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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*

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 PI)

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





STEWARDSHIP A Way of Life

Stewardship Reflection

Iesus came into the world to die for us.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Service

This Christmas, be at service to those in need. Invite a lonely friend or family member over for Christmas dinner. Perhaps, also, after Christmas dinner you can assist family and friends in cleaning up.

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

The weekly collection totals were not available prior to bulletin printing. 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.



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, Dec	cember 25, The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7-10: H	leb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
7:00	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
8:00	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
9:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
11:00	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
12:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
	cember 26, St. Stephen, The First Martyr
	7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
6:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
7:45	Alan Jones
9:00	Joe Mastrocovi, Catherine Fox &
7.00	Millie Mastrocovi
12:10	Catherine Pirrone
7:30	Spanish Mass Special Intentions
	December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8	
6:30	Giovanni & Divina Molinaro
7: 4 5	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
9:00	Joseph King & Antoine Dugue
12:10	Patrick F. Hirsch
	ecember 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; N	
6:30	
7:45	James Rohan & Eileen Rohan
9:00	
12:10	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
	mber 29, St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11; L	
6:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
7:45	Maureen Sichenzia
9:00	Ann Rescigno
12:10	Edward H. Murphy
	cember 30, Sixth Day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord	
1 Jn 2:12-17;]	
	Sean Carnevale
	Florence Zoeller, Frank Tripodi, Sr.,
	Celia Rodriguez, Bridget Felecia Wijesundera,
	Edward Cummings
7:30 C	Bernardo Lemos
•	All Aborted Children
	ember 31, The Holy Family of
	Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-	14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40
7:00	The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
8:00	Nicolina Cecco
9:30	Frederick Bolton
	Douglas Chandler
11:00	Joseph G. Metz
12:30	Jeanne Ferguson, James McKeough,
	Diane C. Engel, Edward Murphy,
	Margaret Cormican
5:00	Mary Robustello



PLEASE PRAY

For The Faithful Departed Maryann S. Nesdill, Digna Rodriguez, Margaret Ann Hickey, John Zablocki, Pablo Taveras

For The Sick

Rosemary Donohue, Susan O'Halloran, Balestrieri Family, 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 Thomas F. Delaney



Sanctuary Lamp

For Mary Vitale

Rectory Holiday Schedule

Please note the following Rectory Holiday
Office Hours: Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve the
office will be open from 9:00 to 1:30 p.m., Monday,
December 25th Christmas Day the Rectory Office is
closed; reopening on Tuesday, December 26th — 8:30 to
8:00 p.m.; Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31st — 9:00
to 1:30 p.m. The office will be closed on Monday, January
1st and will be reopening at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday,
January 2nd.



Christmas at St. Agnes Cathedral

Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve (Vigil Masses)

4:00 pm — Cathedral, Lower Hall, and Parish Center

5:30 pm — Cathedral & Parish Center

8:00 pm - Cathedral (Spanish)

11:30 pm — Christmas Carols, Procession, Blessing of the Creche

12:00 am - Pontifical Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

7:00 am - Cathedral

8:00 am - Cathedral

9:30 am - Cathedral

11:00 am - Cathedral

12:30 pm - Cathedral & Parish Center

*No 5 pm Mass on Christmas Day



CHRISTMASTIME

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1st
*Not a Holy Day of Obligation
this year, but we invite the
faithful to come pray!

Masses will be offered at:

6:30 am

7:45 am

9:00 am

12:10 pm







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. Your generosity ensured that those who came to us in need were able to enjoy their Christmas this year. I cannot thank you enough for your wonderful acts of kindness.

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.



Calling all Seniors....

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year. For the first time the St. Agnes Senior Club will be meeting on Wednesday,

January 3rd at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This will be the first of many fun filled and informative meetings for the new year. All are welcome and bring a friend.

Weekly Bible Study



The Parish Bible Study meets weekly on Wednesday mornings

in Ministry Building Youth Room (2nd floor) from 9:45am - 11:00am. For those who are unable to join us in person, we welcome you through ZOOM.

The ZOOM Meeting ID: 79101167157 and Password: XSS6Ky

All our welcome! Please join us when you can and begin the New Year spending time learning more about God's Love and Mercy. For questions or updates on chapters we are covering contact: nuluvin@gmail.com

Religious Education

Unto Us is Born a Saviour...



May the gift of joy and the blessing of peace be yours this Christmas and in the New Year.

