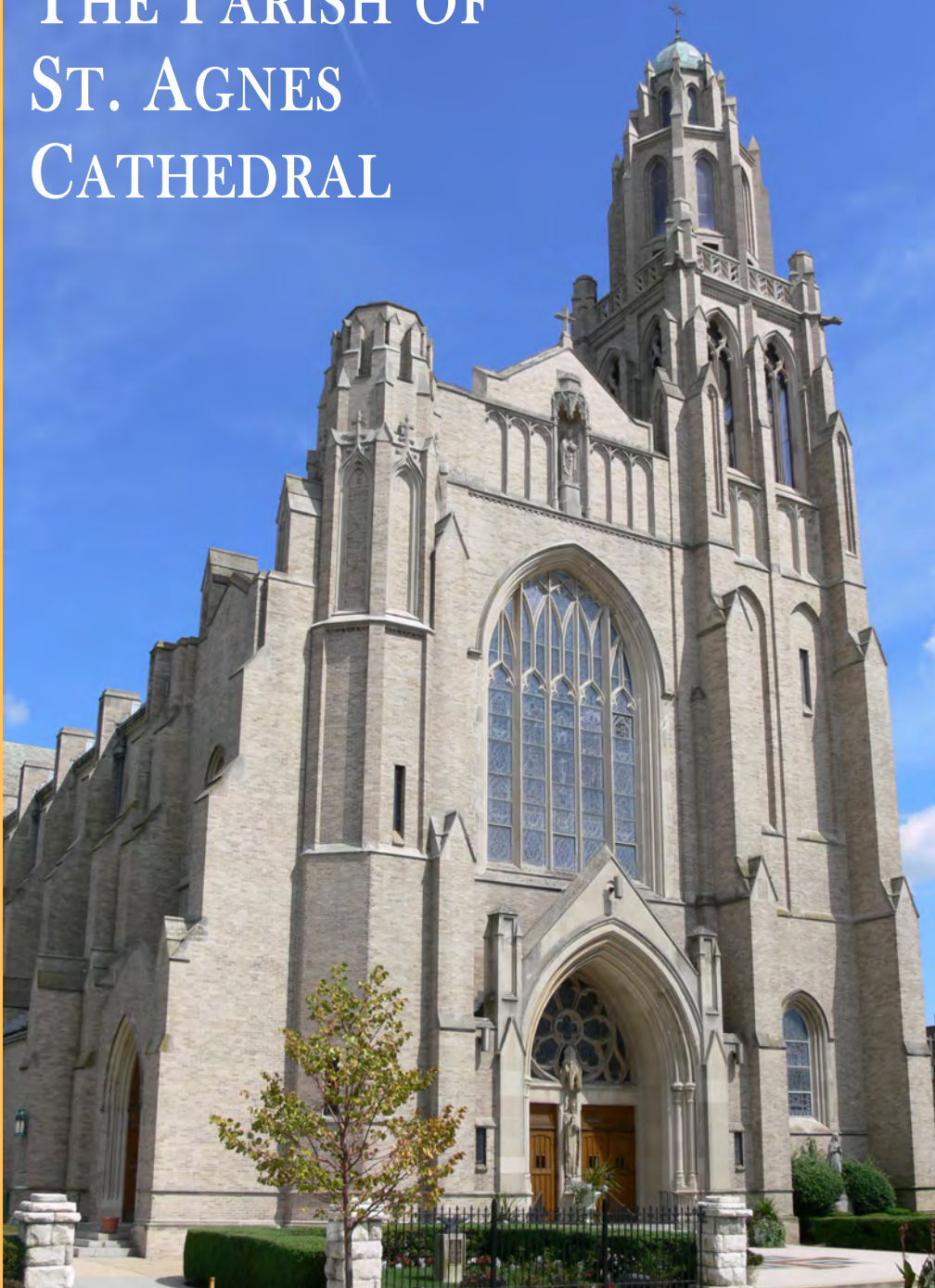


THE PARISH OF ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL



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Diocesan Bishop

Most Reverend
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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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Rev. John McCartney

Rev. Msgr. James Vlaun

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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.

