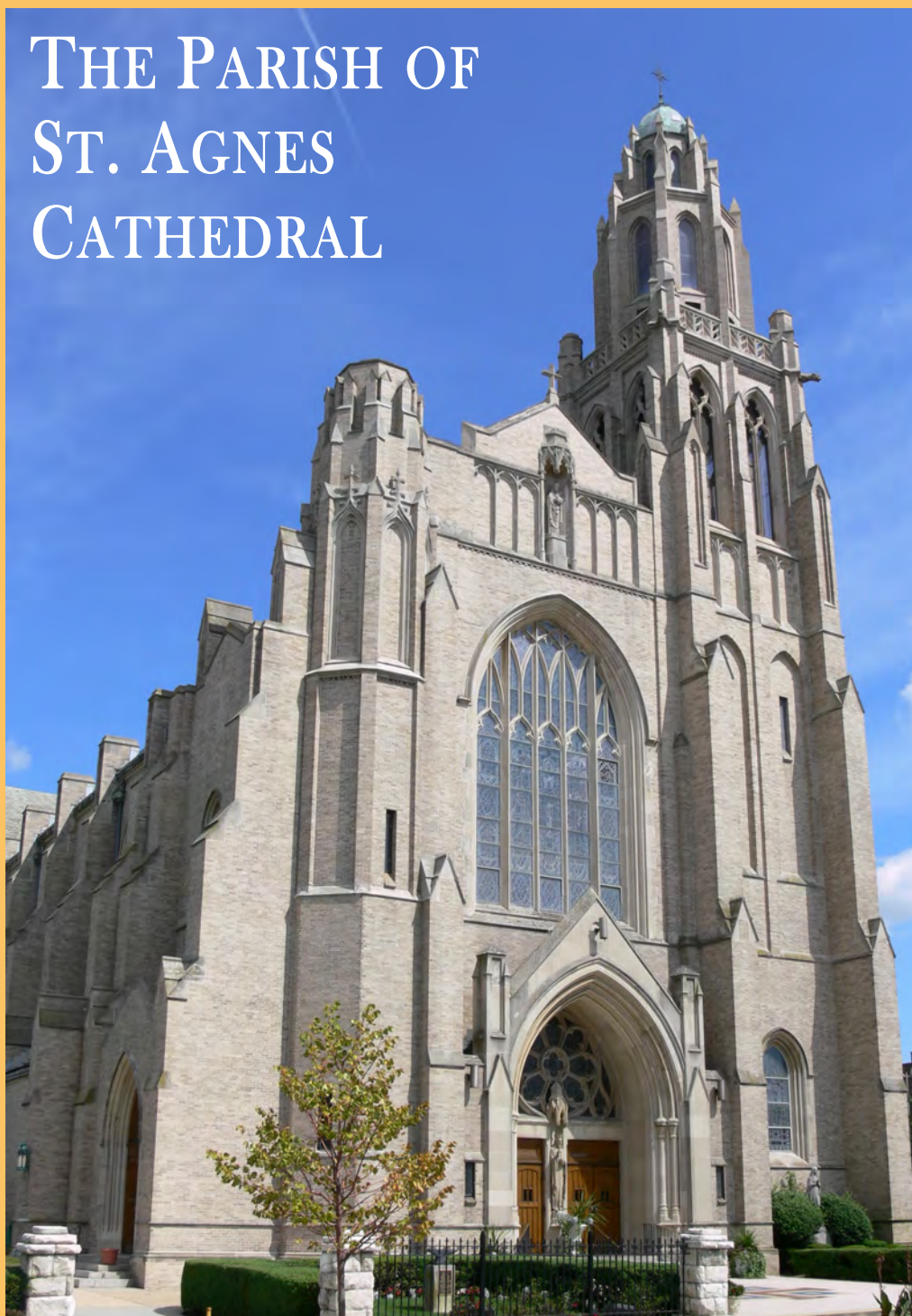


# THE PARISH OF ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL



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### **Comunidad Hispana**

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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.*

**March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth 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, March 22, Lenten Weekday***Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11*

- 6:30 Sofia Burns  
 7:45 Michael Clarke  
 9:00 Eileen Loftus O'Brien  
 12:10 Theresa Giannetta  
 7:30 Vincent Geraci

**Tuesday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop***Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30*

- 6:30 Conor O' Byrne  
 7:45 Betty Stallings  
 9:00 Joan Matthaeci  
 12:10 Pio Ieraci

**Wednesday, March 24, Lenten Weekday***Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42*

- 6:30 Theresa Ann Casatelli  
 7:45 Daniel Wong  
 9:00 Jillian Daly  
 12:10 Betty Catalfo

