

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Rockville Centre, New York



12.15.24



Third Sunday of Advent

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HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7AM, 8AM, 9:30AM (*Family Mass*),
10:30AM (*Lower Hall, Family Mass*)
11AM, 12:30PM, 5PM

SATURDAY

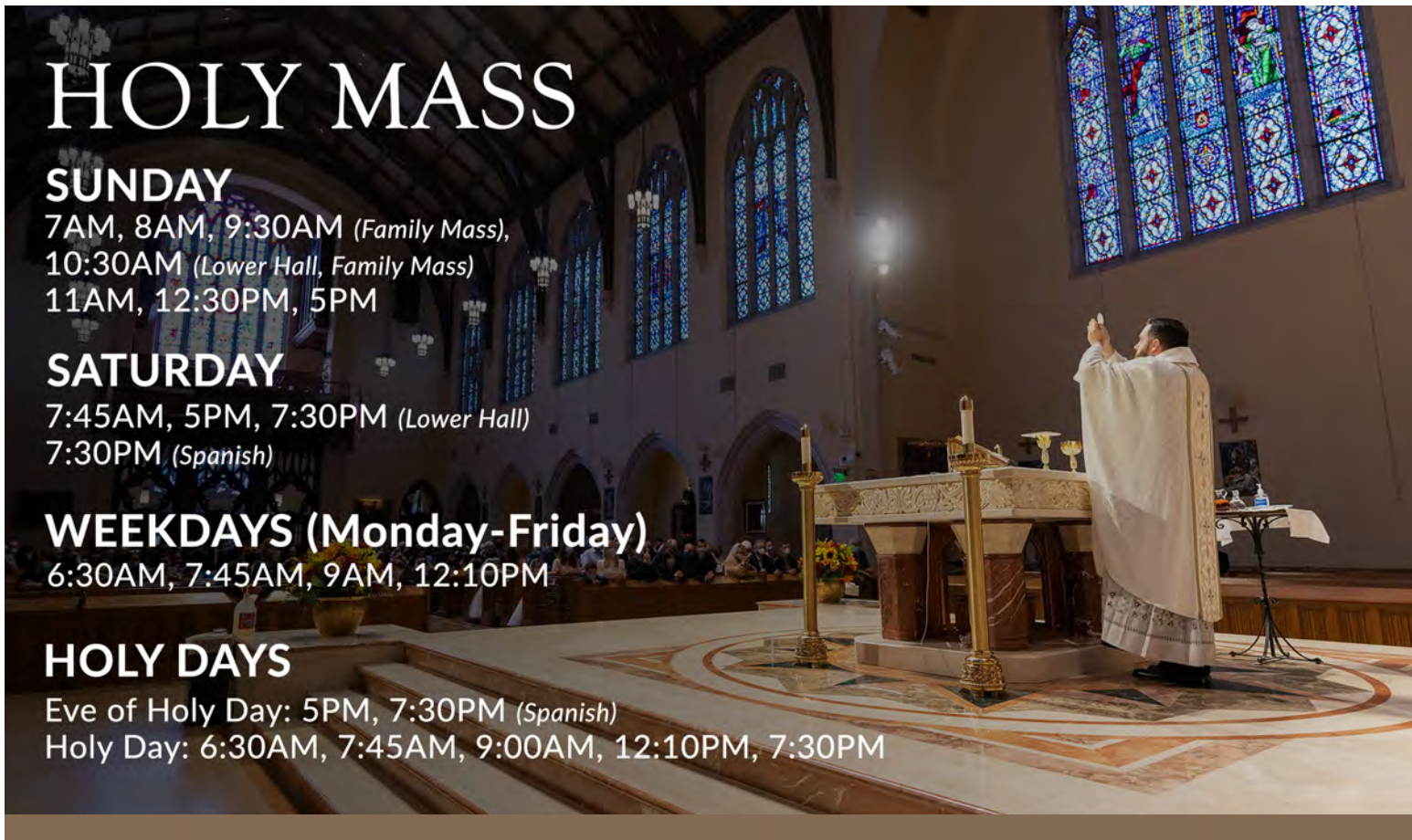
7:45AM, 5PM, 7:30PM (*Lower Hall*)
7:30PM (*Spanish*)

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

6:30AM, 7:45AM, 9AM, 12:10PM

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.

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Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy

Associate Pastors

Rev. Christopher Heller

Rev. Michael Ngoka, C.M.

