

The Church of Saint Agnes

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December 24, 2023
Fourth 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)



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.*



The Sanctuary Lamp for the week
of December 24th, 2023 was donated

**In Loving Memory of
Esilda Aranguren**

The Bread and Wine for the week of
December 24th, 2023 was donated

**In Loving Memory of
Alex Tung**



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!

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**



Christmas Tree Donations

We would like to thank the benefactors who donated
the five Christmas Trees that decorate the entrances to
the church and rectory and remember their intentions:



In Memory of Arthur James Cavanagh
by Kay Cavanagh

**In Memory of the
Murphy & McGrath Family**
by Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Feely

In Memory of the King & Feely Family
by Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Feely

In Memory of Sara Young
by Alex Tung

**In Memory of Romy & Amy DeLeon
and Pedro & Rufina Villegas**
by Catalina DeLeon

Christmas Flower Donations

We would like to thank everyone who donated
towards the Christmas Flowers and remember their
intentions. The intentions of those who have donated
\$100 or more are:

**In Memory of the
Deceased Members of the Reyes Family**
by Soledad Reyes

In Memory of Rafaela & Paul Naranjo
by Priscilla Naranjo



*Please note: Any intention for those who donated \$100
or more towards the Christmas flowers submitted after
December 12th will be printed in a January bulletin.*



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.



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

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.*

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.*

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 and no Confessions.

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 will be Closed on
Monday, December 25th,
Tuesday, December 26th,
Monday, January 1st
and Tuesday, January 2nd.

Saint Agnes Bookstore & Gift Shop

The Bookstore will be closed
Friday, December 22nd through Tuesday, January 2nd.

We will resume our regular schedule
on Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024.



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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.

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

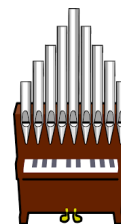
We would like to thank
Crestwood Funeral Home & Cremation Services
for supplying our 2024 calendar.

Sacred Music

The full listing of music for Christmastide can be
found on the Music page on the parish website:
stagneschurchnyc.org/music-main

The parish musicians would like to
thank all parishioners and visitors for
their ongoing support.

If you would like to become a
Friend of Music, please contact
our music director, Eva Sze at
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Urbi & Orbi: Receive the Pope's Blessing

On Christmas Day the Holy Father offers his apostolic blessing to the faithful, commonly known as the *Urbi et Orbi*. There is a plenary indulgence attached to this blessing, but you must hear it live. The *Urbi et Orbi* blessing happens at Noon Rome time, which is 6 AM in New York, and only takes a few minutes. Options for hearing the *Urbi et Orbi* live include: EWTN Catholic Radio, EWTN Television, livestream through EWTN's website, and the Vatican's YouTube Channel.

The "usual conditions" of Confession, receiving the Eucharist, and prayers for the Holy Father apply to the *Urbi et Orbi* plenary indulgence.



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

Fourth Week of Advent / Christmas

Monday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

8:30 AM All Christmas Day Masses are celebrated
11:00 AM for the Parishioners of Saint Agnes
12:30 PM and Spiritual Bouquet Intentions.

Tuesday, December 26

Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

8:00 AM Billy & Sara Kaiserman
12:10 PM Tim Murphy

Wednesday, December 27

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist

8:00 AM Nora Lucey
12:10 PM Emer Ferguson
1:10 PM Vincent McDonnell (Healing)
5:10 PM William R. Sheridan

Thursday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

8:00 AM William Maxwell Smith
12:10 PM Susan Herlihy
1:10 PM Teofila Guevarra
5:10 PM Esmie Magloire

Friday, December 29

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:00 AM Micheline Quenum
12:10 PM Benedict Walsh
1:10 PM Francis Gibney (Living)
5:10 PM William & Caroline Shields

Saturday, December 30

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:00 AM William R. Sheridan
12:10 PM Catherin P. Grady-Negri
5:10 PM Benedict Walsh

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).



A Christmas Letter From Our Pastor

Parishioners and Friends of St. Agnes

Have a wonderful, Blessed Christmas season, and may the Child Jesus bring down all kinds of blessings on your family and friends!

Christmas Day came early the day after the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and we all have to tell Our Lord how excited we are even though it arrived so quickly. Let us thank God for our family members and friends, even if we struggle to understand our complicated world. Within our family, we ask God to help us build strong bonds even with those we find hard to understand, particularly for the older ones to understand and love the younger ones and to be patient as they grow in discovering the depth of the love for them of the Most Holy Trinity.

Among our friends, we ask the Father to guide us to reach the hearts of our friends, to embrace The Child Jesus and tell Him we want to follow His goodness and watch Him grow into an amazing man, the Carpenter of Nazareth. Jesus, teach me to love my work, turn it into prayer, and put my family ahead of all the other goals in my life.

With Mary and Joseph, along with the Angels and Shepherds, we adore and count on you in all we do in life. Let the miracle of your Incarnation spread throughout the world, and may we be good instruments in telling about it to others around us. I ask St. Agnes as we approach our 150th anniversary to watch over our parishioners and our parish.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas from all the priests and staff of St. Agnes.

Fr. Michael J. Barrett



Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace
to those on whom his favor rests.

- Luke 2:14