

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Rockville Centre, New York



Merry Christmas

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 10:30AM (Lower Hall)
11AM, 12:30PM, 5PM

SATURDAY

5PM, 7:30PM (Lower Hall)
7:30PM (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS

6:30AM, 7:45AM, 9AM (not on Saturdays)
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

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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. 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.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral for the Diocese of Rockville Centre

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

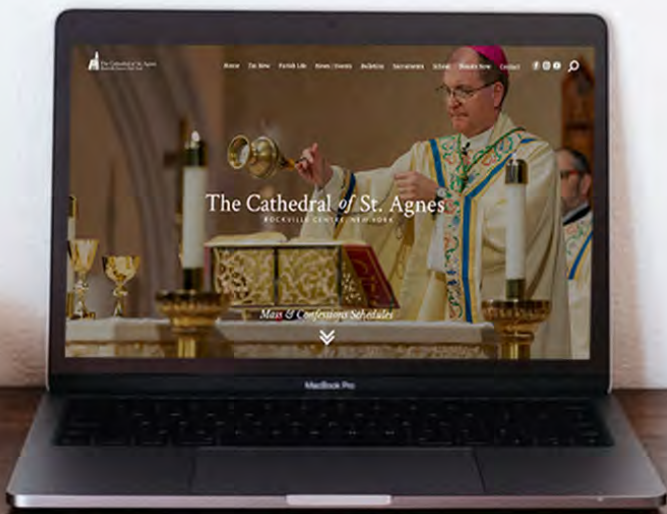
Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Rectory Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.

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

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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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Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET
Saturday at 8:30 am ET
Sunday at 3:30 pm ET

Our Lady of Loretto (Spanish)

Sunday at 5:30 pm ET

Our Lady of Loretto (Spanish)

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am ET
exclusively on www.CFNEspanol.org

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PREMIERES SUNDAY
10:00am**



**CWCD AIRS
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8:00pm**



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SUNDAYS 9:00pm**



**CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVES
PREMIERES SUNDAY
1:00pm**

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

- 6:30 Giovanni & Divina Molinaro
- 7:45 Robert Kraupner
- 9:00 Viola Chisholm
- 12:10 Deceased Members of the
Rohan & Hurley Families
- 7:30 Thomas J. Finan

Tuesday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

- 6:30 Italo Molinaro
- 7:45 Marie Cantwell
- 9:00 Thomas Finan, Jr.
- 12:10 Kathleen Sheridan

Wednesday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35

- 6:30 Joseph Diorio
- 7:45 Maureen Sichenzia
- 9:00 Thomas Finan, Sr.
- 12:10 Anna Santo

Thursday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

- 6:30 Elizabeth Carole Alcoba
- 7:45 Deirdre Doolan Dunworth
- 9:00 Jeanne Ferguson
- 12:10 Thomas Francis Ahern

Friday, December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18

- 6:30 Janice Chollan Thomas
- 7:45 Joseph G. Metz
- 9:00 Jeanne Ferguson
- 12:10 Frank Tripodi, Sr.

Saturday, January 1st, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

- 6:30 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
- 7:45 The Parishioners of Saint Agnes Cathedral
- 5:00 Mark Leonard, Harold (Hap) Boening,
Camille McMahon, William McKinney,
Eileen Conway
- 7:30 C Lourdes Arias
- 7:30 LH Special Intention

Sunday, January 2nd, Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

- 7:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
- 8:00 Patricia Nofi Pettigrew
- 9:30 Maureen Ferragamo
- 10:30 LH Frederick Bolton
- 11:00 Peter & Concetta Marino
- 12:30 James Hughes, Sr., Domenica Vitale,
Gale Mauch, Patsy Johnson, Mark Leonard
- 5:00 Paul Lynch

PLEASE PRAY



For The Faithful Departed

George Zang, and all who have died from the coronavirus.

For The Sick

All those suffering from the coronavirus, Royden Kleinert, Scott Simonetti, Gail & Joseph LeClair, Maura Kelly-Magliaro, 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.

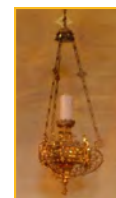


Rose for Life

In Loving Memory of
Jeanne Ferguson
From, the Buckleys

Sanctuary Lamp

Burns in Thanksgiving for
the Theology Teachers at
Our Lady of Mercy Academy



Rectory Holiday Schedule

Please note the following Rectory Holiday Office Hours: Monday, December 28th through Thursday, December 30th

8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, New Years Eve, December 31st 9:30 to 5:00 p.m. Closed on Saturday, New Years Day, Reopening at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 2nd. Offices in the Parish Ministries Building (Religious Education, Music, Outreach and the Business Offices) are closed the week of December 27th–31st and will reopen Monday, January 3rd.

*Happy
New Year*



The Feast of
the Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



STEWARDSHIP *A Way of Life*

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus is separated from His parents while in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. This event is also the Fifth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Hospitality

Share the joy of Christmas to others this season! Fill our community with love, by being hospitable to all around you.

