

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Rockville Centre, New York

12.10.23



The Second Sunday of Advent

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 10:30AM (Lower Hall, not celebrated in Summer)
11AM, 12:30PM, 5PM

SATURDAY

7:45AM, 5PM, 7:30PM (Lower Hall)
7:30PM (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

6:30AM, 7:45AM, 9AM
12:10PM, 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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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*
Tuesday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 4 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

The Cathedral is open for prayer
daily from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 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. Monday to Friday – following the 6:30 a.m. Mass and every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) in the Cathedral.

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

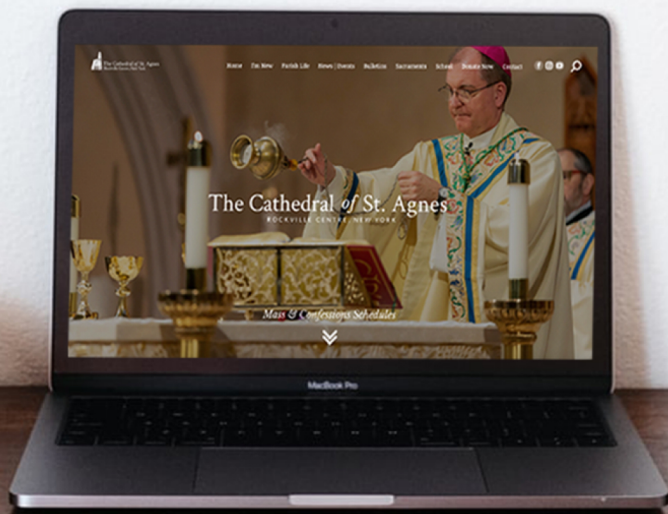
Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Rectory Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.

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



STEWARDSHIP *A Way of Life*

Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, we are introduced to John the Baptist who came and proclaimed the coming of Jesus Christ.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Prayer

As Catholics, we are called to proclaim Jesus Christ to others as St. John the Baptist did. We should use the talents and gifts God has given us to draw others to Him. Pray to God to show you how you are called to invite people to grow closer to Him.

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>12/3/2023</u>	<u>11/27/2022</u>
Weekly Collection	\$35,575	\$38,838	\$33,572

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.

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.

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.

The Office for Protection of Children and Young People

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is committed to assist those who have been victims of abuse by Clergy, Religious, Lay Employees and Volunteers. To report an incident of abuse, regardless of when it occurred, please call the Hotline Number 516-594-9063. Your call will be returned by a licensed mental health counselor. If you suspect someone is in immediate danger, call 911. All calls remain confidential.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 11, St. Damasus I, Pope

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

- 6:30 Rosa Grzinic
- 7:45 Margaret (Peggy) Buscarino
- 9:00 Beatrice O'Dea
- 12:10 The Intentions of the St. Monica Prayer Group
- 7:30 Anthony Cappitelli

Tuesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

- 6:30 Special Intentions
- 7:45 Grace Way
- 9:00 Glen Miller
- 12:10 Raymond McCrory
- 7:30 Spanish Mass Special Intentions

Wednesday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

- 6:30 Edward O'Callaghan
- 7:45 Anna Marie Zaleski
- 9:00 Anne McCarthy
- 12:10 Betsy Toy Schowerer

**Thursday, December 14, St. John of the Cross,
Priest & Doctor of the Church**

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

- 6:30 Michael A. Manfredonia
- 7:45 Vincenzo Ianni
- 9:00 John & Alice Sullivan
- 12:10 John & Celestine Lapina

Friday, December 15, Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

- 6:30 Mary Ruchalski
- 7:45 James Alberga
- 9:00 Ann & Richard Phelan, Rose & Tom Doran
- 12:10 Antoinette Anzalone

Saturday, December 16, Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

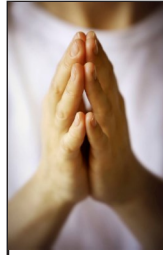
- 7:45 Margaret Jeanne Briody
- 5:00 Megan Gallagher, Angela Noto, Michael Gatz, Kristin D'Alessio, Kathleen Brennan
- 5:00 LH Special Intentions
- 7:30 C Michael Nacht
- 7:30 LH Raymond & Eileen Sisti & Ray Jr.

