MISSION STATEMENT:
We, the parish of St. Agnes Cathedral, a community of believers, proclaim the presence of Christ in the world through Word, Sacrament and deeds. Affirming the sanctity of each person, we minister to all by committing ourselves to renewal, formation and living the Gospel.
Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening
5:00 p.m. — Cathedral
7:30 p.m. — Lower Hall
7:30 p.m. — Lower Hall (Spanish Mass)

Sunday
7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. — Lower Hall (not celebrated in summer)

Weekday
6:30, 7:45, 9:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. (No 12:10 p.m. Saturday)
Monday 7:30 p.m.

Eve of Holy Day  5:00 p.m.
Holy Day — Check the weekly bulletin

Cathedral & Adoration Chapel Hours

As a reminder to parishioners and visitors alike, the Cathedral doors will be locked Monday through Friday, following the 12:10 p.m. Mass (closing at approximately 2:00 p.m.). For those who wish to pray later in the day, the Adoration Chapel is open until 7:00 p.m. Access to the Chapel is through the north door on Clinton Avenue. On weekends the entire Cathedral is open until the completion of that day’s final Mass.

“Mass Transit” Bus Service

St. Agnes Cathedral offers bus service to parishioners who are unable to drive to Sunday Mass. Our “Mass Transit” mini-bus provides service to our 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please leave your name, address and phone number with the rectory office if you need a ride.

Contact Numbers

Rectory Office ........................................ 766-0205
Open Monday through Friday from
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:30 -1:30 p.m.)
Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Emergencies anytime

Elementary School ................................. 678-5550
Cecilia St. John, Principal
Justin Grover, Assistant Principal

Evangelization and Formation (Religious Education) and Adult Formation (RCIA)  678-2306
Joseph R. Long
Email: jlong@stagnescathedral.org
Religious Education Office hours:
Mondays from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Service Center/Outreach .......................... 678-1854
Sr. Kathleen P. Murphy, O.P.
Office open Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Music Office ........................................ 764-9578
Michael Bower, Director
Maura Goodwin, Associate Director

Comunidad Hispana ............................... 766-0205
Rev. German Villabon, O.S.A.

Business Office .................................... 766-0205
Harry Larson, Manager

Sacraments

Confessions
Saturday, Eve of Holy Day, and Eve of First Friday from
4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Monday Evening following 7:30 p.m. Mass.
Wednesday Morning following the 7:45 a.m. Mass
and the 12:10 p.m. Mass.
Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least 12 months in advance and prior to making reception plans. Call the Rectory for an appointment with the priest or deacon you wish to witness your wedding. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana.

Pastoral Care of the Sick
Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Rectory Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is also celebrated each Monday morning during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to be anointed, please sit in the first row of the baptismal font transept.

On Becoming A Catholic

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Joseph R. Long (678-2306) concerning the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
Masses For The Week

Monday, August 12, St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
6:30 Intention of Magnificat Members
7:45 Romilio Iusi
9:00 Robert & Charles Bingham
12:10 George Dunn
7:30 Elizabeth 'Betsy' Toy Schower

Tuesday, August 13, St. Pontian,
Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
6:30 Sandy Bonadonna (Living Intention)
7:45 Joseph Milone
9:00 Gregory Hammill
12:10 Andrew Alfano

Wednesday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest & Martyr
Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
6:30 Pam Westberry
7:45 Joseph Milone
9:00 Joann Sutera
12:10 Guardian Angel (In Thanksgiving)

Vigil Mass
5:00 Viola Chisholm
7:30 Pasqualina, Carmelo & Giuseppe Gaziano

Thursday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19/a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1; Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
6:30 Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
7:45 Alan Jones
9:00 Helen & Stanley Rojek
12:10 Catherine & William Donovan
7:30 Patricia Donohue

Friday, August 16, St. Stephen of Hungary
Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
6:30 Elaine Marzocchi (Living Intention)
7:45 Dionisio Namocatcat III
9:00 Gregory Hammill
12:10 Rocco Mirro

Saturday, August 17, Weekday
Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15
6:30 Elaine O’Connelly
7:45 Gaetano Frank DiBenedetto
9:00 Special Intention
5:00 William Dolan, Salvatore LaRosa,
Ryan Patrick O'Shea, Gene Judd, Sr.,
Erminia & Amodio Corso
7:30 C Alfonso Rodriguez Fausito
7:30 LH Carol Goodman