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

Due to early printing deadlines, the weekly collection totals are not available. Totals will return in next weekend's bulletin.

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 2:00–5:00 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.



January 1st – World Day of Peace

“The world must be educated to love Peace, to build it up and defend it.”
- Pope Paul VI, 1968

Every year, the Holy Father marks the World Day of Peace with a special message inviting all people to reflect on the important work of building peace. Pope Francis will give his message on Saturday, January 1st.

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.



From the Rector —

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas!

In the midst of so much darkness and sadness in our world, this feast day shines a bright light. On this beautiful feast day we celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ is born into our world. God is Emmanuel, with us, no longer someone far off and distant. On this wonderful day we remember with great joy that our God decided to become one of us by becoming a beautiful innocent baby. Our God was born into poverty and simplicity at that humble cave in Bethlehem. Remembering that truth should fill each of us with warmth and the knowledge that God does indeed love us so very much.

This year, like last year still feels a bit different. Thankfully this year we are back to full capacity at the Cathedral. We continue to be mindful of those who are sick this year. Again this Christmas, we pray in a special way for those who are on the front lines, fighting this virus. For all of our medical professionals, our police officers and firefighters. We pray for the members of our Military who are stationed away from home, and we especially pray for those who have gone home to God this year.

Allow me to thank each of you for your kindness and generosity that you have shown to our parish during these difficult times, and for the many gifts you have given to the priests of the Cathedral. I've been rector here just about a year and a half, but Rockville Centre is certainly home. You all have helped to make it so!

I'd like to invite each of you to spend some time in prayer before the beautiful creche set up in our Cathedral. Gaze upon the Christ child and Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. May the Holy Family give you comfort this year.

May the light of Christ which radiates from the crib in Bethlehem shine brightly in your homes this Christmas. May the Christ child bless you abundantly. May the Lord give you His peace.

Be assured of a remembrance in each of my Masses this Christmas Day.

God bless you all!

In Our Lord and Blessed Lady,

Fr. Duffy

May the peace and hope of

Christ's birth

be with you now and in the days ahead . . .

from the Clergy of St. Agnes Cathedral

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JANUARY 7, 2022
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FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW

CALLING ALL CATHOLICS ON LONG ISLAND TO JOIN US AS WE
PRAY FOR AN INCREASE OF PRIESTLY VOCATIONS IN THE
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, January 1st

Mass Schedule
6:30, 7:45, a.m.

Please note this is
not a Holy Day
of Obligation
this year,
but we encourage
all who are able
to join us
for Mass.





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2021

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued *Admirabile Signum*, an Apostolic Letter *On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray.¹

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: “Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts.”

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God’s love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: “I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the

¹ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap-20191201-admirabile-signum.html meaning of life.

meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79)."

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth - the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home.

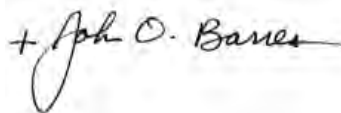
The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: "The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, 'gentle and humble in heart' (Matthew 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod's palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized."

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering.

May our commitment to "holiness and mission" bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Navidad 2021

Para el Pueblo de Dios de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre:

En diciembre 1ero, 2019, nuestro Santo Padre Francisco publicó *Admirabile Signum*, una Carta Apostólica *Sobre el Significado y la Importancia del Nacimiento*. Esta es una hermosa reflexión a la que yo recorro cada temporada navideña y a la que les exhorto a leer y rezar.¹

En ella, el Santo Padre nos recuerda que el simple acto de arreglar nuestro pesebre [Belén, Nacimiento] nos vincula con el pasado, nos abre interrogantes para el presente y nos orienta al futuro. Es un acto que tiene un impacto existencial.

El Papa Francisco dice: “Instalar el pesebre en nuestras casas nos ayuda a revivir la historia que tuvo lugar en Belén. Naturalmente, los Evangelios siguen siendo nuestra fuente para comprender y reflexionar sobre el acontecimiento. Al mismo tiempo, su representación en el pesebre nos ayuda a imaginar la escena. Nos toca el corazón y nos hace entrar en la historia de la salvación como contemporáneos de un acontecimiento vivo y real en una amplia gama de contextos históricos y culturales.”

La hermosa imagen de los padres y de los abuelos preparando juntos el pesebre con sus niños y sus nietos es una poderosa experiencia multidimensional de la catequesis – de enseñar y transmitir nuestra fe Católica y nuestra creencia en la Encarnación de Jesucristo a la próxima generación.

Los padres y los abuelos tienen esa sabiduría de enseñar a sus niños y a sus nietos a montar y colocar el pesebre, pero al mismo tiempo, ellos también tienen la sensibilidad catequética y la afinidad para dejar a los niños y a los nietos que tomen la decisión de dónde van a colocar los pastores, las ovejas y los tres reyes magos.