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61: 1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

- 7:00 Marguerite Digristina
- 8:00 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
- 9:30 Mary T. Doherty
- 10:30 LH Eileen Loftus O'Brien
- 11:00 Giulio Traversa
- 12:30 John & Marie McManus, Joseph Carbone, Charles & Frances Pagano, Charges Pagano, Jr., Nancy McNichol
- 5:00 James Byrne

PLEASE PRAY



For The Faithful Departed

Sharon Laurita, Joseph B. Wagner, Anita Fallon,

For The Sick

Carol Ludwiczak, Joseph M. Guida, Rose Coppola, Joyce Paykoo, Helen Gemmel, Grace Kozera, John Zablocki, Sean Ware, David Sylvester Seal, Ron La Grega, John-Paul Yezzo, Barbara Magloire, Caitlin Nally, Akosua Cobb, Marie Poggelli, Tania Armstrong, Veronica Vargas, Gilbert Otano, Palma Giovanniello, Pat Englehart, Joseph Murphy, Barbara Rotunno, Tania Smith, Catherine Frake, Joseph Mariani, Jeffrey Buxton, James Walter (Child), Thomas Hayes, Jr., Susan Kowalski, Maria McDonald, Stephanie Ramos, 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.



Wine & Hosts

In Loving Memory of
Betsy Toy Schowerer
12/8/70–8/12/93

First Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Please join us on Friday, December 15th at 7:00pm for the blessing and lighting of our first annual Christmas tree memorial. The blessing and lighting will occur in front of the display and hot chocolate will be provided for all in attendance.

Special Needs Mass

We will celebrate a Mass for special needs children, and their families on **Saturday, December 16th**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall of the Monsignor Melton Auditorium. This area is handicapped accessible, allowing families with children, who have developmental disabilities, access to the Lower Hall to celebrate God's presence in their lives.

Parish Outreach

The Outreach Pantry is really low and in need of the following Spaghetti O's,

Chef Boy Ardee Ravioli, Mac n Cheese cups, canned chicken breast, tuna fish, 1lb. grape jelly, cereal, peanut butter, Goya beans, marinara sauce, 1lb. thin spaghetti, 1lb bags of rice, canned peas, Progresso Soups and individual fruit cups.

We are no longer accepting Spring & Summer clothing but we are accepting Fall clothing.

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.

Love, *Sr. Kathleen*



THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

On December 2nd & 3rd, 2023 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Theodore Cariello
Aria Coreas
Summer Levitt

Nora Riegel
Nicholas Valenza
Catalina Vilardi

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.



Religious Education

This week, December 12, 13 & 14, the in-person religious education students will be attending Confession during their regular class time.

Students enrolled in the online program will be attending Confession during the open Confession sessions, days and times are listed in the bulletin and on the Cathedral website.

Sunday, December 10th is the deadline to sign-up for the Cathedral Christmas Pageant. All students in grades K-8 are invited to participate. Please see the advert in the bulletin for further details.

Please join us on Saturday, December 16th at 5:00 PM for the Special Needs Mass in the Lower Hall. Hospitality Sunday is December 17th, after the 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses. Please join your fellow Parishioners for a complimentary bagel, muffin, cup of coffee and juice.

On Sunday, December 17th, the 8th grade students will be hosting the 9:30 AM Mass in the Cathedral. All Confirmandi are to attend and present their "Letter of Intent".

Please remember to look for the Giving Tree which is in the Vestibule of the Cathedral and share your generosity with a family in need.

Peace and Blessings to you and your families on the 2nd Sunday of Advent.

Mrs. Anne Nelson

St. Agnes Religious Education



Parish Outreach Christmas Collection

We are once again collecting new Christmas toys for the needy children of our parish. All donations may be dropped off at the Outreach Office located in the Parish Ministries Building (last door on the left closest to N. Village Ave.) Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. In addition, what might be most useful and practical for teenagers would be gift cards to Old Navy, Best Buy, Amazon, Target, and Kohls. Also, in families where there is sickness or unemployment or single moms, gift cards to supermarkets are most appreciated. Your kindness will make this a much brighter Christmas for those in need.

Love, Sr. Kathleen



The Saint Agnes Mass Transit

The Saint Agnes Mass Transit is looking for people to bring to Mass on Sundays. If you know anyone that may be

interested please call the Rectory Office at 516-766-0205 and leave their name and phone number. Please join us on the Mass Transit on Sundays.



Principal's Announcements



When was the last time you were driving somewhere and got lost on the way to your destination? Maybe you were following the directions, but they led to the wrong place. Or maybe you thought you could figure out how to get to your destination on your own, only to realize you didn't quite know **the way**. We have all experienced needing to turn around, retrace our steps, and start over. This is the crux of the Christian life: being willing to convert, to turn around the areas of our life that need to be more aligned with God's plan for our eternal happiness.

In today's Gospel, St. Mark immediately begins with the proclamation of John the Baptist. "Prepare the way of the Lord!" This highlights how completely John the Baptist fulfills in himself all the expectations of ancient Israel.

