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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.

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 PI)

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. The Adoration Chapel (Clinton Ave. entrance) is open Monday – Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Sundays it will open following the 7:00 a.m. Mass and remain open until 6:00 p.m.

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.



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St. Agnes Cathedral
Monday - Friday at 8:30 am,12:30 pm ET
Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

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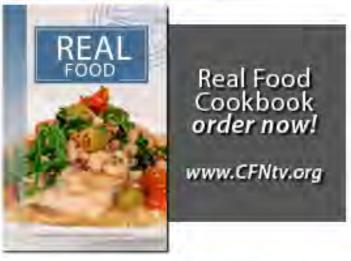


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Masses For The Week

Monday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

6:30 In Thanksgiving

7:45 Alan Jones

9:00 Patrick M. Carragee

12:10 Jessica Kelleher & Lt. Richard Pescatore

7:30 Jeannine Serpico (Living)

Tuesday, December 21, Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

6:30 Emilia Corpus 7:45 Rosemary Curtis 9:00 John Michael Ahern 12:10 Camille Gauthier

Wednesday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

6:30 Rev. Frank A. Bain & Family

7:45 Annette Scesa 9:00 Richard Grey

12:10 Leo G. Michael & Omar Pena

Thursday, December 23, Saint John the Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24: Lk 1:57-66

6:30 Joseph McAree

7:45 Devin Michael Hamilton

9:00 Thomas Brull 12:10 Virginia Buckley

Friday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

6:30 Steven Zinno

7:45 Pam Shea-Byrnes

9:00 Theresa Giannetta

12:10 Marco Mauro

Saturday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Please see our separate schedule for Masses on page 9. A Spiritual Bouquet for Parishioners will be also celebrated at all of the Christmas Masses.

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

7:00 John Boland

8:00 Narain Bajaj

9:30 The Parishioners of Saint Agnes Cathedral

10:30 LH Catherine Pirrone

11:00 Joseph Mastrocovi

12:30 David Mooney, Joseph Tepedino,

Henry Jude Hinton, Joseph Lawless,

Bertha Mendez

5:00 Carlos & Virginia Garces

PLEASE PRAY

For The Faithful Departed George Philip Healy, II, Tamara Zeidan, and all who have died from the coronavirus.

For The Sick All those suffering from the coronavirus, Gail & Joseph LeClair, Scott Simonetti,
Maura Kelly-Magliaro, Joan Laurie, Madison Milio,
Teresa Manning, Gloria LaBarbera, Kathleen Spahn,
Michael Manfredonia, Michael Giovingo,
Gregory Donegal, Diane Hayes, Jeffrey Buxton,
Camille Carrello, Elizabeth Sison, Thomas J. Hayes, Jr.,
Dolores DeVito, Andrew Healey, Patricia Jackson,
Susan Kowalski, Joseph Mariani, Maria McDonald,
Joseph Murphy, Thora Petzold, Stephanie Romas,
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
Beatrice Dillon
From, Billy & Colleen Lynch & Family



Sanctuary Lamp Burns for

Burns in Memory of Peter Fernandez
From the Galante Family

Rectory Holiday Schedule

Please note the following Rectory Holiday
Office Hours: Friday, December 24th,
Christmas Eve, and Saturday, December 25th,
Christmas Day, the Rectory Office is closed; reopening
on Sunday, December 26th – 9:00 to 1:30 p.m.;
New Year's Eve, December 31st – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
It will be closed on New Year's Day, reopening at

9:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 2nd.



"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

- Luke 1:42



STEWARDSHIP A Way of Life

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, Mary is greeted by her cousin Elizabeth. Even St. John the Baptist, as a child in the womb, recognized Jesus and Mary (who was carrying Jesus in her womb).

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Praver

This week is Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Christ. Please remember to gather with your family to PRAY. Pray in thanksgiving for all God has done for you, pray for His assistance in whatever needs you have and pray for others.

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS				
	<u>Budget</u>	12/12/2021	12/13/2020	
Weekly				
Collection	\$33,900	\$40,639	\$34,902	



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 2:00-5:00 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 Friday in the Cathedral except on Saturdays when it is prayed after the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

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.

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Nathaniel Fancher, Jr. Dakota Horne Kennedy Feehan **Brook Leonard** Alvson Gomez Penelope Roe Emma Harkins

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.

Advent 2021

Sung Solemn Vespers

Please join us on Sunday evenings this Advent at 7:30PM for Solemn Vespers in the Cathedral.