Loving God,

During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray. Amen

Mrs. Anne Nelson

St. Agnes Religious Education

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



On December 16th & December 17th, 2023 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Alina Bisono Evans Bueno Amy Dempsey Mia Georgeou Bianca Gethers

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.



Principal's Announcements

4th Sunday of Advent



Luke carefully recorded the Annunciation scene in his Gospel to illustrate the ultimate fulfillment of the greatest promises of the Old Testament. In saying that Gabriel goes to "a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David," Luke is alluding to the unforgettable prophecy that Isaiah gave to the house of David: "A young virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). Immanuel means "God with us," and thus this child of Mary is nothing less than the presence of God himself as foretold by Isaiah.

Gabriel also tells Mary that her child will inherit "the throne of David his father . . . and of his kingdom there will be no end." The angel's declaration is an explicit claim that the great promise made in God's covenant with David has now been fulfilled. In the First Reading, the Lord promised David: "I will raise up your heir after you. . . . Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever." This is the promise of promises for the lews. It meant that they would one day have a king whose kingdom would last forever. After promising David that one of his descendants would rule over an everlasting kingdom, God tells David, "I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me." In the fulfillment of that promise, the angel tells Mary that her son will be called the "Son of the Most High."

School is closed this week as we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity.

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. Then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.
He never wrote a book. He never held an office.
He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.
He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness.

He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away.

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 he was 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.

Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race, and the leader of mankind's progress.

All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliament that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man on Earth

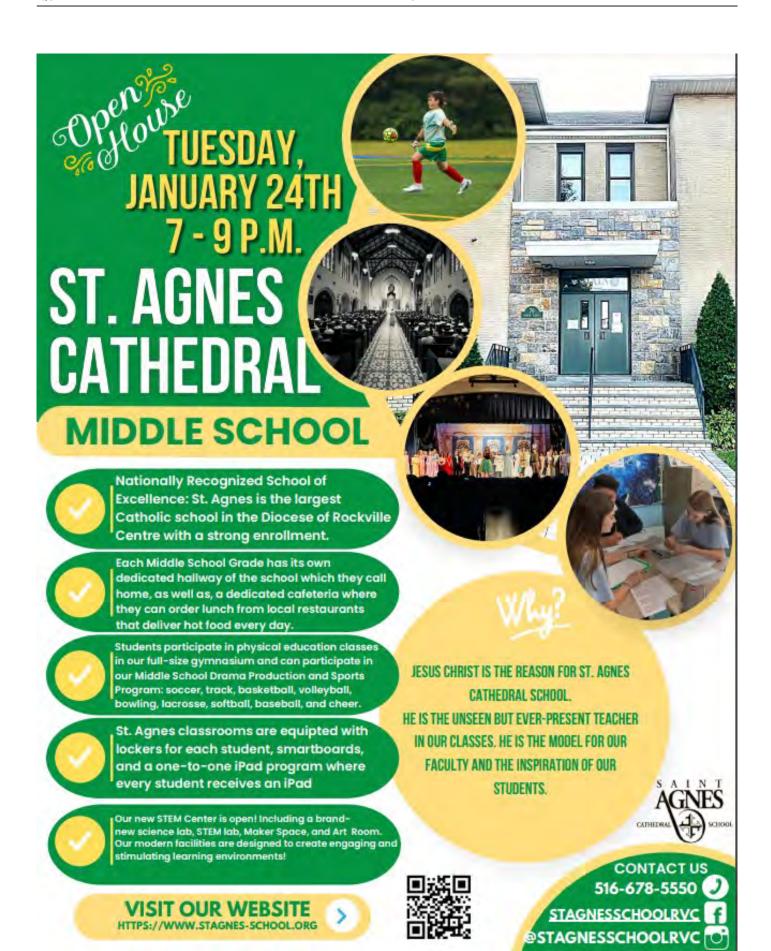
As much as that One Solitary Life.

(By Dr. James Allen Francis)

God, our Father, we thank You for Your love for us, a love that reaches out to accept us, no matter our circumstance. As we contemplate the arrival of Your Son, help us to share our love with others. May our love, like Yours, be abundant and healing. Amen.



Mrs. **Cecilia St. John** Principal



St. Agnes Cathedral School







Exciting News at St. Agnes Cathedral School! We are thrilled to announce the GRAND OPENING of our brand-new STEM Lab!

WHAT SETS US APART?

