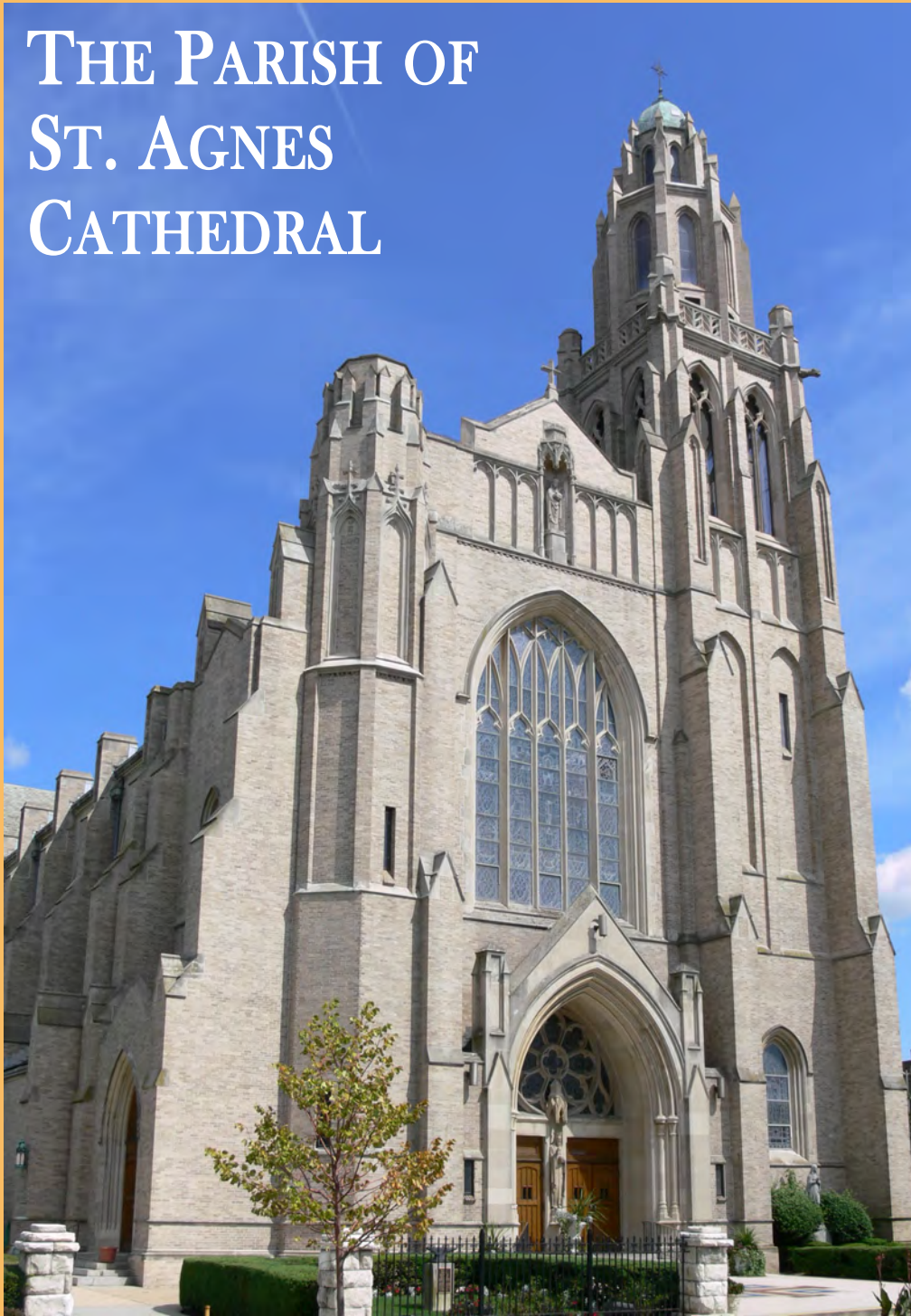


# THE PARISH OF ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL



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**Most Reverend**  
John O. Barres, D.D., S.T.D., J.C.L.  
Diocesan Bishop

**Most Reverend**  
William F. Murphy, D.D., S.T.D.  
Bishop Emeritus

## ***PASTORAL STAFF***

### **Rector**

Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy

### **Associate Pastors**

Rev. Bright Appiagyei-Boakye

Rev. Alessandro da Luz

Rev. German Villabon, O.S.A.

