# The Cathedral of St. Agnes

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Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

# 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

### CLERGY

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

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

Rector Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy

Associate Pastors Rev. Christopher Heller Rev. Michael Ngoka, C.M. Rev. Gustavo Perez Alzate, Communidad Hispana

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

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

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### 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, Thurday 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.



# STAY CONNECTED

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- @stagnescathedral
- The Cathedral of St. Agnes

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The Roman Catholic Cathedral for the Diocese of Rockville Centre

### Masses For The Week

#### Monday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27 6:30 Catherine C. McEntee 7:45 Lucia, Michael, Angelo

- & Frank Mongelluzzo
- 9.00 Jeanne Stewart
- 12:10 Peter E. Finning

### Tuesday, March 4, St. Casimir

- Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
  - 6:30 Mary Abrams
  - 7:45 Doy Herrera
  - 9:00 Nancy E. Valastro
  - 12:10 Judith Murphy (Living)
  - 7:30 Special Intentions
- Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday

#### Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

- Mary C. Burke 6:30
- 7:45 Martha Hoffmeier Schreiber
- 9:00 Brian McLaughlin
- 12:10 Thomas Murphy, III (5th Anniversary)

### Thursday, March 6, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

#### Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

- 6:30 Joseph Montemarano
- 7:45 Graziella Lucchi
- 9:00 Suzetta Davalos
- John Biasetti 12:10

#### Friday, March 7, Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

- 6:30 Rose & Mike Cartusciello
- 7:45 William & Catherine Donovan
- 9:00 Christina Drew
- 12:10 Gerard Marten

#### Saturday, March 8, St. John of God, Religious Is 58:9b-14: Lk 5:27-32

- 7:45 Devin Hamilton
- 5:00 Patrick Izzo, Virginia Buckley, Mary Agnes O'Dea, Thomas Colletti Margaret & Martin Browne
- 7:30 C Yunny Rojas
- 7:30 LH Penny Abbruzzese

#### Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent

#### Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

- 7:00 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
- 8:00 Josephine & Daniel Voccola
- 9:30 John Flores
- 10:30 Eileen Kearnev
- 11:00 Clare & Alfred Lombardi
- 12:30 Bravin Zoeller, Elisa Gorres, John Nash, Eileen Amentler, Donald Farrell
- 5:00 Lorraine DePellegrin

### PLEASE PRAY

### For The Faithful Departed

Frances Giangrasso, Patricia A. Miller Ramona Velez, Florence A. Todaro, Patrick Piccininni, Michael Grimaldi

### For The Sick

Clara Kinkel, Brian Barry, Helen Galvin, Domenica Silva, Thomas Kelly, Sr. Helen Byrne, Nina Longo, Bridget Boyle, Lisa Ondra, Jack Prophet, Samantha Giacomantonio, Grace Kozera, Vera Davis, John T. Lindsay, Frances Katon-Donegal, Balestrieri Family, 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.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE



St. Thomas the Apostle

West Hempstead, NY

St. Luke's

Brentwood, NY

St. Christopher

Baldwin, NY

St. Agnes Cathedral

Lindsay Colchamiro

Kevin Mendez

Π Maura Cerow

Sean Hannon

III Darva Zarkhina Luke Ledua

San Clemente, CA Sts. Philip & James St. James, NY

### **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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

### LET US PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Lance Corporal Ryan Thomas Albergo, USMC Spc. Liam Atwell, U.S. Army Capt. Robert L. Betts, U.S. Navy CDR Maura C. Garrity-Betts, U.S. Navy Lance Corporal Ryan Brower, USMC Lt. Gabby Busching, U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Joseph Busching, U.S. Coast Guard Sgt. Lucas Camacho, USMC 1st Lt. Paul D. Cammarota, USMC Lt. Scott Kiley Childers, U.S. Navy LCDR Richard Childers, M.D. U.S. Navy Julia Coughlin, U.S. Navy Lt. Greg Crescenzo, U.S. Navy Airman Michael Cummo, U.S. Navy Maj. Richard Davin, Jr., Air National Guard Lt. Christopher DelBello, U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Robert W. DeMattia, U.S. Navy Lance Corporal Trevor Donohue, USMC Lt. J.G. Jack Doyle, U.S. Navy Lt. J.G. Kevin Doyle, U.S. Navy Michael Espada, 2nd Class Petty Officer, MR2 Daniel Fels, U.S. Army, Military Police Lt. Brendan J. Fisk, U.S. Navy Lt. Daniel R. Fisk, U.S. Navy 2nd Lt. Charles Flanagan, U. S. Army A.M.T 3, Kyle Forster, U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Steven Hampson, U.S. Army Capt. Cody Hardenburgh USMC Pvt. Daniel Healey, U.S. Army 2nd Class Petty Officer, Robert Hock, U.S. Navy 1st Lt. Tynika Holland, U.S. Army Maj. Philip F. Johndrow, U.S. Army Sgt. John McCann, US Army Lt. Kieran McCarthy, U.S. Navy Lance Corporal Aidan Patrick McNamara, USMC Lance Corporal Jason Maccaron, USMC Cpl. James Thomas Maroney, USMC Lt. Andrew Maza, USAF Sgt. Joseph Meyer, U.S. Army Col. Christopher V. Meyers, USMC Lt. Col. Gregory John Mueller, USMC (Reserve) Stephan O'Connor, E-5, U.S. Navy Matthew Pacheco, U.S. Army Ensign John A. Petr, US Navy Pvt. Ray P. Rodriguez, U.S. Army Spc. James Rodziewicz, U.S. Army Lance Corporal Eric Roehrig, USMC Spc. Jeanine M. Rosa, U.S. Army Thomas Sullivan, U. S. Army Alec Swoger, MMN3 Nuclear Operator, U.S. Navy Robert C. Tempesta, Master at Arms 1st Class U.S. Navy PFC Derick Thomas, USMC

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen

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



**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.



### STEWARDSHIP A Way of Life

### Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the importance of change and seeking God's forgiveness rather than pointing out the faults in others.

### Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Formation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a gift that not enough Catholics take advantage of. The Lenten season, return to the confessional and grow closer to God.

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

WEEKLY OFFERINGS					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2/23/2025</u>	<u>2/25/2024</u>	<u>2/27/2023</u>	
Weekly Collection	\$34,616	\$35,512	\$37,164	\$33,604	

# Ash Wednesday

### AT ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL

# March 5, 2025

Mass Schedule 6:30am, 7:45am, 9:00am, 12:10pm

Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Ashes 4:30pm | 7:30pm

Eucharistic Adoration 2:00pm-4:00pm

Confessions following the 6:30am, 7:45am, and 12:10pm Masses



"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

# LENTEN PARISH MISSION 2025 **PILGRIMS** *of* HOPE

Learning to journey through life brimming with hope

# March 24-26th 3 Nights • 7:00 PM — 6:30 PM (Optional) Rosary —

# The Cathedral of St. Agnes

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570



### Guest Preachers:



Father Joseph-Mary Hertzog, O.P. Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, O.P.

The 12:10 PM daily Mass will include an extended homily followed by Adoration. There will be opportunities for Confession during the mission, as well as an anointing with the oil of St. Joseph on March 26th.

# Update Regarding Electronic Giving at Saint Agnes Cathedral



We are excited to announce an important update to electronic giving at St. Agnes. We are now using PushPay, an industry leader known for creating an easy, secure way for you to manage your own giving. Those who make use of Faith Direct will have already received an email to cancel their account and create a new one through PushPay.

Scan the QR Code above to create a PushPay account.

### **ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL**

Are you interested in participating more actively at **Family Mass?** 

# If you are interested in bringing up the gifts at our 9:30am Family Mass,

please email the FM Committee at Stagneschildrens-mass@gmail.com

Our Family Mass Committee is always looking for families who would like to more actively participate.

Include your name and phone number and Christine, Joan or Anne will contact you directly.

### THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



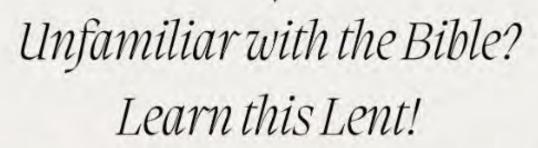
On February 1st, 22nd & 23rd, 2025 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

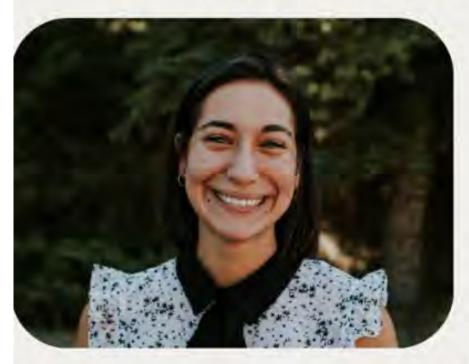
Nicholas Thomas Dinielli Madelyn Marie Gianesses James Michael McMenamin Kendell Svendson Kendre Svendson

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.

### Special Needs Mass

We will celebrate a Mass for special needs children, and their families on **Saturday, March 15th** 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.





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THREE PART SERIES ON THE STORY OF SALVATION

7-8PM 4, 11, 18 MARCH 2025

ST AGNES CATHEDRAL PARISH CENTER

read & reflect



### Principal's Announcements

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



This week's Gospel reading is all about examining what kind of fruit we are bearing in our lives right now. Jesus tells us that the true test of a disciple is fruit bearing. Just as every tree is known by its fruit, so every disciple is known by the fruit he or she produces. And that fruit begins to grow in our hearts.

As we invite the Lord into our hearts, he begins the work of transformation within us. He tills the soil, and plants good seeds of faith. Those seeds grow in us as we deepen our relationship with him and grow to bear great fruit in us. And the "fertilizer" for that fruit is all the day-to-day circumstances of our lives: our trials, our difficulties, our opportunities to practice patience, generosity, humility, and forgiveness. These seemingly small, insignificant circumstances we encounter every day are what God wants to use to help us grow and bear good fruit.

Wednesday, March 5th, is Ash Wednesday, and the students will receive ashes. This year, the students will "feast" on good habits, such as praying more, reading the Bible, and being kind. They will "fast" from bad habits such as complaining, arguing and holding grudges. As each good habit replaces a bad one, a flower will be added to a cross displayed in the school hallway. Our goal is for the cross to be fully adorned with the flowers of their good habits by the end of Lent.

Trimester 2 ends on Friday, March 7th, and the Parent Portal and email notifications will be turned off.

Saturday, March 8th is Confirmation Day for our 8th Graders. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Peace and blessings to you and your family on this 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Mrs.* Cecilia St. John, Principal

### The Saint Agnes Mass Transit

The St Agnes Mass Transit offers parishioners who cannot drive to mass on their own, the opportunity to be picked up and brought to church every Sunday for the 9:30 Family Mass. If you were interested or know of someone who would enjoy this service, please call the rectory office at 516-766-0205 and leave your name and phone number. Someone will get back to you to get additional information and make the necessary arrangements to ensure you are able to join us for mass on Sundays.

### 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



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

The St. Agnes Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides direct assistance to our RVC neighbors in need of help. When we receive a request for assistance, members of St. Vincent de Paul visit our neighbors to gain an understanding of each individual circumstance. We then provide financial support, furniture, food vouchers, and various other forms of assistance to address their needs. If you need assistance, please contact the St. Agnes Rectory at 516 766 0205.

Due to the significant increases in our cost of living, the

requests for help exceed our financial resources. If you are interested in helping either financially or by volunteering your time and skills, please contact the above number. Thank you!



### 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, 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,

Ør. Kathleen

## **Religious Education**

Dear Families and Students,

Week 23 In-person learning for grades 2 thru 7 Tuesday, March 4 – in-person classes for grades 2-7 Wednesday, March 5 – NO CLASSES Thursday, March 6 – in-person classes for grades 2-7 \*There are no classes on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Ash Wednesday.