**Thursday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord***Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38*

- 6:30 Steven Zinno  
 7:45 Gregorio Ferraioli  
 9:00 Paul Rooney  
 12:10 Adele Paternostro

**Friday, March 26, Lenten Weekday***Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42*

- 6:30 Theresa Casatelli  
 7:45 Marcus A. Mancini  
 9:00 Joan Matthaeci  
 12:10 Loraine & Ronald Edgar

**Saturday, March 27, Lenten Weekday***Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56*

- 6:30 Mary Cannorly  
 7:45 Thomas Moriarty  
 9:00 Special Intention  
 5:00 Intentions of St. Monica Prayer Group,  
 Joseph Lawless, Christopher Seidel,  
 Bud Corrigan (45th Anniversary),  
 Peter Nowak  
 7:30 C Lauterio Rodriquez  
 7:30 PC Barbara Eppinger

**Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47*

- 7:00 Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral  
 8:00 Eileen Loftus  
 9:30 The family of Grace Alleva  
 10:30 PC Catherine McKee  
 11:00 Jerry Winkowski  
 12:30 Rosemary Gunyan, Patrick Carragee,  
 Maureen Carragher, Valerie Forte,  
 Janine Farlo  
 5:00 Geraldine Leto

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

John Hunter, Francis P. McCarthy, Bernadette Ward, Lillian Viola, and all who have died from the coronavirus

***For The Sick*** All those suffering from

the coronavirus, Mary Hayden, Matthew Perez, Anna Mini, Teresa Pezzella, Susan Kowalski, Joseph Mariani, Patricia Cefalu, Stephen Armstrong, Jeania Richards, Dolores DeVito, Andrew Healey, Patricia Jackson, Joseph Murphy, Lisa Pelrine-Shulman

**Sick Names for the bulletin remain for three weeks unless the Rectory is notified for an extension. Please note that requests should come from the family and the person must give permission to be listed.**

## Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on left.



Please see inside this bulletin for a schedule of Masses and services during Holy Week and Easter as well as opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

## 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



**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](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.*

## 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:**  
Optimum Ch 29/FIOS Ch 296  
Online at [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org)

**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

Although a seemingly minor scene in today’s Gospel, Philip and Andrew bring the Greek visitors to see Jesus. We should be like the Apostles and bring others to Jesus through our way of life.

### Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Hospitality

This week do something extra kind for someone in your family. If you don’t normally do the laundry, try it. If you don’t normally do the dishes, do them.

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

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>3/14/21</u>	<u>3/15/20</u>
Weekly Collection	\$34,250	\$34,462	\$22,029



## 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**.



**By Mail:** Mail to St. Agnes Cathedral, 29 Quealey 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.



## 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.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday March 26 at 7:30 p.m.**

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 with the exception of Good Friday which will be held at 12:00 p.m.



## SOLEMN VESPERS

**Sunday March 21 & 28 at 7:30 p.m.**

Join us every Sunday evening during Lent at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral for Vespers. These evenings will be livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

