

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Rockville Centre, New York



5.9.21



Sixth Sunday of Easter

SANCTUARY OF
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
FATIMA, PORTUGAL

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 10:30AM (Parish Center)
11AM, 12:30PM, 5PM

SATURDAY

5PM, 7:30PM (Parish Center)
7:30PM (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS

6:30AM, 7:45AM, 9AM
12:10PM (not on Saturdays), 7:30PM (Monday)

HOLY DAYS

Eve of Holy Day: 5PM, 7:30PM (Spanish)
Holy Day: 6:30AM, 7:45AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM, 7:30PM

OUR PARISH

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CLERGY

Bishop

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

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Rev. Alessandro da Luz

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OFFICE HOURS

Rectory

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 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

Religious Education*

Mondays: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.;

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Outreach*

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*Offices located in the Parish Ministry Building
(corner of N. Village Ave and Quealy Pl)

CATHEDRAL HOURS

As a reminder to parishioners and visitors alike, the Cathedral is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. On weekends it is open until the completion of that day's final Mass. Please remember to adhere to social distancing and mask guidelines. The Adoration Chapel (Clinton Ave. entrance) is currently closed. Adoration is held in the Cathedral every Wednesday from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about our parish, please visit our website www.stagnescathedral.org.

SACRAMENTS

Confession

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.



Visit the Sacraments page at www.stagnescathedral.org for more information.

LIVE STREAM REQUEST

We are now able to stream personal services such as weddings and funerals.
For more information, please call the rectory at (516) 766-0205.

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The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Unable to join us for Mass? Tune in on  LIVE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 10, St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

- 6:30 In Thanksgiving
- 7:45 Mother's Day Novena
- 9:00 Mary DeGregoris
- 12:10 Jeanette Calogero
- 7:30 Mary DeGregoris

Tuesday, May 11, Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

- 6:30 Marie V. Ferraro
- 7:45 Joseph Mastrocovi
- 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 12:10 Mary Ruchalski

**Wednesday, May 12, Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs;
St. Pancras, Martyr**

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

- 6:30 Mother's Day Novena
- 7:45 Joseph Lawless
- 9:00 Rocoo Mastropieri
- 12:10 St. Agnes School Graduation Class of 2021

Vigil

- 5:00 James Landers
- 7:30 Special Intention (Living Intention)

Thursday, May 13, The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

- 6:30 John S. Macken
- 7:45 Mother's Day Novena
- 9:00 Ellen & John McMahon
- 12:10 Eileen Devine & Marie Murphy
- 7:30 Joseph Noll

Friday, May 14, St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

- 6:30 Arthur Mastropietro
- 7:45 Rose Canglasi (Living Intention)
- 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 12:10 Catherine Fox

Saturday, May 15, St. Isidore

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

- 6:30 Mother's Day Novena
- 7:45 Giuseppe Valenzano
- 5:00 Fran Bingham, Margaret O'Keefe,
Kathleen Larosch, Frank O'Rourke,
William Delaney
- 7:30 C Special Intention
- 7:30 PC Mr. & Mrs. Alagia, Sr.

Sunday, May 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

- 7:00 Mother's Day Novena
- 8:00 Bridget O'Rourke
- 9:30 Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
- 10:30 PC Eileen Lyons
- 11:00 Gerald Winkowski
- 12:30 Frank Sorensen, Patricia Hinchey,
Stephanie Hogan, Conor O'Byrne,
Frank Borruso
- 5:00 Carmella Morelli

PLEASE PRAY



For The Dearly Departed

Rousseau Isaacson, John R. Guglielmo, Donald DiBrita, Sr., Mary Hayden, Anthony Fortunato, Richard V. Grey, and all who have died from the coronavirus

For The Sick All those suffering from the coronavirus, Linda Spessot, Linda Brocher, Joseph Mariani, Eugene Paul, Bill McCarthy, Mary Esposito, Baby John Charles Spina, Keion Timmerman, Baby Scarlett Malone, Norman Marston, Dolores DeVito, Andrew Healey, Patricia Jackson, Susan Kowalski, 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.