Sunday, August 18, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4
7:00 Jeanne Cooke
8:00 George Matthews
9:30 Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
11:00 Sean Clancy
12:30 John Wirta, Claudina Wright, Pat Jacob,
Megan Gallagher, Ryan Patrick O'Shea
5:00 Joseph Milone

Please Pray
For The Dearly Departed
Eileen A. Kee, Sebastian J. Saitta

For The Sick
Baby Patrick Thomas McNamara,
Baby Martin Raymond McNamara, William Golden,
Paul Chapman, Adele Pomplilio, Mary Ann Statuto,
Loretta Matuozzi-Fiola, Mercedes Marin, Anthony
Lucchesse, Dr. Paul Schimmenti, Ted Hayden, Jake
Basile, Timothy Cantwell, Michael Choroszy, James
Conroy, James Conway, Edward Denaro, Dolores
DeVito, Paul Donofreo, William Farley, Reese
Gallinaro, Andrew Healey, Henry J. Hinton, Stephen
Hirsh, Jimmy Kerrigan, Michael Lanzi, Jake Lonigro,
Gail Lotz, Zellen Lowe, Alvin Mahabeer, Midge
Malone, Thomas Mohr, Joseph Murray, Vincent Musac,
Mary O'Neil, Jim Schneider, Lisa Pelrine-Shulman,
Sally Ann Smith, Louise Vastola, Baby McKenna Shea
Xydias

Names for the bulletin remain for three weeks unless
the Rectory is notified.

Rose for Life
In Loving Memory of
Alan Jones

Altar Flowers
In Celebration of the Wedding of
Katherine Rietberg
& Connor McCann
and In Loving Memory of
their deceased grandparents

Holy Day Schedule
Thursday, August 15th, is the Solemnity
of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and a holy day of obligation.

Masses are:
Wednesday, August 14th
Vigil: 5:00 p.m. and
7:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

Thursday, August 15th
6:30, 7:45, 9:00, 12:10 p.m.
and 7:30 p.m.
Stewardship
A Way of Life

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus stresses the importance of doing what is good now. We do not know the hour the Lord is coming or when we are called home, so we must constantly be doing good for the Lord.

Living Stewardship

Today is always the best time to make a change for the better. If you don’t already have a set time for prayer everyday, begin today. See when the next available time for Confession is at your parish and make a commitment today to go then.

Sharing One’s Material Resources in the Parish

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Cross Chapel

Jesus is waiting for you! You are invited to join us every Friday for Adoration and some quiet reflection and prayer. Exposition takes place following the 9:00 a.m. Mass in the Holy Cross Chapel on the 1st floor of the Ministry Building and concludes with Benediction at 3:00 p.m.

On the first Friday night of each month we also invite you for Nocturnal Adoration.

Make some time to spend with the Lord.

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Monday - after 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Masses

Rosary

After the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Monday through Saturday in the Cathedral except on First Saturday when it is recited at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome.

St. Agnes Pastoral Council

The St. Agnes Pastoral Council meets monthly with Msgr. Koenig to consult on issues facing the Parish, to express views and concerns, and to discuss ways for the Parish to best advance its mission to proclaim the presence of Christ in the world through Word, Sacrament and deeds.

The members of the Pastoral Council are:

Jackie Rodriguez
June Cosgrove
Tom Nofi
Rob Wiedenhoft
Tom Glynn
Theresa Cove
Mary Beth Crottier
Maureen Luvin
Kevin Mulry
Greg Smith
Michael Smyth

Parishioners are invited to speak to individual members of the Pastoral Council or to contact Kevin Mulry of the Pastoral Council by e-mail at www.farrellfritz.com.

Holy Communion During the Summer Months

Because of the vacation schedules of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Communion under both species is suspended during the summer months. For those who have gluten intolerance, low-gluten hosts are available at all Masses. One should stop in the sacristy before Mass to arrange for this type of host to be consecrated.

Summer Attire

The Cathedral is air conditioned for your comfort. With the summer months upon us, we tend toward a more relaxed way of life as well as dress. Please be conscious of proper attire for church. Thank you.

Weekly Collection

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PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
(Grades 1-8)
Registration is open
for the 2019-2020 Catechetical Year

WELCOME!
Where: Come by the Religious Education Office
in the Ministry Building (next to the Rectory)
on the corner of N. Village and Quealy Pl.