Se anima a los niños a colocar la Sagrada Familia -María, José y el Príncipe de la Paz- con sus propias manos en el centro del pesebre. Con qué frecuencia los niños disfrutan, a veces solos y a veces con sus hermanos y familiares, moviendo e interactuando con las figuras. Cuántas veces su imaginación bíblica y sus almas arden con el amor de Dios mientras juegan con sus belenes familiares.

El Santo Padre continua: “Me gustaría ahora reflexionar sobre los distintos elementos del belén para apreciar su significado más profundo. En primer lugar, está el fondo de un cielo estrellado envuelto en la oscuridad y el silencio de la noche. Lo representamos no sólo por fidelidad a los relatos evangélicos, sino también por su valor simbólico. Podemos pensar en todos los momentos de nuestra vida en los que hemos experimentado la oscuridad de la noche. Pero incluso entonces, Dios no nos abandona, sino que está ahí para responder a nuestras preguntas cruciales sobre el sentido de la vida. ¿Quién soy yo? ¿De dónde vengo? ¿Por qué he nacido en este momento de la historia?

¹ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap-20191201-admirabile-signum.html meaning of life.

¿Por qué amo? ¿Por qué sufro? ¿Por qué moriré? Para responder a estas preguntas, Dios se hizo hombre. Su cercanía trae luz donde hay tinieblas y muestra el camino a quienes habitan en la sombra del sufrimiento (Lucas 1:79).”

Podemos ir a la deriva por la vida evadiendo y reprimiendo estas cuestiones existenciales críticas de la vida. Podemos vivir a ciegas y superficialmente.

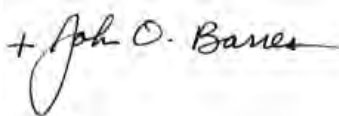
Nuestra creencia católica en la unidad de la Natividad y la Crucifixión, el Pesebre y la Cruz, Belén y el Gólgota, mantiene nuestras vidas centradas y enfocadas en las cosas que realmente cuentan en nuestro corto tiempo en la tierra - las Últimas Cosas (Muerte, Juicio, Cielo e Infierno) y una creencia en la Alegría Eterna del Cielo, nuestro verdadero hogar.

El Santo Padre sigue insistiendo en los asuntos existenciales: "La presencia de los pobres y de los humildes en el belén nos recuerda que Dios se hizo hombre por aquellos que se sienten más necesitados de su amor y que le piden que se acerque a ellos. Jesús, ‘manso y humilde de corazón (Mateo 11:29), nació en la pobreza y llevó una vida sencilla para enseñarnos a reconocer lo esencial y a actuar en consecuencia. El belén nos enseña claramente que no podemos dejarnos engañar por la riqueza y las promesas efímeras de felicidad. Vemos el palacio de Herodes al fondo, cerrado y sordo a las noticias de alegría. Al nacer en un pesebre, Dios mismo lanza la única y verdadera revolución que puede dar esperanza y dignidad a los desheredados y marginados: la revolución del amor, la revolución de la ternura. Desde el pesebre, Jesús proclama, de manera mansa pero poderosa, la necesidad de compartir con los pobres como camino hacia un mundo más humano y fraterno en el que nadie sea excluido ni marginado.

Que nuestra oración, nuestra silenciosa contemplación y la creativa catequesis familiar del Pesebre nos ayude a ser los instrumentos de una revolución evangélica de humildad, caridad, misericordia, ternura y solidaridad con los enfermos, los pobres y los que sufren.

Que nuestro compromiso de "santidad y misión" bendiga nuestra escucha sinodal contemplativa y nuestro renacimiento eucarístico y de evangelización. Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo para ustedes y sus familias!

Sinceramente en Cristo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Reverendísimo John O. Barres
Obispo de Rockville Centre



Principal's Announcements



As we begin a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear:

our health, our family and our friends.

May our year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon us and bestow upon each of us a bright and peaceful new year.

Thank you for all the Christmas prayers, good wishes and treats! School remains closed until Monday, January 3rd as we continue to celebrate the Birth of our Lord.

I wish you love, joy, peace, and happiness in this New Year!

Mrs. Cecilia St. John

Principal

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 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.

Thank You

from Parish Outreach

Many, many thanks for your most generous outpouring of food, clothing, toys, gift cards and monetary donations for the needy of our community.

We are especially grateful for the exceptional response to our parish Giving Tree.

Your generosity ensured that those who came to us in need were able to enjoy their Christmas this year.

I can't thank you enough for your wonderful acts of kindness.

Love,

Sr. Kathleen

Parish Outreach



The Parish Outreach is NOT able to receive clean fall or winter clothing as the clothing room is filled.

Food donations are always appreciated. We are especially in need of 16.3 oz. and 28 oz. jars of peanut butter, 1 or 2 lb. bags of rice, Progresso soups, canned tuna. Thin spaghetti and various cereals. 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 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except for holidays.

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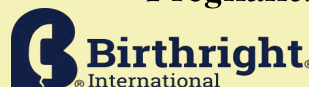
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