Rose for Life

*In Loving Memory of
Judy and Kevin McHale*

Sanctuary Lamp

*Prayers for
Peace in our World
Please note that the Sanctuary Lamp
for the week of May 2nd was also for
Peace in our Nation*



"It is they, mothers, who often give the first roots of the faith, the ones that permeate deepest; without them, not only would the faithful be lost, but also a good part of the deepest fire of our faith."

— Pope Francis

***Happy Mother's
Day***



The Catholic Faith Network
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 5:30 pm ET

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is available throughout the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut area on:
Optimum channel 29/137 Verizon FiOS TV channel 296
Spectrum channel 162/471

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

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



Mass Reminders

Thank you for keeping the Cathedral and Parish Center safe for worship in these challenging times.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

Wear a mask that covers both your mouth and nose.



Keep a distance of 6 ft. from others
– while seated in designated pews
(please do not remove the ropes on the pews)
– during the reception of Holy Communion

The Diocese of Rockville Centre leaves the choice to receive in the hand or on the tongue at the discretion of each communicant.



Please remove your mask before receiving Holy Communion, (whether you choose to receive on the tongue or in the hand)

To receive on the tongue:

- please go to the priest only
- open your mouth and extend your tongue to avoid contact with the priest's hand

To receive in the hand:

- place your hand out straight and flat to avoid contact with the priest or minister's hand

Put your mask back on after you have consumed the host.

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.

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 (see schedule) or via our Facebook and YouTube livestream (Sundays at 9:30a.m.).

2021 Mass Intentions

There is still availability in our 2021 Mass Intention Book for Masses for the late summer and fall months of this year. Please stop by the rectory or call the office at 766-0205 with any questions. Intentions are \$20 per Mass.

Mass Schedule Changes

As of May 1st, we will no longer celebrate a Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass. We will continue to celebrate a 6:30 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. Mass for those who wish to attend daily Mass on Saturday mornings.



STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life

Stewardship Reflection

In the first reading, the Holy Spirit descends upon the Gentiles and they are baptized into the Faith.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Service

Jesus commands us to “love one another as I love you.” This may not always be easy, but if we ask God to help us be hospitable to our neighbors, we may be surprised to find that it is not so difficult at all.

Sharing One’s Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

| Easter Collection | Budget | Easter 2021 | Easter 2020 |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$140,000 | \$138,661 | \$ 147,437 |



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.



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. ****There will be NO ADORATION Wednesday, May 12th.***

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 Friday in the Cathedral except on Saturdays after the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

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

Special Collection

There will be a special collection next weekend for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Thursday, May 13th is the

SOLEMNITY

of the

ASCENSION

OF THE LORD

(Holy Day)

Masses will be celebrated in the Cathedral

Wednesday, May 12th
5:00 p.m., 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Thursday, May 13th
6:30, 7:45, 9:00 a.m.,
12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Televised on Catholic Faith Network 8:30 a.m. and
12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 13th



Girls' Choir Open House!

Please join us on **Tuesday, May 18th**, in the Parish Center for an Open Choir Practice! Girls going into grades 3rd to 5th are invited to attend our Junior Girls' Choir Practice from 4:15 p.m.- 5:15 p.m. Girls going into grades 6th to 8th are invited to attend the Senior Girls' Choir Practice from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are thinking about joining choir next year, come have snacks and have fun singing! The choir practices on Tuesdays during the school year, and some Fridays. We sing about once a month for mass at the Cathedral and are involved in other special events such as Christmas concerts, trips, singing at weddings and our annual movie night!

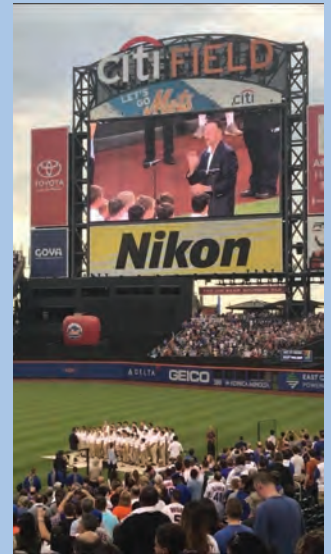
For more information, call Miss Goodwin, Director at 764-9578, Ext. 202.