February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

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, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
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 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.



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, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle***1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19*

- 6:30 Carol Lekin
 7:45 Alfred Koenig
 9:00 Elizabeth Feiner
 12:10 Patricia O'Rourke
 7:30 Mass of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, February 23, St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15*

- 6:30 Eleanor Colucci
 7:45 Beba Hernandez & Jorge Pardo
 9:00 Virginia Stappert
 12:10 Vincent McGuire

Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday*Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32*

- 6:30 John Bucula
 7:45 Jeanette King
 9:00 Ourania Condos
 12:10 Andrew Sampino

Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday*Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12*

- 6:30 Marian O'Sullivan
 7:45 Deacon Rosario Tirella
 9:00 Joseph V. Davis, Jr. (30th Anniversary)
 12:10 Daniel C. Henry

Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday*Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26*

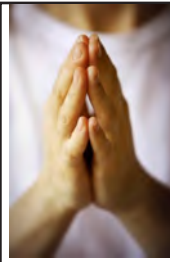
- 6:30 Fr. Liam McDonald (Living Intention)
 7:45 Kevin Powers
 9:00 Richard Catanzaro
 12:10 Frank Sorensen

Saturday, February 27, Lenten Weekday*Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48*

- 6:30 Elvira Barricelli
 7:45 Frances Izzo
 9:00 Special Intention
 5:00 Paul Marasco, Maureen Sichenzia,
 Anthony Annuziata, Mary Giampaolo,
 Mary Hall, Delia Bo
 7:30 C Special Intention
 7:30 PC Melanie Murphy

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent*Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10*

- 7:00 Deacon Frank Bono & Family
 (Living Intention)
 8:00 Rev. James Bucaria
 9:30 Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
 10:30 PC Nicholas Gimpel
 11:00 John Salanitro
 12:30 Caroline Latham, Thomas Toy,
 Angela V. Minasi, Helen Connors,
 Steven Lazos
 5:00 Jeanne Ferguson

**PLEASE PRAY*****For The Dearly Departed***

Raymond Esposito, John A. Beyrer,
 Nicholas J. Germino, Raul Santiago,
 and all who have died from the
 coronavirus

For The Sick All those suffering from the coronavirus,

Mary Hayden, Walter Hayden, Norman Marston,
 Camille Carrello, Thomas Mitchell, Gail Geiselman,
 Elizabeth & Jeffrey Elis, Palma Giovanniello,
 Michelle Yashita, Joseph Murphy, Jake Basile,
 Derrick Boyd, James Conroy, James Conway,
 Dolores DeVito, William Farley, Andrew Healey,
 Stephen Hirsh, Patricia Jackson, Jimmy Kerrigan,
 Michael Lanzi, 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,
 Louise Vastola

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 you/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
 Clement Jones, Jr.
 From his wife, Shirley
 Happy Birthday*

The Church in Need Collection

This weekend, a collection will be taken for "The Church in Need." The monies collected at this time will be shared where there is a particular need for help: the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, the Church in Latin America and the Church in Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

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

In today's Gospel, we read about Jesus' entrance into the desert to be tempted by Satan.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Service

As we begin our Lenten journey, what is one thing you can do throughout this season to serve your God and neighbor? Perhaps, if your means allow, give a little more in the weekly offertory or donate goods to a parish's food pantry?

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2/14/21</u>	<u>2/16/20</u>
Weekly Collection	\$34,250	\$32,704	\$33,610



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.



ABSTINENCE AND FASTING

All Catholics who have reached their 14th birthday are bound to **abstain** entirely from meat on **Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent**. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to observe the laws of **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Fasting means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

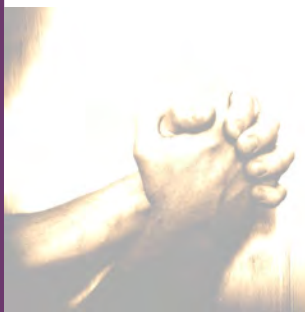
Beginning February 19th

We reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus during the Season of Lent. It is the ancient tradition of the Church to walk the way of the cross.

