


# The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Rockville Centre, New York



12.3.23



*First 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

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
(516) 766-0205 | parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org

## CLERGY

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

**Bishop Emeritus**  
Most Reverend William F. Murphy, D.D., S.T.D.

**Rector**  
Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy

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Rev. Alessandro da Luz, S.T.L.  
Rev. Jude Mensah  
Rev. Roger Velasquez, *Comunidad Hispana*

**In Residence**  
Rev. Matthew Browne, S.T.L.  
Rev. Lachlan Cameron, S.T.L.

**Weekend Assistants**  
Rev. Patrick Flanagan, C.M.  
Very Rev. James Kuroly

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Patrick O'Brien

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Mary Brower, *Assistant Principal*

## 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](http://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.



# STAY CONNECTED



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The Cathedral of St. Agnes

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## STEWARDSHIP *A Way of Life*

### *Stewardship Reflection*

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us to always be vigilant in our spiritual life.

### *Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Formation*

This week, put Jesus' warning into practice in your life—make time to go to confession and prepare yourself for this Advent season.

### *Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish*

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>11/26/2023</u>	<u>11/27/2022</u>
Weekly Collection	\$35,575	\$37,448	\$38,325

### 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](http://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](http://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 4, St. John Damascene, Priest &  
Doctor of the Church**

*Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11*

- 6:30 Thomas Dartouzos, Jr.
- 7:45 Robert Bozo (Living)
- 9:00 Ana Elvia Rojas
- 12:10 William Gillen
- 7:30 Michael Gorry

**Tuesday, December 5, Advent Weekday**

*Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24*

- 6:30 John Ciorciari
- 7:45 Kathleen McDaid
- 9:00 Mark J. Stuart
- 12:10 Charles G. M. Thomas
- 7:30 Spanish Mass Special Intentions

**Wednesday, December 6, St. Nicholas, Bishop**

*Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37*

- 6:30 Julia Odea
- 7:45 Edward Cummings
- 9:00 Gregory Hammill
- 12:10 Mary Dillon Frost

**Thursday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church**

*Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21,24-27*

- 6:30 Special Intentions
- 7:45 Sheila Sheehan (Living)
- 9:00 James B. Ryan
- 12:10 Therese Rita Walz
- 5:00 Frank Bernie
- 7:30 Spanish Mass Special Intentions

**Friday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Gn 3:9-15, 20; Lk 1:26-38*

- 6:30 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
- 7:45 Peter Paul Giandalia
- 9:00 Jerry Winkowski
- 12:10 Marco Mauro & Genoveffa Mauro
- 7:30 William Byrne

**Saturday, December 9, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

*Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8*

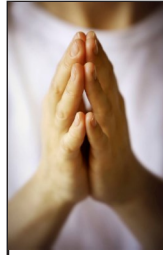
- 7:45 Alexandra Belzie
- 5:00 The Byrnes & Logler Families,  
Maureen Gibbons, Bernadette McArdle,  
Dorothea Addeo, James B. Ryan
- 7:30 C Ramon & Maria Allende
- 7:30 LH Douglas Leary

**Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent**

*Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8*

- 7:00 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
- 8:00 Most. Rev. James T. McHugh
- 9:30 Harriett Rea
- 10:30 LH Michael J. Wengler
- 11:00 Paddy Joe O'Brien
- 12:30 Robert Destefano, Lois Carley,  
Marie Forgione, Edward Murphy,  
Edward Cummings
- 5:00 Veronica Olszewski

## PLEASE PRAY



### *For The Faithful Departed*

Jacqueline Hawley, Kathleen T. Epper,  
Doris Ring, James Staab, Cathy Hunt,  
Felix A. Machado, William J. Luft,  
Domingo Rodriguez Carrasco,  
Lucy Torres

### *For The Sick*

Carol Ludwiczak, Joseph M. Guida, Rose Coppola,  
Joyce Paykoo, Helen Gemmel, Grace Kozera,  
Sharon Laurita, Joseph Falcicchio, Geena McGuinness,  
Liam Salembier, 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.

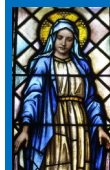


## Wine & Hosts

*In Loving Memory of*

Marie Forgione

12/10/1948–3/21/2023



## Friday, December 8th The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Masses are as follows:

Vigil Masses: Thursday, December 7th, 5:00 p.m.  
and 7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Holy Day, Friday, December 8th, 6:30, 7:45, 9:00  
a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. All Masses are in the  
Cathedral.

Please note due to the Holy Day of Obligation the  
Rectory Office is CLOSED on December 8th and  
will reopen Saturday, December 9th at 9:00 a.m.

