

# The Cathedral of St. Agnes

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK

11.16.25



*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary • Merle • 1879  
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary: November 17

# 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

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### CLERGY

#### *Bishop*

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

#### *Rector*

Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy

#### *Associate Pastors*

Rev. Christopher Heller

Rev. Michael Ngoka, C.M.

Rev. Emmanuel Nwogu, *Comunidad Hispana*

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### OFFICE HOURS

#### *Rectory*

Monday - Thursday: 8:30am to 8:00pm

Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Sunday: Closed

*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: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm  
Monday – Friday: Following the 6:30 am Mass  
Friday: Following the 12:10 pm 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.



## LIVE STREAM REQUEST

We are now able to stream personal services such as weddings and funerals.  
For more information, please call the rectory at (516) 766-0205.



## STAY CONNECTED



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The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Unable to join us for Mass? Tune in on  LIVE

The Roman Catholic Cathedral for the Diocese of Rockville Centre

## 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  
 Lt. JG Julia Coughlin, U.S. Navy  
 Lt. Greg Crescenzo, U.S. Navy  
 Airman Michael Cummo, U.S. Navy  
 Maj. Richard Davin, Jr., Air National Guard  
 LCDR 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  
 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.*

## 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.



## STEWARDSHIP

### *A Way of Life* *Stewardship Reflection*

Jesus teaches us that following Him and His teachings will lead to persecution by the world. But have faith and never give up!

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

Our Faith is beautiful and filled with wisdom. Take time this week to study the Bible, read Catholic apologetics and the Catechism. Grow in knowledge of your Faith.

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

#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>11/9/2025</u>	<u>11/10/2024</u>	<u>11/12/2023</u>
Weekly Collection	\$33,907	\$40,101	\$35,498

### Pregnant? Need help?



24 hour Helpline  
 1-800-550-4900;  
[birthright.org/wantagh](http://birthright.org/wantagh)

(516) 798-8746  
[lifecenterli.org](http://lifecenterli.org)

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, November 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary,  
Religious**

*1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18: 35-43*

- 6:30 Ellen Lucas (Birthday Remembrance)
- 7:45 Patrick Molloy
- 9:00 Dr. & Mrs. Martin Glynn
- 12:10 Amelia "Emily" Trocchia

**Tuesday, November 18, The Dedication of the Basilicas of  
Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

*2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10*

- 6:30 Helen Galvin
- 7:45 Sheila Norris
- 9:00 Marie & Carroll & Janine Fau
- 12:10 Adrian Redmond
- 7:30 Roberto Carpio Espinoza

**Wednesday, November 19, Weekday**

*2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28*

- 6:30 Elizabeth Simmons
- 7:45 Debra Marzocchi
- 9:00 Fredrick Marx
- 12:10 Raymond F. Hampel

**Thursday, November 20, Weekday**

*1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44*

- 6:30 Kimberly Ann Woo
- 7:45 Michael, Angelo & Maryann Mongelluzzo
- 9:00 Josie & Des Fallon
- 12:10 Robert Hennig, Jr.

**Friday, November 21, The Presentation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

*1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48*

- 6:30 Dec'd Members of the Catholic Lawyers Guild
- 7:45 Salvatore Mannino
- 9:00 Dr. & Mrs. Martin Glynn
- 12:10 Grace DeMartini

**Saturday, November 22, St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

*1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40*

- 7:45 Carol Lombardi
- 5:00 The Logler & Byrnes Families,  
Consuelo & Pashal Isabella, James C. Garvey  
Constance Zwilling, James McAllister,  
Justin Spillane
- 7:30 C Danilo & Virginia Sutherland (Living)  
60th Anniversary
- 7:30 LH Fran Grady

**Sunday, November 23, Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

*2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43*

- 7:00 Kathy Shannon Lapkowski
- 8:00 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
- 9:30 Paul Sawchuk
- 10:30 LH Sheila T. Norris & Anne Darcy
- 11:00 Maureen Bifulco
- 12:30 John Leonard, Christopher Murphy,  
Jeffrey J. Wohlfarth, Eileen Carrington,  
Nicholas J. Caruso, Marge Battista
- 5:00 Margaret & Michael Blewitt

## PLEASE PRAY



### *For The Faithful Departed*

Robert J. DeLorenzo, Stephen Liotta, Jr.,  
Michael Wawrzonek, Patricia R. Papka,  
Saveria Maria Audiffred

### *For The Sick*

Charles Bruno, Olivia Giacone, Gloria Cancelliere, Sr.  
Kathleen Murphy, Jeffrey Alan Bower,  
Louise Washington, Anthony Ventrice, Christopher  
Diez, Jennifer Duffy, Thomas Kelly, Bob Toy,  
Maggie Goodwin, Sr. Helen Byrne, Jack Prophet,  
Vera Davis, Samantha Giacomantonio, 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, 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.