Week 23 Online learning for grades 3 through 6 The material assigned for this week, Lent Supplement, is no longer available therefore there is no assigned online work for this week.

Grade 1 – The next Sunday class is on March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center.

Grade 8 – Confirmandi making their Confirmation on March 8<sup>th</sup>, have practice on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Cathedral.

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

Blessings,

Anne Nelson





All proceeds benefit the children of St. Agnes Cathedral School

# St. Agnes Cathedral Choirs of the Diocese of Rockville Centre Michael L. Bower, Director



## COME JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES

WHEN: Friday, March 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM

WHERE: MONAGHAN'S IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT – 48 NORTH VILLAGE AVE., ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK 11570 Guest Bartending Night to Benefit the St. Agnes Cathedral Choirs

COST: CASH BAR - TIPS GO TO THE CHOIR!

The Choirs will be having this fundraising event to raise monies for their Summer 2025 Concert Tour to sing in Paris, France. Friends and family are welcomed to attend. All tip proceeds will be utilized to offset the cost of the trip.

We look forward to seeing you there! GUEST BAR-TENDERS: Mr. Bower, Miss Goodwin!

#### Schola Cantorum

The Choir of Men and Boys

Junior and Senior Girls Choirs!

**Catheral Singers** 

Master Chorale 2013

The Cathedral Chorale

**Diocesan Boys/Teens Choir** 













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# LA CATEDRAL DE SANTA INÉS

COMUNIDAD

HISPANA

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)

Muchas veces confirma Jesús con su autoridad lo que la sabiduría humana y el sentido común consideran ya como virtudes: el respeto a los demás, la prudencia, la discreción. Con imágenes agrícolas, muy accesibles para todos, Dios quiere darnos su mensaje hoy.

Usando imágenes del campo, las lecturas de hoy nos transmiten un gran mensaje que debemos escuchar con atención.

El libro del Eclesiástico habla de la relación entre lo que uno es y lo que dice o hace empleando un dicho sapiencial y una imagen de la naturaleza. El salmista insiste con otra imagen agraria para mostrar que los frutos del justo serán espléndidos y duraderos. Todos ellos, al final, coinciden en afirmar que nuestro modo de actuar manifiesta nuestro modo de ser. Atentos escuchemos y actuemos, porque, como dice San Pablo, Dios no dejará sin recompensa nuestra fatiga.

Son varias las enseñanzas de Jesús que Lucas resume en el llamado «sermón de la llanura», y que escucharemos hoy, algunas de ellas ya preparadas por la primera lectura, y también llenas de comparaciones populares.

### LOS SACRAMENTOS PENITENCIA/CONFESIÓN

Todos los martes a las 7pm de la tarde antes de la Misa a las 7.30 p.m.

El tercer Sábado de cada mes a las 6:30 p.m. Hay que comunicarse con la oficina de la rectoría para la entrevista. Se puede llenar el formulario por la web de la parroquia. Los padrinos deben ser católicos, bautizados que han hecho su primera comunión y la confirmación. Si son parejas, tienen que haberse casado 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 LOS 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. Favor llamar a la oficina de la rectoría para informacion.

### ACTIVIDADES

Tenemos la adoración Eucarística el primer Martes de cada mes en la catedral despues de la Misa de las 7.30pm.

Movimiento de Cursillos de Cristiandad tiene su reunión todos los sábados después de la misa en el sótano de la sacrístitia.

Grupo de Oración (Carismático) tiene su oración del grupo todos los miércoles en el Lower Hall a las 7.00 p.m.

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.

### Weekly Bible Study

Please join us for Bible study beginning on Wednesday's, at 9:45-11:00 a.m. in the Youth

Room of the Ministry Building. We will be studying the Wisdom Books beginning with the Book of Job. For those unable to join us in person, please join us on Zoom.