All are invited to join us in the Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION



Lent gives us the opportunity to renew our baptismal life. We can do this through the Sacrament of Penance. Going to Confession is the opportunity for us to celebrate God's love and mercy as we acknowledge that we have sinned and seek to restore that which is broken in us.

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays 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.

SOLEMN VESPERS

Beginning February 21st

Join us every Sunday evening during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral for Solemn Vespers.

LENTEN SERIES: THE CHOSEN

Beginning February 23rd

No matter where you are at in your journey with Jesus Christ, this TV show is for you.


**The
CHOSEN**

SCREENINGS *during LENT*

7 pm in the Msgr. Kelly Parish Center

Feb. 23	Eps. 1
Mar. 2	Eps. 2
Mar. 9	Eps. 4
Mar. 16	Eps. 5
Mar. 23	Eps. 6
Mar. 30	Eps. 7

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CHOSEN, VISIT THECHOSEN.TV

 Cathedral of St. Agnes
Rockville Centre, New York

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.

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> meeting ID 88026185855 and by phone dialing +1 929 205 6099 US (New York). All are welcome!

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.

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
2 Dalmatics	\$1,700 each

The Newly Baptized



On February 14th, 2021 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Skylar Marmol

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.

Parish Outreach



FEED THE HUNGRY

The Parish Outreach is able to receive clean winter clothing only. Food donations are always appreciated. You may call the office at 678-1854 with any questions.

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*



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan...After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God."(Mark 1:12 – 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

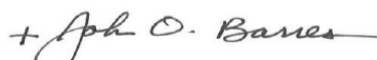
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God.

This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain "socially distant." In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be "temporary monastics."

Our typical Lenten "desert experience" of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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PICK OF THE WEEK

February 21, 2021

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FORMED NOW! THE NEXT POPE

As we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter this week, join Dr. Tim Gray and George Weigel as they discuss the past, present, and future of the papacy!



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.)



Shake Off the Winter Doldrums! Get Involved in the Music Ministry!

Dear Parishioner/Friend: There are many opportunities to get involved in St. Agnes Music Ministry!

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Lower Hall: High School, College, Young Adult Singers are needed!

Cathedral Choirs

Adult and Advanced Teen Choir – we always welcome new members! Previous choir singing experience preferred.

Boys and Girls Choirs: Grades 3-12. If you can sing, we'll train you! Teen boys, dads, and adult men also sing with the Boys Choir.

Diocesan Boys and Teens Choir: Grades 3-12. Less commitment and available to students from ALL over the Diocese.

Children's Choir: Grades 1-2, boys and girls.

Schola Cantorum: Adult and Advanced Teens with outstanding choir singing background.

Master Choirale 2013: Highest level choir singing background is required.

We practice in a safe way!! Masks, sanitizing, social distancing, HVAC, in the Cathedral pews or Parish Center where we can spread out far apart as needed!!!!

For more information on how you can get involved contact the music office at (516) 764-9578 ext. 203 or ext. 202 or email Michael Bower at mbower@stagnescathedral.org or Maura Goodwin at mgoodwin@stagnescathedral.org.

Thank you in advance for your interest in giving of your time and talent, and having fun singing, and being part of our groups!

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.



For the protection of all in attendance we remind you that it is required that all persons in the Cathedral and Parish Center over the age of 2 wear a mask that covers both their mouth and their nose.

We likewise ask that no one remove the ropes in the Cathedral, so we can maintain proper social distancing. It is also important that we keep a distance of 6 feet from others while inside, in particular 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.



Principal's Announcements



Repent and Believe!