11/28 with Fr. Eric Fasano





12/5 with Fr. Lachlan Cameron

Gaudete Sunday with Msgr. James Pereda and the choirs of St. Agnes





12/19 with Fr. Patrick Flanagan, CM

Christmas Cards

The Rectory Office is selling Christmas cards this year. The price is \$10.00 for a box of 12 cards. Stop by the Rectory during normal business hours. We request if possible that you pay by check or have exact cash.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 19, 2021

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

Christmas is so much more than a humdrum story we've heard since childhood. Join top scholars, speakers, and authors as they explain the gravity of Christ's miraculous birth.

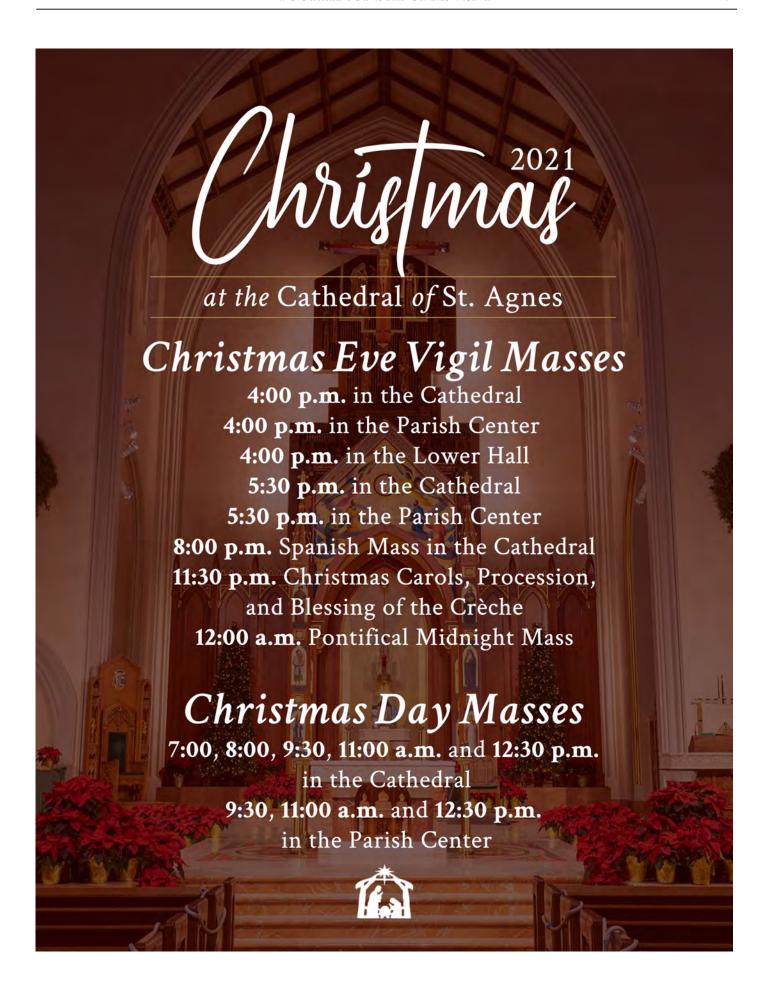
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Principal's Announcements

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Many Catholics are familiar with the story of Mary coming to greet
Elizabeth—a scene known as
"the Visitation." But do we really understand its meaning? A simple recounting of two expectant mothers greeting each other is also a great lesson for us in both service and humility.

Mary, newly pregnant after accepting the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" who would "reign over the house of Jacob forever," ignores the demands of her own situation and travels in haste to assist her older relative Elizabeth, who is six months along in her pregnancy. Despite all the things that had to be on her mind, including the astonishing news that she was to bear the Messiah, Mary's first action was to serve. When we are faced with things that are troubling or overwhelming, are we willing to look outside of ourselves and serve as Mary did? Then there is Elizabeth. At six months, most mothers would be aware of sudden movements in the womb. But Elizabeth, on hearing Mary's greeting, responds to the movement of the Holy Spirit, interpreting her child's stirring as a leap of joy. And she perceives why. Mary is the one "who is to give birth" to him who "shall be peace," in the prophet Micah's words. She is the one "who believed that what was spoken to [her] by the Lord would be fulfilled." Elizabeth is immediately aware of her younger cousin's privilege; significantly, though, Elizabeth is not jealous or envious, but accepts her role in the story of salvation with humility. Filled with the Holy Spirit, she greets Mary as "blessed among women" because of the child Mary carries.

Mary's visit is, for Elizabeth, a personal privilege, a pure joy: The mother of her Lord has come to her. Two pregnant women. Two examples for us as we enter the fourth and final week of Advent.

Today, we say goodbye to Fr. Bright. Fr. Bright has been teaching our 5th graders this year and he will be truly missed. We wish him safe travels as he returns to his homeland.