## Rose for Life

*In Loving Memory of*  
Our Mother and Grandmother  
Mary Gallagher Glynn

## 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](mailto:vocations@drvc.org)



## Thanksgiving Day Masses

Our Masses for Thursday, November 27  
will be 6:30, 7:45 and 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please note that  
the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be our Thanksgiving Liturgy. All  
are invited to attend. There will be NO 12:10 p.m. Mass  
that day. We wish all a very happy and healthy  
Thanksgiving. The Rectory Office will be open on Friday,  
November 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

JOIN US FOR ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL REUNION

# Cocktails in the Classroom



## DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

5:30PM-7:30PM

AT ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Open to all alumni in the  
Class of 2018 and older

- Free of charge
- Spouses welcome

**QUESTIONS?**

EMAIL KIERAN MAELIA AT  
KMAELIA@STAGNECATHEDRAL.ORG

SCAN TO RSVP



*St. Agnes Cathedral School Board*

*invites you to*

*Save the Date*

*for our annual*

*Dinner Dance*

Honoring

*Kerry and Dominick Davi*

St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Ongoing Support of  
Catholic Education

*Kim Johnson Shaughnessy*

St. Catherine of Siena Award for Commitment to  
Catholic Education

Recognizing

*Sandra Collins*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for  
Dedicated Service to Catholic Education

*Saturday, January 31, 2026*

*The Lannin - Eisenhower Park*

*East Meadow, NY*



## Annual St. Agnes Christmas Tree Drive



As we prepare for this coming Advent Season, families of St. Agnes Cathedral Parish are invited to dedicate a live, freshly cut Christmas tree in memory or in honor of a loved one. Each 5–6 foot tree will shine with LED lights on the lawn between the Cathedral and the rectory, forming a radiant display of faith, hope, and remembrance. A personalized dedication card will accompany every tree, serving as a prayerful tribute to those you hold dear. May these lights remind us of the light of Christ, shining in our hearts and in our parish community. Families will have the opportunity to decorate their tree after the tree lighting on December 13.

**Cost per Tree: \$200**

**Payment: Online with credit card, check, cash or venmo**

Trees must be reserved with payment no later than November 24.

To make your donation to reserve your tree(s) online please scan the QR code or visit [StAgnesGiving.com](http://StAgnesGiving.com). To reserve with the form below and via check, credit card, Venmo or cash, please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket.



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

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

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

# of Trees: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Dedication Card (please print clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVC: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Cathedral. Venmo @stagnes-cathedral

# Electronic Giving at Saint Agnes Cathedral



We are now using PushPay, an industry leader known for creating an easy, secure way for you to manage your own giving.

Scan the QR code above to create a PushPay account.



**ROMEO  
(Retired Old  
Men Eating Out)**

Are you a ROMEO? We are a group of St. Agnes parishioners that gather for lunch, story-telling and conversation 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 Thursday, December 4th, 2025 at 12 Noon, at MacArthur Park Restaurant on North Park Avenue, Rockville Centre (\$32 p.p). Take a bold step and join us for 2 hours; and bring a friend. Please RSVP by Tuesday, 12/2 to Tom Nofi via phone/text: (516)784-6046 or via email: [tomrvc@gmail.com](mailto:tomrvc@gmail.com), so we have a headcount for the restaurant. We hope to see you then.

**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>

**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 Psalms; as well as the prophet Ezekiel and Jeremiah. 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](mailto:ed11570@aol.com) or [nuluvin@icloud.com](mailto:nuluvin@icloud.com)

**THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**



On November 8th & 9th, 2025 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Reese Baker        | Ryan Ketcham       |
| Henry Behnke       | Luca McEvoy        |
| Aiden Bosticco     | Luke McNamara      |
| Valentina Buccella | Isla Singer        |
| Sophia Buckley     | Francis Smith, II  |
| Daphne Devine      | Logan Torres       |
| Sean Graves        | Chiara Weinberg    |
| Madison Knoch      | Theodore Wetherell |

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.

**Tommy Brull Foundation**

The Tommy Brull foundation an organization benefiting disabled children and adults is having their annual fundraiser in St. Agnes Parish Center on Friday, November 21st from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$50.00 which includes food, live music, raffles and a cash bar. There will be a cash bar available. Please consider and mark your calendar for this very worthy charity.

**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 **November 20th**. For more information call Mary at (516) 375-0738.

