plenary indulgence for themselves, or, we can offer it for a soul in purgatory, including a friend or relative. **This is an act of charity and spiritual tithing to do during Lent.**

### Prayer Before The Crucifix



*Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul I pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart the lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, a true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. Meanwhile, I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five Precious Wounds, pondering over them within me, having in mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet; they have numbered all My bones."*

# **Mass Intentions**

## **Monday, February 27**

### **Monday of the First Week of Lent**

- 8:00 AM In Thanksgiving  
by Mary Anne Cosentiny  
12:10 PM Ernesto Blas Sr.  
1:10 PM For All Children  
who are sick, suffering & dying  
5:10 PM Sylwia Kielbowicz (Living)

## **Tuesday, February 28**

### **Tuesday of the First Week of Lent**

- 8:00 AM Salvatore Cinquegrana (Living)  
12:10 PM Rita & Jerry Murphy  
1:10 PM Stanislaw Kielbowicz  
5:10 PM Sylwia Kielbowicz (Birthday)

## **Wednesday, March 1**

### **Wednesday of the First Week of Lent**

- 8:00 AM Willie Joe Cronin  
12:10 PM Stella Cebulski  
1:10 PM Percival Solis Oca  
5:10 PM Leticia Luces

## **Thursday, March 2**

### **Thursday of the First Week of Lent**

- 8:00 AM William H. Young  
12:10 PM Luisa Opulencia  
1:10 PM Vincent LoBiano Jr.  
5:10 PM Mario & Anna Ciampi

## **Friday, March 3**

### **Friday of the First Week of Lent**

- 8:00 AM William D. Young  
12:10 PM Cosmo DiPietrantonio  
1:10 PM Tracey Ivana Austin  
5:10 PM Peter Ho

## **Saturday, March 4**

### **Saturday of the First Week of Lent**

- 8:00 AM Lawrence E. Schembri  
12:10 PM Sheila Johnson  
5:10 PM Josephine Termini

To arrange an announced Mass, stop by or call the rectory.  
The donation for an announced Mass is \$15.  
Masses are available from June 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





## Stations of the Cross

Saint Agnes offers Stations of the Cross, lead by a Priest, every Friday during the season of Lent. Stations will follow the 5:10 PM Mass.

The Station of the Cross booklet is available for purchase in the Rectory Office and Bookstore for \$3.00 each.

## Saint Patrick's Day Mass



Join us for our annual  
Saint Patrick's Day Mass  
on Friday, March 17, 2023  
at 9:30 AM.

**The Mass will be  
celebrated in English.  
The readings and singing  
will be in Irish.**

Father Michael Barrett, our pastor, will celebrate the Mass in English. Vonnie Quinn will sing in Irish accompanied by Eva Sze, our music director.

**All are welcome as we continue this  
beautiful St. Agnes tradition  
on the Feast of Saint Patrick.**



**the**  
**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout  
the Archdiocese of New York*



The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal exists to fund the expansive efforts of our Archdiocese to provide every person with an encounter with Jesus and a confidence that He, present in every church in the most Holy Eucharist, is our refuge.

**Saint Agnes' 2023 Cardinal's Appeal  
Goal is \$57,000.**

When donating to the Cardinal's Appeal,  
please remember to direct you gift to:  
**Saint Agnes, New York (045)**

Envelopes and more information can  
be found in the rear of the church or at:  
**[cardinalsappeal.org](http://cardinalsappeal.org)**