St. Augustine teaches that John's birth to elderly parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, represents the antiquity of Israel, while his leaping for joy in his mother's womb at the Visitation of Mary suggests the newness of his coming prophetic proclamation. In his appearance and actions John sums up the whole of the Old Testament: his clothing is the same as that of Elijah, and the hides he wears also suggest the skins that Adam and Eve wore after being cast out of the Garden.

He calls Israel out into the desert for purification as did Moses, the mediator of the Old Law and, like Moses, he prepares the people to be led into the new Promised Land by the new Joshua (Yeshua = Jesus). His diet consists of locusts, which are symbolic of pestilence as one of the plagues of the Exodus and of the Apocalypse, and honey, which is the food of the Promised Land.

Despite the dignity of St. John the Baptist at having received the vocation of being the last of the Prophets and the first of the saints (after Mary, who is the Queen of Saints), his most prominent virtue is humility. "I am not fit to stoop and untie his sandal straps," he says. If we are to prepare ourselves and others for the coming of the great King, then we should turn our attention to St. John the Baptist, the first herald of Christ.

Thank you to the Mothers' Club for hosting another successful Breakfast with Santa. Special thanks to Mrs. Mary Meagher for chairing the event and bringing such joy and happiness to our Kindergarten and First Graders.

This week CAPS will be here to present programs to the 5th-8th graders.

This week the 5th Graders will present their Bell Choir Christmas Concert.

On December 13th Report Cards will be distributed to students. Please make sure your tuition accounts are up to date.

Teacher Reacher will close at 11:55 P.M. on December 13th. Please make sure you schedule your Parent Teacher Conferences.

The Band Christmas Concert, for experienced band members, is this week. December 14th and 15th are Parent-Teacher Conferences.

On the Horizon: December Events

December 19th: 7th Grade Field Trip to see A Christmas Carol

December 19th: 2nd Grade Christmas Pageant

December 20th: 12 noon dismissal: Beginning of Christmas Recess! Merry Christmas!

May PEACE dwell in your hearts this second Sunday of Advent.

Mrs. Cecilia St. John
Principal



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

There will be a special collection this weekend for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often

do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

ADVENT 2023

SUNG SOLEMN VESPERS

JOIN FOR SOLEMN VESPERS AT THE
CATHEDRAL THIS ADVENT SEASON ON
SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 PM



December 3rd



December 10th



December 17th with the Choir

Vespers is the official evening prayer of the Church. Primarily based on scripture, it consists of psalms, hymns, and prayers of intercession. A homily will be given each week reflecting on the spiritual themes of Advent.



Flowers for the Cathedral and the Homebound

You will notice that in your packet of contribution envelopes, there is an envelope for flowers for Christmas. In addition to using this collection to decorate the cathedral for Christmas, we would like to send a poinsettia plant to all our ill and homebound parishioners. Many of these people have worshipped in the cathedral for years and are now confined to their homes. Your generous response to this collection will help to defray the cost of providing these plants. If you know of anyone who is ill or homebound, please call the rectory at 516-766-0205 with the name, address, and phone number of the person.



Christmas Cards

The Rectory Office will be 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.



On Becoming A Catholic

Those seeking information about the Catholic Faith are invited to contact Rev. Michael F. Duffy, Rector of St. Agnes Cathedral 516-766-0205 concerning the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Extended Advent Adoration Hours

Extended hours for Adoration will begin on Wednesday, December 6th. the hours will be from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Advent season. On Wednesday, December 27th Adoration hours will once again be from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS 2023**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

Monday, December 18th, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 19th, to Friday, December 22nd, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, December 6th, in the Cathedral, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, December 13th, in the Cathedral, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 18th, 3:00 – 9:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, December 20th, in the Holy Cross Chapel, 2:00 – 9:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
VIGIL MASSES |

4:00 p.m. in the Cathedral and 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Center
 and 4:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall
 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral and 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Center
 8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass in the Cathedral
 11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols, Procession and Blessing of the Crèche
 12:00 a.m. Pontifical Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Cathedral
 and 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center

(NO 5:00 P.M. MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST
Not a Holy Day of Obligation

6:30, 7:45, 9:00 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. in the Cathedral

Please join us at our monthly
Hospitality Sunday

COFFEE
Conversation
BAGELS...
and **MUFFINS!**

We hope to see you there!

