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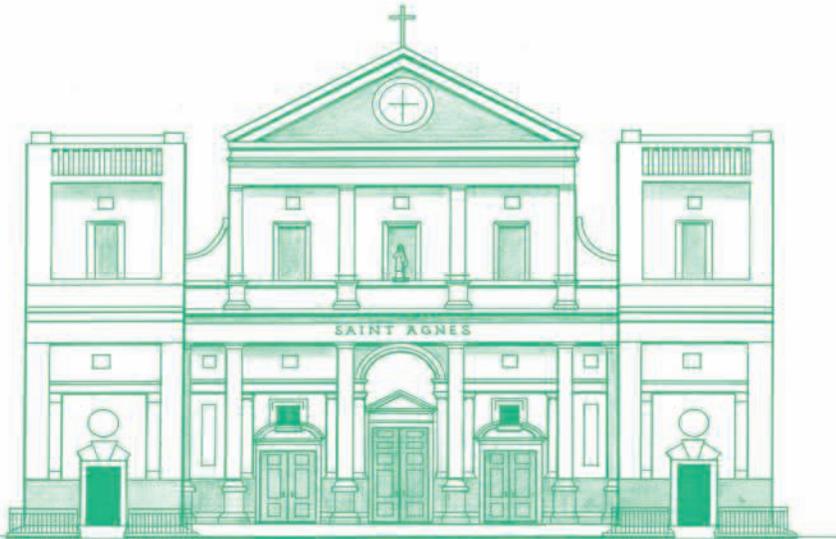
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## RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

**Weekdays:** 10:00 AM–5:30 PM

**Saturday and Sunday:** Closed

## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday:** 8:30, 10:00,  
11:00 AM (*Tridentine Latin Mass*),  
12:30, 5:15, and 7:00 PM  
*Please note the church closes at 8PM.*

**Weekdays:** 7:10, 8:10 AM,  
12:10, 12:40, 1:10, and 5:10 PM  
**Saturday:** 8:10 AM, 12:10, and  
5:10 PM (*fulfills Sunday obligation*)

## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

5:10 PM (*Vigil Mass*)

7:10, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40,  
11:40 AM, 12:10, 12:40, 1:10, 1:40,  
5:10 (*High Mass*), and 6:10 PM

## CIVIC HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:10 AM and 12:10PM

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Weekdays:** 1:50–4:55 PM

**First Friday:** 8:40AM –12noon and  
1:50–4:55 PM

(*Vespers and Benediction at 4:55 PM*)

## CONFESSIONS

**Weekdays:** 7:30–8:30 AM,  
12:40–1:40 PM, and 5:00–5:30 PM  
**Saturday:** 11:45 AM–12:30 PM,  
4:45–5:30 PM

## FIRST FRIDAY VIGIL

Opens with Mass at 5:10 PM  
Closes with Benediction at 7:00 PM

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

**Weekdays:** 3:00 PM

## NOVENAS

**Monday:** Miraculous Medal  
**Wednesday:** Saint Michael  
**Friday:** Sacred Heart of Jesus  
*Novenas follow the 7:10am, 8:10am,  
1:10pm, and 5:10pm Masses only.*

## 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.

## HOLY ROSARY

**Weekdays:** after the 5:10 PM Mass  
**Saturday:** after the 12:10 PM Mass

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## LEGION OF MARY

Meets every **Thursday** at 6:30 PM



***Our Lady of Fatima***

*May 13, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917. The Catholic Church declared Fatima to be “worthy of belief” in 1930.*

*There is much to be learned from the events in Fatima, and we hope to bring you information every week for your contemplation.*

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On May 13, 1917, at the first apparition of Our Lady to the children of Fatima, they asked about Heaven... would they get there? Our Lady said yes, “Although Francisco must say many Rosaries.” They also asked about two deceased friends. Were they in Heaven? Our Lady confirmed that one was. As for the other, “She will be in Purgatory until the end of the world.”

With this comment, Our Lady confirms the existence of Purgatory for us. The year 1917 is “recent history” when we consider the age of the Church; therefore, it is a modern-day affirmation of very old dogma. She also indicates that devotion to the Rosary is a very effective help in the renewal of the spiritual life, although we cannot guess as to why she specifically said those words to Francisco.

Contemplating Our Lady’s words on Purgatory and the Rosary - and the fact that these two topics were addressed at the very beginning of the Fatima apparitions - could be a helpful aide in our practice.

