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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.

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

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March 28, 2021
Palm Sunday of the
Lord's Passion

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Evening

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

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)

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 Office766-0205 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. 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 Office764-9578 Michael Bower, Director Maura Goodwin, Associate Director

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

	March 29, Monday of Holy Week <i>Jn 12:1-11</i>			
6:30				
7:45	Maureen Sichenzia			
9:00	Eileen Loftus O'Brien			
12:10	Fred Glaser			
7:30	NO EVENING MASS			
Tuesday, March 30, Tuesday of Holy Week				
Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38				
6:30	Joseph Lawless			
7:45	Elizabeth DiMatteo			
9:00	Margaret Glynn			
12:10	Hal Harden			
Wednesda	ay, March 31, Wednesday of Holy Week			
Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25				
6:30	In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother			

Trena Rabbitte

Marie Butler

7:45

9:00

12:10

Please see the full page schedule on page 7
for Masses and Services for
Holy Thursday,
Good Friday,
Holy Saturday,
and the Easter Vigil

Glenn E. Fitzpatrick (Birthday)

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9; Lk 24:13-35

Dr. James Lentini & Family 7:00 8:00 Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral 9:30 Geraldine Richard 11:00 Deceased members of the Rohan & Hurley Families 11:00 PC Eggy Scottodiclemente 12:30 Nicholas Vitalo, Joseph Lawless, Maria & Giuseppe Loubrano, The Scottodiclemente Family, Bishop Ignatius Cantanello Leo G. Michael & Francisco Pena 12:30 PC 5:00 NO EVENING MASS

PLEASE PRAY



For The Dearly Departed

Elaine Coogan, Michael Frank Paolino, John T. Sheridan, 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, Anthony Ferraro, Mary Hayden, Walter Hayden, Norman Marston, Dolores DeVito, Andrew Healey, Patricia Jackson, Maria McDonald, Joseph Murphy, Barbara Rotunno, 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.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools



and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

2021 Mass Intentions

There is availability in our 2021 Mass Intention book for Masses in the late summer and fall months of this year. If you would like to remember a loved one who has passed or have prayers for a living family member or friend, please stop by the rectory to arrange a date. You may also mail in your requests to the rectory with a donation of \$20 per mass and we will send a Mass card out on your behalf. Checks should be made payable to St. Agnes Cathedral. You may call the rectory at 766-0205 with any questions.

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 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 CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK Online at 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. as Holy Hours etc., will be announced.

Streaming of special events such



Stewardship A Way of Life

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, we read the Passion narrative of our Lord Jesus Christ. Later tonight, reflect on His great love for you.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Prayer

As we enter Holy Week, take some time out of your week to come to Church throughout the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.)

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

Weekly Offerings —				
	Budget	3/21/21		
Weekly Collection	\$34,250	\$30,740		



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.



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.

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.



Please see our expanded schedule of confession times during Holy Week on page 6 of this bulletin.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday April 2nd at 12:00 Noon

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.

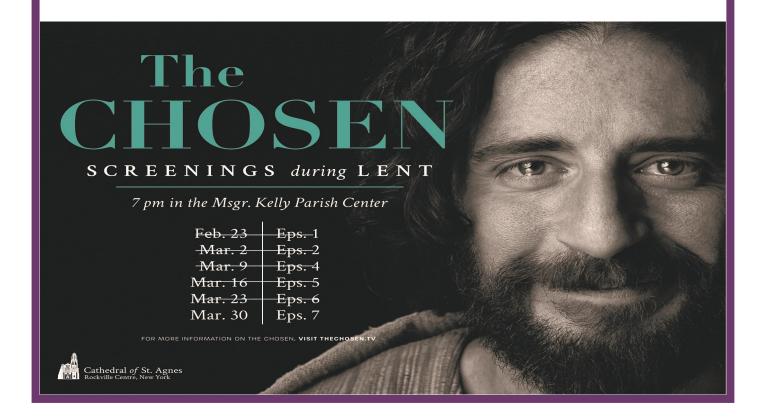
All are invited to join us in the Cathedral at 12:00 p.m.