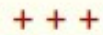


Coffee, bagels and muffins will be served in the
Parish Center between **8:30** and **11:45**

Sunday,
December 17th



This event will be hosted by
members of the
St. Agnes Fathers' Club



Advent & Christmas Concert

*“Stay Awake, Watch, Make Ready the Way
of the Lord”*

December 15th | 7:30 pm

The Cathedral Choirs, Chamber Orchestra, and Soloists
Michael L. Bower, Conductor
Maura Goodwin, Associate Conductor

Suggested donation: \$25

Grand and Premium seating available

**For ticket information and reservations, please see the bulletin or
call 516-764-9578 x 201**

St. Agnes Cathedral | 29 Quealy Pl, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

St. Agnes Cathedral

Christmas Concert

Friday Evening, December 15, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Featuring The Cathedral Choirs, Orchestra, & Soloists

Ticket Order FORM (Suggested Donation)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: # () _____

of tickets _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

of Senior tkts _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

of child tkts _____ @ \$ _____ = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

ALL Ticket levels are preassigned seating:

Grand Seating Levels:

GOLD - \$250 / SILVER - \$125 / BRONZE - \$75/

And other Premium Seating Level: \$50 (all front rows)

General seating \$25

Seniors and students \$20 - children (under 10) \$10


Checks payable to: St. Agnes Cathedral Music Dept.

For ticket information you may call Doreen at (516) 764-9578 x 201

THANK YOU for Your Support to St. Agnes Cathedral Music!

*Please complete this form and bring to the Parish Ministry Building (1 Quealy Place).
The Front Desk of this Building is Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 AM to 5 PM.*

Please ask for Mr. Brian Kasper.

A silhouette of a nativity scene set within a stable structure against a starry night sky. The scene includes two shepherds on the left, one holding a staff, and Mary and Joseph on the right, with the infant Jesus in a manger. A large, bright star is positioned at the top center of the sky.

"The Christmas Story"

December 17, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

All children of the parish in grades K-8 are invited to participate in the St. Agnes Cathedral Christmas Pageant

Acting parts – 1-4th grade

Reading parts 5th - 8th grade

Sign up via email by December 10th at stagnescathedralchristmaspageant@yahoo.com please include child's first & last name along with grade.

Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org



Foster Care Diminished Under Proposed HHS Rule Effectively Banishing Christians

About 391,000 children in this country are being housed through the foster care system of temporary homes, as overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). These children cannot remain in their current situations because of abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

In many parts of the country, it is largely Christian organizations who work within their communities to identify and support Christian families to open their homes to these children. A new rule proposed by HHS would effectively exclude many Christians from this charitable work.

The new rule would consider the placement of a child to be safe and appropriate only if the foster parents and families are mandated to use the child's identified pronouns and chosen name as well as allowing the child to dress as their self-identified gender.

Attorneys General from several states object to the HHS rule because it would force Christians to comply with government compelled speech in spite of their conscientious beliefs about God's design for sexuality and would significantly reduce the available care for foster children.

In a similar situation the Supreme Court ruled in 2021 that the city of Philadelphia's refusal to allow a Catholic social services group to place children unless they would include placement in same sex homes was a denial of the free exercise of religion of the First Amendment.

Read more here: bit.ly/3T3AsEc bit.ly/3uE52dy bit.ly/41hXu1j bit.ly/3R3DXrB

***Psalm 139:14** I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

ADVENT

The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray

FORMEDNOW

The Spirituality of Advent

Dr. Tim Gray discusses the spirituality of Advent and the joy of waiting for Christ.

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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.)



Save the Dates!

With Organ & Voice: Special Music Events at the Cathedral: 2023-2024 Season

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

December

*6:00 PM Solemn Sung Vespers on Advent Sunday
Evenings*

3rd Sunday Evening (Gaudete Sunday) with Choir

Friday Evening, December 15, 7:30 PM

Advent/Christmas Concert

The Cathedral Choirs

Chamber Orchestra and Soloists

Michael L. Bower, Conductor

Maura Goodwin, Associate Conductor

Friday – Sunday Triduum, January 19-21, 2024

Commemoration of St. Agnes, Our Patroness

Holy Hour at 7:30 PM

Solemn Mass at 5:00 PM

Solemn Vespers at 4:00 PM

February/March

6:00 PM Solemn Sung Vespers on Lenten

Sunday Evenings

4th Sunday Evening (Laetare Sunday) with Choir

March 17, 2024

10:45 Investiture Ceremony, 11:00 AM Mass

The Choir of Men and Boys of the

Diocese of Rockville Centre

Michael L. Bower, Director

Wednesday Evening, March 27, 7:30 PM

The Office of Tenebrae

Cathedral Singers

Michael L. Bower, Conductor

Sunday Evening, May 5, 7:30 PM

Cathedral Music Master-Work Series

*Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" & J.S. Bach's
"Magnificat in D Major"*