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### **Business Manager**

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## ***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.*

**December 13, 2020**  
**Third Sunday**  
**of Advent**

## Schedule of Masses

### Saturday Evening

5:00 p.m. — Cathedral      7:30 p.m. (Parish Center)  
7:30 p.m. — Cathedral (Spanish Mass)

### Sunday—all Masses in the Cathedral unless noted

7:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. (Parish Center), 10:30 a.m. (Parish Center)

### 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, during these times of revised schedules, the Cathedral will be open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. On weekends the entire Cathedral is open until the completion of that day's final Mass. Please remember to adhere to social distancing guidelines. For the time being, the Adoration Chapel (Clinton Avenue entrance) is closed. Adoration is held every Wednesday from 2:30—5:00 p.m., with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

## “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. This service is suspended until further notice.

## Contact Numbers

**Rectory Office** ..... 766-0205  
*Open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.)  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Emergencies anytime  
All visitors must wear a mask and only one person at a time may enter the office.*

**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.



### Baptism

Once a month on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of

the month at 1:45 p.m. Contact the Rectory Office to arrange for interview,

ceremony and registration for required Baptism Preparation Class (for first time parents). Spanish Baptisms take place before the 7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass on Saturday evening. Please call the Rectory Office for more information.



### 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, previously celebrated each Monday morning after the 9:00 a.m. Mass has been suspended.



### 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, December 14, St. John of the Cross,  
Priest & Doctor of the Church**

*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27*

- 6:30 Jimmy McLaughlin  
7:45 John & Alice Sullivan  
9:00 George Doris  
12:10 Paul J. Barnett, Sr. & Peyton Coffey  
7:30 Frances Dell'Accio

**Tuesday, December 15, Advent Weekday**

*Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32*

- 6:30 Mary Zecca Graham  
7:45 Laurene Griffin  
9:00 Thomas & Rose Doran &  
Ann & Richard Phelan  
12:10 Donald Belfi

**Wednesday, December 16, Advent Weekday**

*Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23*

- 6:30 Camelia Tarisi  
7:45 Mary Carroll  
9:00 Megan Gallagher  
12:10 Gabriella Pellicani

**Thursday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday**

*Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17*

- 6:30 Adele Parente  
7:45 Sally Galligan Carroll  
9:00 Thomas John Murphy, III  
12:10 Joseph Roughan

**Friday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday**

*Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25*

- 6:30 Ruth M. Whitbread & Family  
7:45 John L. Keenan  
9:00 Caitlin Rose McDonald  
12:10 Harriett Rea

**Saturday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday**

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25*

- 6:30 Adele Parente  
7:45 Thomas Murphy, III  
9:00 Special Intention  
5:00 Timothy McMullan, Roseleen Murtagh,  
Thomas Murphy, III, Muriel Watterson,  
Jeff Ferrara (Living Intention),  
Matthew Edward Martin  
5:00 PC Jeanne Ferguson  
7:30 C Eladia "Martha" Torres  
7:30 PC Jeanne Ferguson

**Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38*

- 7:00 Lucia & Pietro Traversa  
8:00 Patrick & Tommy Murphy  
9:30 Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral  
10:30 PC James Varley  
11:00 The Rehan & Hurley Families  
12:30 Eblish & Christopher Barry, Ann M. Fay,  
Barbara Egas, Dominick D'Aleo,  
Mae Flaherty  
5:00 Viola Chisholm