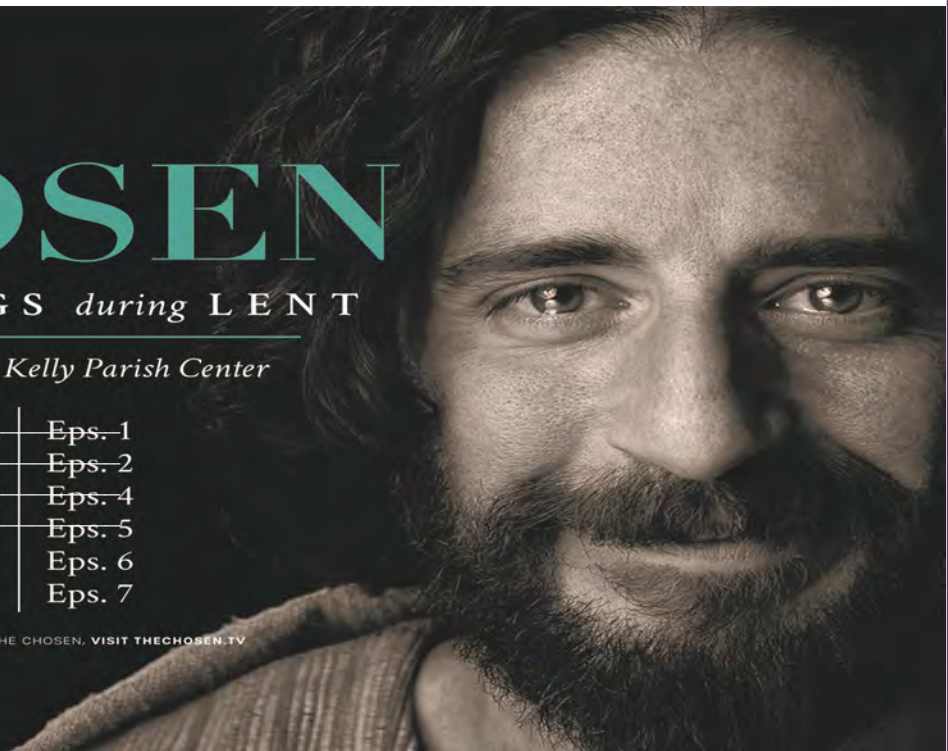
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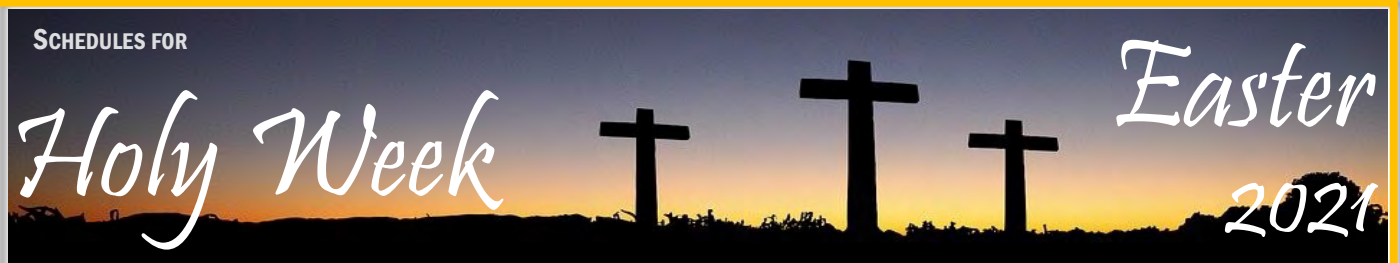
SCREENINGS *during* LENT

*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](http://THECHOSEN.TV)





## Sacrament of Penance

We encourage you to receive the graces the Sacrament of Penance has to offer and we provide the following opportunities in the Cathedral:

**Saturday, March 27th**, 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Monday, March 29th**, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*Diocesan Day of Penance: every parish in the dioceses of Rockville Centre, Brooklyn and New York will be open for confession this day (times may vary by individual parish)*

**Tuesday, March 30th**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 31st**, following the 7:45 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Holy Thursday, April 1st**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, April 2nd**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and following The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday, April 3rd**, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

(Palm will be distributed at all Masses)

### Saturday Evening, March 27th

5:00 p.m.,

7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

7:30 p.m. (Parish Center)

### Sunday, March 28th

7:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m. (Family Mass)

10:30 a.m. (Parish Center)

11:00 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

*Please be reminded that all in attendance must wear a mask (covering both the mouth and nose) while inside the Cathedral and Parish Center. Social distance protocols of six feet are still in effect — please be mindful of available seating and do not remove the ropes from the pews in the Cathedral. Please remember to practice social distancing, especially while on line for reception of Holy Communion. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.*



## MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

**March 29th, 30th and 31st**

Masses at 6:30, 7:45, 9:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.

*No 7:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, March 29th*

**Tuesday, March 30th Chrism Mass\***

*\*Note: Due to Covid restrictions this Mass is closed to the general public/parishioners of St. Agnes. We invite you to view the Mass at 2:00 p.m. on Catholic Faith Network (see channel listings in this bulletin)*

## HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1st

9:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight in the Cathedral

## GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd

9:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

2:00 p.m. (Parish Center) Spanish Last Words, Passion, Holy Communion

3:00 p.m. Celebration of The Lord's Passion with Holy Communion

8:00 p.m. Celebration of The Lord's Passion with Holy Communion

## HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd

9:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. (Parish Center) Spanish Easter Vigil Mass

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4th

**In the Cathedral** - 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 a.m. (Family Mass), 11:00, and 12:30 p.m.

**In the Parish Center** - 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

*There will be NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday*

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



## 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"



## 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.



## The Newly Baptized



On March 11th & 13th, 2021 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Jackson Breen  
 Matthew Dispensa  
 Thomas Dispensa  
 Rosie Fischetti  
 Henry Green  
 Peter O'Hara  
 Ronan Walters

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes  
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK

## Easter Donation Opportunity

### Did You Know?

**Gifts of appreciated securities are generally more cost effective than gifts of cash.** A gift of stock with a long-term gain entitles a donor to a charitable deduction for the full current market value and is exempt from any capital gains tax. For example, if you acquired stock for \$1,000 and the current market value is \$5,000, you can deduct the full \$5,000 and escape tax on the \$4,000 capital gain. Under IRS rules, the value of the gift is the mean of the high and the low price on the day the stock passes from the donor's control.

