

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Rockville Centre, New York



1.7.24



The Epiphany of the Lord

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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CLERGY

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

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Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy

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Rev. Jude Mensah
Rev. Roger Velasquez, *Comunidad Hispana*

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Rev. Matthew Browne, S.T.L.
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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 hear about the Magi offering gifts to the Newborn King.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Hospitality

This week, be sure to see Jesus in everyone you come across. As the Magi gave gifts to Jesus, may we give love and compassion to our neighbors.

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>1/2/2023</u>
Weekly Collection	\$35,490	\$36,021	\$32,578

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, January 8, The Baptism of the Lord
Is 55:1-11; Mk 1:7-11

- 6:30 George & Virginia Whitbread
- 7:45 William & Catherine Donovan
- 9:00 Doug Ford
- 12:10 Mary Woel Botting

Tuesday, January 9, Weekday

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

- 6:30 Most Rev. Alfred J. Markiewicz
- 7:45 Bernard Daria & Gerard Daria
- 9:00 Milanka Lachman (Living)
- 12:10 Genoveffa Mauro
- 7:30 Spanish Mass Special Intentions

Wednesday, January 10, Weekday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

- 6:30 Michael Becker & Family (Living)
- 7:45 Cathy Berger
- 9:00 Dec'd Mem. of the Travers & Birch Families
- 12:10 Edward Murphy

Thursday, January 11, Weekday

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

- 6:30 Most Rev. Walter P. Kellenberg
- 7:45 Camille Carrello
- 9:00 Garret Cantwell
- 12:10 Conor Cooney

Friday, January 12, Weekday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

- 6:30 George & Virginia Whitbread
- 7:45 Sheila Sheehan (Living)
- 9:00 Ann Rescigno
- 12:10 James Dalton

Saturday, January 13, St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17

- 7:45 John L. Rosshiet
- 5:00 Donald Kelleher, Rosemary Johnson, Alfonsina & Nicolo Morzillo, Carmela & George Meccariello, Leonardo & Donatella Paradiso
- 7:30 C Special Intentions
- 7:30 LH Ryan Patrick O'Shea

Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

- 7:00 Kevin Cocoman
- 8:00 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
- 9:30 Gregory Fleming
- 10:30 LH Nancy Lynch
- 11:00 James Rohan
- 12:30 Johnny Sanabria, Dr. Carl Girolamo, Sr., James Fink, Ida D'Amelio, Joseph Zaffuto
- 5:00 Andrew Cahalan

PLEASE PRAY



For The Faithful Departed

Daniel F. Gahan, Jr., Sylvia Jean Crist, Anthony J. Tortorelli, Eugene Croutier, Mario R. Garces, Augustus Mauch

For The Sick

Steven Connely, Simon Nally, Catherine O'Donnell, John B. Casey, Eileen McGuckin, Rosemary Donohue, Kerry Ferguson McBreen, 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.



Rose for Life

In Loving Memory of
 Paul Leahy



Wine & Hosts

In Loving Memory of
 George & Virginia Whitbread
 From their loving Family

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”



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 accepting ONLY Winter 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

"Lo, the star which they had seen in the east went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." – Matthew 2:9-11

As we gather this weekend at Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, let us always strive to be like the three wise men, to seek Jesus, for when we seek, we find.

We are entering week 15 of the 2023-2024 Religious Education Program. All in-person students have class this week. Please ensure students attend with their workbooks and pencils, as well as crayons for the younger grades. All online students should be completed up to week 14. Calendars for all grades, in-person or online, can be found on the Parish website. As we continue to prepare for Confirmation in March, Sponsor forms are to be submitted, in-person or via the mail by February 16th. First Penance will be held on March 9th, a sign-up sheet will be posted this week on the Parish website.

Mrs. Anne Nelson

St. Agnes Religious Education



St. Agnes Girls' and Boys' Volleyball Registration 5th to 8th Grades

(Since there will be no tryouts for 5th grade, registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis)

Now - January 8th

<https://stagnescyo.teamsnapsites.com/registration/>



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



Principal's Announcements

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord



The Wise Men followed a star, from which they inferred that the great King of Israel had been born. The next obvious question is, how did they know from the appearance of a star that the Messiah of Israel had been born? The answer may be found in the story of Balaam from the Book of Numbers.

The similarities between the two stories are striking. For example, Balaam happens to be a Magi from the East. The wicked King of Moab hired Balaam to use his magic to curse Israel. But every time Balaam attempted to curse Israel, he uttered a blessing instead. The Spirit of God came upon Balaam and, in blessing Israel, he prophesied that one day a star would come out of Israel signifying the coming of a great king as symbolized by a scepter. Many believe that the prophecy of Balaam was kept by his descendants—fellow Magi—and, eventually, on to the three who visited Jesus.

Thank you to all for the Christmas good wishes, delicious treats, generosity, and all your help and support throughout the year.