## Please Pray

### For The Dearly Departed

Grace Czajkowski, Juana Serrano Florez,  
all who have died from coronavirus

### For The Sick

All those suffering from the coronavirus, Georgie Ritter, Camille Carrello, Suzie Cosgrove, Jake Basile, Derrick Boyd, Timothy Cantwell, James Conroy, James Conway, Edward Denaro, Dolores DeVito, William Farley, Andrew Healey, Henry J. Hinton, Stephen Hirsh, Jimmy Kerrigan, Michael Lanzi, Jake Lonigro, Gail Lotz, Zellen Lowe, Alvin Mahabeer, Midge Malone, Joseph Mariani, Maria McDonald, Thomas Mohr, Joseph Murray, Vincent Musac, Elmer Gehman Musser, Mary O'Neil, Robert Oswald, Thora Petzold, Barbara Rotunno, Jim Schneider, Lisa Pelrine-Shulman, Sally Ann Smith, Ramona Valez, Louise Vastola, Abigail Violet, McKenna Shea Zydias

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



## Rose for Life

*In Loving Memory of  
Margaret Jeanne Briody  
From, the Briody Family*

## Special Needs Mass

We will celebrate a Mass for special needs children and their families on **Saturday, December 19th** at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please note the location change to accommodate social distancing. This area is handicapped accessible, allowing families with children who have developmental disabilities access to celebrate God's presence in their lives.



John answered them,  
"I baptize with water;  
but there is one among you  
whom you do not recognize,  
the one who is coming after me,  
whose sandal strap  
I am not worthy to untie."  
— Jn 1:28

## Staying Connected With St. Agnes Cathedral



**Parish Website:** Visit us at [www.stagnescathedral.org](http://www.stagnescathedral.org) to view our bulletin online and see other parish information.



**Facebook:** Find us at: Parish of St. Agnes Cathedral



**Instagram:** Follow us: @stagnescathedral



**Weekly Email:** If you are not currently on our list and would like to receive email updates on parish news, please send your name, address and email address with your request to our rectory office at: [parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org](mailto:parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org).

*We will use these resources to communicate more news/information that needs to be publicized immediately or has occurred after our bulletin print deadlines. We invite you to share parish information with those without access to social media or computers so they may stay informed as well.*

## St. Agnes Pastoral Council

The St. Agnes Pastoral Council meets monthly with Father Duffy 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:

Melissa Beltre  
Tom Nofi  
Rob Wiedenhoft  
Tom Glynn  
Theresa Cove  
Mary Beth Croutier  
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 [pastoralcouncil@stagnescathedral.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@stagnescathedral.org).



## Stewardship A Way of Life

### Stewardship Reflection

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” These words are found in our Second Reading today. How often do you pray? Is God calling you to pray more? When you pray, do you thank God for your blessings?

### Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Prayer

This week, be mindful of all the blessings in your life. When you pray this week, thank God for something different each day.

### Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>12/6/20</u>	<u>12/8/19</u>
Weekly Collection	\$34,250	\$30,956	\$36,716

## Supporting Our Parish

In these challenging times, special gratitude is expressed to those who are able to support St. Agnes Cathedral Parish.

#### WAYS TO GIVE:



**Online:** Faith Direct is a fast, secure, simple way to make your contributions. Visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) to register. Our Parish code is **NY239**.



**Text:** Text-to-Give to 1(516) 271-3338. Our Parish Code: 050; Keyword for Parish Offertory: **050parishstagnes**



**By Mail:** Mail to St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570



**In Person:** At Mass during the collection or dropped off at the rectory.

## Remember St. Agnes at Christmas

Our Christmas collection this year is more important than ever before. With the additional expenses to keep the Masses and events at the Cathedral safe and the 3 month weekly collections \$51,000 below last year, our needs are greater than previous years. We know that many of you are struggling to make ends meet in this difficult time, but if you can, please remember to support our parish and our many ministries.

You should have received the Christmas Collection Envelope in the mail. You may also pick one up when you visit the Cathedral, Rectory or Parish Center. Our automated giving option is available at [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) using church code NY239.