The Cathedral Choirs and Orchestra

Michael L. Bower, Conductor

Sunday, June 2, 7:00 PM

The South Shore Symphony



Join us for the sounds of the season

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Benefiting

MOMMAS House

Featuring the joyful stylings of the

North Shore Pops

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

at 7:30pm

St. Agnes Cathedral - Parish Center

29 Quealy Pl,

Rockville Centre, NY

For more information, visit us at

mommashouse.org

or call us at 516-781-8637



FREE WILL OFFERING

ALL proceeds to benefit **MOMMAS House** Mother-Child Residences



St. Agnes Giving Tree

The 2023 Giving Tree will continue through the weekend of December 16th and 17th. We are also offering the option of buying gifts online as this has been highly successful. Please scan the code below to access the online option or go to the St. Agnes Cathedral website: www.stagnescathedral.org for more information. If you are taking a paper ornament from the Cathedral or Lower Hall, these gifts must be returned by the weekend of December 16th & 17th. Gifts purchased through the online option will be delivered through Amazon to a home residence of a Giving Tree committee member and brought directly to St. Agnes for distribution. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please call Kerry at 678-9461.



TRAVEL WITH ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL TO THE 2024

March for Life

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes will be traveling by bus to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The march will take place on January 19, 2024.

Sign up by January 8th to reserve your spot!

Call the rectory to register: 516-766-0205



2024



MARCH FOR LIFE



COMUNIDAD HISPANA

LA CATEDRAL DE SANTA INÉS

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL, Sábado - a las 7.30pm
(Misa del Domingo)

Martes - a las 7.30pm (comenzando con el Rosario y
confesión a las 7.00pm)

Hoy celebramos el segundo domingo del Tiempo de Adviento, en nuestra preparación para el Nacimiento de Jesús. Dios nos sigue llamando a preparar el camino del Señor, como Juan Bautista. Preparar el camino supone rellenar, rebajar y enderezar.

En este segundo domingo continuamos viviendo el Adviento en clave de "preparación". La creación entera se prepara para la venida del Señor en Isaías. Y en el evangelio, Juan Bautista anuncia al que es fuerte y trae el Espíritu. Mientras llega el día del Señor, el día en que veremos el cielo nuevo y la tierra nueva, la Iglesia recuerda con la carta de Pedro la paciencia de Dios y la necesidad de prepararse para ese encuentro viviendo en paz con él.

Este segundo domingo de Adviento proclamamos en la liturgia el comienzo del evangelio según san Marcos. En él se hace una breve presentación de Jesús y se muestra a Juan Bautista como el precursor, el que anuncia la llegada del Mesías.

LOS SACRAMENTOS

PENITENCIA/CONFESIÓN

Todos los martes a las 7pm de la tarde antes de la Misa a las 7.30 p.m.

BAUTISMO

Un sábado en cada mes y la hora determinada según la disponibilidad de la catedral. Hay que comunicarse con la

oficina de la rectoría para la entrevista con el sacerdote, la inscripción y poner el día de la celebración. Se puede llenar el formulario por la web de la parroquia y traer una copia del acta del nacimiento para la entrevista. Los padrinos deben ser católicos, bautizados que han hecho su primera comunión y la confirmación. Si son parejas, tienen que haberse casados por la iglesia.

MATRIMONIO

Los que quieren casarse por la iglesia deben contactarnos con 12 meses de anticipación, hay que llamar la rectoría para citar la entrevista con el sacerdote y obtener más informaciones. La pre-cana es obligatoria.

CUIDADO PASTORAL DE OS ENFERMOS

Los sacerdotes y los ministros extraordinarios de la Eucaristía están disponibles para visitar y llevar la comunión a los feligreses confinados en sus hogares. Por favor llamen la oficina de la rectoría para informarse si alguien necesita el sacramento de los enfermos.

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Para inscribir las intenciones de difuntos en la Misa de los Sábados a las 7:30 p.m y Martes 7:30 p.m ir a la oficina de la rectoría. Se abrirá espacio para 5 intenciones en cada Misa.

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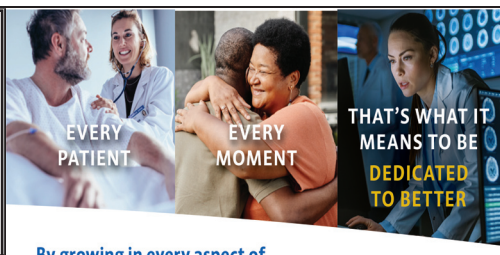
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