Rev. Gustavo Perez Alzate, *Comunidad Hispana*

In Residence

Rev. Matthew Browne, S.T.L.

Rev. Lachlan Cameron, S.T.L.

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OFFICE HOURS

Rectory

Monday: 8:30am - 4:00pm

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30am to 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9:00am to 3:00pm

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, Sunday, Eve of Holy Day, and Eve of First Friday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: Following the 6:30 am Mass
Wednesday: Following the 6:30 am, 7:45 am, and 12:10 pm Masses

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

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The Roman Catholic Cathedral for the Diocese of Rockville Centre



STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life

Stewardship Reflection

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!”

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Service

We are again called, in today’s readings, to care for our brothers and sisters. As the different groups of people ask St. John the Baptist, “what should we do”, let us ask the Lord the same question. How can we serve our neighbors this week?

Sharing One’s Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>12/8/2024</u>	<u>12/10/2023</u>	<u>12/11/2022</u>
Weekly Collection	\$34,616	\$39,883	\$46,115	\$35,613

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: 988 Suicide Crisis Lifeline - Call. Text. Chat. <https://988lifeline.org>

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.*** All submissions require approval of the rectory office before printing. Please email items directly to Joanne Mirro at jamirro@stagnescathedral.org.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 16, Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

6:30 Virginia Hayes
7:45 Grace J. Marini
9:00 Tom & Rose Doran,
Richard & Ann Phelan
12:10 Megan Gallagher

Tuesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

6:30 Eileen Loftus O'Brien
7:45 Doy Herrera
9:00 Maryann Neddill
12:10 Virginia Buckley
7:30 Spanish Mass Intentions

Wednesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

6:30 Ruth M. Whitbread & Family
7:45 Helen & Francis Collins
9:00 Charles Hill
12:10 Harriet D. Rea

Thursday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

6:30 Intentions of Ellen McCourt (Living)
7:45 Scott Freeman
9:00 Josephine Keating Woodward
12:10 Stephen Colletti

Friday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

6:30 Nuala Kilkenny
7:45 Alan Jones
9:00 Debbie Ambrose Ripperger
12:10 William R. Schroeder

**Saturday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius,
Priest & Doctor of the Church**

Sg 2:8-14; Lk 1:39-45

7:45 Mary Ann & Ted Statuto
5:00 Richard Reich, Michael A. Manfredonia,
Jane Bischoff (1st Anniversary),
Anthony & Rose Manfredonia,
Carl J. Boegel, Jr.
5:00 LH Eileen Sullivan
7:30 C Richard Crook
7:30 LH Raymond, Eileen Sisti & Ray Jr.

Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Lk 1:39-45

7:00 Rev. Frank A. Bain & Family
8:00 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
9:30 G. Salvatore, Teresa S., Theresa B. Giannetta
10:30 Jack Foley (2nd Anniversary)
11:00 James Rohan & Eileen Rohan
12:30 Thomas Gawrys, Joan M. Venezia,
Anthony P. Bottan, Francesco DeSario
Patsy & Terence Reynolds
5:00 Frank Bernie

PLEASE PRAY



For The Faithful Departed

John-Paul Yezzo, Nidia McClean,
William A. Drum

For The Sick

Samantha Giacomantonio, Brian Ridgway,
Charles Palleschi, Maureen Carl, Ramona Velez,
John T. Lindsay, Grace Kozera, Vera Davis,
Frances Katon-Donegal, Balestrieri Family, Sean Ware,
David Sylvester Seal, Ron La Grega, Barbara Magloire,
Caitlin Nally, Akosua Cobb, Marie Poggelli,
Gilbert Otano, Joseph Murphy, Barbara Rotunno,
Tania Smith, Catherine Frake, Joseph Mariani,
Jeffrey Buxton, Thomas Hayes, Jr., Susan Kowalski,
Maria McDonald, Stephanie Ramos,
Lisa Pelrine-Shulman

Sick Names for the bulletin remain for three weeks
unless the Rectory is notified for an extension. Please
note that requests should come from the family and the
person must give permission to be listed.



Wine & Hosts

In Loving Memory of
Thomas F. Delaney



Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
Thomas F. Delaney

Pray for Vocations

We pray for an increase in vocations
to the priesthood and religious life,
especially from among the people of
our parish and the children of our
schools.