When: Office Hours-August 12 to August 16
Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00 PM

What: *For those new to our program, bring a copy of your child’s baptism certificate.
*Registration forms will be provided.
*Fees:

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Religious Education Sessions for levels 1-6 meet:

- **Level 1**: Mondays 4:30-5:30 PM, Mondays 5:45-6:45 PM, Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 PM, Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 PM

- **Levels 2-6**: Mondays 4:30-5:30 PM, Mondays 5:45-6:45 PM, Tuesdays 4:30-5:30 PM, Tuesdays 5:45-6:45 PM, Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM

Some changes to our program for the coming year:
--Level 1 is completely on site (meeting at St. Agnes Cathedral School). The Faith First @Home Program is no longer available.
--Level 7 and 8 times have changed. Level 7 will be on Monday or Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 on Mondays or Tuesday. On alternate weeks, level 8 will meet on Mondays or Tuesday from 7:00-8:30 PM. Both groups meet in the Parish Center.

For more information, please call 516-678-2306 or email jlong@stagnescathedral.org.

Fatima
“Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. Jesus wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and those souls will be loved by God like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne.”
— Our Lady to Lucia — July 13, 1917

An Evening
With Mary

**Monday, August 19, 2019**
6:30 p.m.

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre

**AN EVENING WITH MARY**
is an open night of prayer.
It emphasizes worship of the Blessed Sacrament and devotion to our Lady.

We will begin with prayers, followed by the celebration of the Mass at 7:30 p.m. and finish with a procession.

All are welcome.
All are invited.
Bring a friend.
Calling All Basketball Alum - We Need Memorabilia!

The 2019 Parish Party Committee is looking for St. Agnes basketball memorabilia for our Hoop It Up party on Saturday, October 19th. Does your family have photos, an old Jersey, or other memorabilia from CYO, the high school, or elementary school that you would like to share? The more vintage the better! Please label with your name, address and contact number and drop to 36 Vassar Place by Labor Day. Call Patti Coghlan at 764-3430 to arrange drop offs.

Annual School Supply Collection

Please help members of our community for whom buying school supplies can be a terrible monetary burden. On Saturday and Sunday, August 24th and 25th we will be collecting school supplies which will then be distributed through the Parish Outreach Center. There will be boxes at the doors of the Cathedral for your donations. Please help by donating as many items you can from the list of suggestions below. As a family, while shopping for your own school supplies you might also encourage your children to put together a backpack of supplies to be donated. Our parish has been so generous during past collections that we anticipate that once again you help will make this September much better for needy families within our community. You can also bring your donations to the Outreach Office during the month of August. (Mon-Fri. 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.) Please call Sister Kathleen in Parish Outreach at (516) 678-1854 with any questions.

Suggested Items: (Please remember, all items must be new)
- Backpacks
- Loose leaf binders
- Loose leaf
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Markers
- Packs of pens (erasable and regular)
- School scissors
- Marble Notebooks
- Spiral notebooks
- School glue or glue sticks
- Construction paper
- Pocket folders
- Staples Gift Certificates

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VIRTUS® Online

VIRTUS Training for Fall 2019

All St. Agnes employees and volunteers are required to have a background check and attend a VIRTUS Training session prior to serving the parish. All Liturgical Ministers, CYO Coaches, and St. Agnes School parents who will volunteer at school are required to attend a VIRTUS training session, if they have not yet done so.

We will be conducting a VIRTUS Training session on the following dates:
- Thursday, August 29th 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
- Saturday, September 28th, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon in the Parish Center
- Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

Registration takes place online only at www.virtusonline.org. Participants create an account and sign up for the session they wish to attend.

The sessions at the moment are limited to 25 (diocesan requirement) and only open to St. Agnes Parishioners/Ministries.
SAVE THE DATE

The 57th Annual
St. Agnes Parish Celebration

HOOP IT UP!

Honoring
William Croutier Sr.

Saturday, October 19, 2019
7:30pm - 11:30pm

The Msgr. James P. Kelly Parish Center
Live Music By The Mystic

Open Bar • Buffet Dinner

Tickets:
$65PP (21 and over only) • $50 seniors
$70 at the door if available
Parish Outreach

Our food pantry is low and we are in need of the following items: peanut butter and jelly, Goya beans, canned corn, rice and tuna fish.

Your consideration of the donation of any of these items is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks for your generous support of Saint Agnes Parish Outreach.