On Monday, December 20th, Classes 2-1 & 2-2 will perform their Christmas pageant in the Parish Center at 9:30 AM.

Grade 6 students will pray the Rosary with the Knights of Columbus at 7:30 P.M. on Monday night.

On Tuesday, December 21st, Classes 2-3 and 2-4 will perform their Christmas pageant in the Parish Center at 9:30 AM.

Thursday, December 23rd is a 12 Noon Dismissal. Aftercare is NOT in effect. Christmas Recess begins.

He was born in an obscure village The child of a peasant woman He grew up in another obscure village Where he worked in a carpenter shop Until he was thirty

He never wrote a book
He never held an office
He never went to college
He never visited a big city
He never traveled more than two hundred miles
From the place where he was born
He did none of the things
Usually associated with greatness
He had no credentials but himself

He was only thirty-three

His friends ran away
One of them denied him
He was turned over to his enemies
And went through the mockery of a trial
He was nailed to a cross between two thieves
While dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing
The only property he had on earth

When he was dead He was laid in a borrowed grave Through the pity of a friend

Nineteen centuries have come and gone
And today Jesus is the central figure of the human race
And the leader of mankind's progress
All the armies that have ever marched
All the navies that have ever sailed
All the parliaments that have ever sat
All the kings that have ever reigned put together
Have not affected the life of mankind on earth
As powerfully as that one solitary life –
Author Unknown

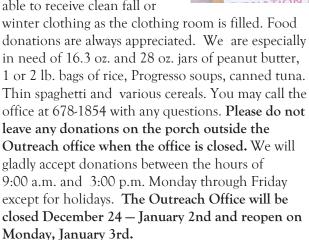
Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Cecilia St. John

Principal

Parish Outreach

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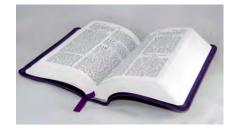


Thank you for your understanding.

Love, **Gr. Kathleen**

Weekly Bible Study

The Parish Bible Study meets every Wednesday virtually via Zoom.com. and



in person in the Youth Room (2nd Floor) of the Parish Ministries Building. **Sessions are at 9:45 am.**

To join our Zoom session by computer, use the link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88394000920?
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Knights of Columbus Virtual Rosary Meeting

The Knights of Columbus Rosary Committee has changed the rosary schedule to every Monday night at 7:30 p.m., except holidays for the following Mondays: December 13th, 20th and 27th, and January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. From any phone just dial 1-602-580-9774; you will be prompted to enter the pass code 6484347 and now you are in the Rosary meeting. The Rosary is open to everyone and we invite you to join us. Our Rector, Fr. Duffy said if we do these three things: Communion with Mass, Confession and the Rosary, we have a wonderful chance to get into Heaven. We are also looking for volunteers to be leaders and responders. If you would like to volunteer, experience any problems or would like additional information please contact Steve 516-297-6597 or Bill 516-965-5378.



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 and religious life, especially from within our parish and our school.



Save the Dates!

With Organ & Voice: Special Music Events at the Cathedral: 2021-2022 Season

St. Agnes Cathedral
Rockville Centre New York
Michael L. Bower, Director of Music
Maura Goodwin, Associate Director of Music

December

7:30 PM Solemn Sung Vespers on Advent Sunday Evenings

Wednesday-Friday, January 19-21, 2022, 7:30 PM

Commemoration of The Solemnity of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Principal Patroness of the Diocese and Titular Patroness of the Cathedral Wednesday, January 19: Concert Thursday, January 20: Solemn First Vespers of the Solemnity

Friday, January 21: Solemn Mass

Sunday, March 20, 2022

10:45 Investiture Ceremony, 11:00 AM Mass
Choir of Men and Boys

March/April

7:30 PM Solemn Sung Vespers on Lenten Sunday Evenings

4th Sunday Evening (Laetare Sunday) with Choir

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 PM Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 29, 7:30 PM Hofstra Chamber Choirs in Concert

Friday, May 13, 7:30 PM

Guest Organ Recitalist: Peter Richard Conte, Grand Court Organist, Wannamaker's Store, Philadelphia, PA

Sunday, June 5, 7:30 PM

The South Shore Symphony Saint Saens "Symphony No. 3" (The Organ Symphony)

Sunday, June 26, 7:30 PM

Choir Festival Concert in the Cathedral Cathedral Choirs, and Guest Choir Singers

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Thursday Evening, December 16, 7:30 PM
Christmas Concert-New St. Patrick's Cathedral. NYC

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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



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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.

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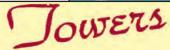
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