**St. Agnes Giving Tree**

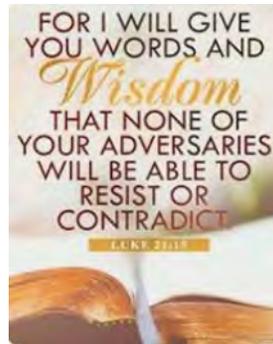


The 2025 Giving Tree program will once again be available by either taking an ornament off of one of the Christmas trees in the Cathedral and Lower Hall or by scanning a QR code. Gifts purchased using the QR code will be delivered through Amazon to a home residence of a Giving tree committee member and brought directly to St. Agnes for distribution. **The QR code along with our paper ornaments in the Cathedral and Lower Hall will be available beginning next weekend - November 22nd and 23rd.** This is a week earlier than in the past to support the needs of our St. Agnes Outreach along with other Catholic programs throughout Long Island. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please contact Kerry at 678-9461.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Principal's Announcements



In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of scary things: wars, famines, persecution, plagues, earthquakes, and signs falling from the skies. Yet in the midst of his warnings about the judgment coming on earth and the persecution his followers will face, Jesus encourages his disciples, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Perseverance is the key. Will the disciples remain faithful to Jesus when their faith is tested most when they face trials, sufferings, and even persecution?

For first century Christians who might be hated for the sake of their faith in Christ, the words of Jesus would provide reassurance and hope. Jesus will always strengthen and comfort those who persevere in faith. And we can rest in this same hope today.

Just as the early Christians persevered in times of trial, so too are we called to persevere in the daily crosses the world might inflict upon Christ's followers today. While not all of us are called to literally die for the faith like the early Christian martyrs did, we all are called to die to ourselves in many little ways each day through the sacrifices we make for our faith and by persevering through the misunderstanding, ridicule, and even hostility we might face for remaining faithful to Christ in our secular world today.

This week our 6th Graders will receive their school pins at a special Mass. Parents are invited to attend the Mass. Students who were absent on picture day last month will have the opportunity to have their pictures taken this week. There is an Open School Board Meeting on November 20th.

We will celebrate Community Readers Day this week. It is always a very special event for the students and community members.

Peace and blessings to you and your families on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*Mrs. Cecilia St. John*  
Principal



Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Agnes Cathedral  
Conference

We Help People!

Thanks to You,  
Our Neighbors Are Receiving Help and Hope

As we ready our homes for Thanksgiving, please consider those less fortunate.

This season of gratitude can be especially hard for families in our Rockville Centre community who are struggling to make ends meet.

Your generosity can make a real difference. Every dollar you donate goes directly to neighbors facing hardship—helping with rent, utilities, food, and other essentials.

If you or someone you know needs support, please don't hesitate to call the Rectory office at 516-766-0205. A member of our team will reach out with care and discretion.

Together, we can make this Thanksgiving a little brighter for those who need it most.



## PARISH OUTREACH



Parish Social Ministry/ Outreach assist those living within the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish boundaries who are experiencing difficulties. Please call the Outreach office at 516-678-1854 with any questions.

This week's most needed items:

Milk, Eggs, yogurt, cereal, butter, cookies, Spaghetti Sauce in jars, Spaghetti, pasta, canned Soups, canned vegetables, 18 oz. grape jelly, 16.3 oz. peanut butter, canned chicken breast, tuna, rice mixes, pork & beans, beans, Coffee (10-13 oz), crackers, napkins. In addition: Toiletry items i.e. shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, and dish detergent.

We are accepting fall and winter clothing only.

We will gladly accept donations between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except for holidays.

Please do not leave any donations on the porch outside the Outreach office when the office is closed.

Your kindness makes a difference.

## Religious Education

Welcome to Week 7 of the 2025-2026 Religious Education Program.

In-Person Classes (Grades 2-8) meet this week on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Grades 2 - 5 meet 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. and Grades 6 - 8 meet 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Online Learning (Grades 3-6) - All online students should now be working on Week 7 of their assignments.

Grade 1 Program - We look forward to seeing the students on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30a.m. in the Parish Center. Please ensure your child is signed up for the class chosen so that we have materials ready for all in attendance.

The next 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student-Parent Session is Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

We're grateful for your continued support and look forward to another meaningful week of learning and faith!

Blessings, Anne Nelson

## 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](mailto:jamirro@stagnescathedral.org).



## Focus on Religious Freedom

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

### The Witness of Christian Martyrs in Nigeria: An Inspiration to Defend our Faith and Religious Freedom

Responding to an “existential threat” to Christianity in Nigeria, President Trump has designated that nation a Country of Particular Concern (CPC); i.e., one that engages in severe violations of religious freedom under the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA) of 1998.

Agree or disagree with the president’s threatened responses—withdrawal of all U.S. aid to Nigeria or even military action—he has shined a welcome light on the ongoing, savagely anti-Christian atrocities.