Please do not leave any donations on the porch outside the Outreach office when the office is closed. We will gladly accept donations between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except for holidays.

Love,
Sr. Kathleen

Save the Dates:
Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

St. Agnes Cathedral Parish is pleased to offer Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University this Fall. Learn God’s ways of handling money. Your money. Your Story. Your Life. This changes everything! Nine sessions will be offered in the Parish Ministry Building (Youth Room—2nd Floor) on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. beginning October 2nd. To register visit www.fpu.com/1095945. For questions please send an email to stagnesfpu@gmail.com.

Girl Scout Mass and Mingle

Girls, meet Scouts from other parishes on Sunday, August 25th at Saint James Church, 429 Main St., Setauket, NY at a special 3:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. After Mass, light refreshments will be served. Receive special saint patches, Catholic Religious Awards information and you can learn about the Girl Scout My Promise My Faith Pin. There will be Adult Training for Girl Scout Religious Awards. For information contact the Catholic Scouting Office at (516) 678-5800, Ext 245 or scouting@drvc.org.

SAVE THE DATES!!!
With Organ & Voice:
Special Music Events at the Cathedral: 2019-2020 Season

St. Agnes Cathedral,
Rockville Centre, New York

Michael L. Bower, Director of Music
Maura Goodwin, Associate Director of Music

Friday, October 25, 7:30 PM
Organ Concert
John Walker, Guest Organist in Concert
Suggested Donation

Sunday Morning, November 10, 11:00 AM
Recognition Mass
ALL CHOIRS!
Cathedral Chorale, Choir of Men and Boys,
Diocesan Boys/Teens Choir, MasterChorale 2013
Junior and Senior Girls Choirs
Children’s Choir, Resurrection Choir
Spanish Choir!
Free-will Offering

Friday, November 22, 7:30 PM
St. Cecilia Concert and Investiture
St. Agnes Junior & Senior Girls Choirs
Maura Goodwin, Conductor
Free-will Offering

Friday, December 13, 7:30 PM
Christmas Concert
Cathedral Choirs, Soloists, and Orchestra
Special Guests
Michael L. Bower, Conductor
Suggested Donation

Sunday, March 15, 10:45 AM
10:45 Investiture Ceremony, 11:00 AM Mass, and Festive Luncheon
Choir of Men and Boys
Michael L. Bower, Director
Free-will Offering

Sunday, May 31, 11:00 AM
Final Mass and Graduation Luncheon
St. Agnes Junior & Senior Girls Choirs
Maura Goodwin, Conductor
Free-will Offering

Sunday, June 7, 7:30 PM
The South Shore Symphony, Michael Bower,
Guest Organ Concerto Soloist
Saint Saëns Symphony No. 3 (The Organ Symphony!)
Scott Jackson Wiley, Conductor
Suggested Donation
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Our Church continues to suffer as a result of past sins of sexual abuse of minors. Victim survivors of abuse and their families also continue to carry the terrible effects of that abuse. We pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit may descend upon the Church to purify and sanctify her. It is also important that we are all aware of recent developments that will cause uncertainty and present serious challenges for us in the months and perhaps years ahead.

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Child Victims Act (CVA) into law last February. The CVA suspends for one year any statute of limitations associated with alleged sexual abuse of a minor. This law will allow currently time-barred lawsuits to be brought against individuals as well as public and private institutions, regardless of how many years or even decades ago the abuse may have taken place.

When the one-year window to file lawsuits opens on August 14, 2019, hundreds, if not thousands of lawsuits are expected to be filed across New York State against dioceses, parishes, municipalities, public schools, hospitals and a broad range of not-for-profit charitable organizations, both religious and non-religious. The financial impact of this law may be far reaching.

However, if we are people of the Paschal Mystery, we enter the unknown with what we do know – that the death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ will sustain and strengthen us in the days ahead. The power of the Resurrection overcomes despair.

No doubt, we will hear about many past failures. We will again hear the heart wrenching stories of victim survivors. I have personally met with survivors of abuse, their families, friends and loved ones. I have listened at a deep level to their stories of tragedy, betrayal, trauma and their heroic efforts to engage in the process of healing. Their lifelong wounds of trauma run so deep, that only the warmth of the Holy Spirit can begin to touch, relieve and heal them. Together, we pray that the fire of the Holy Spirit brings the light of true repentance and reform, moving the Church to continue listening and responding with the humility and compassion of Jesus Christ.

