



# HOLY MASS

## SUNDAY

7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM, 10:30AM (Parish Center)  
11AM, 12:30PM, 5PM

## SATURDAY

5PM, 7:30PM (Parish Center)  
7:30PM (Spanish)

## WEEKDAYS

6:30AM, 7:45AM, 9AM  
12:10PM (not on Saturdays), 7:30PM (Monday)

## HOLY DAYS

Eve of Holy Day: 5PM, 7:30PM (Spanish)  
Holy Day: 6:30AM, 7:45AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM, 7:30PM

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## 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. Bright Appiagyei-Boakye  
Rev. Alessandro da Luz  
Rev. German Villabon, O.S.A.  
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Rev. John J. McCartney  
Rev. Msgr. James Vlaun

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Rev. Patrick Flanagan, C.M.  
Very Rev. James Kuroly

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Deacon Thomas McDauid

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Cecilia St. John, *Principal*  
Justin Grover, *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\***  
Mondays: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.;  
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Outreach\***  
Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

\*Offices located in the Parish Ministry Building  
(corner of N. Village Ave and Quealy Pl)

### CATHEDRAL HOURS

As a reminder to parishioners and visitors alike, the Cathedral is open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. On weekends it is open until the completion of that day's final Mass. Please remember to adhere to social distancing and mask guidelines. The Adoration Chapel (Clinton Ave. entrance) is currently closed. Adoration is held in the Cathedral every Wednesday from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

For more information about our parish, please visit our website [www.stagnescathedral.org](http://www.stagnescathedral.org).

# SACRAMENTS

## Confession

Saturday, Eve of Holy Day, and Eve of First Friday from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. Monday Evening following 7:30 p.m. Mass. Wednesday Morning following the 7:45 a.m. Mass and the 12:10 p.m. Mass.

## Baptism

Once a month on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 1:45 p.m. Contact the Rectory Office to arrange for interview, ceremony and registration for required Baptism Preparation Class (for first time parents). Spanish Baptisms take place before the 7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass on Saturday evening. Please call the Rectory Office for more information.

## Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least 12 months in advance and prior to making reception plans. Call the Rectory for an appointment with the priest you wish to witness your wedding. All couples are required to attend Pre-Cana.

## Pastoral Care of the Sick

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

Visit the Sacraments page at [www.stagnescathedral.org](http://www.stagnescathedral.org) for more information.



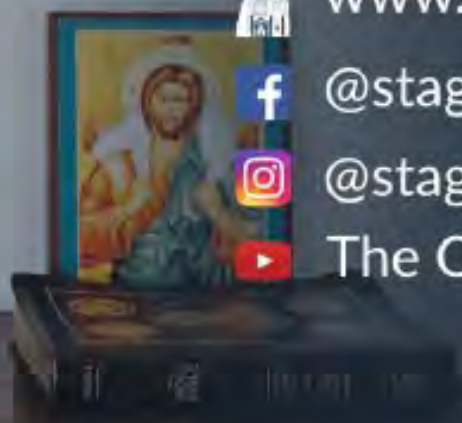
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## Interested in becoming Catholic?

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# STAY CONNECTED




[www.stagnescathedral.com](http://www.stagnescathedral.com)

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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*

Jesus calls us to, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”

### *Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Service*

As Catholics, we should never fear preaching the Faith to others. Let us be at service to the Faith and spread it to others.

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

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1/14/2024</u>	<u>1/15/2023</u>
Weekly Collection	\$35,490	\$36,883	\$31,958

### 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, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 6:30 Robert Armstrong  
7:45 Michael Clarke  
9:00 Gerard Clark  
12:10 Margaret Dear

### Tuesday, January 23, St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

*2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35*

- 6:30 Jane Bischoff  
7:45 James Schneider  
9:00 George Rose  
12:10 Dick Nodine  
7:30 Spanish Mass Special Intentions

### Wednesday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder & Doctor

*2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20*

- 6:30 Jane Bischoff  
7:45 Patricia Phelan  
9:00 Jean Kelly  
12:10 Michael Gerard Marten

### Thursday, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle *Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18*

- 6:30 Mary Vitale  
7:45 Roy T. Richter  
9:00 Jacqueline Hawley  
12:10 Intentions of the St. Monica Prayer Group

### Friday, January 26, St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

*2 Tm 1:1-8; Mk 4:26-34*

- 6:30 Robert Armstrong  
7:45 Edward Tommaro  
9:00 Michael Paturzo  
12:10 Genoveffa Mauro

### Saturday, January 27, St. Angela Merici, Virgin

*2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41*

- 7:45 Bernadette Blessington  
5:00 Anthony Tripodi, Frank Hoerlein,  
Zachary Cohan, Elizabeth Anderson,  
Vera Bonaventura Leonforte  
7:30 C Special Intentions  
7:30 LH Christine Rose Lavin

### Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28*

- 7:00 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral  
8:00 Ruth Taylor Lawyer  
9:30 Tony Gentile  
10:30 LH Catherine Dwyer  
11:00 Nora Finnegan  
12:30 Joan Kirwin Satterley, James Schneider,  
Yolanda Leon, Roman Keleman,  
Ann J. O'Brien, Carmen Rojas  
5:00 Anthony Cappitelli

## PLEASE PRAY



### *For The Faithful Departed*

John J. O'Brien, George D. Armstrong,  
Gussie Haas, Michael J, Ambort,  
Peter Rando

### *For The Sick*

Steven Connely, Simon Nally, Baby Fiona Keough,  
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.

## Special Needs Mass

We will celebrate a Mass for special needs children, and their families on **Saturday, February 17th** 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.

## THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



On December 23rd & 30th, 2023,  
January 13th & 14th we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Charles Baydala	Giacomo Messina
Sadie Bimba	Myla McCarthy
Annalia DeSimone	Cali Padilla
Bridget Luby	Karter Padilla
Nora McGrath	Kyng Padilla

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.

## 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, 18 oz. grape jelly, cereal, peanut butter, 1lb. thin spaghetti, 1lb bags of rice, 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



Dearest St. Agnes, our courageous patron, although you were only a child, you believed that Jesus was always with you; help us to remember that He is also with us, and to remain true to His presence.

You refused to give up your faith; help us to be proud of our faith, to love it, to be strong in it, and to give witness to it daily.

Patron saint of children, watch over the children of this parish and those of the whole world; keep them safe from harm, be with them in their hour of need, and pray for them always.

St. Agnes, Pray for Us.

This week marks Week 17 on the religious education calendar.

Please join the Parish next weekend for Hospitality Sunday on January 28th, immediately following the 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 10:30 AM Masses.

*Mrs. Anne Nelson*

St. Agnes Religious Education



## 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).

## 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: [nuluvn@gmail.com](mailto:nuluvn@gmail.com)



## 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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Principal's Announcements



**This is the Time!**

When we are young, time can seem almost non-existent. It goes so slowly that it can feel like we'll always be alive and young. But as we get older, time seems to speed up. Every year passes more quickly than the last, and the way time seemed to stretch to infinity in our youth seems like an illusion.

Think back to the summers when you were young and you'll remember that illusion. We often find ourselves in that same kind of illusion as Christians. Time still seems never to pass in the sense that we forget to look for the coming of Christ. Every day of our life can blend into the next with no sense of urgency to truly follow Jesus and live the Gospel.

Our readings for today challenge that illusion. Though it can be easy for us to live our days as though Christ hasn't come, he has. And when he came, he fundamentally changed our world and redeemed it. His kingdom has come, and as Christians we are called to shake ourselves from the illusion of this world and to be witnesses to the presence of God that is all around us.



**Today is the Feast Day of St. Agnes of Rome:  
Parton Saint of St. Agnes Cathedral School, Children, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre**

From a young age, St. Agnes embraced Christianity, vowing to remain chaste and dedicated to her faith despite societal pressures and persecution for her beliefs. She steadfastly committed herself to Christ throughout her life.

According to tradition, Agnes made a vow of virginity and consecrated herself to God. In the face of potential marriage proposals, she prayed fervently to maintain her purity and commitment to Christ. It is said that an admirer who sought to marry Agnes was struck blind when he attempted to violate her vow. In another version, Agnes prayed for her hair to grow miraculously to cover her modesty when she was exposed to potential shame. These miraculous occurrences are often cited as symbols of divine protection and the manifestation of God's intervention in Agnes' life. The legends surrounding St. Agnes highlight her unwavering faith, purity, and the miraculous events attributed to her, contributing to her status as a revered Christian saint and martyr. St. Agnes of Rome became such a popular saint that many converted to Christianity!

**St. Agnes, Pray For Us!**

iReady testing continues this week for grades K-8. Make-ups for the math diagnostic will be administered on Monday, January 22nd. The students will start the reading diagnostic on Tuesday, January 23rd. Students should come to school with their iPads fully charged, their ear buds or headphones, be well rested, and have a nutritious breakfast.

There is a Drama Club Meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd at 7 P.M. in the Carlin Cafeteria for the parents of the students in this year's musical production of the *Little Mermaid, Jr.*

**Middle School Open House:** On Wednesday, January 24th there is an Open House for prospective Middle School Students from 7 – 8 P.M. For more information, please see the bulletin insert or call the school office at 516-678-5550.