Boys Choir Open House

Boys going into 3rd Grade and up are invited to attend an Open Practice at 4:15 p.m. in the Parish Center on **Monday, May 10**. If you are thinking about joining next year, come and have a snack and some fun singing.

The Choir practices on Mondays during the school year, and a few Thursdays with pizza dinner, sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass about once a month, with some special events like Christmas Concerts, trips, and singing the National Anthem at MSG, Citifield, Ducks, etc.

For more information, call Mr. Bower, Director at 764-9578, ext. 203



LET US PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Lance Corporal Ryan Thomas Albergo, USMC
 Maj. Thomas J. Barrett, U.S. Army
 Capt. Robert L. Betts, U.S. Navy
 CDR Maura C. Garrity-Betts, U.S. Navy
 Lance Corporal Ryan Brower, USMC
 1st Lt. Paul D. Cammarota, USMC
 Lt. Scott Kiley Childers, U.S. Navy
 LCDR Richard Childers, M.D. U.S. Navy
 1st Lt. Patrick Codispoti, U.S. Army
 Lt. Greg Crescenzo, U.S. Army
 Spc. Michael J. Cronin, U.S. Army
 Airman Michael Cummo, U.S. Navy
 Maj. Richard Davin, Jr., Air National Guard
 Lt. Christopher DelBello, U.S. Navy
 P.O. 1st Class Robert W. DeMattia, U.S. Navy
 Lt. J.G.-Kevin Doyle, U.S. Navy
 Daniel Fels, U.S. Army, Military Police
 2nd Lt. Charles Flanagan, U. S. Army
 A.M.T 3, Kyle Forster, U.S. Coast Guard
 Capt. Steven Hampson, U.S. Army
 Capt. Cody Hardenburgh USMC
 Pvt. Daniel Healey, U.S. Army
 2nd Class Petty Officer, Robert Hock, U.S. Navy
 1st Lt. Tynika Holland, U.S. Army
 Maj. Philip F. Johndrow, U.S. Army
 Lance Corporal Jason Maccaron, USMC
 S N Matthew T. Mallay, U.S. Navy
 Spc. Robert Manz, U.S. Army
 Cpl. James Thomas Maroney, USMC
 Lt. Andrew Maza, USAF
 Sgt. Joseph Meyer, U.S. Army
 Col. Christopher V. Meyers, USMC
 Lt. Col. Gregory John Mueller, USMC (Reserve)
 Stephan O'Connor, E-5, U.S. Navy
 Matthew Pacheco, U.S. Army
 Ensign John A. Petr, US Navy
 Pvt. Ray P. Rodriguez, U.S. Army
 Spc. James Rodziewicz, U.S. Army
 Lance Corporal Eric Roehrig, USMC
 Spc. Jeanine M. Rosa, U.S. Army
 Lance Corporal James Schiavo, USMC
 Thomas Sullivan, U. S. Army
 Robert C. Tempesta, Master at Arms
 1st Class U.S. Navy
 PFC Derick Thomas, USMC
 Lance Corporal Daniel Joseph Toy, USMC
 Pvt. Rebecca Elizabeth Toy, U.S. Army

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

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

*Kindly call the Rectory Office at 766-0205 if you know
 of anyone that is on this list and has returned home.*

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



I

Yuridia Victoria Marte St. Agnes Cathedral
 Javier de Jesus Duran St. Agnes Cathedral

Eileen Maloney St. Agnes Cathedral
 Robert Raghunath Our Lady of Pity,
 Staten Island, NY

III

Erin Franzese St. Agnes Cathedral
 Wadimer Reyes Our Holy Redeemer,
 Freeport, NY



THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



On April 30th and May 1st, 2021
 we welcomed the following children
 into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Skyler Lebron Beckett Sardinia

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.