If you wish to make a gift of securities held by bank or brokerage, electronic transfer is the easiest method. Do not sell the stock in your name and have the proceeds sent to us, as this will constitute a cash contribution, and you will be liable for any capital gains tax.

For questions or more information on making a gift of stock, please send an email to [hl Larson@stagnescathedral.org](mailto:hl Larson@stagnescathedral.org).

## 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.*

## 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



## Principal's Announcements

Hold on to hope! Today's readings point to the hope of a new covenant coming to us through Jesus Christ so that we may be saved from our sin and experience eternal life with God. What a joyful message as we round the corner here at the end of Lent. Whether you have taken the time to enter into this Lenten season or find yourself discouraged that you have let it pass you by, take time today to reset and hold on to the hope that Jesus can be strong for us in our weakness.



This week's Gospel finds Jesus in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. A group of Greek worshippers, likely Greeks who regularly attended the synagogue, seek to speak with Jesus. When Jesus hears of it, since the inclusion of the Gentiles would be the final stage of God's plan of salvation, he solemnly announces "the hour has come." He means that the moment of the fulfillment of his earthly mission is at hand, the "hour" that had been delayed up until this point. Jesus cryptically predicts his own Death and Resurrection again with the metaphor of the wheat grain. He acknowledges a universal truth that applies in a particular way to himself at this time, that if you "love your life," then you will lose it, but if you "hate your life," you will keep it. He does not mean we should all be miserable but that we should be willing to lay down our lives, to "hate" our lives, for the sake of a greater purpose, for God's glory. Jesus then notes his own emotional disturbance over the prospect of death but resolves to go through with it. Indeed, he says "for this purpose I have come to this hour," meaning that all of his messianic mission has been leading up to this point,

the time of his Passion and Death. Once he affirms his resolve, God speaks from Heaven for all to hear. The witnesses marvel at the voice while Jesus explains he will be "lifted up" on the Cross as he had earlier indicated and thus draw everyone to himself.

The Parent Portal reopens at 3 P.M. on Monday, March 22nd.

This Tuesday, March 23rd, the 8th Graders will have their "2021" class picture taken as well as their group picture taken outside on school steps and lawn. This will be done in a socially distanced manner.

Wednesday, March 24th, will be the rain date for this



event. Wedding Bells are Ringing on Friday, March 26th for Ms. Kristen Skura, one of our 1st grade teachers. Congratulations! God Bless you!

St. Agnes Cathedral School will host an **Outside Open House for families interested in our Kindergarten Program on Saturday, April 24th.**

Please stay tuned for details about this event. Children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age by Dec. 1, 2021. A \$200.00 non-refundable registration fee for Kindergarten is submitted along with the registration form. Acceptance is contingent upon screening.

Tuition assistance is available through the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. Applications are available on the Foundation's website: [tomorrowshopefoundation.org](http://tomorrowshopefoundation.org). Please call the school office at 516-678-5550 for more information regarding our Kindergarten Open House.

Peace and Blessings on this 5th Sunday of Lent.

*Mrs. Cecilia St. John*  
Principal

## 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](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org).



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## Long Island Coalition for Life

The Long Island Coalition for Life is holding a Good Friday silent vigil on behalf of preborn children on **April 2nd**, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in front of Nassau University Medical Center (2201 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow; on the public sidewalk). Pro-life women, men and children are needed to take part in this peaceful vigil for the protection of life in the womb and against abortions committed throughout Long Island. We stand as a reminder that abortion is not healthcare. Signs provided (east end of hospital). For information call 631-243-1435 or email [info@prolifeLI.org](mailto:info@prolifeLI.org).



### Parish Outreach

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*

### 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 Romans Chapter 16. 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!



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### Coffee With Jesus



#### Bishop Andrzej's Lenten Series via Zoom

Join Bishop Andrzej at 10:00 a.m. on Friday mornings during Lent, through March 26th.

Bishop Andrzej will use Zoom to share with you his Lenten reflections on the Last Words of Jesus.

Join Bishop Andrzej from the comfort of your home, with a cup of coffee, and use this as an opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and heart throughout the Lenten season. **Pre-registration is required.** To register for Coffee with Jesus with Bishop Andrzej, please call Suzanne Lynn at (516) 744-6850 or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the ZOOM information prior to each session of this Lenten series.