The use of this short reading from Mark for the First Sunday of Lent is of very ancient origin. It introduces the struggle against Satan that we are to share with Christ during the Lenten season. As Jesus will say later, "No one can enter a strong man's house ... unless he first binds the strong man." Jesus combats the evil that tries to take the world - his house - from him. If our "house" is to become a temple of the Holy Spirit, the influence of evil must be swept away. The Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are meant to do this under the influence of God's grace.

Jesus, by fasting and praying in the desert, repeats, completes, and perfects all the purifications of the past. He is the new Adam, the new Noah, the new Moses, and the new Israel. Jesus does perfectly what these others had done imperfectly and shows us, as members of his Body, how to overcome sin.

When Jesus returns from the desert, he invites us to join him with the words that could be considered the primary theme of Lent: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Welcome Back! I hope you all had a restful winter recess. We are now in the holy season of Lent. The students will be conducting Corporal Works of Mercy and good deeds to help them prepare for Easter.

This week auditions for *The Lion King Jr.* will take place on the following days, according to the times which were assigned to each child.

Tuesday, February 23rd for grade 6

Wednesday, February 24th for grades 7 and 8

On Saturday, February 27th our 2nd graders will receive the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation. All second graders preparing for the sacrament should report to the Cathedral at 10:15 P.M. They should meet their teacher in the back of the Cathedral to check in and be escorted to a pew.

Transportation requests are due to your home school district by April 1st.

Peace and blessings to you on this First Sunday of Lent.

Mrs. Cecilia St. John
Principal

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

Joanne Ryan-Peacock

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.

Baptism Ministry

Sign up sheets for the 2021 Saturday and Sunday parish Baptisms are available for current volunteers of our Baptism Ministry. Please stop by the rectory to fill in your available times to assist at our Baptism ceremonies.

Anyone wishing to join our Baptism Ministry may contact Father Bright at 766-0205 for more information.

**Monthly
Holy
Hour**

3.3.21 **7:30 p.m.**

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



Open House

Virtual Presentations

February 23, 2021
9 a.m. and 7 p.m

For families interested in Kindergarten to Grade 7 for the 2021-22 school year, visit: <https://stagnes-school.org/> or use this QR code to schedule a virtual tour.

70 Clinton Avenue
Rockville Centre
(516)678-5550



February is **American Heart Month**



BLOOD DRIVE

IN MEMORY OF TOM TOY

Tom Toy, who passed away last year, was a Knights of Columbus Council member.

Tom was instrumental and intimately involved with our Council's blood drives for over 30 years.



The Council, in honor of Tom, is naming our sponsored blood drive in his honor.

Thank you. We are grateful for your support of the Council.

St. Agnes Cathedral & K Of C 2548

Colección de Sangre

When: Sunday – February 28, 2021

Cuando: domingo, 27 de febrero del 2020

Time: 8:30am – 2:30pm

School Gym - Donde: gimnasio de la escuela



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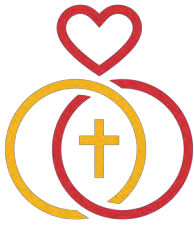
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CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK Join Catholic Faith Network for the 2021 Telethon on **Saturday, February 27th** from 2:00 -10:00 p.m. and **Sunday, February 28th** from 12:00-10:00 p.m. This exciting weekend will feature guests from around the world, thrilling performances and inspirational interviews. CFN is available on your local cable providers as well as on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android and the free CFN app. The Catholic Faith Network continues to be there for you during these challenging times and we ask that you help us continue in our mission. If you have capacity to give this year, please do. Consider making a donation by phone or by visiting www.CFNtv.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.

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Resources for Prayer and Meditation



Magnificat and *Give Us This Day* are Catholic resources that provide the daily and Sunday Mass readings, meditations and prayers. Available digitally or in print to use at Mass while we are unable to have missals in the Cathedral.

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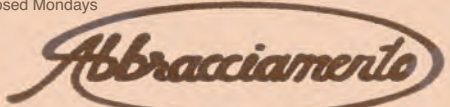
**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
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**Bless them and their families
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