It is also important that we be aware of what is already happening and has been happening for many years in our Diocese as to the extraordinary work that goes into child protection. First, the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Young People was established in 2003. Many years of hard work have made this office one which puts the safety and well-being of children first, and seeks to reach out to and support victim survivors of abuse. It works to ensure the screening and training of every person who works in or volunteers for the Church. If you are an employee or a volunteer in your parish, you know about background checks, VIRTUS training and the call for every member of the Church to be vigilant in protecting children.

For years, we have worked closely with law enforcement whenever an allegation of abuse is made against a member of the clergy, an employee or volunteer in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Our confidential hotline (516-594-9063) is closely monitored, and calls made to it are returned within 24 hours by a licensed mental health professional. Allegations of abuse are promptly reported to the appropriate district attorney’s office and are thoroughly investigated. In addition, pastoral care and mental health support is offered to any abuse survivor who needs assistance.
These are just a few of the reforms, efforts and safeguards that have been in place since 2002 in our Diocese, and have made the Church on Long Island a truly safe environment. And we do not rest there. We continually work to discern the best ways to adjust and enhance our child protection practices, to raise consciousness in the Church and society about vigilance and to support survivors of abuse.

In 2017, we initiated our Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program (IRCP) to provide a confidential mechanism for survivors to receive compensation and some measure of healing and justice. We intend to continue this program for the foreseeable future, even after the CVA takes effect, so survivors can, if they wish, be heard in a fair, respectful, confidential and timely way. To date, 370 people have filed claims with our IRCP. The vast majority of claimants – 277 to be exact – have accepted compensation totaling just over $50 million, with 75-80 claims still being processed.

We have worked diligently with our financial and legal advisors to assess our financial position and maximize the availability of insurance coverage to meet the demands that will likely be imposed by anticipated CVA litigation. Please also know that parish collections and financial donations made through the Catholic Ministries Appeal will continue to be used, consistent with our commitment to our parishioners, to support the Diocese, and its ministries and pursue the goals of the Catholic Ministry Appeal. The parish offertory and Catholic Ministry Appeal funds have not and will not be used to resolve claims for clergy sexual abuse.

The work of the Church – of administering the Sacraments, of teaching, healing, advocating, serving, and ministering to the poor and vulnerable – can and must continue, despite the sins of the past. I speak in greater detail about all of this, and about the Diocese’s robust safe environment practices and commitment to them, in a Catholic Faith Network (CFN) special video which you can view on CFN television, the Diocesan website (www.drvce.org) and on Diocese of Rockville Centre social media platforms.

The coming months will require perseverance and prayer if we are to emerge even more dedicated to Christ’s saving mission. As the opening of the CVA window takes place near the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, we are reminded to turn to Mary our Mother and draw courage from the one who did not look away from her suffering Son. She waited patiently, suffered with Him, and shared in His victory over sin and death.

This is the same Mary who, as Mother of the Church, gathered with the Apostles in the locked room, waiting for the power of the Holy Spirit to descend at Pentecost. As we enter a time of Paschal Mystery suffering, may Mary guide us, so that together we may continue to carry out the mission of her Son: the building up of the Kingdom of God throughout Long Island and the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Nuestra Iglesia continúa sufriendo como resultado de pecados pasados del abuso sexual de menores. Las víctimas sobrevivientes de abuso y sus familias también continúan llevando los terribles efectos de ese abuso. Oramos para que el fuego del Espíritu Santo descienda sobre la Iglesia para purificarla y santificarla. También es importante que todos estemos al tanto de los desarrollos recientes que causarán incertidumbre y nos presentarán serios desafíos en los meses y quizás años venideros.

El Gobernador Andrew Cuomo firmó la Ley de Víctimas Infantiles conocida en inglés como el Child Victims Act (CVA) el pasado febrero. El CVA suspende por un año cualquier estatuto de limitaciones asociado con el supuesto abuso sexual de un menor. Esta ley permitirá que se presenten demandas con prescripción temporal contra individuos, así como contra instituciones públicas y privadas, independientemente de cuántos años o incluso décadas atrás haya tenido lugar el abuso.