**Discerning a Vocation to the
Priesthood?**

Contact: vocations@drvc.org





Principal's Announcements



3rd Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called **Gaudete, or Rejoice, Sunday**—and all of the readings for this week invite us to rejoice.

The first reading from the prophet Zephaniah opens with a threefold call to joy, “Shout for joy... sing joyfully.... Be glad and exult with all you heart” (Zephaniah 3:14). Israel rejoiced in the presence of her saving God, but this joy is made complete in the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, and so we too are called to rejoice in the presence of our God.

In the second reading from Philippians, St. Paul shares with us the secret to Christian joy: It is not merely an emotion that comes and goes, but a choice. We choose to rejoice by remembering all that God has done for us.

In the Gospel reading from Luke, we are reminded that repentance is the preparation for receiving God’s gift of salvation. The crowds flocking to John are a testimony to the deep hunger and desire in man’s heart for God, and John answers this hunger with very simple instructions: Put your life in order. The works of charity and justice that John encourages are not salvation itself, but they prepare the heart for salvation, which, in turn, opens us to the joy that God

alone can provide. Together, the readings for this Sunday of Advent encourage us to go beyond the superficial happiness that the world looks for during the Christmas season and enter into a relationship with God built on joy and profound gratitude.

The students in 4th Grade will participate in an assembly program called Steer Clear of Bullies on Monday, December 16th.

Our 2nd Graders will perform their Christmas Pageant this week. Class 2-1 and Class 2-2 will perform on Monday, 12/16. Class 2-3 and Class 2-4 will perform on Tuesday, 12/17. Parents and Grandparents are warmly welcomed to attend this annual tradition.

On Wednesday, 12/ 18 the 6th Graders will participate in a special Advent Retreat.

Wednesday will be a wear Red Day or Green Day. Thursday will be Ugly Sweater Day.

The Band Christmas Concert for experienced band musicians will be on Thursday, December 19th at 1:30 P.M. Parents are invited to attend.

Friday is the last day of school, and the beginning of Christmas Recess!

Peace and blessings to you and your families on the 3rd Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, of Advent.

Mrs. Cecilia St. John
Principal



“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.



Parish Outreach



The Outreach Pantry is low and in need of the following 18 oz. grape jelly, cereal, 16.3 oz. peanut butter, thin spaghetti, tuna fish, canned chicken breast, canned soups, rice and pasta sauce.

You may call the office at 516-678-1854 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

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 Ministry's 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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. Agnes Cathedral Conference We Help People!

This week we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent known as "Gaudete Sunday". The name is taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians "Gaudete in Domino semper", which means "Rejoice in the Lord always!" The priest wears rose colored vestments, and we light the pink candle on the Avent Wreath symbolizing the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

As we prepare our hearts and our homes for Christmas it is important to remember that the holidays can be a very difficult time for many people. Grief, depression, and financial worries can be very isolating, and this time of year is especially trying. If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call the St. Agnes Chapter of Saint Vincent de Paul at 516-766-0205. We want all of our neighbors to share in the hope and blessings of Christmas.

If you would like to make a donation, or if you are considering joining the society please call the above number. Thank you!



Join us for the sounds of the season

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Benefiting



Featuring the joyful stylings of the
North Shore Pops

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

at 7:30pm

**St. Agnes Cathedral - Parish Center
29 Quealy Pl,
Rockville Centre, NY**

For more information, visit us at
mommashouse.org
or call us at 516-781-8637



FREE WILL OFFERING

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



St. Agnes Giving Tree

The 2024 Giving Tree will continue through the weekend of December 21st & 22nd. We are also offering the option of buying gifts online as this has been highly successful. Please scan the code below to access the online option or go to the St. Agnes Cathedral website: www.stagnescathedral.org for more information. If you are taking a paper ornament from the Cathedral or Lower Hall, we ask that you return your gift as soon as possible at one of our weekend masses. Gifts purchased through the online option will be delivered through Amazon to a home residence of a Giving Tree committee member and brought directly to St. Agnes for distribution.



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.

Special Needs Mass

We will celebrate a Mass for special needs children, and their families on **Saturday, December 21st** 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.