St. Agnes Cathedral School Open House

St. Agnes Cathedral School will host an Open House for new students entering Grades K-7 on **Sunday, January 28th**. Open House begins with Mass at 9:30 A.M. followed by refreshments in the Parish Center from 10:30 - 11:00 A.M. Tours of School are from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year is on Tuesday, January 30 from 9:30-10:30 A.M. and 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. Registration will continue on Wednesday, January 31st from 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Children entering Kindergarten must be five years of age by Dec. 1, 2024. Children entering Grades 1-7 must present their most recent report card and standardized test results. Applicants must present a birth certificate and baptismal certificate (if applicable) as well as a current immunization form upon registration.

Registration Forms are available online for your convenience at www.stagnes-school.org. Bring the completed forms with you on the day of registration. These forms cannot be mailed to the school as additional information is required at registration.

An Offertory envelope from the Church in which each family is registered (if applicable) must be presented.

There is a \$100 non-refundable registration fee for grades 1-7.

There is a \$300 non-refundable registration fee for kindergarten.

For more information, contact Mrs. Cecilia St. John, Principal, at 516-678-5550 and see our ads in this week's bulletin.

Peace and Blessings to you and your families on this Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Mrs. Cecilia St. John
Principal



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 interested please call the Rectory Office.



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).





SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH AT 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.


REGISTRATION:
JANUARY 30TH 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. & 7:00-8:00 P.M.
JANUARY 31ST 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.


Discover a Divine Educational Journey at St. Agnes Cathedral School

At St. Agnes Cathedral School we believe that every child is a precious gift from God. We cordially invite you to experience the essence of our exceptional academic program at our upcoming open house for families interested in Kindergarten to Grade 7 for the 2024-25 school year.

 **Nurturing Environment:** Our school embraces the fundamental values of love, compassion, and respect, fostering a nurturing environment where children can flourish and develop their unique talents and capabilities.





 **Rigorous Academic Program:** Enriched with the wisdom of faith, and modern teaching techniques, our curriculum ensures that each child receives a comprehensive education that challenges his/her intellect and encourages a love for learning.


 **Spiritual Growth:** Alongside a robust academic curriculum, we prioritize spiritual development, guiding children to understand the importance of the Catholic faith, and laying the foundation for a life rooted in virtues and values.

 **Creative Expression:** Through various art, music, creative activities, and a one-to-one iPad program, we fostering a well-rounded education that embraces the arts as an integral part of personal growth.

 **Community Engagement:** Our school community is a tight-knit family. We believe in the strength of a supportive community to help children thrive and grow.

 **State-of-the-Art Facilities:** Our new STEM Center is open and includes a brand-new science lab, STEM lab, Maker Space, and Art Room. Our modern facilities and classrooms are designed to create an engaging and stimulating learning environment, fostering curiosity and innovation among our learners.

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 **70 CLINTON AVE**
ROCKVILLE CENTRE
NY 11570



Open House

TUESDAY,
JANUARY 24TH
7-9 P.M.

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

MIDDLE SCHOOL



✓ **Nationally Recognized School of Excellence:** St. Agnes is the largest Catholic school in the Diocese of Rockville Centre with a strong enrollment.

✓ Each Middle School Grade has its own dedicated hallway of the school which they call home, as well as, a dedicated cafeteria where they can order lunch from local restaurants that deliver hot food every day.

✓ Students participate in physical education classes in our full-size gymnasium and can participate in our Middle School Drama Production and Sports Program: soccer, track, basketball, volleyball, bowling, lacrosse, softball, baseball, and cheer.

✓ St. Agnes classrooms are equipped with lockers for each student, smartboards, and a one-to-one iPad program where every student receives an iPad

✓ Our new STEM Center is open! Including a brand-new science lab, STEM lab, Maker Space, and Art Room. Our modern facilities are designed to create engaging and stimulating learning environments!

Why?

JESUS CHRIST IS THE REASON FOR ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL.
HE IS THE UNSEEN BUT EVER-PRESENT TEACHER IN OUR CLASSES. HE IS THE MODEL FOR OUR FACULTY AND THE INSPIRATION OF OUR STUDENTS.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE
[HTTPS://WWW.STAGNES-SCHOOL.ORG](https://www.stagnes-school.org)



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St. Agnes Cathedral School

STEM LAB

**GRAND
OPENING**



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.

INNOVATION 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.

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.

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!

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.

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

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



"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.



FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL COUNCIL

WHO: BOYS and GIRLS – AGES 9 thru 14

WHERE: MSGR. MELTON GYM, CLINTON AVENUE

WHEN: 2:00PM-January 15, 2024

The Molloy College Men's & Women's Basketball teams will be present. All participants must provide a copy of proof of age and written parental consent.

For additional information please contact Bill Kurrus at 516-965-5378.