Sunday March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Join us this Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral for Vespers. This evening will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube Channel.





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:

Monday, March 29th

3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Diocesan Day of Penance: every parish in the Dioceses of Rockville Centre and Brooklyn and Archdiocese of New York will be open for confession this day

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.

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 & 8:00 p.m.

APRIL 3RD 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints,

whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you grow in holiness,

and reward you with eternal life. Go in peace.

-Rite of Penance, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION: Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ's commands to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this "examination of conscience," you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [give days, months, or years] since my last confession."
- 4 CONFESSION: Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
- PENANCE: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

6 ACT OF CONTRITION: After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,

I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

In his name, my God, have mercy.

(Rite of Penance, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."
- PRAISE: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." And your response would be, "His mercy endures for ever" (Rite of Penance, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL: The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, "Do not fear" (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)

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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 4:00 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
2:00 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*

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. Schedules subject to change due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please check the parish website at 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

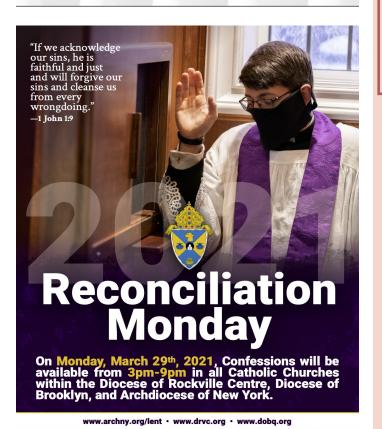
The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is also available on selected cable and satellite systems nationwide, along with a vast ondemand library of original programming and a high quality 24/7 live stream at CFNtv.org

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"









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.

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.



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. There will be no Nocturnal Adoration on Friday, April 2.

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.



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 hlarson@stagnescathedral.org.



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 April 7th 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.



Principal's Announcements

This Sunday we find ourselves at a crossroads. As we approach the great mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection, we are coming to the end of our Lenten journey. It is a time to both look back and reflect, and to look forward and prepare.

Holy Week is a unique time in the Church calendar where we are suddenly walking minute by minute with Jesus as he goes through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Starting today with Palm Sunday, we enter into Jesus's life in "real time." The way God works in time during this week can really help us to enter into friendship with Jesus as we walk with him in his sufferings.



In order to stay focused during this week, it may help to ask ourselves, "How can I love God more during this time?" There are so many Scriptures, so many beautiful traditions, and such deep mysteries surrounding us this week—all gifts that will help us draw closer to the Lord.

For today's Gospel, we stand for one of the longest readings of the entire liturgical year. Here we read through two whole chapters of the Gospel of Mark that take us from early in Holy Week all the way to Jesus's burial. There is really too much to take in here as we contemplate the mystery and meaning of the Redemption. The liturgical practice of hearing this reading read aloud by multiple lectors and participating by giving voice to some of the lines ourselves leads us into the mystery of Christ's Passion. It is meant to be a powerful and transformative experience that helps us to walk with Jesus in his suffering. Like the Stations of the Cross, in this Gospel we are meant to sit at the Last Supper with the Apostles, weep with Christ in Gethsemane, watch him being tortured, and to stand at the foot of the Cross with Mary. Here our job is not merely to study or think, but to contemplate and stand in awe before the powerful love of our Savior. This long Gospel reading, through which we must stand, also introduces us into the spiritual discipline of Holy Week. Keeping our hearts and minds focused on the long and painful story in the midst of physical discomfort can help us share, even if just in a small way, in the suffering of Jesus.