Also, if you have appreciated stock investments you may donate stock without paying a capital gains tax. If the shares are in your brokerage account, notify your representative to transfer the shares to the account of:

St. Agnes Cathedral  
UBS Financial Services Inc.,  
1251 Avenue of the Americas,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10020  
DTC#0221 Account # WE Q0041 90  
Please consult your tax advisor.

Thank you for your generosity and care for our parish in these difficult times.

Fr. Duffy

## Devotions



*Jesus is waiting for you!*

Eucharistic Adoration is the traditional Catholic practice of taking the consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament, and placing it in a sun-shaped vessel called a Monstrance in order for the faithful to look upon

Our Lord and pray to Him in peaceful contemplation. You are invited to join us **every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted)** in the Cathedral from 2:30—5:00 p.m. for Adoration and some quiet reflection and prayer. *We will offer this in place of our normal Friday Adoration in the Holy Cross Chapel, which is suspended for the time being.*

Nocturnal Adoration has resumed in the Holy Cross Chapel on the First Friday night of each month from 8:00—10:00 p.m.

The Rosary is prayed after the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Monday through Saturday in the Cathedral except on the First Saturday, when it is recited at 8:30 a.m.

***Please remember to sit in every other pew and maintain social distancing. All visitors must wear a mask inside the Cathedral and Chapel.***

## Mass Reminders During COVID-19

Thank you for helping us keep the Cathedral and Parish Center safe for worship during these challenging times. Let us continue to be as vigilant as possible for the safety of others as we gather together to give Glory and Praise to God.

Please be reminded that all COVID-19 protocols remain in effect, particularly having face coverings at all times while in the Cathedral and the Parish Center. It is also important that we keep a distance of 6 feet from others while inside, especially during the reception of Holy Communion.



Because of concerns regarding the coronavirus, we request that those who choose to receive on the tongue please present themselves to the priest only to receive Holy Communion.

We also kindly remind everyone to please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion, whether you choose to receive on the tongue or in the hand. The Diocese of Rockville Centre leaves the choice to receive in the hand or on the tongue at the discretion of each communicant.



## Principal's Announcements

Who hasn't felt discouraged at some point in life? We all know how it feels when things don't go the way we want or expect. John the Baptist was feeling that way in today's Gospel. He is suffering in prison, wondering if all that he said and did had any meaning.



Jesus didn't fit the common image of the Messiah. He wasn't a great political leader who would overthrow the Roman oppressors and restore Israel to glory. John's faith is shaken and so he tells his followers to seek out Jesus and ask him, "Are you the one?"

In response to John's question, Jesus tells him (and us) to look at what he was doing: healing the sick, raising the dead, bringing the good news to the poor. John would have immediately recognized those actions as the ones Isaiah prophesized that the Messiah would do on his arrival. By focusing on those deeds, John would have known that indeed Jesus was the one. Even though the plan wasn't going the way John thought it would, he could be comforted by knowing God was powerfully at work.

Sometimes God doesn't work in our lives the way we expect either. Like John, we can get discouraged and wonder why God is allowing certain struggles and difficulties to happen. That's when we, too, have to realize that the mission of Jesus is not to establish an earthly kingdom, but to restore us to the fullness of life. When we find ourselves feeling dispirited, we need to consider that perhaps God has us exactly where he wants us to be for our perfect good and perfect growth in holiness.

### This Week's Announcements

On **Wednesday, December 16th** our Math Olympiad Teams will complete their second math competition test. These students are human calculators! Good luck to them all.

The second graders will host a special Mass for their parents on **Thursday, December 17th** at 10 A.M. in the Cathedral.

Joy and blessings to you on this Third Sunday of Advent.