Volunteers Needed

During the month of May to honor Our Blessed Mother, Mary, we will recite the rosary at 7:30 pm using a call-in telephone program. The process is listed below. Volunteer leaders/hosts and responders are needed for each evening. Volunteers may choose which night they prefer to participate. Instructions will be provided in advance. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Steve at (516) 297-6597 or email svkenny@yahoo.com. This is sponsored by the St Agnes Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Call In Process

1. With your phone, dial 1-646-558-8656.
2. Enter Meeting ID: 863 5081 5639.
3. Press #
4. Enter Passcode 11570#

May Crowning

Sunday, May 16, 2021
at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral

All are welcome! First Holy Communicants are invited to attend dressed in their communion outfits.





Principal's Announcements

Sixth Sunday of Easter Remain In My Love



This week's Gospel picks up where last week's left, and we hear Jesus continuing to teach us the metaphor of the vine and the branches. And like last week, the First Reading is an example in the early Church of what happens when we remain on the vine.

While this week is certainly a deepening of last week's themes, there is at least one new dimension. In the First Reading, we see another Pentecost take place when Peter preaches the Gospel to the first Gentiles. We see Peter's life bearing much fruit in all of these new believers, but we also see Peter as the head of the Church discerning God's will in that moment. Because Peter, and thus the Church, was attached to the vine, he was able to perceive the new movement of the Holy Spirit to welcome Gentiles into the new covenant.

The Catholic Church plays a vital role in our ability to remain on the vine throughout all of history. As new circumstances arise, God has given us the gift of the Church to help us recognize where his love is so that we can remain with him. We know that God does not ask anything from us without giving us the grace to respond, and that grace always flows through his Church so that we can be assured that we are truly following Christ, we too are challenged to welcome those who seek out God.

Congratulations to our second graders who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday. May they remain in Jesus all the days of their lives.

Please join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary via ZOOM. I am honored to be able to participate with the Knights this week.

On Tuesday, May 11th, remote students in Grades 4 and 6 and students who were quarantined or absent for NYS Math Exams will participate in the exam. Remote students should report to the main office at 9 a.m.

The 8th graders will have their high school sweatshirt pictures taken on **Tuesday, May 11th**. The 8th grade students should come to school wearing their high school sweatshirts.

Thursday, May 13th is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. All the students will attend Mass on this day. Special Masses, just for the students, have been planned. Two grades at a time will attend Mass so as to keep to social distancing and capacity requirements.

On Thursday and Friday, May 13th and 14th, all the members of the Drama Club will have practice after school in the Gym from 3-5 p.m.

Peace and blessing to you on this Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Mrs. Cecilia St. John
Principal

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PICK OF THE WEEK

May 9, 2021

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.)

WATCH

FATIMA GEMS

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.



FATIMA GEMS

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



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!

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 |

Parish Outreach

The Parish Outreach is able to receive clean spring clothing only. Food donations are always appreciated. We are especially in need of grape jelly, rice and canned corn. 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*



St. Agnes Knights of Columbus, Council #2548 invites you to promote literacy through the Book Fairies—Once Upon a Read-a-Thon! Help us give all children access to books so they can learn, grow and thrive! \$1 = 3 books, \$5 = 15 books, and \$10 = 30 books distributed to children in need!

Scan the QR code with your phone camera to make a donation!



For more information please call Jim Joy at (631) 897-3245 or visit thebookfairies.org/events-2/. Thank you for teaming up with the Knights of Columbus to change children's stories.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

May 6, 2021

Dear Nurses of Long Island:

In this last year, no one was left unaffected by the trials and tribulations of the COVID-19 pandemic, but nurses, in a most profound way, were at the frontline from the very beginning, have been there during the darkest hours, and will be there to the very end. I am most grateful for the dedication of every nurse in our Diocese of Rockville Centre who, called to duty in these unprecedented times, demonstrated the grace, strength, and perseverance that epitomizes the Nursing profession and our Christian duty to care for the sick and suffering.

