

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK



12.14.25



The Third Sunday of Advent

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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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 for more information.



LIVE STREAM REQUEST

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



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The Cathedral of St. Agnes

Unable to join us for Mass? Tune in on  LIVE

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

In today's second reading, we are reminded to be patient with one another and do good before the coming of the Lord.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Hospitality

We are called to think of and care for others. We only have a certain amount of time on this earth to do good and prepare ourselves for the next life. This week, do something kind for someone else.

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>12/7/2025</u>	<u>12/8/2024</u>	<u>12/10/2023</u>
Weekly Collection	\$46,146	\$38,079	\$46,115

Pregnant? Need help?



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

(516) 798-8746
lifecenterli.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 15, Advent Weekday

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

6:30 Chase Filandro
7:45 Alan Jones
9:00 Carol G. Lombardi
12:10 Steve Bylis

Tuesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

6:30 Donald F. Ferrara
7:45 Margaret Jeanne Briody
9:00 Megan Gallagher
12:10 Anna & Chris Boylan
7:30 Dina Cobera, Emilia Infante

Wednesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

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

6:30 Thomas Nazareno
7:45 Helen & Francis Collins
9:00 Eileen Loftus O'Brien
12:10 Anne Marie Bossart

Thursday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

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

6:30 Vinny Vitale
7:45 Ruth M. Whitbread & Family
9:00 Maraline Murphy
12:10 Harriet Rea

Friday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

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

6:30 Peter Barry
7:45 Alan Jones
9:00 Marianne Conkling
12:10 Timothy McMullan

Saturday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

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

7:45 Kathleen L. Spahn (4th Anniversary)
5:00 Angelo & Maria Mannino, Maria Gambino,
Guilio Novello & Joan Alexander,
Michael Holmes, Anna & Vincent Leanzo,
Blanch Rodziewicz & Louise Dumproff
5:00 LH Carol G. Lombardi
7:30 C Emilia Infante
7:30 LH Steven Lynch

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

7:00 Anna Mandracchia
8:00 Emilia & Francisco Torres
9:30 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
10:30 LH Matthew & Eugene Crotier
11:00 Jane Bischoff (2nd Anniversary)
12:30 Robert & Charles Meyer, James Burns,
Christopher Meekins, Maraline Murphy,
Don Lynch, James C. Garvey
5:00 Barbara Varley-Cosgrove

PLEASE PRAY



For The Faithful Departed

George S. Evans, Elizabeth Cassidy,
Santo Borruso, Emilia Infante,
Mary Petrone

For The Sick

Charlie DellAquila, Jackie Wooley, Patricia K. Nugent,
Michael Schramm, Sr. Kathleen Murphy,
Jeffrey Alan Bower, Louise Washington,
Anthony Ventrice, 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, 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.



Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of

Mary Vitale

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?