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On Thursday, January 25th, the students in grade 5 will participate in the NYS science test simulation. This simulation helps them get acquainted with computer-based testing and allows the school to identify and address any testing issues before the official tests are administered in the spring. Grade 5 students should come to school with their iPads fully charged.



~ Catholic Schools Week ~

**Anchored in Faith: We Are Called to be Fishers of Men!**

Next Sunday, January 28th, is the opening of Catholic Schools Week. Our annual celebration will begin with Mass at 9:30 A.M. All St. Agnes Cathedral School Students are asked to attend the 9:30 A.M. Mass in their official school uniform.

Following Mass, the school will host Hospitality Sunday, light refreshments, in the Parish Center from 10:30-11:45 A.M. All are invited to our Open House from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

During our Open House, tours of the school will be given for prospective students and families.

Registration for new students for the 2024-25 school year will be held in the Carlin Cafeteria on the following days:

Tuesday January 30th from 9:30-10:30 A.M., and in the evening from 7-8 P.M.

Wednesday, January 31st from 9:30- 10:30 A.M.

To register, please have the following documents: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate, if applicable, current report card and standardized testing for students in grades 1-7, and parish envelope number, if applicable.

Students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old by December 1, 2024.

The following are non-refundable fees due at the time of registration:

Kindergarten: \$300.00

\$150.00 registration and \$150.00 tuition deposit

Grades 1-7: \$150.00

Tuition assistance is available through Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. The 2024-2025 Tomorrow's Hope Foundation/FACTS scholarship application opened on January 16th. Applications are due by April 30th.

Peace and blessings to you and your families on this 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time!

St. Agnes, Pray for us!

*Mrs. Cecilia St. John*

Principal

## 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 **February 1st**. For more information call Mary at (516) 375-0738.

## 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.



*Open House*  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH**  
**7 - 8 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 an engaging and stimulating learning environment!

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

*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.**



**CONTACT US**  
 516-678-5550  
 @STAGNESSCHOOLRVC



**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.

🌐 [stagnes-school.org](https://www.stagnes-school.org) 📞 (516) 678-5550 📷 @stagnesschoolrvc 📺 @stagnesschoolrvc




**ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL**

**OPEN HOUSE**

**70 CLINTON AVE**  
**ROCKVILLE CENTRE**  
**NY 11570**





**St. Agnes Cathedral School**

# STEM LAB

**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!**

**70 CLINTON AVE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570**

stagnes-school.org (516) 678-5550 @stagnesschoolrvc @stagnesschoolrvc



Reservations for the 2024 St. Agnes Cathedral School Dinner Dance are available to purchase through the school's website at [www.stagnes-school.org](http://www.stagnes-school.org). through January 23rd.

For further assistance with reservations, please contact: [stagsreservations@gmail.com](mailto:stagsreservations@gmail.com)



# S A I N T A G N E S

CATHEDRAL  SCHOOL

would love for you to join us at the

## 2024 Dinner Dance

### HONORING



Carol and Francis Duchalski  
St. Thomas Aquinas Award  
for ongoing support of Catholic Education

### HONORING



Tanya and José Prince  
St. Catherine of Siena Award  
for commitment to Catholic Education

### RECOGNIZING



Mary Brower  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award  
for dedicated service to Catholic Education

Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.  
The Grand Lannin ~ Eisenhower Park

Let the warmth of our community take the chill from the air  
as we celebrate these Anchors of Faith.

Cocktail Attire

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT [STAGSRESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STAGSRESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM)

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL



# Triduum for the Solemnity of Saint Agnes

**January 19-21, 2024 | Patroness of our Cathedral and of the Diocese of Rockville Centre**

**Friday, January 19, 7:30 P.M. | Holy Hour**  
featuring The Cathedral Choirs

**Saturday, January 20, 5:00 P.M. | Solemn Mass of Saint Agnes**  
featuring The Cathedral Singers of Saint Agnes singing selections from *Missa O Quam Gloriosum* by Victoria and other sacred works

**Sunday, January 21, 4:00 P.M. Solemn Vespers of Saint Agnes**  
featuring The Cathedral Choirs followed by Veneration of a Relic of Saint Agnes  
Guest Homilist: Father Louis Cona, Associate Pastor, St. Patrick's, Smithtown



The Cathedral of St. Agnes  
Rockville Centre, New York



## 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*

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*

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*

### BECOME A FRIEND OF Steven McDonald



In Loving Memory of  
Detective Steven McDonald  
March 1, 1957- January 10, 2017

PLEASE JOIN US ON THE  
**FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.**  
**February 3, 2023,** as we continue

Steven's mission to pray for the  
sanctification of families honoring Our  
Lady of Fatima Devotion

**ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL**

**29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY**  
**from 7:00am – 8:15am** praying the  
rosary, 15 min. silent meditation on  
the mysteries of the rosary, celebration  
of mass at 7:45 and go to confession  
within 8 days of First Saturday.