But it is more than just the last year. I thank every one of you in our hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation centers, home care environments, hospices, primary care and specialty clinics, schools, and most especially in our Catholic Health system, for giving selflessly, throughout your careers, and bringing Christ's compassion and consolation to so many. I thank you for seeing the beauty and dignity of the human person in every patient you serve.

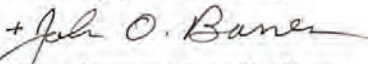
In the last year, I know how so many of you, painfully aware of the dangers you faced with an unknown infection, bravely donned full body Personal Protective Equipment to minister to the sick and dying in our hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. But I also know of the less-chronicled times you have been away from your own families for extended shifts during a snowstorm or hurricane, when you have brought cheer with a small token of love for a lonesome patient, when you have listened or prayed with a family member, and when you have rejoiced over the news of a cure or recovery. At the same time, you have been there to comfort, console, and accompany many patients and their families through difficult times. You have been at the foot of the Cross.

It is for these qualities of character, this deep commitment, and these sacrifices whether small or heroic, that we know those who enter the field of Nursing have a special vocation: to bring Christ to the bedside, to heal the wounds of the body, and more importantly, those of the soul.

And so, as we mark National Nurses Week, it is with the sincerest gratitude that I thank you for all you do to serve God's people here on Long Island, for bearing witness to His call to love our neighbor: "For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Gal 5:14). Nursing, in its purest form, manifests this truth articulated by Pope Benedict XVI in *Caritas in Veritate*: "everything has its origin in God's love, everything is shaped by it, everything is directed towards it. Love is God's greatest gift to humanity; it is his promise and our hope."

May God bless you in your dedicated work and in your heroic sacrifices and charity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ 
Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Mayo 6, 2021

Queridas enfermeras de Long Island:

En este último año, nadie quedó sin ser afectado por las pruebas y tribulaciones de la pandemia del COVID-19, pero las enfermeras, de la manera más profunda, estuvieron en la primera línea desde el principio, han estado allí durante las horas más oscuras, y estarán allí hasta el final. Estoy muy agradecido por la dedicación de todas las enfermeras de nuestra Diócesis de Rockville Centre que, llamadas al servicio en estos tiempos sin precedentes, demostraron la gracia, la fuerza y la perseverancia que personifican la profesión de enfermería y nuestro deber cristiano de cuidar a los enfermos y a los que sufren.

Pero es algo más que solo el año pasado. Les doy las gracias a cada una de ustedes en nuestros hospitales, residencias de ancianos y centros de rehabilitación, ambientes de atención domiciliaria, hospicios, clínicas de atención primaria y especializada, escuelas y, muy especialmente, en nuestro sistema católico de salud, por darse desinteresadamente, a lo largo de sus carreras, y llevar la compasión y el consuelo de Cristo a tantos. Os doy las gracias por ver la belleza y la dignidad de la persona humana en cada paciente al que sirven.

En el último año, sé que muchos de ustedes, dolorosamente conscientes de los peligros a los que se enfrentaban con una infección desconocida, se pusieron valientemente el equipo de protección personal de cuerpo entero para atender a los enfermos y moribundos en nuestros hospitales, residencias de ancianos y residencias privadas. Pero también sé de los momentos menos crónicos en los que habéis estado lejos de vuestras propias familias durante turnos prolongados durante una tormenta de nieve o un huracán, en los que habéis llevado alegría con una pequeña muestra de amor a un paciente solitario, en los que habéis escuchado o rezado con un miembro de la familia, y en los que os habéis alegrado por la noticia de una curación o recuperación. Al mismo tiempo, habéis estado ahí para consolar, consolar y acompañar a muchos pacientes y sus familias en momentos difíciles. Has estado al pie de la Cruz.

Es por estas cualidades de carácter, este profundo compromiso y estos sacrificios, pequeños y heroicos, que sabemos que los que entran en el campo de la enfermería tienen una vocación especial: llevar a Cristo a la cabecera de la cama, curar las heridas del cuerpo y, lo que es más importante, las del alma.