Religious Education

This week we celebrate the third week of Advent and light the candle of Joy. The color of the candle is pink, reflecting the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival. The joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

"He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth." Luke 1:14

Week 12 In-person learning for grades 2 thru 8
 Tuesday, Dec. 17th - in-person classes for grades 2-8
 Wednesday, Dec. 18th - in-person classes for grades 2-8
 Thursday, Dec. 19th - NO in-person classes for grades 2-5
 Thursday, Dec. 19th - in-person classes for grades 6-8

Week 12 Online learning for grades 3 through 6
 Grade 3 - Chapters 17
 Grade 4 - Chapters 17
 Grade 5 - Chapters 15
 Grade 6 - Chapters 14

Grade 1 - The next Sunday class is on December 22nd.

Please join your fellow Parishioners for the Special Needs Mass on Saturday, December 21st, at 5:00pm in the Lower Hall.

If you attend mass elsewhere, please email massattendance@stagnescathedral.org

Blessings,
 Anne Nelson



Friends of Steven McDonald Our Lady Of Fatima First Saturday Devotion

Steven made many friends – men, women, young adults, and children – as he shared his story and message of forgiveness. To live for the birth of his son, he knew he must forgive the young man who shot him leaving him paralyzed and unable to speak. As he lived each day with the consequences of this young man's actions, Steven forgave him daily. Why forgive? Asking God to bless his enemy freed him of bitterness so he could receive God's graces to live on a respirator for 30 ½ years far beyond the expectations of doctors.



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

DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU NEED TO FORGIVE? Practice Forgiveness daily. Everyone is welcome to become a friend of Steven by joining us on the First Saturday of the Month praying for healing in families as Steven did for 17 years. Asking God to bless our enemies frees us from bitterness and resentment to receive God's healing graces. We meet at Steven's parish - SAINT AGNES CATHEDRAL at 7:00am to pray and meditate on the mysteries of the rosary before mass at 7:45 on January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6.

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



On December 7th & 8th, 2024 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

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| Zuri Boken | Charlotte Lapkowski |
| Christopher Fennes | Benjamin Lora |
| Arlette Ferreira | Theodore Pentola |
| Thomas Geyer | Darwin Ramkhelawan |
| Jake Goldstein | Charlie Rudnicki |
| Emma Heid | Frank Vondunn |

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.



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.

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.

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 19th**. For more information call Mary at (516) 375-0738.



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Tues. Evenings
January 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11, 18, 2025



Scan QR to apply Additional info??
Call: 646-642-7463
Visit: www.wwme.org for addl. dates/locations
Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org

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Learn more at: [Live your best life in love—YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

SOLEMN VESPERS



EACH SUNDAY IN ADVENT AT ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

December 1st | December 8th | December 15th | December 22nd

Vespers begins at 4:30 pm in the Cathedral | Please note, a homily will not be delivered

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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Thank you all

The St. Agnes Cathedral Knights of Columbus Council 2548 would like to extend our profound thanks to the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy, our Chaplain, Rev. Michael Ngoka, the associate pastors, staff, and to all our wonderful parishioners, in making this one of the most successful years in this, our 100th year anniversary. A special shout out to Deacon Tom McDaid, it's an honor to have you as our very own Deacon, Congratulations on 43 Years Diacativated.

In all the initiatives which our council undertakes during the year to assist the less fortunate and those in need, it is the parishioners who provide unwavering support and kind generosity which makes these events successful. We pray that all the clergy, staff and members of our parish have a Blessed and Joyous Christmas season and a safe, Happy and Healthy New Year

Upcoming events open to all Parishioners

Saturday 12/14 and Sunday 12/15 Keep Christ in Christmas magnets & signs available at all masses

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Monday January 20th, 2025 Basketball Free Throw Contest in the Gym

all boys and girls ages 9-14 years old welcome from 1-2PM

February 9, 8:30-12:30 Super Bowl Sunday Pancake Breakfast Parish center

Sunday March 2, Following 11 AM Mass, Blessing of the Fr McGivney statue

March 22, St Patricks Day Parade

Thank you

Joe D'aleo

Grandknight

St Agnes Knights of Columbus council 2548





ADVENT ADORATION
at St. Agnes Cathedral

Wednesday, December 4th | 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11th | 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18th | 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

 The Cathedral of St. Agnes
Rockville Centre, New York

ADVENT AT ST. AGNES

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

Advent Confession Schedule

AT ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

Monday, December 16th

3:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, December 17th - Friday, Dec. 20th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL | ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH VIGIL MASSES

4:00 p.m.

Masses in the Cathedral, Parish Center,
and Lower Hall

5:30 p.m.

Masses in the Cathedral & Parish Center

7:00 p.m.