CHRISTMAS
Who Are the Magi?
Dr. Michael Barber

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Who Are the Magi?

In this FORMED Now! special episode, Dr. Michael Barber sits down to reflect on the Magi from the Gospel accounts and what spiritual lessons can be learned from this historical event recorded in Scripture.

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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.)



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 (fralessandro@stagnescathedral.org) to register.



The Saint Agnes Knights Council prays that the members of our parish and community have a Blessed, Happy and Healthy New Year. Your continued unwavering support has inspired us to find additional means of strengthening the bonds between us all by practicing our faith, focusing on our families and supporting our community. We continuously strive to provide an example of Catholic men demonstrating a life of faith in action. Please continue to pray for us all and especially our priests.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island

A social organization for single persons including widows, widowers and singles. There will be a new member orientation Meeting on Tuesday, January 16th at 7:00PM St. Frances Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh (Parking in the rear of building) Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Vito 516-516-503-5415 or Janet 516-286-0494



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

**Make a pilgrim's journey to a special place of God's calm and beauty:
Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10**

3rd Annual Pilgrimage for Life and Religious Liberty: Jan. 14

**Join Us in Montauk, at St. Therese Lisieux Church, to Give Thanks
For Our Rights to Live Our Faith and to Make the Choice for Life
Celebrating National Religious Freedom Sunday, Jan. 14, 2024
Joining the Intentions of the National March for Life**

Holy Mass at 10:30am; Recitation of the Rosary for America;
Eucharistic Procession through Montauk followed by Benediction
Concluding with Fellowship and Hospitality in the Church Foyer
St. Therese Lisieux R. C. Parish, Fr. Liam McDonald, Pastor
67 South Essex St.; Montauk, NY 11954
Co-sponsored by Catholics for Freedom of Religion

National Religious Freedom Day is Jan. 16

America's founders determined that the citizens of this new nation should be free to exercise their faith in accordance with their consciences, free from government coercion. Jan. 16 marks the anniversary of the passage of Thomas Jefferson's *Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom* which is a statement about freedom of conscience and the oppression caused by state established churches. It was the impetus for 1st amendment protections for religious freedom.

Pres. Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Danbury Baptists Jan. 1, 1802, that religion is a matter that lies solely between a man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, and emphasized that the 1st Amendment, expressing the will of the entire American people, places a wall of separation between church and state to protect individual conscience and affirm free religious practice for all citizens free from coercion by the government.

On Oct. 23. 1992, it was resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that January 16, 1993, is designated as "Religious Freedom Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to join together to celebrate their religious freedom and to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities. Since then each President has proclaimed Jan. 16 to be Religious Freedom Day emphasizing the importance of religious freedom to human rights, to our society, to personal and national stability and to the formation of individual codes of ethics without which a country cannot survive.

Read more here: bit.ly/47ba0fz bit.ly/3RHKk5O bit.ly/3TBwSlb

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.



Getting Your Estate Plan Done in 2024 Webinar

January 9, 2024

1:00 PM

Topics covered:

- **The Most Important New Year's Resolution – Getting Your Estate Plan Done**
- **What Happens if You Don't Get Your Estate Plan Done?**
- **Estate Planning Documents Every Catholic Should Have**
- **New Tax-wise Estate Planning Strategies**
- **Leaving a Lasting Legacy**
- **Your Next Steps**

Mark Henry, author of Finish Faithful, will be the presenter.

This is a free seminar and no solicitations will be made.

To register, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/4jb69ybk>

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 escena del bautismo de Jesús en el Jordán marca la transición del tiempo navideño al tiempo ordinario, dando inicio a la misión de Jesús con la confirmación oficial de su mesianismo. Del Niño recién nacido pasamos al Profeta y Maestro que nos ha enviado Dios y que va a iniciar su misión.

Estamos celebrando la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, y todas las lecturas de hoy están escogidas para ayudarnos a comprender el significado de este acontecimiento y descubrir, más allá de las apariencias, que Jesús es el Hijo amado de Dios, ungido por la fuerza de su Espíritu para una misión de salvación.

Una palabra se repite en todas estas lecturas: agua. Agua que da el Señor y que es símbolo de su palabra viva y eficaz.

El Bautismo de Jesús por parte del Bautista, en el Jordán, es un acontecimiento al que los cuatro evangelistas dan mucha importancia. Hoy escucharemos la versión de San Marcos, quien enlaza la escena con el anuncio que había hecho el Bautista.

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:

1. Sign up to attend a Protecting God's Children class: www.Virtus.org

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.
 - f. After selecting the class, you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.
2. Background Screening Application:
 - a. 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.
 - d. After completing the application, hit the 'Submit Button'

Congratulations! You have now:

Registered to attend a Virtus class ~ signed the Codes of Conduct ~
Completed the Background Screening.

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I ask this in the name of Jesus,
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