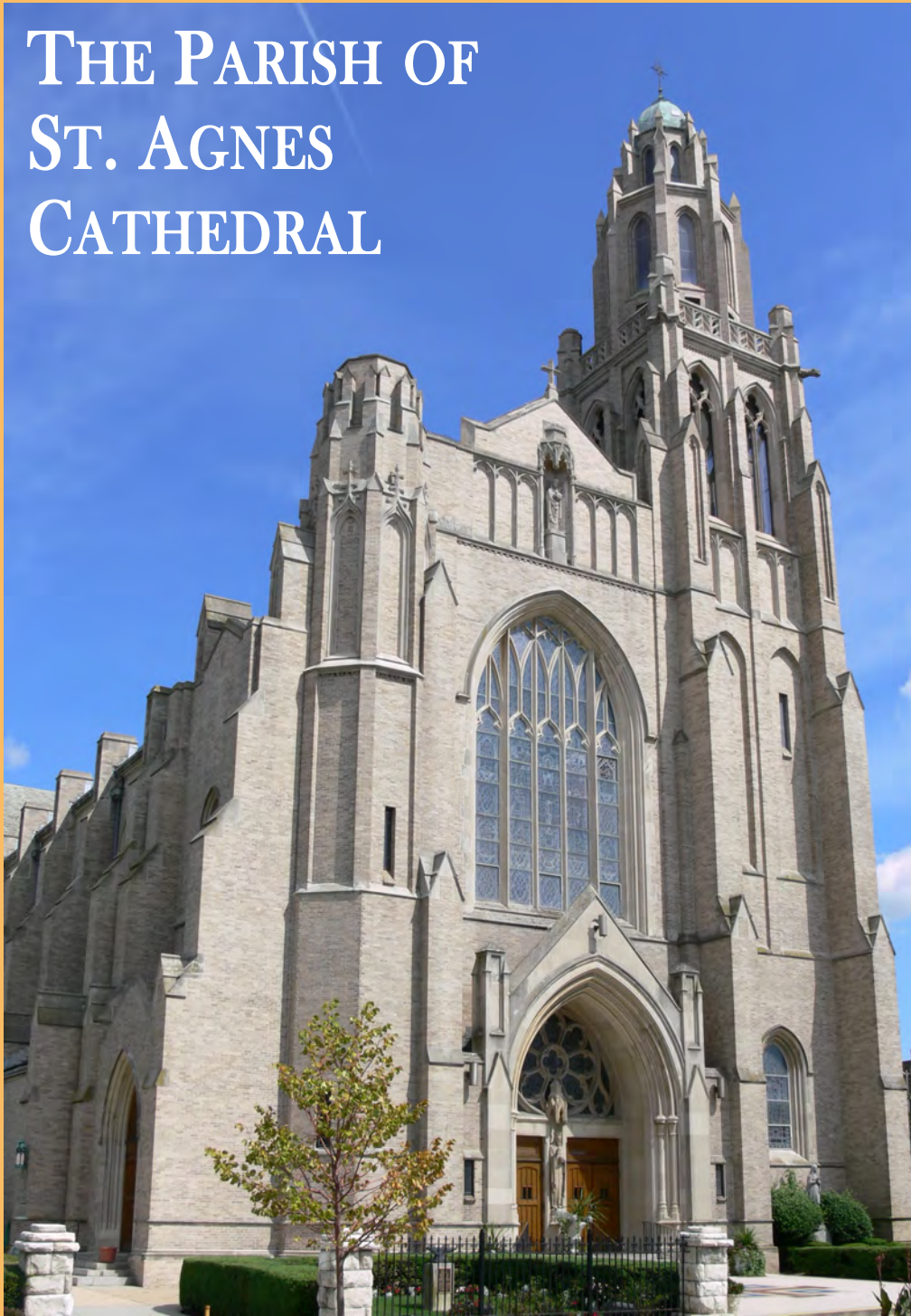


THE PARISH OF ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL



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Bishop Emeritus

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Associate Pastors

Rev. Bright Appiagyei-Boakye

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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.