### BY PRACTICING FORGIVENESS

After Steven was shot in Central Park, paralyzed, unable to speak, with his pregnant wife, Patti Ann at his side, he realized he wouldn't live to meet his son if he didn't forgive the 14 year old who shot him. Steven became aware forgiveness was the medicine he needed to live. He publicly forgave Shaved Jones on the day his son was baptized. His statement, read by Patti Ann, moved Jones to call the McDonald home and apologize. Steven was reminded daily what this young man's actions took from him and **FORGAVE HIM EVERYDAY.** Beyond doctor's expectations, Steven lived over 30 years carrying his cross with Jesus, spreading the message "Why Forgive?"

Blessing our enemies after acknowledging what they took from us are the steps needed to free us from the toxicity of bitterness and resentment. Bitterness slowly kills us and blocks the graces God has for us to live an abundant life despite the pain and wounds from the actions of others.

When we are reminded of the hurt and wounds caused by others, it is a sign we need to forgive again.

**STEVEN PRACTICED FORGIVENESS EVERYDAY.**

Steven took 3 STEPS TO FORGIVE: He named the person he was willing to forgive, acknowledged what was taken from him and asked God to bless the person.

Please join us at St. Agnes on Saturday February 3, 2023 or at a parish of your choice to honor Our Lady of Fatima.



## Focus on Religious Freedom

[www.cffor.org](http://www.cffor.org)

### Religious Freedom Protects the Right to Choose Life

The 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment's religious freedom clauses direct the federal government not to favor or impose one particular faith and to protect the free exercise of all faiths.

Our Religious Freedom, freedom of conscience, protects Americans from having to violate their chosen faith by government imposed regulations which may, for example, mandate that medical personnel and hospitals perform abortions, require employers to include contraception and abortion inducing drugs in their medical insurance, force business owners to use their creative skills to "celebrate" lifestyles which are in opposition to their sincerely held religious beliefs, forbid student-led prayer in public schools, etc.

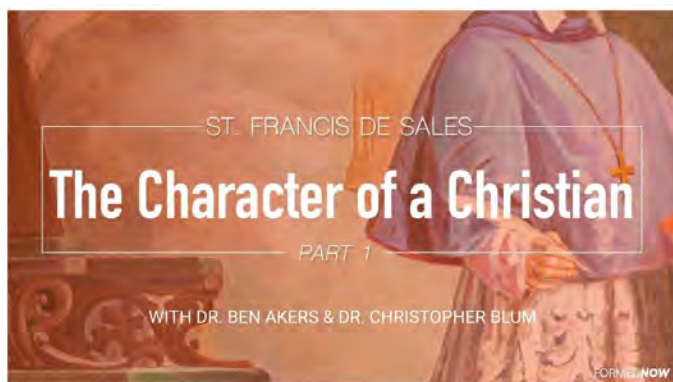
-Founder and President James Madison "Conscience is the most sacred of all property..."

-Founder and President John Adams "Nothing is more dreaded than the national government meddling with religion."

-Founder and President Thomas Jefferson "The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time: the hand of force may destroy, but cannot disjoin them."



**Catholics for Freedom of Religion (CFFR) participated in the Proudly Pro-Life March, Columbia, SC; Jan. 6, 2024**  
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Martes - a las 7.30pm (comenzando con el Rosario y  
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Esta es la reunión de los que buscan a Cristo; de los que quieren encontrarse con Él, dispuestos a escuchar su palabra y seguirle. Dios sigue llamándonos a colaborar en la misión de Jesús, pero la conversión al Reino depende de nuestra decisión personal.

Las lecturas de este domingo reiteran de algún modo lo que ya dijeron las del domingo pasado. Hablan de llamada y conversión. En la primera, Dios llama al profeta Jonás cuya predicación provoca la conversión de los ninivitas. En el evangelio Jesús también pide conversión para entrar en el Reino de Dios que está llegando. Los discípulos que él llama serán los primeros en responder a esa invitación. Pablo, en la segunda lectura, urge a no desaprovechar el momento presente para revisar la propia escala de valores.

*Empezamos a leer a Marcos en el v. 14 del primer capítulo. Hoy empieza la misión mesiánica de Jesús en Galilea, haciendo un llamado que ahora se dirige a cada uno de nosotros.*

### 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.

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### *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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 for the selfless acts they perform  
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I ask this in the name of Jesus,  
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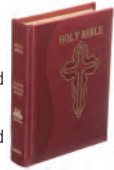
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