Misa en Español en la Catedral

11:30 p.m.

Christmas Carols, Procession
and Blessing of the Crèche

12:00 a.m.

Pontifical Midnight Mass in the Cathedral

CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

7:00 a.m. | 8:00 a.m. | 9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

Mass in the Cathedral

12:30 p.m.

Masses in the Cathedral & Parish Center

There will not be a 5 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

**"Christmas is a celebration of joyfully welcoming the
Lord into the crib and into the heart."
(Pope Francis)**



ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL | ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2025

**HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION**

Mass Schedule:

6:30 am

7:45 am

9:00 am

12:10 pm

5:00 pm

“Through Her, man became pleasing to God;
Through Her, streams of grace flowed down
upon us.” —St. Faustina

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

MOVIE & TALK

by Fr. Brandon O'Brien

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL | MSGR. KELLY PARISH CENTER

OTTO PREMINGER PRESENTS



THE CARDINAL starring TOM TRYON, ROMY SCHNEIDER, CAROL LYNLEY, JILL HAWORTH, RAY VALLONE, JOHN SAXON, JOSEF MEINRAD, BURGESS MEREDITH, OSSIE DAVIS, DOROTHY GISH, TULLIO CARMINATI, MAGGIE McNAMARA, BILL HAYES, CECIL KELLAWAY & JOHN HUSTON as GLENNON Also: Betsy Blair, Antonio Casas, Dora
 SCREENPLAY BY ROBERT WISER. BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL BEST SELLER BY ARMAND MURPHY
 MUSIC BY JEROME MORRELL PRODUCTION DESIGNER BY LITTLE WHEELER EDITOR EDWARD BY LARRY SHARKEY
 IN TECHNICOLOR AND PARASTEREO PRODUCED AND DIRECTED BY OTTO PREMINGER © Copyright 1963

**WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 15, 2025
7 PM**

First half of the movie, followed
by talk and light refreshments

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 16, 2025
7 PM**

Second half of the movie, followed
by talk and light refreshments

ABOUT THE FILM

'The Cardinal' (1963) depicts the meteoric rise of an American priest through the hierarchy of the Church. It takes place in the period between the two World Wars. The film touches on themes including Vatican politics, the Catholic Church in the twentieth century, and moral responsibility in the face of evil.

Father O'Brien will discuss the theological, moral, sacramental, historical, political, canonical, ecclesiastical, and (even) humorous themes.



Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Despite the “Bah! Humbug!” Christmas Displays are Constitutional Multiple Law Firms Make The Case

Religious freedom in the United States is a right critical to all Americans as the basis for our laws and our culture. Our first amendment has two clauses making clear that our government may not establish one religion that all Americans must follow (the Establishment Clause) and that Americans are free to exercise their chosen religion without government interference (the Free Exercise clause.)

Every year the Christmas season brings with its religious celebrations, joy and festivities varying amounts of controversy. There are recurring discussions about the constitutionality of religious symbols of the season being displayed in schools, public buildings and public outdoor spaces. These discussions often focus on a community’s Christmas tree in the town square or park. There are a growing number of court decisions where the judges decided that a Christmas tree is a secular symbol of a holiday season celebrated by the vast majority of Americans and is not a religious symbol. A creche and menorah are considered by the courts to be religious symbols which can also be displayed in public schools, government buildings and public squares as long as they are presented along with secular items such as a Christmas tree, Santa Claus, reindeer, etc.

Liberty Counsel’s attorneys defended the display of a Nativity Scene at the Jackson, IN Courthouse in 2021 in a precedent setting case that ruled the Nativity scene was not unconstitutional because it was part of the larger holiday display. Other victories by Liberty Counsel have restored more Nativity displays on public property, returned Christmas carols to the elderly who were not allowed to sing them in their nursing home, defeated a ban on students wearing red and green colors to school and stopping chorus directors from replacing religious lyrics in Christmas carols, etc.

Follow the links here to read more about the pro bono work done by these law firms to defend many aspects of religious freedom including the right to celebrate religious holidays as part of our shared community lives.

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/vyx8dtfk> <https://tinyurl.com/2r2xnyr9> <https://tinyurl.com/5bzyzuw9>

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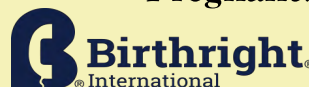
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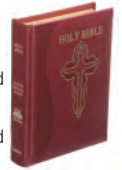
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