*Mrs. Cecilia St John*  
Principal



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# SOLEMN VESPERS



with preaching by Rev. John McCartney

**7:30 p.m. on  
December 13**

29 QUEALY PL. ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Evening Prayer (also called Vespers) is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God (see Psalm 141:1).*  
— from [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



# Christmas

AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF ST. AGNES

## MASS TIMES

### CATHEDRAL

CHRISTMAS EVE  
 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm (*Family Mass*),  
 5:30 pm, 8:00 pm (*Spanish*),  
 11:30 pm  
*Christmas Carols, Procession,  
 & Blessing of the Crèche*  
 12:00 am  
*Pontifical Midnight Mass*

CHRISTMAS DAY  
 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am  
 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

### PARISH CENTER

CHRISTMAS EVE  
 2:30, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY  
 9:30 am, 11 am, 12:30 pm

### GYMNASIUM

CHRISTMAS EVE  
 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:30 pm



Cathedral of St. Agnes  
 Rockville Centre, New York

LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING

*\*Schedule subject to change due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Please check the parish website at [www.stagnescathedral.org](http://www.stagnescathedral.org)*

# ADVENT CONFESSION

## *Times*

DECEMBER 14-18

3 pm - 5 pm, 8 pm - 10 pm

DECEMBER 19

4 pm - 4:45 pm

DECEMBER 21

3 pm - 5 pm, 5 pm - 10 pm

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### Weekly Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study continues virtually via Zoom.com. Sessions are every Wednesday and Thursday at 9:45 am. The topic for this week will be on the Gospel of Mark Chapter Four. To join our Zoom session by computer please use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88026185855> meeting ID 88026185855 and by phone dialing +1 929 205 6099 US (New York). All are welcome!

### Christmas Pageant

As with many other events and activities affected this year by the coronavirus, our annual Christmas pageant has been canceled for the safety of all. We look forward to joyously celebrating "The Christmas Story" with the children and families of our parish during the Christmas Season of 2021.



### 2020 Giving Tree

The 2020 Giving Tree is up in the Cathedral will continue through the weekend of December 19th and 20th.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity. An added feature to this year's Giving Tree is an online registry of gifts. The gift registry can be accessed using the QR code or by going to our parish site at [stagnescathedral.org](http://stagnescathedral.org) and clicking on the link for the 2020 Giving Tree. Gift items are posted on an Amazon site in no set order. Please scroll through the list to find an item



that you would like to purchase. Gifts will be delivered through Amazon to a home residence of a Giving Tree committee member and brought directly to St. Agnes for distribution. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please call Kerry at 678-9461.



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### Parish Outreach Christmas Collection

We are once again collecting new Christmas toys for the needy children of our parish. All donations may be dropped off at the Outreach Office located in the Parish Ministries Building (last door on the left closest to N. Village Ave.) Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In addition, what might be most useful and practical for teenagers would be gift cards to Old Navy, Best Buy, Amazon, Target, and Kohls. Also, in families where there is sickness or unemployment or single moms, gift cards to supermarkets are most appreciated. Your kindness will make this a much brighter Christmas for those in need.



Love,  
*Sr. Kathleen*

### Parish Outreach



The Parish Outreach is now able to receive clean winter clothing only. Food donations are always appreciated.

*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.*

Thank you for your understanding.

Love,  
*Sr. Kathleen*

### 2021 Religious Art Calendars



A very special thank you to Macken Mortuary and Glynn Funeral Home for their generous donation of the 2021 Religious Art Calendars which have been placed at the doors of the Cathedral. Please remember to take one home with you.

## Upcoming Homilists

from the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre

*"Our dedicated young priests are the Holy Spirit's instruments to help lead us to a bold and rich new harvest of vocations to the priesthood to serve the Catholic Church on Long Island"*  
- Bishop John O. Barres






<b>11AM</b>	<b>11AM</b>	<b>11AM</b>	<b>11AM</b>
SUNDAY • 12.13.20	SUNDAY • 12.20.20	SUNDAY • 12.27.20	SUNDAY • 1.3.21
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	The Solemnity of Epiphany and the 200 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Fr. David Atanasio <i>Chaplain of St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School, West Islip</i>	Fr. Michael Bartholomew <i>Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach</i>	Most Rev. Robert Coyle <i>Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre</i>	Most Rev. John O. Barres <i>Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre</i>
<b>Homilist &amp; Celebrant</b>			


Bishop Barres will be the principal celebrant for all Masses unless otherwise indicated.