The St. Agnes School Board will have 4 vacancies for the 2021-22 school year. If you are interested in serving as a School Board Member, a three-year commitment, please submit your name, a photo, and brief biography to Mr. Brendan Quigley by April 12 at the following email address: brendan.quigley@bakerbotts.com Please indicate St. Agnes School Board in the subject line. See below for information about the School Board nomination and approval process.

<u>Purpose:</u> The school board is a body organized to develop, formulate, and recommend to the rector and administration, policies for St. Agnes Cathedral School. Policies may include, but are not limited to finance, equipment, enrichment activities, facilities, plant maintenance and repair, general school standards, and dissemination of information. The Board promotes the implementation of policy, upon approval by the rector. The implementation of policy is the responsibility of the rector through the principal.

Membership: The board consists of twelve members. The rector, principal, assistant principal, presidents of the parent organizations are ex-officio members. Each member shall serve a term of three years. Members are eligible for one subsequent term. Members are responsible for attending meetings on the third Tuesday of each month. Membership on the board is limited to adult (age 21 or older) members of St. Agnes Cathedral Parish and parents/guardians of children attending St. Agnes Cathedral School. Parents residing outside the parish may serve their term only as long as their children are enrolled in St. Agnes Cathedral School. There are 4 vacancies every year for the School Board.

<u>Process:</u> A public announcement is made for the open positions in the spring by the school principal. Interested members of the school community submit a brief biography with a photograph to the Board. The Board makes their recommendations to the rector and administration for approval.

St. Agnes Cathedral School will host an **Outside Open House for families interested in our Kindergarten Program on Saturday, April 24th.** Please call the school office for information regarding this event at 516-678-5550. 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: www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org.

Happy Palm Sunday!

Mrs. Cecilia St. John Principal



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, Gr. Kathleen

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!

Friends of Mercy Hospital

RECYCLE YOUR BICYCLE "For a Good Cause"



SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES & KIDS IN NEED

When: April 24th (rain date April 25th)

Where: Mercy Hospital, front parking lot Drop off Time: 9am to 12pm

Please notify Gloria.DiSciullo@chsli.org, 516-705-2618 by April 1st if you wish to recycle a bike

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:

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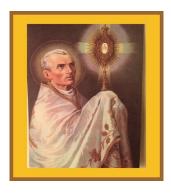


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Intercessory Adoration an Prayer for Priests and Seminarians



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
Our Lady of Poland, Southampton 6-8 pm ONLY
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lindenhurst
St Agnes Cathedral, RVC Holy Cross Chapel
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St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport
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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 and every Tuesday after

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Email requests for information on how to host a parish 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.



Virtual 2021 RVC St. Baldrick's Event

A Head-Shaving/ Ponytail-Chopping Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Research Grants and Treatments March 20th (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. Please join RVC St. Baldrick's on Facebook for more info or call/text 516-697-6383 or email benderalanna@gmail.com.



Women's Retreat Weekend

Friday May 7th Saturday May 8th
Seminary of the
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"Behold Thy Son" - Come ponder "motherhood" in your heart after the example of Mary at the 12th Annual Women's Silent Retreat. All women are invited to pray with Mary for children and for priests. Featuring Mass, Adoration, confession and reflections. Check in Friday between 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. Retreat ends Saturday at 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$125 per person; includes dinner Friday, three meals Saturday, and private room with shower. Masks must be worn in public settings.

Please contact Lana Maggio at 631-374-1116 or Corinne Addiss 631-804-7222 or keepntuch@aol.com for more information.

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. For more information, please call (516) 323-4000.



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.



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.



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://wwmema.org

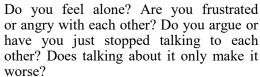
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

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





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.

Location:

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

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:

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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 *Triumph* — 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.

Help Wanted

Local convent in Rockville Centre is looking for a part-time dishwasher/housekeeper. Hours are Monday—Friday 2:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Part-time with benefits. Please call Laura Acuna at 516-823-3805.



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Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
for the selfless acts they perform
for us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
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