January 24, 2021

**Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

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, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18

6:30 Mary Vitale
7:45 Fr. Bill Koenig (Living Intention)
9:00 Mary Paturzo
12:10 Rev. James A. Bucaria
7:30 Marc Connegna

Tuesday, January 26, Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops
2 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 3:31-35

6:30 Annette Stanzione
7:45 Diane McCormick (Living Intention)
9:00 Margaret Krenn
12:10 Josephine Wes-Jan Wong

Wednesday, January 27, St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder

Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-22

6:30 Mark Farina
7:45 Christine Rose Lavin
9:00 Carole Fromann
12:10 Catherine Pucciarelli

Thursday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4: 21-25

6:30 Daniel Fitzpatrick
7:45 Jerry Jordan (Living Intention)
9:00 Debbie Pearsall & Ann J. O'Brien
12:10 Eileen Devine

Friday, January 29, Weekday

Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

6:30 Most Rev. John R. McGann
7:45 Susan & Michael Sheehan
9:00 Georgine Ciminio
12:10 Maureen Sichenzia

Saturday, January 30, Weekday, BVM

Heb 11:1-2, 8-9; Mk 4:35-41

6:30 Eugene Statsiuk
7:45 Frances Barilla
9:00 Special Intention
5:00 Frank Hoerlein, Michael A. Minelli,
Anthony Tripodi, Filomena Montanino,
Dr. Paul Schimmenti
7:30 C Ramon Torres
7:30 PC Brian Giesen

Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:-15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35; Mk 1:21-28

7:00 Joan Moriarty
8:00 PC Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
9:30 Helen Vigilante
10:30 PC James Carew
11:00 Daniel P. Morrissey
12:30 Dr. Paul Schimmenti, Ralph Lee,
Joan Moriarty, Mary Lezaja,
John O'Brien
5:00 Conor Semple



Please Pray

For The Dearly Departed

Peter Nowak, Mariana Tineo de Duran,
all who have died from coronavirus

For The Sick

All those suffering from the coronavirus, Henry Hinton, Jack Delaraba, Sue Gatz, Baby Melody Watson, Rosemary Donohue, Joseph Murphy, Diane Mahlstadt, Margaret Maniscalco, Anne Caslin, Ailene Brown, 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. Please note that requests should come from the family and the person must give permission to be listed.

We would like to confirm that those listed for an extended time are still in need of our prayers. Please contact the rectory office to have your/your loved ones' names remain on our list. You may call 766-0205 or email parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org.



Rose for Life

*In Loving Memory of
Maria Capacchione
(5th Anniversary)
Love, her family*

Year-End Tax Statements

Please note, in an effort to contain expenses, year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory.

Please call (516) 766-0205 to request your statement or email your name, address, phone number and envelope number to parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org. Statements will be mailed out in February.

Staying Connected With St. Agnes Cathedral



Parish Website: Visit us at 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



YouTube: Find us at: YouTube.com — search “The Cathedral of St. Agnes”.



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.

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.

Televised and Livestreamed Masses from the Cathedral

For those who are unable to join us for Mass in person we invite you to celebrate with us virtually:



**Catholic Faith Network
Televised Masses:**

DAILY MASS: Shown at 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (note this a taped broadcast of our 7:45 a.m. Mass; no Mass is shown on Saturdays) Holy Day Masses follow the normal weekday broadcast schedule. Vigil Masses are not broadcast.

SUNDAY MASS: Shown live at 11:00 a.m. and rebroadcast at 7:00 p.m.



**Facebook and YouTube
Livestreamed Masses:**

EVERY SUNDAY at 9:30 a.m.
Streaming of special events such as Holy Hours etc., will be announced.



Stewardship A Way of Life

Stewardship Reflection

Simon, Andrew, James and John leave everything behind them and follow the call of Jesus.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Prayer

This week, open yourself to the Lord in prayer. Allow Him to speak to you and call to you as you sit in silence.

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1/17/21</u>	<u>1/19/20</u>
Weekly Collection	\$34,250	\$27,769	\$33,428
Christmas	<u>Budget</u> \$225,000	<u>2021</u> \$270,750	<u>2020</u> \$233,332



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 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.



**Day of
Prayer for Life
at
Saint Agnes
Cathedral
1- 8 p.m.**



Participate Virtually Without 10 Hours on a Bus

St. Agnes will recognize the March virtually on January 29th in the Cathedral. The 12:10 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Barres for the respect for human life from conception to natural death. Immediately after the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8:00pm. Each hour we will pray the rosary and at 7:30 p.m. there will be Solemn Evening Prayer (Vespers) followed by Benediction. The day will include:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1:00 p.m.

Rosary prayed by St Agnes School 8th Grade class at 1:00 p.m.