Our state-of-the-art STEM Lab is designed to ignite curiosity and inspire a love for learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

EXPERT FACULTY

Our dedicated team of educators brings a wealth of experience and passion for STEM education. They are committed to guiding students on a journey of discovery, ensuring each child reaches his/her full potential.

FAITH-INFUSED STEM EDUCATION

At St. Agnes Cathedral, our Catholic values are interwoven seamlessly into our STEM curriculum. Students will not only explore the wonders of science and technology but also develop a deeper understanding of the world through the lens of faith.

INNOUATION AT EVERY CORNER

Step into an environment where creativity flourishes and scientific exploration knows no bounds! Students perform hands-on experiments that encourage critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

FUTURE PREPARATION

In a rapidly evolving world, a solid foundation in STEM is essential. Give your child the tools they need to excel in the digital age while instilling values that will guide them through life. St. Agnes is where tradition meets innovation!

JOIN US FOR THE GRAND OPENING

We invite you to join us for the tour of our STEM Lab on Sunday, January 28th from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Experience firsthand the excitement and possibilities that await your child at St. Agnes. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to shape your child's future!

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL - WHERE FAITH AND STEM EXCELLENCE UNITE!

ENROLL TODAY AND WATCH YOUR CHILD SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS!

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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

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

<u>Wednesday Evening, March 27, 7:30 PM</u> *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



Saint Agnes Cathedral Altar Servers Upcoming Training Dates for New Servers

Open to students in Grade 5 & above

January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1 4:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

Attendance at each session is required

Once training has been completed, an installation Mass will be held, and new servers will be put on the schedule.

We have an online scheduling program, Ministry Scheduler Pro, which you can use to input dates you are unavailable and request subs.

Those who wish to join the altar servers should have their parent email Father da Luz (<u>fralessandro@stagnescathedral.org</u>) to register.



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- Visit FORMED.ORG
- 2. Click SIGN UP
- 3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization:

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Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



- 4. Find the parish by name (St. Agnes Cathedral) or Zip
- 5. Enter your email and you're in (There is no cost to use FORMED.)



St. Agnes Giving Tree

Thank you to all our parishioners for your amazing support of the 2023 Giving Tree. For the past 29 years, our St. Agnes Giving Tree program has and continues to support our St. Agnes Outreach as well as several

Outreach organizations throughout the diocese. We thank you, our parishioners, for your overwhelming generosity and support in helping to make a brighter Christmas season for those in need. Whether you took ornaments from one of our trees or purchased items online - you provided us the opportunity to distribute over 2500 gifts. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and blessings in 2024.

Consolation Ministers Needed

The Consolation Ministry is looking for volunteers to help grieving families with the Funeral Mass arrangements for their dearly departed loved ones. If you are interested please call Anne Nelson (516) 678-2306.

Year-End Tax Statements

Please note, in an effort to contain expenses, year-end statements for your taxes will not be automatically mailed out. They may be obtained upon request from the Rectory. Please call 516-766-0205 to request your statement or email your name, address, phone number and envelope number to: parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org



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).



"Most high, glorious God enlighten the darkness of my heart; give me, Lord, a correct faith, a certain hope, a perfect charity, sense and knowledge so that I may carry out Your holy and true commands." Francis of Assisi

Come and see how Secular Franciscans live joyfully in the world and celebrate God's creation. Our Lady of the Atonement Secular

Franciscan Fraternity meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 6:45 p.m. in Tabor Retreat Center, 60 Anchor Ave, Oceanside. Please contact Jane at 516-425-2768 for more information.





Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Part 2: The Twelve Rules of Christmas®

Compiled by attorneys for The Rutherford Institute www.rutherford.org and http://bit.ly/1TNKSQb

Each year there are complaints, threats, and lawsuits over the public mention of Christmas, displays of manger scenes and even of Christmas trees, traditional sacred music included in school, students wearing Christmas messages and jewelry. Please share these facts:

- 6. Public schools may not require students to sing Christmas songs whose messages conflict with the students' own religious or nonreligious beliefs.
- 7. Public school students may not be prohibited from distributing literature to fellow students concerning the Christmas holiday or invitations to church Christmas events on the same terms that they would be allowed to distribute other literature that is not related to schoolwork.
- 8. Private citizens or groups may display crà ches or other Christmas symbols in public parks subject to the same reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions that would apply to other similar displays.
- 9. Government entities may erect and maintain celebrations of the Christmas holiday, such as Christmas trees and Christmas light displays, and may include crÃ" ches in their displays at least so long as the purpose for including the crÃ" che is not to promote its religious content and it is placed in context with other symbols of the Holiday season as part of an effort to celebrate the public Christmas holiday through its traditional symbols.
- 10. Neither public nor private employers may prevent employees from decorating their offices for Christmas, playing Christmas music, or wearing clothing related to Christmas merely because of their religious content so long as these activities are not used to harass or intimidate others.
- 11. Public or private employees whose sincerely held religious beliefs require that they not work on Christmas must be reasonably accommodated by their employers unless granting the accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the employer.
- 12. Government recognition of Christmas as a public holiday and granting government employees a paid holiday for Christmas does not violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