## 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*

## Religious Education



This week all in-person & online classes are in session.

Please see the bulletin advert for the children's Christmas Pageant. All parishioners in grades 1-8 are invited to participate.

The students in eighth grade are to return their Confirmation Name reports to their Catechists this week.

The children were busy last week learning about Advent, the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. As we enter the Season of Advent, on Sunday, December 3rd, please spend time each week preparing your hearts & minds for the Lord's birth this Christmas.

Peace and blessings,

*Mrs. Anne Nelson*  
St. Agnes Religious Education



## THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



On November 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th & 26th, 2023 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

John DeTommaso  
Andie Grillo  
Emma Hanley  
Paige Kelly  
Owen Locke  
Zayden Morales

Quinn Peters  
Luke Prakope  
Mila Suarez  
Hunter Smith  
Theo Vetrano  
Olivia Weinberg

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.



## ROME O (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Are you a ROME O (Retired Old Men Eating Out)? We are a group of St. Agnes parishioners that gather for lunch once a quarter. Please join us and meet some of the men with whom we pray at church. All men are invited - it is not a prerequisite to be old and/or retired. Our next luncheon is Wednesday, December 6th at 12 Noon, at MacArthur Park Restaurant on N. Park Avenue, Rockville Centre (\$32 per person). Come join us, and bring a friend.

Please RSVP to Tom Nofi via phone: (516)784-6046 or via email: tomrvc@gmail.com.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

There will be a special collection next 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.



## Principal's Announcements



Jesus begins today's Gospel with a description of the events that will precede the destruction of the Temple, warning, "Be on your guard. Let no one mislead you." He describes tremendous upheavals as signs of the future. By these signs the disciples are to recognize that the Son of Man is near.

Although the context makes it clear that Jesus is describing events that were to occur prior to the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 A.D., the Church has always seen this passage as a prophecy of the end times as well.

Today's reading, however, highlights not what we can expect at the end of the world, but rather our incapacity to know the time of the Lord's second coming. If we knew when he was coming, we could arrange a convenient conversion and spare ourselves the difficult task of living the Gospel in the meantime. But God teaches us that Gospel living is good in itself—not simply a means with which to buy Heaven.

Watchfulness is, in fact, precisely Gospel living. We watch for occasions of God's grace. We watch for occasions of sin. We watch in prayer as Christ asked us to do. We watch for occasions to love Christ in the least of our brothers and sisters. We watch the Paschal Mystery unfold for us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We are a people on the watch for the return of our beloved Lord at every moment.

Far from being fatiguing, this is the cause of our

constant joy. If we are on the watch, it is not in fear of his Second Coming, but because we fear missing the one we miss. "Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways" (Isaiah 64:4).

This week the school children will learn about St. Jude, Apostle of the Impossible, and some will have the opportunity to venerate his relics.

CAPS (Child Abuse Prevention Services) will be here this week to present a workshop to the 3rd and 4th Graders entitled Steer Clear of Bullies. This multi-media workshop is designed to promote empathy, social skills building, and assertiveness skills. Thank you, Mrs. Dowdell, for arranging for this workshop for our 3rd and 4th graders.

The 6th Graders will participate in a retreat in the Parish Center this week led by Ms. Tess Austin, the Director of Catholic Identity for the DRVC Department of Education. Ms. Austin will provide a talk about Advent for the 6th graders and help them prepare for Christmas.

Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Saturday, December 9th is the Mothers' Club Breakfast with Santa.

Peace and Blessings to you and your families on this 1st Sunday of Advent.

*Mrs. Cecilia St. John*  
Principal

## 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 Arm of  
**ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE**

is visiting the United States and is coming to  
**THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*,  
Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering  
dedication and steadfast faith. Millions  
have experienced his intercession in times  
of adversity and need.



**DATE:** Monday, December 4, 2023

**LOCATION:** The Cathedral of St. Agnes

**ADDRESS:** 29 Quealy Place Rockville Centre, New York 11570 (516) 766-0205

**VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS:** 1:00 PM

**SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT JUDE:** 7:00 PM

**VENERATION ENDS:** 10:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR OTHER LOCATIONS



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ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

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OF THE CHURCH

VISIT [www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com](http://www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com) FOR COMPLETE DETAILS.

## 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.



## 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).

## 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.

"Our tainted nature's solitary boast"

## A Celebration of Mary

Sunday  
December 3  
2023



10 am  
to  
3 pm

Journey to the Heart of Mary  
through Theology, Spirituality and the Arts with our special guest presenters!