Rosary prayed on the hour until 7:00 p.m.

Rosary prayed at 6:00 p.m. by our Spanish Community

Rosary prayed at 7:00 p.m. by a Parish Prayer Group, Walking with Purpose

Evening Prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Benediction at 8:00 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers to attend Adoration and volunteers to lead the Rosary on the hour from 2:00pm through 5:00pm. Please sign up at the Rectory by calling 766-0205 or emailing parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org

The day will be streamed on YouTube and Facebook. Please continue to pray for the unborn.

Year of St. Joseph ■ December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021



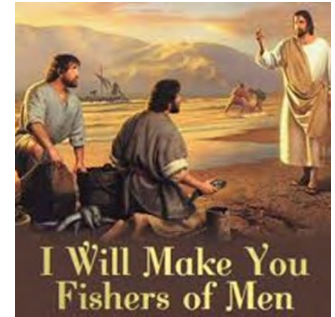
Pope Francis has proclaimed a yearlong celebration dedicated to Saint Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, to mark the 150th anniversary of his being declared patron of the universal church.

Please join us on Wednesday February 3rd at 7:30 PM in the Cathedral for a special Holy Hour in honor of the year of Saint Joseph, including music, reflection, and devotions to Saint Joseph. The evening will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel. See our website for links.

The Holy Hour will occur on the first Wednesday of the month for the Holy Year of Saint Joseph. Some Holy Hours will be for the men or for the women of the parish. Please be attentive to the announcements.



Principal's Announcements



In this week's Gospel, we see another call to repentance and another immediate response. In fact, everything in Mark's first chapter seems to happen "immediately." Mark begins immediately with the events of John's ministry and says nothing about Jesus's birth and infancy. John's ministry abruptly ends, and Jesus's abruptly begins. Jesus calls the Apostles, who immediately abandon their nets to follow him when he states, **"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."** In fact, in the Greek, the word *eutheós*, meaning "immediately" appears eleven times throughout Mark's Gospel. So, we see in Mark the sudden arrival of the kingdom or "reign of God" at the beginning of Jesus's ministry. Jesus says specifically, **"This is the time of fulfillment."** One would expect the divine power to have an immediate effect, and so it does. At Jesus's word, vocations and healings happen immediately. Jesus has only to speak the word and miracles happen. But more than that—to borrow from St. John the Evangelist—he is the Word. Just as the divine Word speaks and everything is called into being, so also the Word Incarnate speaks and re-creates all of being. The Kingdom of God is indeed at hand.

This week we are getting ready for our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. We are excited to celebrate this special week with virtual tours and online experiences. Please call the school office at 516-678-5550 to book a virtual tour. See our ad in this week's bulletin for more information regarding St. Agnes Cathedral School

This week our 6th graders will participate in a **virtual field trip** with Adelphi University's Physics Department. The chair of the Physics Department, Dr. Matt Wright, along with my son, James, who runs the Physics Labs at Adelphi and teaches the introductory physics labs to freshmen, along with two current physics majors at Adelphi, will conduct their Kids STEM Lab program on Wednesday. The students will learn about optics and light, reflection, polarization, and diffraction.

As mentioned, this week will be busy as the school prepares for Catholic Schools Week. Our opening Mass is at 9:30 A.M. next Sunday, January 31st. All current school students who attend the Mass should attend in their Sunday Best and accessorize with St. Agnes Spirit Wear. The Mass will also be live streamed on the parish's Facebook page and YouTube channel! I hope you can join us in-person or online!

Peace and blessings to you on this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Mrs. Cecilia St John, Principal

Parish Outreach



FEED THE HUNGRY

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

Memorial Vestment Opportunity

The Cathedral of St. Agnes is currently planning to purchase a set of red vestments that will be used at Concelebrated Masses by the Principal Celebrant, Concelebrants and Masters of Ceremonies. These vestments will be used at Confirmation, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost and other celebrations. These vestments are available for memorializing a loved one. If you are interested, please contact Catherine Geary in the Rectory Office for further information as well as the wording for the memorial. An embroidered label with the name of the person for whom the vestment has been memorialized will be placed on the underside of the vestment.