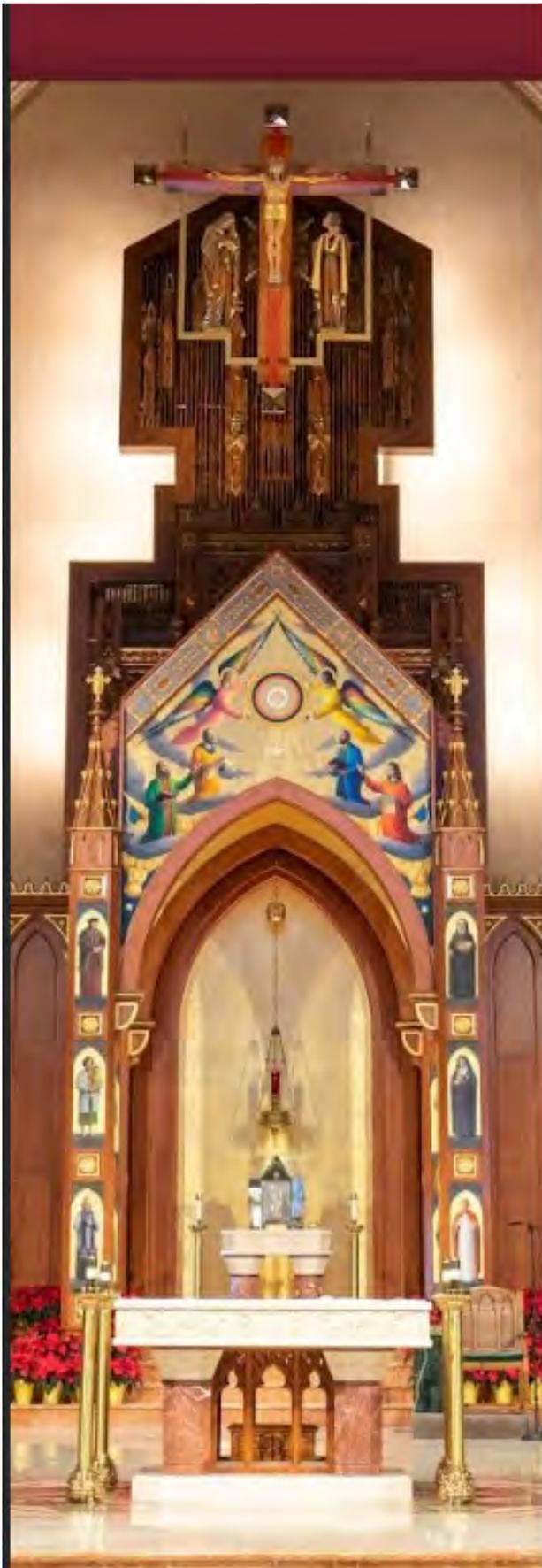
Contact: vocations@drvc.org

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.





ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL | ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY, 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

THURSDAY, 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

NEW HOURS FOR Eucharistic Adoration

1PM-6PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY

Beginning this Advent and continuing into the new year, Saint Agnes Cathedral will be offering additional hours for Eucharistic Adoration.

Location: Adoration Chapel accessible through the side door on Clinton Ave.

Scan to
Commit an Hour





Sunday, December 14 | 4:30 p.m.

Gaudete Sunday Solemn Vespers

Join us in the Cathedral for sung
Advent evening prayer
before the 5pm Sunday Mass



Advent Confession Times

Monday, Dec. 15th to Friday, Dec. 19th

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, Dec. 22nd

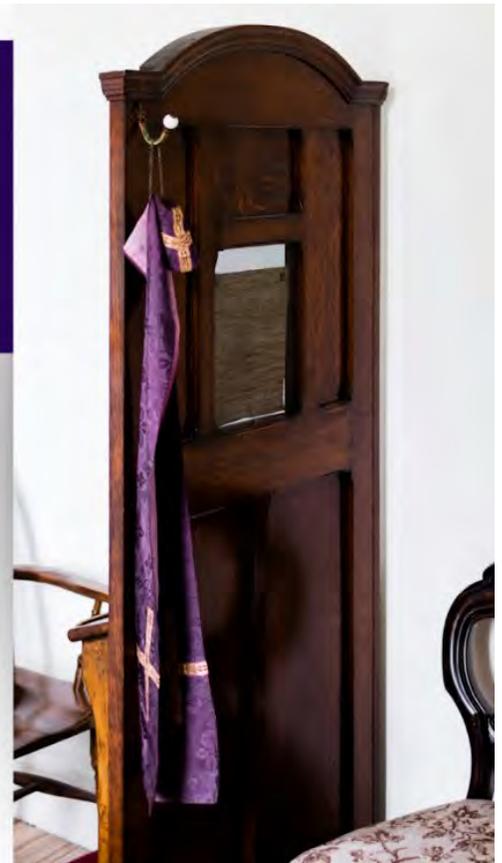
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This is in addition to the regularly scheduled Confession times

Weekend: Saturday 4pm | Sunday 4pm

Weekday: Mon-Fri after the 6:30am Mass | Friday after the 12:10pm Mass



YOU'RE INVITED! HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS'



Bible Study



Led by
TARA LAUDERDALE



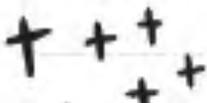
MAURA GOODWIN



Youth Ministry Room on 12/7
St. Agnes Parish Center on 12/14

DECEMBER | **7** | **2025**
14

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



ALL CHILDREN *of the* PARISH

are invited to participate in the
Saint Agnes Cathedral Christmas Pageant
December 21, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Acting parts - Grades K - 4

Reading parts - Grades 3 - 8

To register your child please email by December 10th at

stagnespageant@gmail.com

please include child's name, grade and
parents contact information



St. Agnes Cathedral

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Sunday, December 21, 2025



Join us after the 8:00am, 9:30am, & 10:30am
Masses for coffee, juice, and bagels.