All are welcome to attend these Masses *in-person* or to watch live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN).

CFN is available through 24/7 live stream at CFNtv.org and on selected cable and satellite systems  
Optimum channel 29/137 • Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 • Spectrum channel 162/471  
You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app.

## Dispensation from Mass

As a reminder, the dispensation from the requirement to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect. Those who are most vulnerable and at a greater risk (due to age, preexisting health conditions or being in close proximity to vulnerable people) are encouraged to remain home at this time. ***If a person shows any symptoms of illness, they are asked to please not come to church.*** We encourage you to join us for Mass on the Catholic Faith Network.



**The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)**  
Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome  
Watch On-Demand

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY  
Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET  
Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY  
Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET  
Saturday at 8:30 am ET  
Sunday at 3:30 pm ET

La Santa Misa, Rockville Centre, NY  
Sunday at 6 pm ET

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area on:

Optimum channel 29/137  
Verizon FiOS TV channel 296  
Spectrum channel 162/471

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast on-demand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream at [CFNtv.org](http://CFNtv.org)

You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN"

## Resources for Prayer and Meditation




*Magnificat* and *Give Us This Day* are Catholic resources that provide the daily Mass readings, meditations and prayers.




Magnificat — <https://us.magnificat.net/>

Give Us This Day — <https://giveusthisday.org/>

## Pray for Vocations

Will you pray for vocations? As we all know, the Catholic Church needs more priests, as well as religious brothers and sisters. We encourage you to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood or religious life, especially from within our parish and our school.

### Websites to Note:

<b>Catholic Faith Network:</b> <a href="http://www.CFNtv.org">www.CFNtv.org</a> <a href="http://www.cfnespanol.org">www.cfnespanol.org</a>	<b>United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:</b> <a href="http://www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a>
<b>Diocese of Rockville Centre:</b> <a href="http://www.drvc.org">www.drvc.org</a>	<b>Vatican News:</b> <a href="http://www.vaticannews.va">www.vaticannews.va</a>
<b>Long Island Catholic:</b> <a href="http://www.licatholic.org">www.licatholic.org</a> <a href="http://www.LICplus.org">www.LICplus.org</a>	<b>Vatican City:</b> <a href="http://www.vatican.va">www.vatican.va</a>



**Retirement Fund for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

There will be a special collection this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

**Coping With Loss during the Holidays**



NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island Bereavement Support is hosting a Special Topics Webinar via Webex on

Monday, December 14, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This seminar is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required to receive Webex link and call in number.

For further information, please contact Spiritual Care Services: Telephone: 516-663-4749 or E-mail: [bereavement@nyulangone.org](mailto:bereavement@nyulangone.org)

[www.stjosephpastoralletter.com](http://www.stjosephpastoralletter.com)

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

**Pope Proclaims Year Dedicated to St. Joseph**

From Vatican City- CNS Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. In a December 8th apostolic letter, “*Patris Corde*” (“With a father’s heart”), the pope said Christians can discover in St. Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all,” he said.



## Advent Solemn Vespers

November 29th

December 6th

December 13th

December 20th

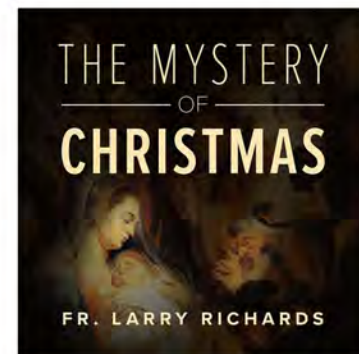
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### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

*St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against  
the wickedness and snares  
of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the  
heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about  
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Amen.*




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Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families  
for the selfless acts they perform  
for us in our time of need.  
And give us peace.  
I ask this in the name of Jesus,  
Our Lord and Savior. Amen**

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