Zoom ID: 79101167157 Zoom password: XSS6Ky For any questions please contact ed11570@aol.com or nuluvin@icloud.com

### 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



### Calling all Seniors....

The St. Agnes Senior Club will meet on Wednesday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m. in

the Parish Center. With St. Patrick's Day approaching as always we will be entertained by the wonderful dancers from the Hagen-Kavanagh School of Irish Dance. It is always a pleasure watching the talented dancers perform their hearts out to entertain us all. Refreshments will be served and ALL are welcome so bring some friends.

### Pregnant? Need help?

E CENTER

(516) 798-8746

lifecenterli.org

LONG ISLAND ce for the Unborn on Long Island



24 hour Helpline 1-800-550-4900; birthright.org/wantagh



### 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.



### ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Are you a Romeo? We are a group of St. Agnes parishioners that gather for lunch every 3 months. Please join us and meet some of your fellow parishioners. All men are invited—it is not a prerequisite to be old and/or retired. Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, March 6th at 12 Noon, at MacArthur Park Restaurant on N. Park Ave. \$32.00 per person. Come join us, and bring a friend. Take a bold step and join us for 2 hours. Please RSVP by Wednesday March 5th to Tom Nofi via phone/text 516-784-6046 or via email: tomrvc@gmail.com to get a headcount for the restaurant. We will see you then.

### Bereavement Program

Holy Name of Mary Church in Valley Stream will have an 8 week Bereavement program on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning March 11th. The program offers support for anyone who has recently experienced the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, relative or friend. The program provides an opportunity for participants to develop an understanding of the grieving process and to find ways of coping with the challenges that death can bring. The group is run by a professional leader and assistants, all of whom have experienced the benefits participating in bereavement groups. There is no fee for the program, but registration is necessary. Please call the Parish Outreach Office at 825-0177 to register.



# Focus on Religious Freedom

### Share Your Knowledge of America's Religious Freedom

"Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army." - Edward Everett

For over 10 years weekly bulletin articles from Catholics for Freedom of Religion (CFFOR) have been published in church bulletins. The focus of each article is some aspect of America's religious freedom. We are often told by parish bulletin editors that the entire office staff is eager to read each new article and shares it with family and friends. The CFFOR volunteers would estimate that someone reading even 25% of the articles knows more about religious freedom than the vast majority of Americans.

Be sure to keep the articles printed in your bulletin and share the information with children, parents, and your friends of all faiths. Remember that freedom of religion, like freedom of speech, is critical to all Americans. There is damaging propaganda against religious freedom repeated every day in the media, in politics, from organizations like the Freedom From Religion Foundation and uninformed Americans from clergy to school teachers.

The most damaging of the propaganda are these two misstatements:

1.Separation of church and state keeps God, faith and religion out of the public square of ideas and policies 2.God and prayer are not allowed in America's public schools

The bulletin articles have often corrected these false assertions and other misinformation. The articles also give examples of religious freedom denied and of religious freedom victories. The articles are available with the current article on the homepage at cffor.org and all past articles linked from the current one. All articles can be printed from the website.

If you are seeing the articles from another church bulletin you can request them to be emailed to your church or your individual email. Send us an email to: info@catholicsforfreedomofreligin.org or leave us a voicemail at 631-896-8331.

"If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their great security."

Samuel Adams



#### To create a FORMED account:

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

# Forming Catholics for Life.

### Foretold | Trailer

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.

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



- 4. Find the parish by name (St. Agnes Cathedral) or Zip (11570)
- 5. Enter your email and you're in (There is no cost to use FORMED.)

Presented by Fresented by Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM Executive Director Vincentian Center for Church & Society Stables To University	March (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunda 9:30 am i	En Day of Prayer Sunday 30, 2025 by in Lent) to 3:30 pm h Luke: A Time of Healing	9:30 an 10:00 an 10:45 an 11:00 an 11:00 an 2:00 pm	Program & n Registration n Presentation I n Break n Presentation II 1 Lunch, Confession presentation III						
			2:45 pm	Mass						
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### 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.



