

The Church of Saint Agnes

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December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

CHURCH WEBSITE
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
† On the first Sunday of the month the
12:30 PM Mass will be in Latin
(*Novus Ordo - Mass of St. Paul VI*)

Holy Day of Obligation:

8:00 AM, 12:10*, 1:10,
5:10 and 6:10 PM
The 5:10 PM Vigil Mass on the day before
the Holy Day will also fulfill the Obligation.

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.

HOLY ROSARY

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday:

12:40-1:40 PM and 5:00-5:30 PM

Saturday:

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - Friday: 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Thursday at 6:00 PM

SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

Located in the rear right of the church.

Sunday

1st Sunday of Month 12 Noon - 2 PM
Other Sundays Closed

Monday - Thursday 12 Noon - 2 PM

Friday

1st & 3rd Fri. of Month.. 12 Noon - 2 PM
Other Fridays Closed

Saturday Closed

Phone: (212) 599-7588

bookstore@stagneschurchnyc.org

SERVING THE HOMEBOUND

The sacraments are available to the ill
and homebound. Contact the rectory.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms of children should take place
as soon as possible. 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
Classes meet on Thursdays at 7 PM.
Contact the Rectory Office for more
information.

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

youtube.com/c/ChurchofSaintAgnesNYC



FACEBOOK

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



A Note From Our Pastor

Parishioners and Friends,

We are coming to close the **150th year of St. Agnes**, and we have been able to serve all of you through difficult and good times. **On January 21st**, we will celebrate St. Agnes, and Cardinal Dolan will come to celebrate Mass at 12:30 pm and join us for a reception downstairs. Though it is a Sunday, we will celebrate our Patroness, St. Agnes.

As you have seen, we have not asked much for financial support, but we need to do so as COVID has reduced the number of people visiting the parish and as the parish has changed in the last few years.

Many do not have the finances to do so, but some of you could give St. Agnes \$50,000 or \$100,000, or even more on an annual basis, which would be helpful for us to pay off our financial deficit of \$400,000 a year. When things do not work well, such as a boiler or an elevator, it costs \$25,000 or \$50,000 to repair, which makes that deficit even worse. Right now, the elevator does not work, the motor is broken, and it will cost **\$30,000** to fix. The overhead for both elevators costs approximately **\$100,000** a year.

St. Agnes Church is a beautiful place to pray, and we keep it clean all the time thanks to people who volunteer and who are conscientious. The Church could use a paint job and repair the leaks in the ceiling, but that is way out of range for what we receive. To repaint and improve the interior of the Church would cost **\$500,000**. That's not like painting the living room of your home.

As we close the year, I hope some of you step forward and help us and that many of you can keep St. Agnes as one of the beneficiaries of your last will. My mother left me some money when she died, and a big part went to St. Agnes. My sister and her husband celebrated my birthday this year, giving St. Agnes **\$50,000**.

People have told me how much St. Agnes was part of the lives of their parents or grandparents, and they may not come to St. Agnes. Still, a part of who they are depends on the Masses and Confessions of their forebears, and they might consider keeping this wonderful place to continue providing Mass and Confessions in the future. People who graduated from elementary school or high school might also feel a bond to help St. Agnes.

I pray to St. Agnes, a girl of 13, to watch over the parish and to help us continue what she exemplified when she surrendered her life for Christ. I pray that others will follow her example to spread the good news of God here in Midtown Manhattan.

Fr. Michael



Saint Agnes 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, after you return it your envelope will be placed on the Altar for all the Christmas Masses.



Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are available in the Rectory Office or the rear of the church.

There will be Christmas Caroling, led by our Schola Cantorum, outside the Church on **Monday, December 18th at 5:30 PM.**

All are welcome to join in.



The Christmas Tree donations are all taken and no longer available. We would like to thank all who donated. Your intentions will be printed in the December 24th bulletin.

If you are interested in donating \$100 or more towards the Christmas flowers we will print your intention in the bulletin. Contact the Rectory Office for more info.

Please Note: The deadline to get your intention printed in the Christmas bulletin has past. Any intention now submitted will be printed in a January bulletin.

Reconciliation Monday: December 18th



Reconciliation Monday is an Archdiocese-wide effort to make the sacrament of Reconciliation available to the faithful in preparation for Christmas.

Confession Schedule on Reconciliation Monday:
12 Noon to 2 PM & 4:30 PM to 7 PM

Christmas 2023 Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd

Vigil Mass for Fourth Sunday of Advent:
5:10pm (*fulfills Sunday Mass Obligation*)

Sunday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Masses for Fourth Sunday of Advent:
these Masses fulfill the Sunday Mass Obligation
8:30am (*Said Mass*), 11:00am (*High Mass w/ Schola*)
and 12:30pm (*w/ Schola*)

Christmas Vigil Mass*: 5:00pm (*in English w/ Cantor*)

Solemn Christmas Mass of Midnight*: 10:00pm
This Mass will be live streamed on YouTube. The Mass will be preceded by Carols and Christmas Music at 9:30pm.