***Did you know?***

Fr. Barrett and Fr. Brisson can hear Confession in both English & Spanish. Don’t let a language barrier get in the way! Wondering when they’ll be in the Confessional next? Call the Rectory at 212-682-5722.

**Rosaries, Catholic Medals, and Prayer Cards accepted!**

St. Agnes is happy to accept donations of Catholic medals and prayer cards in addition to the Holy Rosary. Bring your items to the bookstore during regular hours. Thank you!

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Sunday, January 24, 2016 \$4,425.00

**Sunday, January 22, 2017 \$5,368.00**

*Christmas contributions/donations are still being received and therefore those numbers will be reported later this month. Thank you!*

January 29, 2017

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
*(Tridentine Latin Mass)*

***Meditate before the Blessed Sacrament***

St. Agnes reminds you that we offer Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament for 3 hours a day, 5 days a week. Exposition begins at 1:50pm and concludes with Benediction at 4:55pm.

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**“Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is the devotion which surpasses all others.” - St. Pius X**

**Catholic Schools Week 2017**

National Catholic Schools Week is an annual, weeklong tradition dating back to 1974. This year, it runs from January 29th through February 4th and has the theme “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.” Tours and special activities are planned at many schools in the archdiocese. The January 19th edition of *Catholic New York* has a dedicated section on Catholic Schools Week; you can also view it on their website at [cny.org](http://cny.org).

**Pope Francis: Show up!**

“To live a Christian life, we can’t run away or hide from God’s will,” Pope Francis said in his homily at Santa Marta on January 24th. Rather, we must continuously show up – speaking to Him in prayer and striving to do His will.

And we don’t have to worry, because no matter what He is asking us to do, “The Lord is always in dialogue with those whom He invites” to do his work, Francis explained. “He has lots of patience, lots of patience.”

He invited attendees at the Mass to reflect: Do I hide like Adam in the Garden of Eden, not responding? Do I look the other way like the Levite and the priest when they saw the man wounded and beaten by strangers?

Sometimes, in the course of our lives, we may get angry with God, Francis noted. But this can also be a way to pray: as our Father, “He likes to discuss with us,” the Pope said. The alternative, Pope Francis said, is to hide, run away, pretend, or look the other way.

*Source: [Hannah Brockhaus](http://Hannah Brockhaus), CNA/EWTN News, Jan 24, 2017, edited for space.*

### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**

On Thursday, February 2nd, the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is also known as Candlemas, since the blessing and procession of candles is traditionally included in the liturgy. Until 1969, this feast was known as the feast of the Purification of Our Lady and closed the Christmas season, as it is forty days after the Lord's birth. Many Catholics practice the tradition of keeping out the Nativity creche or other Christmas decorations until this feast.

The Presentation/Purification has long been associated with many popular devotional exercises. The faithful may participate in processions commemorating the Lord's entry into the Temple in Jerusalem, for He had entered God's house for the first time. Such processions always had a penitential character, and were later identified with the blessing of candles which were carried in procession in honor of Christ, 'the light to enlighten the Gentiles' (Lk 2, 32). They also are sensitive to the actions of the Blessed Virgin in presenting her Son in the Temple and to her submission to the Law of Moses (Lk 12, 1-8) in the rite of purification; popular piety sees in the rite of purification the humility of Our Lady and hence, February 2nd has long been regarded as a feast for those in humble service.

Source: *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, CatholicCulture.org*

### **Saint Blaise's Blessing**

***The Church of St. Agnes is pleased to offer the Blessing of Saint Blaise after EVERY MASS on Friday, February 3rd.***

One small, but very beautiful part of the Church's year is the blessings of throats on the feast of St. Blaise. The blessing of St. Blaise is given on the 3rd of February, the saint's feast day, by putting two candles in the form of a cross on the neck of the person, while the priest says, "*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*"

According to a very old tradition found in both the east and west, St. Blaise was bishop of the city of Sebaste in Armenia. He was martyred sometime between the year 311 and 324 under the eastern Emperor Licinius. It is reported that he miraculously saved a young boy who was choking on a fish bone, and some stories about him say that he performed this miracle while he was on his way to martyrdom. This holy martyr has been invoked as the Patron Saint of those who suffer from throat illnesses for well over a thousand years.

Source: *Father Thomas O'Loughlin*



Today marks the beginning of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. As you know, funds raised from this Appeal support programs in our archdiocese, including our schools and religious education. It also provides for our retired religious and invests in our future by supporting our seminarians. Lastly, it helps to fund Catholic Charities, which provides care to millions of people in our archdiocese.