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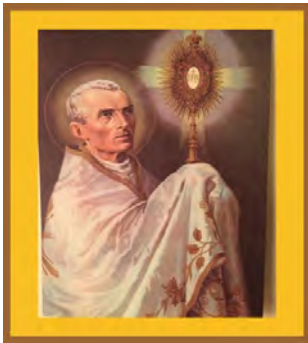
Today, misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. The sessions feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



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## Intercessory Adoration and Prayer for Priests and Seminarians



Everyone is welcome to join the bi-annual tradition of praying for priests and seminarians of the Rockville Centre Diocese. Every priest and seminarian's name will be read aloud. Adoration and silent prayer will take place on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021.**

### OPEN HOURS: 6:00 PM—10:00 PM

Prayer participants are welcome to come and go at these participating parishes:

Cure of Ars, Merrick  
 Holy Name of Jesus, Woodbury  
 Maria Regina, Seaford 4-8pm ONLY  
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 Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst  
 St Agnes Cathedral, RVC Holy Cross Chapel  
 St Aidan, Williston Park, 2-4 pm ONLY  
 St Anthony, Oceanside  
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*Please pray along with your fellow parishioners of the Diocese of RVC and help make praying for priests a regular devotion two times every year.*  
 every Tuesday before ALL SOULS DAY  
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Email requests for information on how to host a parish [PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com](mailto:PrayForPriestsDRVC@aol.com) or 516.458.0004



## 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.

## Bereavement Group

via Zoom

Lead by Chaplain Gilda Philibert, BCC

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Maximum of 10 participants who have had the loss of a spouse is recommended.

It is highly recommended that joining a bereavement group should not start for the first 4 months after the loss of a loved one.



Beginning  
 Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
 2:30 – 4:00pm  
 for 6-8 weeks

To register please email:  
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## NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island Bereavement Support 2021

### Special Topics Webinar

*Advance Care Planning: Having a Family Conversation*  
 Monday, April 5, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

### Presenters:

Reverend Karen Jones, MA, M. Div. Director, Spiritual Care Services, NYU Langone Hospital — Long Island and Reverend Brenda D. Ford, M. Div, M.Sc. Associate Chaplain, Spiritual Care Services, NYU Langone Hospital—Long Island Associate Chaplain, Chaplaincy Services, Glen Cove Hospital, Northwell Health

This free webinar aims to motivate participants to engage in end-of-life care conversations with their families and designated communities.

Pre-Registration is required to receive Webex link and call in number

Please contact the Spiritual Care Department at (516) 663-4749 or email: [bereavement@nyulangone.org](mailto:bereavement@nyulangone.org)

## Molloy College Open House

Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre, will host a Spring Open House for prospective students and their guests on **Sunday, April 18th** at 1:00 p.m. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the open house will be virtual.

To register, please visit [www.molloy.edu/openhouse](http://www.molloy.edu/openhouse). For more information, please call (516) 323-4000.



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Great News! Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone “Virtual”! To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwwmema.org>

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21st and Thursday/Mondays April 8-29th.



## Retrouvaille Weekend

*You Can Help Heal Your Marriage*



Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples worldwide experiencing ALL TYPES of marital difficulties.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, May 14, 2021, please call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help.

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## Virtual 2021 RVC St. Baldrick’s Event



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**A Head-Shaving/  
Ponytail-Chopping Fundraiser  
for Childhood Cancer Research  
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March 20<sup>th</sup> (and ongoing)**

The RVC St. Baldrick’s has gone virtual and needs your support! Shave your head or chop your ponytail remotely or fundraise another way to raise funding for childhood cancer research and treatments at local NY hospitals and cancer centers around the world to find cures and better treatments for all pediatric cancers. Shave or chop safely at home or at a salon on a date and time of your choice. Now more than ever, the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, facing the second year of cancelled in-person events due to the pandemic, greatly needs your support in being able to fund the many life-saving research grants currently awaiting funding.

**To donate, register, info on grants or the event, go to [stbaldricks.org/Rockville Centre 2021 event](http://stbaldricks.org/Rockville Centre 2021 event). Please join RVC St. Baldrick’s on Facebook for more info or call/text 516-697-6383 or email [benderalanna@gmail.com](mailto:benderalanna@gmail.com).**

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Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11:00 p.m. on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday’s theme is *Coping*— don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock go to ReligionandRock.com. or at “Religion & Rock” on ITUNES. Don’t forget to tune into the Catholic Faith Network on Optimum Channel 29/137, Verizon FIOS Channel 296 or Spectrum Channel 162/471 or visit [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org).

### Websites to Note:

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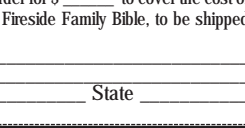
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