* The 5:00pm and 10:00pm Masses fulfill the Christmas Mass Obligation.

There is no Spanish Mass on Christmas Eve.

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day
The Nativity of the Lord

Masses:
8:30am (*Said Mass*), 11:00am (*High Mass w/ Schola*),
and 12:30pm (*w/ Schola*)

The church will close after the 12:30 PM Mass.
There are no evening Masses, no Spanish Masses
and no Confessions on Christmas Day.
The Bookstore and Rectory Office will be closed.

Tuesday, December 26th
Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

Masses:
8:00am and 12:10pm

The church will close after the 12:10 PM Mass.
There are no evening Masses and 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

God does not love us because we are valuable.
We are valuable because God loves us.

- Fulton J. Sheen



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On Sunday, January 21st, 2024
Cardinal Timothy Dolan
Archbishop of New York
will celebrate the 12:30 PM Mass
to close our 150th Anniversary Year.
A reception will follow the Mass.

New Year's 2024 Schedule

Sunday, December 31st - New Year's Eve
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Masses:
8:30am, 11:00am (*High Mass*), 12:30pm,
5:00pm (*Spanish Mass w/ Music*) and 7:00pm (*no Music*)

Monday, January 1st - New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses:
12:10pm (*Organ & Cantor*) and 5:10pm

There is no morning Mass, no Spanish Mass
and no Confessions on January 1st.
The Bookstore and Rectory Office will be closed.

Tuesday, January 2nd
Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Masses:
8:00am and 12:10pm

The church will close after the 12:10 PM Mass.
There are no evening Masses and no Confessions.
The Rectory Office and Bookstore will be closed.

Saint Agnes Bookstore & Religious Gift Shop



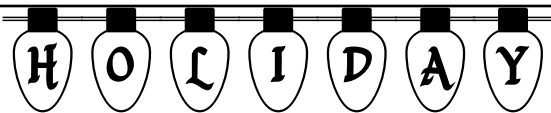
Christmas and
2024 Items are still available.

See the bulletin cover for our bookstore hours.

bookstore@stagneschurchnyc.org / 212-599-7588

The 2024 Saint Agnes Church Wall Calendar
is now available in the rectory office.

We would like to thank
Crestwood Funeral Home & Cremation Services
for supplying our 2024 calendar.



Movie Night
at Saint Agnes



Wednesday, December 20th
at 6:30 PM

The Nativity Story



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.

Mass Intentions

Third Week of Advent

Monday, December 18

8:00 AM Vincent McDonnell (Healing)
12:10 PM Judge Andrew P. Napolitano (Living)
1:10 PM Lucienne Calixte (Living)
5:10 PM In Thanksgiving
by Edward Weller (Birthday)

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 AM Carmen M. Roca
12:10 PM Susan Herlihy
1:10 PM Audrey Kelly (Healing)
5:10 PM Esilda Aranguren

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 AM Peter LaRicca
12:10 PM Maureen King Sawicki
1:10 PM Francis Gibney (Living)
5:10 PM In Thanksgiving
by Santos Genova Family

Thursday, December 21

8:00 AM Emily Martinez
12:10 PM Maureen & Thomas Crean
1:10 PM Rev. Robert J. Brisson (Living)
5:10 PM James Miller

Friday, December 22

8:00 AM Rosemary Tempera
12:10 PM Susan Herlihy
1:10 PM Emily Kilata
5:10 PM Deborah Gonzales

Saturday, December 23

8:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM Irwin Hament
5:10 PM Philip & Josephine Termini

The 2024 Announced Mass Book is now Open.

You can also enroll the deceased in the
St. Agnes Purgatorial Society (Sundays 12:30pm Mass)
and the living in the St. Agnes Parish
Living Intentions (Sundays 11:00am Mass).

SAINT AGNES NEEDS YOUR HELP!



We are going through a challenging period in the history of the parish. 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. Your financial support will not only help St. Agnes get through this tough time but will shape the future of our church and its ability to bring the Catholic Faith to the public square of New York City. Please also consider including Saint Agnes in your will or trust when planning your estate.

*Lord, we offer You these first fruits of our labor.
Please bless this sacrifice and use it to Your glory.*

Online Giving

Saint Agnes offers three ways to make church contributions online:

Zelle, Venmo, and WeShare.

Giving online is simple and there 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**



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 loved one. Your Donation will also be printed in the bulletin. Contact the rectory office for more information.