The following vestments are available:

1 Chasuble	\$1,600
1 Cope	\$2,000
2 Dalmatics	\$1,700 each

Mass Reminders

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 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, and are asked to open their mouth and extend their tongue so the host can be placed on it without the priest's hand making contact with the recipient. If you choose to receive in the hand, please place your hand out very straight and flat to allow the priest or minister to place the Eucharist safely in order to avoid contact with your hand. 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. Please put it back on after you have consumed the host. The Diocese of Rockville Centre leaves the choice to receive in the hand or on the tongue at the discretion of each communicant.



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 or via our Facebook and YouTube livestream.

Weekly Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study continues virtually via Zoom.com. Sessions are every Wednesday and Thursday at 9:45 am. To join our Zoom session by computer use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88026185855> and by phone dialing +1 929 205 6099 US (New York). All are welcome!

Devotions



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.

Nocturnal Adoration is held 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.

Candlemas Blessing of Candles



February 2nd is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It was on this day, 40 days after his birth that Jesus was presented for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. As we consider this feast, we remember that our parents presented us at church for our Baptism. We were dedicated to God, and received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest said, "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom" (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*). We invite parishioners to bring their own new candles for blessing at the 9:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses on Tuesday, February 2nd. Candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass.

CALL THE SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION

Save the Dates
Virtual Open House
JANUARY 31ST
Registration
**FEBRUARY 1ST -
FEBRUARY 26TH**

516-678-5550

Catholic Schools Week January 31st- February 5th

Virtual Open House begins on Sunday, January 31, 2021.
Registration is on February 3rd and 4th.
Tell your friends!

**St. Agnes Cathedral School:
We are ONE body in Christ.**

The annual tradition of celebrating Catholic schools in our nation is coming up in a few weeks. Like so many of the traditions we have kept alive, virtually, during this unprecedented time, Catholic Schools Week will take on a virtual format. Our school theme is the Eucharist. The Lord Jesus, on the night before he suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with his disciples. During this meal, our Savior instituted the sacrament of the Holy

Eucharist. During the Pandemic, there was a time when we could not receive the Eucharist. During this year's Catholic Schools Week celebration, we will show our thanks for the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age by Dec. 1, 2021. Children entering grades 1-6 must present their most recent report card and standardized test results. Applicants must present a birth certificate and baptismal certificate (if applicable) upon registration and \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee for grades 1-6 and a \$200.00 non-refundable registration fee for Kindergarten. Acceptance is contingent upon screening. Tuition assistance is available through the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Applications are available on the Foundation's website: www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org.

Please call the school office at 516-678-5550 to receive the link to our Virtual Open House.
Mrs. Cecilia St. John, Principal

FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 24, 2021

WATCH

THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!



To create a FORMED account:

1. Visit FORMED.ORG
2. Click SIGN UP
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization:"
4. Find the parish by name (St. Agnes Cathedral) or Zip (11570)
5. Enter your email and you're in (There is no cost to use FORMED.)

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/>

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.
Website: suicidepreventionlifeline.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.

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

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"



Pregnant? Need help?



24 hour Helpline
1-800-550-4900;

birthright.org/wantagh

(516) 798-8746
lifecenterli.org

Websites to Note:

Catholic Faith Network:
www.CFNtv.org
www.cfnespanol.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:
www.usccb.org

Diocese of Rockville Centre:
www.drvc.org

Vatican News:
www.vaticannews.va

Long Island Catholic:
www.licatholic.org
www.LICplus.org

Vatican City:
www.vatican.va

2021

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

Word of God Sunday

Western Vicariate

On January 24th, Pope Francis calls upon all believers to give thanks for the Word of God and open our hearts to its life-giving power.

Join us as the Diocese of Rockville Centre honors, celebrates, and listens with open hearts to the saving Word of God!

In the event that covid restrictions intensify, these in-person events will be conducted online.



Sunday, January 24, 2021

12 pm – Sunday Mass

Church of St. Aidan, Williston Park

with Special Homily - Bishop Andrzej

Watch via parish's livestream at www.staidanparish.org

Sunday, January 24, 2021

3 pm – Special Event

Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville

Word of God Liturgy with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

After the event, this will be posted on the parish's Facebook, YouTube channel, and website at <http://www.stpaulsbrookville.org>

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

7:30 pm – Special Workshop (online only)

Church of Cure of Ars, Merrick

Liturgical Catechesis Spring 2021 series begins with this special ZOOM presentation, "Liturgy and the Word of God". Pre-registration is required for Zoom access.