\*PROGRAM\*

9:30 am Registration  
10:00 am Mass  
11:15 am The Theology & Spirituality of Mary - Fr. Brian Graebe  
12:15 pm Lunch  
1:15 pm The Beauty of Mary - Fr. Paul Anel  
2:30 pm The Joy of Mary - Matthew Koraus

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Reservations Required - \$60 per Guest

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## Special Plenary Indulgence Issued by the Vatican for Venerating the Relic of Saint Jude

### What is a Plenary Indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is an act by the Pope whereby he uses his authority as the successor of Saint Peter to declare the removal of one's accrued purgation to be spent in Purgatory (an instance of the papal "power of the keys" described in Matthew 16:18-19). A Catholic who gains a plenary indulgence receives a blank slate in terms of Purgatory up to the moment of attaining it.

### The Conditions to Receive the Plenary Indulgence

1. *Venerate the relics of St. Jude.*
2. *Pray for the Pope.*  
Reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary satisfies this condition.
3. *Receive the Sacrament of Confession within twenty days of visiting the relics.*
4. *Receive Holy Communion within the same twenty days while free from grave sin.*
5. *Resolve to end all relationships with sin, even venial (i.e., non-mortal) sin.*



### For Those for Whom Visiting the Relic is Not Possible Due to Serious Inconvenience

6. Persons of old age, the sick, and all who are unable to leave their home for a serious reason (e.g., travel distance) may likewise gain the plenary indulgence after fulfilling condition #5 above and conditions #2-4 "as soon as possible" and fulfilling the additional condition of "joining themselves spiritually to Saint Jude's holy pilgrimage and offering their prayers, sufferings, and inconveniences to our merciful God."

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.



# FIRST ANNUAL ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS TREE DRIVE

Families of St. Agnes Cathedral Parish are invited to dedicate a live, freshly cut Christmas Tree in memory or to honor a loved family member during this coming 2023 Advent Season. The cost to dedicate a tree is \$200 per tree. All proceeds will benefit our Parish. Each tree will be 5-6 ft tall, freshly cut, and decorated with white LED lights. A laminated dedication card will be displayed on each tree. All trees will be displayed on the Parish grounds between the Rectory and the Cathedral forming a beautiful display. Trees must be reserved no later than December 6th with payment.

Please fill out the reservation form below and return to the Rectory Office or via email to [parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org](mailto:parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org). Call (516) 220-3891 or (917) 693-3726 with any questions.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I would like to have \_\_\_\_\_ tree(s) dedicated

Please have my laminated dedication card read as follows: (please print clearly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Trees Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to St. Agnes Cathedral or Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Venmo: @stagnes-cathedral Expiration Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*



# 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 516-766-9578 x 201

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

A silhouette of a nativity scene set within a stable structure against a starry night sky. The scene includes two shepherds on the left, a man kneeling in adoration of the infant Jesus in a manger, and a woman kneeling on the right. A bright star is visible in the sky above the manger.

## **"The Christmas Story"**

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

**All children of the parish in grades 1-8 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](mailto:stagnescathedralchristmaspageant@yahoo.com) please include child's first & last name along with grade.**



## 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.

## Bulletin Deadlines

Parish Organizations wishing to submit notices for the bulletin should send items at least 10 days prior to that Sunday's bulletin date (deadline is Thursday at 9:30 a.m.) Anything received after the deadline may be held for the following week's bulletin. **Earlier deadlines of 14 days prior are in effect for holidays.** Please email items to the rectory at parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org or jamirro@stagnescathedral.org. All submissions require approval of the rectory office before printing.

## St. Monica Parents Intercession Prayer Group



The St. Monica Parents Intercession Prayer Group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Chapel, located in the Parish Ministries building. Our next meeting will be on **December 7th**. For more information call Mary at (516) 375-0738.

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# What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Dr. Tim Gray & Dr. John Sehorn

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## What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

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4. Find the parish by name (St. Agnes Cathedral) or Zip (11570)
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## Focus on Religious Freedom

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### The Joy of Christmas Draws Us Closer to Our Infant King and Our Fellow Man

*“Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.” - Pope John Paul XXIII*

Each year in the USA there are organizations, individuals and government officials who would ban or restrict the celebration of Christmas. Already this year an administrator in a Wisconsin city has informed employees that decorations this December should avoid red and green colors and religious themes because she sees that as unwelcoming and not inclusive.

Meanwhile, churches, town squares, parks and other public forum areas are being readied for the celebration of Christmas and the marking of other faiths' celebrations as well. Since the principles of religious freedom prevent the cultural majority from using the power of the state to impose their beliefs on others, both religious and nonreligious alike, the government cannot become so powerful that it can tell people what to think and how to act. <sup>(1)</sup> This is especially important to know during the Christmas/Hanukkah holiday.