Por eso, al conmemorar la Semana Nacional de la Enfermería, les agradezco sinceramente todo lo que hacen para servir al pueblo de Dios aquí en Long Island, por dar testimonio de su llamado a amar al prójimo: "Pues toda la ley alcanza su plenitud en este solo precepto: Amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo." (Gálatas 5:14). La enfermería, en su forma más pura, manifiesta esta verdad articulada por el Papa Benedicto XVI en Caritas in Veritate: "todo tiene su origen en el amor de Dios, todo está modelado por él, todo se dirige hacia él. El amor es el mayor regalo de Dios a la humanidad; es su promesa y nuestra esperanza".

Que Dios le bendiga en su dedicada labor y en sus heroicos sacrificios y caridad.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

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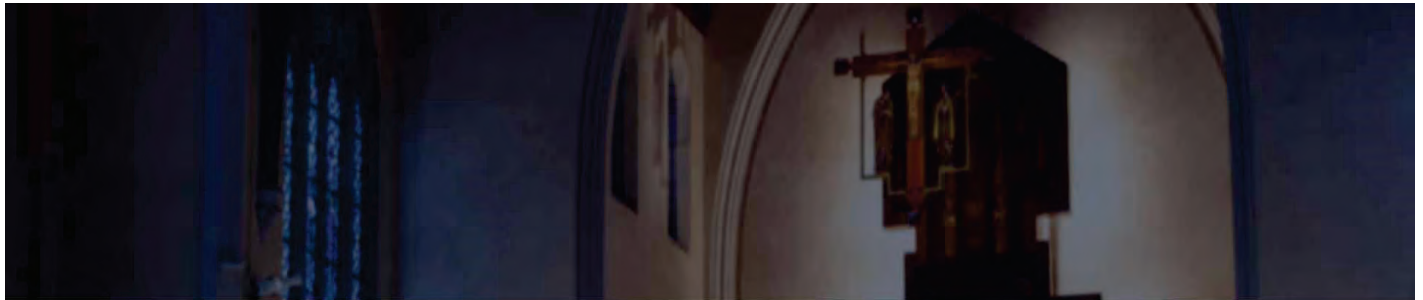
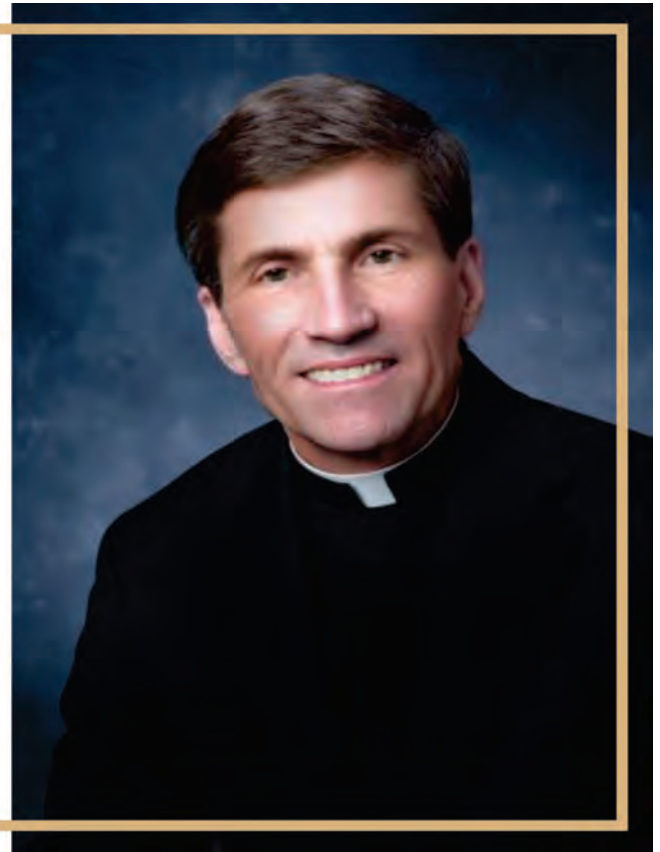
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Websites to Note:

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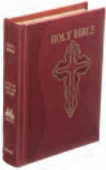
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