St. Agnes Cathedral
29 Quealy Pl, Rockville Centre NY 11570
stagnescathedral.org



BANNS OF MARIAGE



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Kelly Connor
Robert Murray

St. Agnes Cathedral
St. Mary's
Hudson, OH

**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 18th**. For more information call Mary at (516) 375-0738.

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 or nuluvin@icloud.com

Religious Education



Welcome to Week 11 of the 2025-2026 Religious Education Program.

As we enter Week 3 of Advent, the week of Joy, let us rejoice in the anticipation of Jesus' arrival, He who brings salvation to the world. This joy isn't merely happiness, it's a profound, resilient gladness rooted in God's love and promises. May the excitement and gratitude for the coming of Jesus, fill your homes this week as your family lights the Joy candle.

In-Person Classes (Grades 2-8) meet this week on Tuesday, December 16th and Wednesday, December 17th. Grades 2 - 5 meet 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. and Grades 6 - 8 meet 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

There are NO Classes on Thursday, December 18th.

Online Learning (Grades 3-6) - All online students should now be working on Week 11 of their assignments.

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

Blessings,
Anne Nelson

**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.

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



On December 6, 2025 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Chloe Kaden

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, December 20th** 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.



Principal's Announcements



Third Week of Advent

In today's Gospel, Jesus cites the signs of the coming of the messianic age from Isaiah 35 as proof that his ministry introduces the messianic age and concludes that, "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." Jesus subtly makes a similar point in the next set of verses, this time addressed to the crowds after the messengers from John depart. He asks, in reference to their response to John's prophetic message, "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?"

Interestingly, the reed was a symbol for King Herod. The reference to a "swaying reed" may have suggested that Herod had made a truce with the Romans, which would turn to Israel's advantage. Just as God had become a stumbling block to Israel then, so would he be to Israel now in the Person of Jesus.

Rather than bending to the current political wind, as had Herod and the Jews who collaborated with Rome to maintain their power, God's people must turn to the messianic King whose coming and reign is signaled not by the rich trappings of a royal court, but by the lone voice of a prophet crying in the wilderness and the proclamation of good news to the poor.

Joy Awaits!

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete Sunday or "Rejoice Sunday." The pink candle is lit. In the rich symbolism of our Catholic tradition, this pink candle represents joy, the profound joy that anticipates Christ's arrival, even as we continue our period of hopeful waiting and penance. It reminds us that the light of Christ, who conquers sin and death, brings eternal hope and peace to our world. Just as Pope John Paul II beautifully noted, these candles symbolize

Jesus, the Light of the world, inviting us to let that light shine in our daily lives.

As this week unfolds, we enter the final days of school before the Christmas break, and our halls are *chock-full* of activities celebrating the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ! What a truly blessed week this will be! By its close, our students will be spiritually prepared and fully ready to welcome the Baby Jesus to be born again in their hearts.

A Week of Grace and Celebration!

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The students in grades 3-8 will have received the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, preparing a peaceful manger for Christ within.

The Christmas Story: Our 2nd graders will transport us back to Bethlehem with their traditional Christmas Pageant, reminding us of the night our Lord was born.
Melodies of the Season: The talented 5th graders will fill the air with joyful sound during their Bell Choir Christmas Concert, ringing in the spirit of the Nativity.
Big Buddies, Little Blessings: Our 8th graders will share the light of the season as they read their original Christmas Buddy Books to their excited 1st-grade buddies.

Band Concert: Our Experienced Band Members will delight their parents with their festive Christmas Concert.

School Mass: We will gather as one community to celebrate a truly special Christmas Mass, a worship experience unique to the Catholic school setting—a moment of grace and profound beauty!

There is truly nothing more sacred, vibrant, and special than Christmastime in a Catholic School. May the spiritual preparation of this final week bring you and your family abundant peace and a joyous, Christ-filled Christmas!

May *joy* dwell in your hearts this 3rd Week of Advent!