"The U.S. Supreme Court and numerous federal appeals courts have recognized that government entities may recognize Christmas as a holiday and may maintain Christmas displays that include both religious and secular symbols." <sup>(1)</sup>

"Publicly sponsored Nativity scenes on public property are constitutional, especially when the display includes other secular symbols of the holiday. In fact, removing only the religious symbols of the holiday display would demonstrate hostility toward religion, which the First Amendment forbids," said Liberty Counsel. <sup>(2)</sup>

For many years residents and visitors to New York City have been inspired by a life-size nativity scene in Central Park, on a piece of public property in front of the Plaza Hotel on 5th Ave. The Catholic League has erected this display for decades. Their president, Bill Donohue, has taught us that a public forum, a place that is open to all ideas, concerts, artistic exhibitions, etc., cannot stop them from erecting the creche.

(learningforjustice.org; religiousfreedominstitute.org, 11/1/19; heritage.org (1);  
usccb.org, libertycounsel.org, 4/1/21(2))

*“God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.”*

*- Pope Francis*



## Save the Dates!

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#### December

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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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#### 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**



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## St. Agnes Giving Tree



The 2023 Giving Tree will be providing all parishioners the opportunity to support those in need by either buying gifts online, scanning the QR code or by taking a paper ornament from the Christmas trees in the Cathedral or Lower Hall.

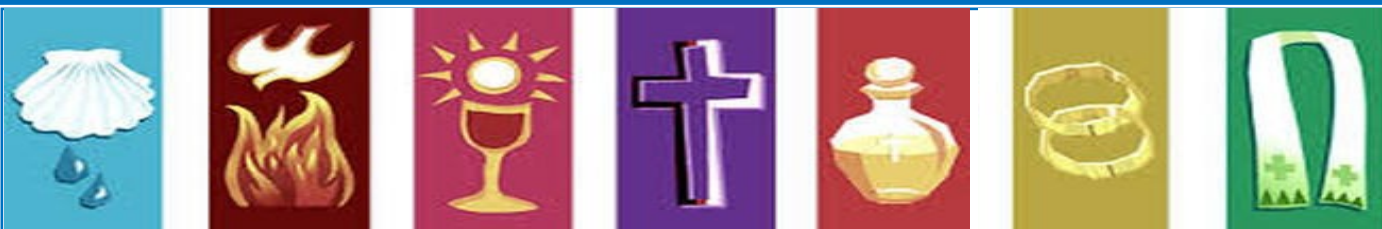
These gifts must be returned by the week of December 16th & 17th. Gifts purchased by scanning the QR code will be delivered through Amazon to a home residence of a Giving Tree committee member and brought directly to St. Agnes for distribution. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact Kerry at 678-9461.



## The Saint Agnes Mass Transit

The Saint Agnes Mass Transit is looking for people to bring to Mass on Sunday's. If you know anyone that may be interested please call the Rectory Office at 516-766-0205 and leave their name and phone number. Watching Mass on T.V. is good but when you make the effort to be there is even better. Please join us on the Mass Transit on Sunday's.





## 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)

Con el primer domingo de Adviento comienza un nuevo año litúrgico, con una actitud de preparación general para la segunda venida de Cristo, y nuestro encuentro con el Señor en el último día; pero no sin tener en cuenta el día de hoy.

Comenzamos este año con una convocatoria que nos resulta conocida y nueva a la vez: somos invitados a celebrar, en un único y progresivo movimiento, el Adviento, la Navidad y la Epifanía.

Las lecturas de este domingo nos advierten sobre la venida del Señor, expresada en Isaías como anhelo de un pueblo que se reconoce lejos de Dios, y que clama, como leemos en el salmo, para ser restaurado por su poder. En la segunda lectura y el evangelio, la perspectiva cambia: los cristianos ya han reconocido la venida de Dios en Jesús de Nazaret. Por eso la recomendación es esperar vigilantes y comprometidos en la construcción del Reino.

*Ya desde este primer domingo empezamos a escuchar al evangelista Marcos, que nos acompañará todo el año. Repitiendo el refrán: «Vigilad», Marcos nos propone hoy una parábola.*

## 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.

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### PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
 Protect them as they protect us.  
 Bless them and their families  
 for the selfless acts they perform  
 for us in our time of need.  
 And give us peace.

I ask this in the name of Jesus,  
 Our Lord and Savior. Amen

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

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## Pray for Vocations



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