Cuando se abra el plazo de un año para presentar demandas el 14 de agosto de 2019, se espera que cientos, si no miles de demandas se presenten en todo el estado de Nueva York contra diócesis, parroquias, municipios, escuelas públicas, hospitales y una amplia gama de organizaciones caritativas sin fines de lucro, tanto religiosas como no religiosas. El impacto financiero de esta ley puede ser de gran alcance.

Sin embargo, si somos personas del misterio pascual, entramos en lo desconocido con lo que sabemos: que la muerte, resurrección y ascensión de Jesucristo nos sostendrán y fortalecerán en los días venideros. El poder de la resurrección vence la desesperación.

Sin duda, escucharemos sobre muchos fracasos pasados. Volveremos a escuchar historias desgarradoras de víctimas sobrevivientes. Me he reunido personalmente con sobrevivientes del abuso, sus familias, amigos y seres queridos. He escuchado a nivel profundo sus historias de tragedia, traición, trauma y sus heroicos esfuerzos para participar en el proceso de sanación. Sus heridas de traumas de por vida son tan profundas que solo el calor del Espíritu Santo puede comenzar a tocarlas, aliviarlas y sanarlas. Juntos, oramos para que el fuego del Espíritu Santo traiga la luz del verdadero arrepentimiento y la reforma, haciendo que la Iglesia continúe escuchando y respondiendo con la humildad y la compasión de Jesucristo.

También es importante que seamos conscientes de que ya está sucediendo y ha estado sucediendo durante muchos años en nuestra Diócesis en cuanto al trabajo extraordinario que se dedica a la protección de niños. Primero, la Oficina Diocesana para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes se estableció en 2003. Muchos años de arduo trabajo han hecho de esta oficina una que prioriza la seguridad y el bienestar de los niños, y busca alcanzar y apoyar a las víctimas sobrevivientes de abuso. La oficina trabaja para garantizar la verificación y capacitación de todas las personas que trabajan o son voluntarias para la Iglesia. Si usted es un empleado o un voluntario en su parroquia, usted conoce las verificaciones de antecedentes, la capacitación de VIRTUS y el llamado a todos los miembros de la Iglesia a estar atentos para proteger a los niños.

Durante años, hemos trabajado estrechamente con las autoridades cada vez que se hace una denuncia de abuso contra un miembro del clero, un empleado o voluntario en la Diócesis de Rockville Centre. Nuestra línea directa confidencial (516-594-9063) es monitoreada de cerca, y las llamadas que se le hacen son
devueltas dentro de las 24 horas por un profesional licenciado en salud mental. Las denuncias de abuso se informan de inmediato a la oficina del fiscal del distrito correspondiente y se investigan a fondo. Además, se ofrece atención pastoral y apoyo de salud mental a cualquier sobreviviente de abuso que necesite asistencia.

Estas son solo algunas de las reformas, esfuerzos y salvaguardas que se han implementado desde 2002 en nuestra Diócesis, y han hecho de la Iglesia en Long Island un ambiente verdaderamente seguro. Y no nos detenemos ahí. Trabajamos continuamente para discernir las mejores formas de ajustar y mejorar nuestras prácticas de protección de niños, crear conciencia en la Iglesia y la sociedad sobre la vigilancia y apoyar a los sobrevivientes del abuso.

En 2017, iniciamos nuestro Programa Independiente de Reconciliación y Compensación (PIRC) para proporcionar un mecanismo confidencial para que los sobrevivientes reciban compensación y alguna medida de sanación y justicia. Tenemos la intención de continuar este programa en el futuro previsible, incluso después de que el CVA entre en vigencia, para que los sobrevivientes puedan, si lo desean, ser escuchados de manera justa, respetuosa, confidencial y oportuna. Hasta la fecha, 370 personas han presentado reclamos con nuestro Programa PIRC. La gran mayoría de los reclamantes, 277 para ser exactos, han aceptado una indemnización por un total de poco más de $50 millones, con 75-80 reclamaciones aún en proceso.

Hemos trabajado diligentemente con nuestros asesores financieros y legales para evaluar nuestra posición financiera y maximizar la disponibilidad de cobertura de seguro para satisfacer las demandas que probablemente se impondrán en un litigio anticipado del CVA. También sepa que las colecciones parroquiales y las donaciones financieras realizadas a través de la Campaña de los Ministerios Católicos se seguirán utilizando, de acuerdo con nuestro compromiso con nuestros feligreses, para apoyar a la Diócesis y sus ministerios y perseguir los objetivos de la Campaña del Ministerio Católico. El ofertorio de la parroquia y los fondos de Apelación del Ministerio Católico no se han utilizado ni se utilizarán para resolver reclamos por abuso sexual del clero.