Permission has been granted to Catholics for Freedom of Religion (www.CFFOR.org) to distribute these guidelines. Permission has been granted to Catholics for Freedom of Religion (www.CFFOR.org) to distribute these guidelines. Questions about the guidelines should be directed to the Rutherford Institute. (staff@rutherford.org)

From the Board of Directors and founding members of Catholics for Freedom of Religion to Americans of all faiths, we send our wishes that your Christmas will be filled with joy, gladness and hope at the birth of our Savior, Christ the King. We pray together with you for strength and guidance for all Americans to understand and guard the religious freedom that protects our rights to choose our faith, to worship openly and fearlessly, to share our faith freely and to make the choice for life. Venite adoremus Dominum.

JUST A REMINDER

Please be sure to include your envelope number on your check in the Sunday collection if you are not using your envelopes. If you are using a plain white envelope please

include your name, address, envelope number and the amount of your donation on the outside of the envelope to ensure you get proper credit. 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)

La celebración de la Santa Misa en este cuarto domingo de Adviento, en el que la liturgia adquiere un color mariano, pues estamos a pocos días para la Navidad.

Esto no interrumpe ciertamente el ritmo del Adviento ni la dinámica de la preparación a la Navidad, pues María fue la que mejor vivió el Adviento y la Navidad. Con esos sentimientos, preparémonos también nosotros, como María, para recibir a Jesús en esta Santa Eucaristía.

Tanto la primera lectura como el salmo responsorial recuerdan la alianza que el Señor hizo con el rey David al asegurarle que su dinastía se mantendría para siempre en el trono de Judá.

Esa promesa se cumplirá en Jesús, el Mesías esperado cuyo Reino no tendrá fin, el Hijo del Altísimo concebido en el vientre de una humilde muchacha de Nazaret. Éste es el misterio que, según la carta a los Romanos, Dios había mantenido en secreto desde la eternidad y ahora es anunciado como Buena Noticia a todas las naciones.

Escucharemos ahora el relato del anuncio más importante en la historia de la salvación, dirigido a una joven Virgen de la estirpe de David, en cumplimiento de la promesa escuchada en la primera lectura.

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.

ACTIVIDADES DE CADA SEMANA

Las clases de Catequesis de Primera Comunión y Confirmación Los Domingos a las 10 a.m. En el Colegio de St. Agnes 70 Clinton Ave. Rockville Centre. En la entrada/Puerta NEWMAN. Se les invita a asistir a la Misa de la comunidad hispana todos los Sábados a las 7:30 p.m. como requisito del programa.

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.

Volunteers in the Diocese of Rockville Centre

A person wishing to volunteer in any parish or organization in the Diocese of Rockville Centre must first complete three requirements:

- 1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
- 2. Sign the Codes of Conduct
- 3. Complete a background screening application.

(Background screening is conducted on all volunteers and employees every 5 years.)

Directions to Complete the 3 Requirements:

- Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: <u>www.Virtus.org</u>
 When you log on to the Virtus website, you will create a Virtus account.
 - a. If you have not attended a Virtus class, you are a first time registrant.
 - b. The first screen will ask the name of your organization-from the drop down list select Rockville Centre-Safe Environment.
 - c. Follow all directions on the next screens.
 - d. One screen will have the Codes of Conduct. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct.
 - e. Continue with the registration process and select the class you will attend.
 - After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

2. Background Screening Application:

- Sterling Volunteers is the company providing the background screening.
- b. Follow all the directions to complete the background screening application. DO NOT STOP ONCE YOU BEGIN THE APPLICATION! If you stop-you are locked out of the process due to security procedures.
- c. You will need to provide your Social Security #; if you do not provide a Social Security # you will be charged a fee.
- After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

Congratulations! You have now:

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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,
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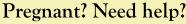
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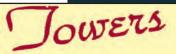
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