

The Church of Saint Agnes

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February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

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.

SAINT AGNES BOOKSTORE

Located in the rear right of the church.

Sunday 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.

LEGION OF MARY

Meets every Thursday at 6:00 PM

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

youtube.com/c/ChurchofSaintAgnesNYC



FACEBOOK

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



On the days around Ash Wednesday we Catholics usually come up with a plan for Lent: to give up something as a sacrifice (like candy or social media); to attend Mass daily; pray the holy rosary; read scripture; etc. But the Church reminds us that Lent should consist of more than external actions, it is a time of Grace to convert and go back to the closeness to God like the Prodigal Son: "I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'" (Lk 15:18)

To go back to the House of the Father implies to acknowledge the ways in which we have distanced ourselves from our true home. If the ashes represent our sadness for having rejected the love that God has for us in Christ, they should also lead us to open ourselves to the joy of His merciful welcome, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Whatever practices the Holy Spirit inspires us in this season to express our contrition and grow closer to God, may they also fill us with the hope of Easter, that with Christ we can rise from our failures and feel the strength of the victory of His love over our sins.

Abstinence during Lent

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

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.

NOTES ON LENTEN MUSIC

During Lent (except for Lent IV and Solemnities), the organ is used only to accompany singing. The Roman Missal Chant Mass is sung at the Saturday Vigil and Mass XVII on Sundays. The latter setting can be found on p. 887 in the red Lumen Christi Missal. For more details about the liturgical music, please visit:

stagneschurchnyc.org/upcoming-music

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."

**Please do not leave flowers
in the church during the Lenten Season.
It is a time of penance. Thank you.**



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.



Presidents' Day Monday, February 19, 2024

We will have a civic holiday schedule on Monday, February 19, 2024.
Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM.
The Church will close after the 12:10 PM Mass and there will be no Confessions.
The Rectory Office and Bookstore will be Closed.



BIBLE STUDY IN ENGLISH

Tuesday, February 20th
Tuesday, March 5th
Tuesday, March 12th
12:45 PM - 1:15 PM

Father Jose will lead these afternoon bible study session in the Parish Hall.
Everyone is Welcome.

Third Sunday of the Month February 18, 2024



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

Spiritual Recollection for Women

takes place at St. Agnes on the second Saturday of the month from 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM.
Check-In begins at 2:15 PM.

Next Women's Recollection Dates:
March 9th & April 13th

For more information visit:
mhplace.org/afternoon-of-recollection



Saint Agnes is a living memorial to the many people who have sacrificed to support the parish and pass on the traditions of our Catholic faith to succeeding generations. Perpetuate the memory of deceased loved ones or honor those living by making a sacrificial offering to including their names permanently on a special memorial plaque on either a Full or Half Church Pew. The donation amount for a Full Pew is \$8,000 and a Half Pew is \$4,000. Contact the rectory for more details.

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

To sign up for free, select sign up as a parishioner and use our zip code (10017) to find St. Agnes.

MEDITATE BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saint Agnes offers
Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
for an hour each weekday after the 1:10pm Mass.

Exposition begins at 1:45pm and concludes with Benediction at 2:45pm.

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration.

✠ Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta ✠

Mass Classes at St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier will be conducting four Mass classes that will be held simultaneously with the regular Masses. These Mass classes will occur at the

Xavier High School Chapel
30 West 16th Street
Second Floor

The Mass Class schedule is:

Sunday, 3/3/24: 9:00 am Mass
Sunday, 4/7/24: 11:30 am Mass
Sunday, 5/5/24: 5:00 pm Mass

A Mass class is a celebration of Mass that includes an explanation of its various parts. Throughout the Mass, the priest takes the time to explain essential elements of each part of the celebration.



Saint Agnes Bookstore & Religious Gift Shop

located in the rear right of the Church



Visit our Bookstore for a selection of Bibles, books, rosaries, religious jewelry, statues, crucifixes and other religious items.

See the bulletin cover for Bookstore Hours.



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

First Week of Lent

Monday, February 19

8:00 AM Vinny Barclay
12:10 PM Anthony Walsh

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 AM Margaret Rose Douglas Armour
12:10 PM Robert E. Herbert
1:10 PM Sylwia Kielbowicz (Birthday)
5:10 PM Billy & Sara Kaiserman

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 AM Vincent McDonnell (Healing)
12:10 PM The Duffy & Cappiello Family
1:10 PM Godofredo Gonzales
5:10 PM Baga Tan & Trinidad Reas

Thursday, February 22

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

8:00 AM Ellie & Margaret McAuliffe
12:10 PM Anna (Anita) Surujbhan (Birthday)
1:10 PM Guillermo Valarezo
5:10 PM In Thanksgiving by Winifred James

Friday, February 23

8:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory
12:10 PM Victoria Plaza (Birthday)
1:10 PM Robert Shields
5:10 PM Jorge Rosauero & Priscila Pasadas

Saturday, February 24

8:00 AM Dr. Gary Villanueva (Healing)
12:10 PM Geri Keegan (Birthday)
5:10 PM Dr. Prospero Lim (Healing)

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