El trabajo de la Iglesia, de administrar los sacramentos, de enseñar, sanar, defender, servir y atender a los pobres y vulnerables, puede y debe continuar, a pesar de los pecados del pasado. Hablo con más detalle sobre todo esto, y sobre las sólidas prácticas de ambiente seguro y el compromiso de la Diócesis, en un video especial de Catholic Faith Network (CFN) que puede ver en el canal de televisión CFN, el sitio web de la Diócesis (www.drvc.org) y en las plataformas de medios sociales de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre.

Los próximos meses van a requerir perseverancia y oración si queremos emergir aún más dedicados a la misión salvadora de Cristo. A medida que se abre la ventana del CVA, cerca de la solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen, se nos recuerda que nos volvamos a María, nuestra Madre, y que tomemos el coraje de la persona que no apareció la mirada de su Hijo sufriente. Ella esperó pacientemente, sufrió con él y compartió su victoria sobre el pecado y la muerte.

Esta es la misma María que, como Madre de la Iglesia, se reunió con los Apóstoles en la habitación cerrada, esperando que el poder del Espíritu Santo descendiera en Pentecostés. Al entrar en una época de sufrimiento del misterio pascual, que María nos guíe, para que juntos podamos continuar llevando a cabo la misión de su Hijo: la construcción del Reino de Dios en Long Island y el mundo.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Reverendísimo John O. Barres
Obispo de Rockville Centre
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**School Reunions**

Bishop Reilly High School in Fresh Meadows, NY will celebrate the 45th anniversary of its Class of 1974 on **Saturday, November 9th**. If you were or you know someone in the last graduating class of BRHS, please email BRHS1974@aol.com to be added to the contact list for more information.

St. Luke School in Whitestone, NY will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of its Class of 1970 in 2020. If you were or you know someone who was in this graduating class, please send an email to jande81@aol.com to be added to the contact list and receive further information.

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**Catholic High School Prep Courses**

St. Dominic High School in Oyster Bay is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for the Catholic High School Entrance Exam on October 26th. Course will be held from 9:00 — 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays September 7, 14, 21, 28th and October 5th. $250 fee includes textbook. For additional information please call Mrs. Stutzmann at (516) 922-4888 Ext. 5241.

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**Healing Mass**

Continuing the Marian Healing Ministry of Fr. Dennis Kelleher CSsR, there will be a Healing Mass at St. Anastasia’s Church, 45-14 245th St., Douglaston–Little Neck, NY on **Tuesday, August 13th** at 7:00 p.m.– Rosary, Mass and Healing Service. The Celebrant will be Fr. Augustine Fernando, assisted by Deacon Michael Vicinanza and music by Al Barbarino. For information contact St. Anastasia’s Church at (718) 631-4454. Come and experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the presence, healing touch and power of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the intercession of Mary the Mother of God and Our Mother.

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**Feis and Irish Festival**

All are welcome for the 47th Nassau County Ancient Order of Hibernians Feis and Irish Festival on **Sunday, September 15th** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Nickerson Beach, 880 Lido Boulevard, Lido Beach. Cost is $10 per person; children under 16 are free. The day includes Irish step dancing, bagpiping, vendors, traditional Irish music and singing, children’s games, and Gaelic cul camp. Catholic Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Please come join us!

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**Suicide Prevention Resources**

Suicide is a major public health problem and a leading cause of death in the United States. The effects of suicide go beyond the person who acts to take his or her life: it can have a lasting effect on family, friends and communities. If you are thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the Lifeline network is available 24/7 across the United States. National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or Crisis Text Line: Text “Got5” to 741-741. Visit our website: suicidepreventionlifeline.org.

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**NYU Winthrop Bereavement Support Group**

NYU Winthrop will host a support group for anyone who has lost a loved one beginning on **Tuesday, August 20th** for six weekly session from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. at NYU Winthrop Research and Academic Center, Room G22, 101 Mineola Blvd., Mineola. Parking is available at 120 Mineola Blvd., Garage on 1st Street east of Mineola Blvd. Registration is required. Contact Pastoral Care Department at (516) 663-4749 or email bereavement@nyulangone.org.

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Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
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And give us peace.
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