You will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan, detailing how to make your contribution. Please prayerfully consider your gift. It is only with your support that this campaign can be a success.

If you would like to make your gift today, please fill out an envelope, found in the back of the church, and either mail it to the Appeal office or submit it to the parish. You can also pledge online. If you need time to think about your gift, you will be given an opportunity to make your pledge during Mass on Commitment Weekend in a few weeks. Thank you so much for your support.

### **Annual Archdiocesan**

#### **Black History Month Mass**

The Archdiocesan Black History Month Mass is an annual Sunday liturgy held on the first Sunday of February (Black History Month). It celebrates the faith and culture of people of African descent and the National Day of Prayer for the African American & African Family (founded by Fr. James Goode, OFM). This year, the Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Fernand Cheri, OFM, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. All are welcome to this vibrant, spirit-filled liturgy!

**When:** Sunday, February 5, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 PM to 3:45 PM

**Where:** St. Patrick's Cathedral  
5th Ave. & 51st Street  
New York, NY

## **Do you have a special intention or petition?**

If so, St. Agnes has several ways to work with you.

You could...

1. Arrange a Mass at St. Agnes. You choose the time & date from our regularly scheduled Masses. (Please note this does not include Sunday Masses.) The Archdiocese determines the donation amount for each Mass, currently at \$15. Stop by the rectory to sign up! Your arranged Mass will be printed in the bulletin.
2. Arrange a Mass with the Missions. St. Agnes supports our Missionary priests by passing along your intention & donation (\$10) for a Mass that they will say for you. This is an excellent way to support our priests abroad while honoring your intention.
3. Offer the bread & wine for our Masses at St. Agnes. Your donation (\$50) will provide the bread & wine that will be consecrated at our Masses for your chosen week. This is a very beautiful way to remember your petition. Your donation will be printed in the bulletin.
4. Make a donation for the sanctuary lamp. As you know, this lamp reminds us of the Living Presence of Our Lord in the tabernacle. It must always be lit when He is present. Your donation (\$50) will provide continuous candlelight for a chosen week and will be printed in the bulletin.
5. Light a tall (pillar) candle and place it within the church. You can purchase them at the bookstore or through the rectory for \$10/each. These candles burn for approximately 7 days. Light your candle and leave it with the plastic casing. The sacristan will put it into an appropriate glass sleeve.
6. Light a small candle from one of the many stations in the church. Help yourself! Please remember to leave a donation of \$1 in the nearby receptacle.

*Masses and donations for the bread & wine or sanctuary lamp are cash only, arranged through the rectory. Candles are cash only. Thank you.*

### ***Serving the ill & homebound...***

Those who are homebound can receive the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion. Please contact the rectory office at (212) 682-5722.

***JANUARY 29, 2017***

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, January 30**

7:10 AM Adolf & Rose Sierra  
8:10 AM Theresa Crupi  
12:10 PM Eduardo Miranda  
12:40 PM Rose D'Amato  
1:10 PM Robert G. Becker  
5:10 PM Lola Elias Albina

**Tuesday, January 31, St. John Bosco, Priest**

7:10 AM Clement Mieczowski  
8:10 AM Frederick Morris  
12:10 PM Joseph Albert Spampinato  
12:40 PM Rose D'Amato  
1:10 PM Maria Vazquez & Eugenia Quiles  
5:10 PM Frances Martinez

**Wednesday, February 1**

7:10 AM Jimmy O'Donnell  
8:10 AM Rory Conroy (Living)  
12:10 PM Rafaela Sanchez Zayas  
12:40 PM Elias Diaz Ramos  
1:10 PM Fannie Giallorenzo  
5:10 PM Billy Doherty

**Thursday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord**

7:10 AM Kathryn A. Anderson  
8:10 AM Vito DeSantis  
12:10 PM Fr. Michael Barrett (Living)  
12:40 PM Crisfanny DeLuna Palaez (Living)  
1:10 PM Breda Walsh (Living)  
5:10 PM Alfred Edward

**Friday, February 3**

7:10 AM Francis John Romeo  
8:10 AM Kathleen Tolan  
12:10 PM Zbigniew Kucharczyk  
12:40 PM Living Members of the  
McDermott Family  
1:10 PM Christopher Soares  
5:10 PM John A. Caulfield

**Saturday, February 4**

8:10 AM Anthony G. Iacouelli  
12:10 PM Maria Chang  
5:10 PM Kathleen Cepelak (Living)

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