According to The Catholic Register (Canada), “the human rights advocacy organization Intersociety,” reports “an average of 32 Christians ... murdered each day this year in Nigeria,” with “125,000 Christians and 60,000 moderate Muslims ... killed in Africa’s most populous nation since 2009, the year the terrorist group Boko Haram began its jihadist campaign.”

“The watchdog organization Open Doors International estimates that nearly 70 per cent of all Christians killed for their faith worldwide last year were in Nigeria. Millions of other Christians have been forcibly banished from their land, and many have been abducted, including over 140 priests in the past decade.”

We, Christians in America, should offer prayers for our horribly persecuted Christian brothers and sisters in Nigeria. And we should urge our government to do what it can to help end these atrocities.

We might also reflect on what *we* are willing to suffer, to bear witness to our faith amid anti-Christian intolerance that, with some exceptions, is more subtle in America, but still very real—everything from ridicule and social ostracization, to disruption of certain career paths, to vandalism and desecration of churches.

If we are tempted to give in to such pressure and intimidation, we might remind ourselves of what all those courageous Christian martyrs in Nigeria are enduring—and be inspired by their witness to stand up as Americans in defense of our faith and our religious freedom.

1. The Catholic Register, “Nigerian bishop praises Trump’s defence of Christians,” November 4, 2025.
2. Ibid.
3. Catholic News Agency, “Report finds over 400 cases of vandalism, other ‘hostile’ acts against churches in 2024,” August 13, 2025.



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### St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Littlest Saints

A group of kids stages a play about St. Elizabeth of Hungary, focusing on her love for the poor and her devotion to serving others. The episode highlights her life, including the Miracle of the Roses, where her hidden acts of charity are revealed.

Our parish has a free Formed subscription for you! Simply scan the QR code or visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) to create your account and select our parish to get free access to this content and much more!



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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.)

# YOU'RE INVITED! HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS'



## *Bible Study*



Led by  
**TARA LAUDERDALE**



**MAURA GOODWIN**



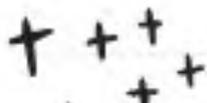
St. Agnes Parish Center on 11/23

**NOVEMBER**

**23**

**2025**

6-7:30pm | Bring a Bible, journal & pen  
All incoming freshmen through seniors  
welcome!



*St. Agnes Cathedral*

# Christmas Concert

Friday Evening, December 12, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

*Featuring The Cathedral Choirs, Orchestra, & Soloists*

## **Ticket Order FORM (Suggested Donation)**

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

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

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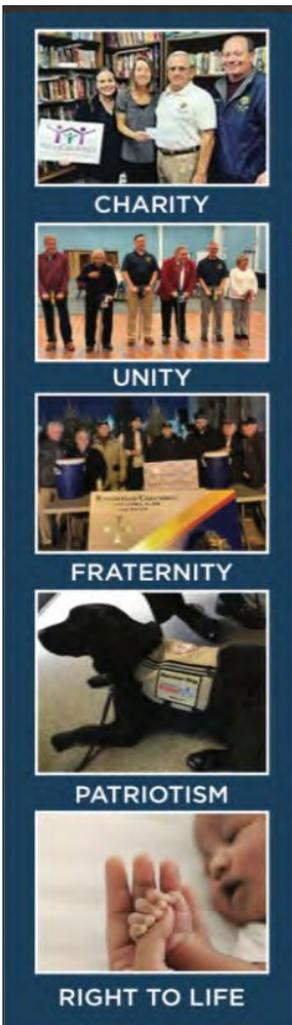
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Nos acercamos al fin del año eclesiástico y los textos litúrgicos llaman nuestra atención sobre la caducidad de las cosas creadas y sobre la manera coherente de comportarse ante este hecho de experiencia.

Los «últimos tiempos» ya los estamos anticipando siempre en la participación de los sacramentos.

Estamos en la recta final del año litúrgico, por eso las lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que la historia de la salvación llegará un día a su fin. El profeta Malaquías nos recuerda que el juicio definitivo de Dios puede ser condenatorio o salvador. El salmista nos dice que Dios llega a nosotros trayendo en sus manos la salvación y la victoria. Y el evangelio nos invita a mantenernos fieles al mensaje en cualquier momento de nuestra existencia, por difícil y doloroso que pueda ser.

El discurso escatológico de Jesús en este pasaje de Lucas, que vamos a escuchar, se dirige al pueblo en general bajo el tema de la vigilancia cristiana. A nosotros nos pone en alerta y nos advierte sobre los últimos tiempos, animándonos a la perseverancia hasta el final.

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

### *BAUTISMO*

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.

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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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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.

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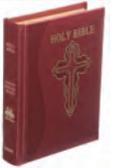
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