Contact: Suzanne at 516-744-6850

westernvicariate@drvc.org



For Information & Resources, visit:
www.drvc.org/WordOfGodSunday

Office of Communications, Diocese of Rockville Centre


Office of the Western Vicariate

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Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical Catechesis

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

*Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre
Vicar for Liturgy and Worship*



Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

January 26, 2021	Liturgy and The Word of God...online via ZOOM
February 23, 2021	Liturgy and Our Covenant with God
March 23, 2021	Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us
April 27, 2021	Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform
May 25, 2021	Liturgy and Personal Growth

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, the first presentation will be available only through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register. Please see below for instructions on how to register in order to gain access to the first presentation on January 26. If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you. Future in-person presentations are to be held at Cure of Ars School Auditorium in Merrick.

Please call or email to register:

Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850; westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Background Screening Update
The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

Attend *Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)*

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website:

www.Virtus.org

Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.

Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at – or beyond- the ***5yr. rescreening requirement***. If this is the case, you will receive an email from ***Sterling Volunteers*** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account. ***Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked.*** The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org; pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.

**Actualización de La Verificación de Antecedentes
Oficina Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes:**

La Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (The Charter) promulgada por los obispos de los Estados Unidos en 2002 describe prácticas y pautas específicas que brindan estándares de seguridad en parroquias y diócesis en todo Estados Unidos. Como se indica en La Carta, la Diócesis de Rockville Center requiere que todos los empleados, clérigos y voluntarios completen tres requisitos dentro de los treinta días posteriores al empleo o al voluntariado:

1. Asistir al **Programa de Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios (Virtus)**
2. Firmar los Códigos de Conducta;
3. Completar una aplicación de verificación de antecedentes. La Diócesis requiere que todos aquellos que permanecen activos en ministerio sean re-evaluados nuevamente en un intervalo de 5 años. Voluntarios / empleados.

Unas Palabras sobre la Investigación de Antecedentes de los Voluntarios:

La Oficina para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (OPPNJ) ha simplificado el proceso de solicitud de voluntariado que permite a los voluntarios completar los tres requisitos de Ambientes Seguros en un solo paso. Personas que deseen ser voluntarias en una parroquia o escuela deben:

1. Regístrese para asistir a un taller de Protegiendo los Niños de Dios y crear una cuenta Virtus en el sitio web de Virtus: www.Virtus.org
2. Aceptar electrónicamente el Código de Conducta Diocesano- proporcionado durante el proceso de registro de Virtus.
3. Seguir las instrucciones para completar la solicitud de Investigación de Antecedentes de Sterling Volunteers que se ofrece durante el proceso de registro de Virtus.

Voluntarios activos:

Si usted está activo en un ministerio parroquial, ya ha asistido a un taller de Virtus y sus antecedentes han sido evaluados, es posible que usted ya se haya pasado o está a punto del **requisito de reevaluación de cada 5 años**. Si este es el caso, usted recibirá un correo electrónico de **Sterling Volunteers** pidiéndole que complete la solicitud de investigación de antecedentes en línea. Usted puede acceder a la aplicación de investigación de antecedentes siguiendo las indicaciones del correo electrónico o entrando en su cuenta Virtus. **Tenga en cuenta que esto no es una estafa ni que su correo electrónico ha sido pirateado (hacked)**. La OPPNJ ha estado trabajando con su parroquia para actualizar los registros de Ambiente Seguro y señaló que es hora de que usted sea re-evaluado. También se le puede pedir que nuevamente firme electrónicamente el Código de Conducta cuando entre a su cuenta de Virtus.

Actualize su cuenta Virtus:

Para acceder a su cuenta Virtus: www.Virtus.org Usted necesitará su nombre de usuario y contraseña. Si necesita ayuda, comuníquese con Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 o helpdesk@virtus.org. Una vez entre a su cuenta, revise la información de su cuenta, particularmente su dirección de correo electrónico. Si su cuenta requiere una actualización, presione la pestaña TOOLBOX en la parte superior de la pantalla. En el lado izquierdo de la pantalla, en la columna verde, haga clic en "Actualizar mi cuenta". Podrá realizar los cambios necesarios; recuerde presionar el botón SAVE en la parte inferior de la pantalla.

Preguntas o inquietudes: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org; pditomasso@drvc.org

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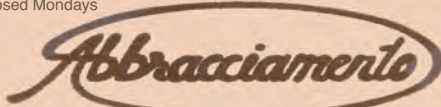


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