Mrs. Cecilia St. John
Principal

MERRY

Christmas

St. Agnes Cathedral School
wishes you a blessed
Christmas and invites
you to our OPEN HOUSE
on JANUARY 25, 2026

11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

70 Clinton Ave. Rockville Centre



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SCHOOLS**

OF LONG ISLAND



ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 8



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10TH Annual Dinner Dance

HONORING



Kerry and Dominick Davi
St. Thomas Aquinas Award
for ongoing support of Catholic Education

HONORING



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 at 6:00 P.M.
The Lannin ~ Eisenhower Park ~ Cocktail Attire

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our honorees who are pillars of
kindness, service, and discipleship in our community.
Together, let us celebrate our mission of quality Catholic education that is rooted in scripture.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT STAGSRESERVATIONS@GMAIL.COM

PARISH OUTREACH



Many thanks for your generosity in remembering those in need this Thanksgiving. Through the food, gift cards, turkeys and monetary donations we were able to assist 110 families in our community. In their name, I thank you! Your continued remembrance of the Parish Social Ministry Outreach allows us to be of service to the needy throughout the year. Your faithfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

We are NOT accepting fall and winter clothing at this time..

We will gladly accept donations between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except for holidays. The office will be closed on Monday, December 8th.

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

**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.



St. Agnes Giving Tree



While we will still accept any gifts purchased through next weekend - it would be a tremendous help to all our Outreach programs, if gifts were returned this weekend. We are also offering the option of buying gifts online as this has been highly successful. Please scan the QR code below to access the online option. If you are taking a paper ornament from the Cathedral or Lower Hall, these gifts must be returned by the weekend of December 20th & 21st.



**Parish Social Ministry Outreach
Christmas Collection.**

We are 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. Your kindness will make this a much brighter Christmas for those in need.





Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Abp. for the Military, Timothy Broglio, says Catholic Chaplains Hindered by Army Cancellation of Religious Support Contracts

In a move that Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, Timothy Broglio says is “injurious to the practice of the Catholic faith on Army installations,” the U.S. Army Installation Management Command has cancelled all religious support contracts for Army chapels, including those for Religious Education coordinators, Catholic Pastoral Life coordinators, and musicians.

These services are vital to Catholic chaplains, given the extreme under-representation of Catholics in Army chaplaincy services, Archbishop Broglio explained in a pastoral letter sent to members of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and also to every member of Congress. While “about twenty percent of soldiers are Catholic,” he notes, “less than 5.5% of the Chaplain Corps is Catholic.”

“There are about six Protestant chaplains for every 1,000 Protestant soldiers, “per a RAND report cited by Archbishop Broglio, but only “one Catholic chaplain for

every 1,000 Catholic soldiers.” Catholic chaplains serve *six times* as many soldiers as their Protestant counterparts. “Moreover,” the archbishop writes, with “Catholic chaplains most often assigned full-time to operational units, such as brigades and battalions,” the demands and “operational tempo” of those units “make it impossible for a Catholic chaplain to oversee the daily operations of chapel programs without professional support.”

The U.S. Army’s cancelation of religious support contracts, cuts off the Catholic chaplains’ vital professional support. This “over-burdens Catholic chaplains,” writes Archbishop Broglio. It has a “negative impact” on “Catholic soldiers serving in the U.S. Army and their families.” And it “impedes the constitutional guarantee of the free exercise of religion, especially for Catholics.”

Please write to your Congressional representatives, in the House and Senate, referencing the letter they received from Archbishop Broglio, and urging them to reverse this unjust mandate that unduly burdens Catholic chaplaincy services in the U.S. Army.

Read more: <https://tinyurl.com/mt83cj4v>

“Members of the military are not excluded from the protection granted by the First Amendment”
- U.S. Military Religious Liberty Protection Kit;
[First Liberty.org](http://FirstLiberty.org)

30 Minutes B.C. A Nativity Play



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30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

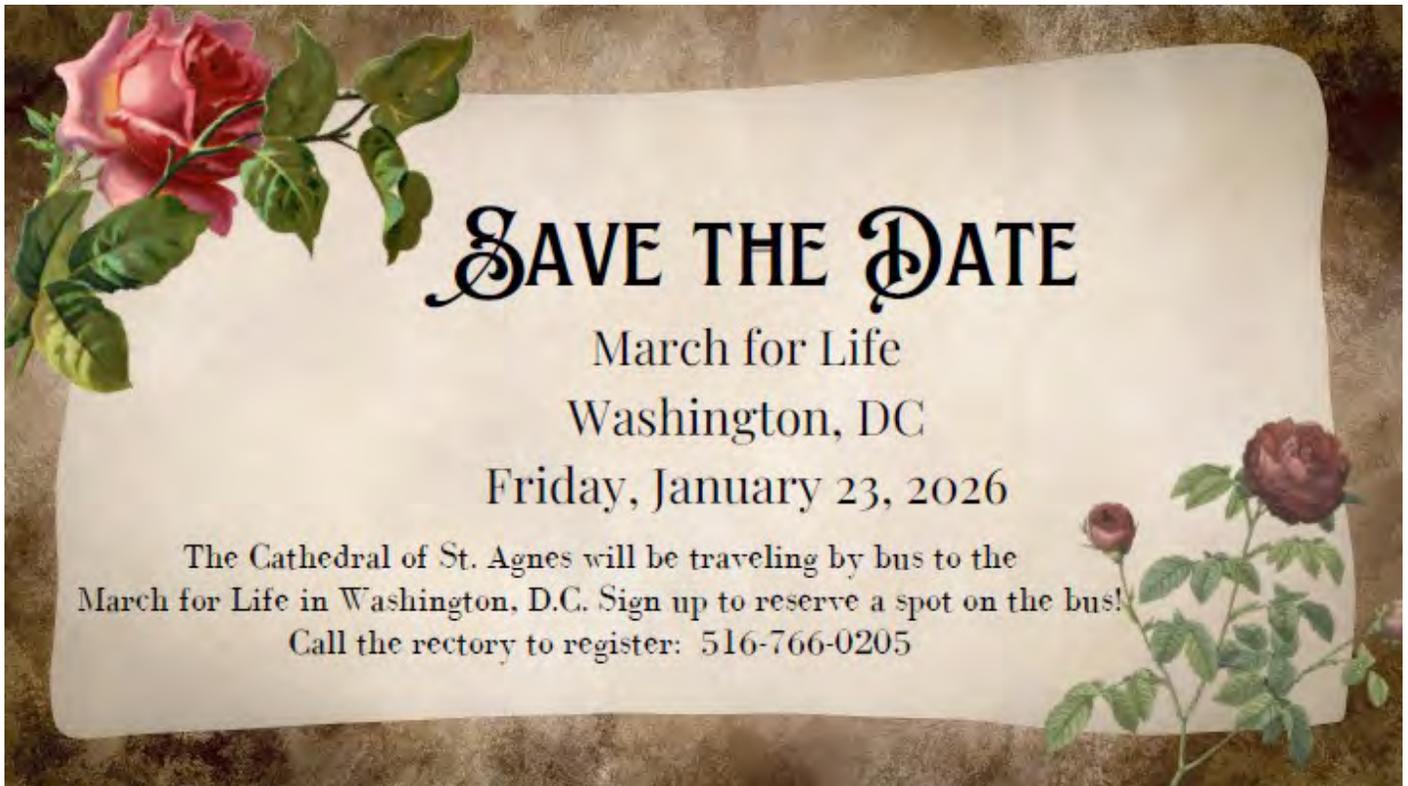
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y confesión a las 7.00pm)

La liturgia de este día tiene un claro color mariano. Es como el prelude de la Natividad del Señor, que ya está cerca. El recuerdo de la Madre no interrumpe ciertamente el ritmo del Adviento ni la dinámica de la preparación a la Navidad, pues ella fue la que mejor vivió el Adviento y la Navidad y puede ayudarnos a vivir la Navidad con mayor profundidad desde nuestra fe.

El evangelista Mateo aplicó el oráculo del Emmanuel que hoy leemos en la primera lectura al nacimiento de Jesús. En él se cumplen las Escrituras de modo definitivo. Nuestra generación, que busca al Señor como la del salmista, lo puede encontrar en Jesús de Nazaret. Quien lo descubra tendrá que anunciarlo en todas partes con la misma valentía y decisión de Pablo.

El cumplimiento de la profecía que escuchábamos en la primera lectura, nos lo relata ahora San Mateo en su evangelio: esta profecía se cumple en Jesús, el Mesías, hijo de María y José, un padre adoptivo ejemplar.

LOS SACRAMENTOS *PENITENCIA/CONFESIÓN*

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.

ACTIVIDADES

Tenemos la adoración Eucarística el primer Martes de cada mes en la catedral después 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 sacristía.

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.

La confirmación 3er nivel comenzó este Domingo 21 de Septiembre.

La Catequesis comienzan el Domingo 12 de Octubre a las 10am.

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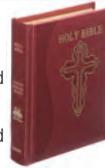
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