

The Cathedral of St. Agnes

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK



12.21.25



The Fourth 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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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 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 Gospel, Joseph hears the angel's words, trusts in God and takes Mary and her Unborn Son, our Savior, into his home.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Prayer

Remember to keep Christ in Christmas. Be sure to go to Mass and take your family with you. May God bless you and yours this Christmas season!

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

	<u>12/14/2025</u>	<u>12/15/2024</u>	<u>12/17/2023</u>
Weekly Collection	\$30,319	\$ 45,382	\$52,099

Pregnant? Need help?



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

(516) 798-8746
lifecenterli.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

- 6:30 Rev. Frank A. Bain & Family
 7:45 Grace J. & Alfred J. Marini
 9:00 Noel Botting
 12:10 Jack Foley (3rd Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 23, St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

- 6:30 Denise DeMartini
 7:45 Doy Herrera
 9:00 George Dunn
 12:10 Virginia Buckley
 7:30 Special Intentions

Wednesday, December 24, Late Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

- 6:30 Steven Zinno
 7:45 Pam Shea Byrnes
 9:00 Patsy & Terence Reynolds

Thursday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

- 7:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
 8:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
 9:30 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
 11:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
 12:30 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

Friday, December 26, St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

- 6:30 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
 7:45 Joe & Milli Mastrocovi, Catherine Fox
 9:00 Catherine Pirrone
 12:10 Dec'd Members of the Rohan
 & Hurley Families

Saturday, December 27, St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

- 7:45 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
 5:00 Frank Tripodi, Sr., Mary & John Mullen,
 Frank Bernie, James J. Gomiela,
 Marie Bernard & Patrick Doohan,
 Kathleen Lapkowski
 7:30 C Clara Flores Mendez
 7:30 LH Giovanni & Divina Molinaro

Sunday, December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

- 7:00 Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
 8:00 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
 9:30 Katherine Garry
 10:30 LH Frederick M. Bolton
 11:00 Maureen Bifulco
 12:30 Charles & Evelyn Meyer,
 Rosalina Balthazar, James O'Callaghan,
 Italo Molinaro (Anniversary), Donny Lynch,
 Edward Teta
 5:00 Irene Murphy

PLEASE PRAY



For The Faithful Departed

John P. Burke, Patricia K. Nugent,
 Susan Kowalski, Patricia M. Byrne,
 Kristine DiLullo,
 Michael Joseph Schramm
 Yluminada A. Fernandez de Acosta,

For The Sick

Charlie DellAquila, Jackie Wooley, 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, 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
 Toy & Goodwin Families



Wine & Hosts

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





DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2025

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas!

Throughout this year, we have marked many significant milestones in the life of the Church leading us to the Lord's Nativity and this holy season of Christmas, most especially the passing of Pope Francis at Easter and the election of Pope Leo XIV in May.

What a gift it has been to walk these months with our new Holy Father, to learn from his teaching, and witness his example.

On October 4th, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo released his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexit Te - I Have Loved You*. It is a profound meditation on love for the poor and speaks powerfully to the mystery of the Lord's Birth and the grace of this season.

The Holy Father reminds us: "The Gospel shows us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus' life. From the moment he entered the world, Jesus knew the bitter experience of rejection. The Evangelist Luke tells how Joseph and Mary, who was about to give birth, arrived in Bethlehem, and then adds, poignantly, that 'there was no place for them in the inn' (*Lk 2:7*). Jesus was born in humble surroundings and laid in a manger; then, to save him from being killed, they fled to Egypt (cf. *Mt 2:13-15*). At the dawn of his public ministry, after announcing in the synagogue of Nazareth that the year of grace which would bring joy to the poor was fulfilled in him, he was driven out of town (cf. *Lk 4:14-30*). He died as an outcast, led out of Jerusalem to be crucified (cf. *Mk 15:22*). Indeed, that is how Jesus' poverty is best described: he experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society. Jesus is a manifestation of this *privilegium pauperum*. He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor." (n. 19)

Before these words of Pope Leo, we recall the wonderful truth: Christ became poor so that we who are poor might become rich (cf. *2 Cor. 8:9*). This is the good news of Christmas. We are not alone. We are not left to ourselves. A Savior has come - Christ the Lord.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we remember with Pope Leo that "Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity." (n. 76)

How beautifully the followers of Christ have responded to the cry of the poor and looked with love upon the most vulnerable among us. As we rejoice in Christ's Birth, we renew our commitment to love others as he has loved us.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
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On Sunday, December 28th at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we will conclude our Jubilee Year of Hope.

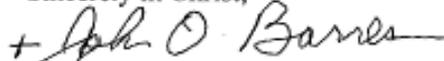
We thank both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV for igniting hope within our families, the global mission of the Church, and the human family, and we contemplate the light and grace that radiates from the refugee Holy Family (73) and that radiates to every family.

Our Catholic biblical and sacramental worship, especially at the Catholic Mass, focuses and ignites both our global mission to the poor (n. 42) and our humble openness to being evangelized by the poor (n. 102), the treasures of our Church (n. 38).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic missionary spirit this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Navidad 2025

Al Pueblo de Dios de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre:

¡Feliz Navidad!

A lo largo de este año, se han marcado muchos hitos significativos en la vida de la Iglesia que nos conducen a la Natividad del Señor y a este santo tiempo de Navidad, especialmente el fallecimiento del Papa Francisco en Pascua y la elección del Papa León XIV en mayo.

¡Qué don ha sido recorrer estos meses con nuestro nuevo Santo Padre, aprender de su enseñanza y ser testigos de su ejemplo!

El 4 de octubre, Memorial de San Francisco de Asís, el Papa León publicó su primera Exhortación Apostólica, *Dilexit Te - Te He Amado*. Es una profunda meditación sobre el amor por los pobres y habla poderosamente del misterio del Nacimiento del Señor y de la gracia de este tiempo de Navidad.

El Santo Padre nos recuerda: “Los Evangelios nos muestran que la pobreza marcó cada aspecto de la vida de Jesús. Desde el momento en que vino al mundo, Jesús conoció la amarga experiencia del rechazo. El evangelista Lucas cuenta cómo José y María, que estaba a punto de dar a luz, llegaron a Belén, y luego añade, de forma conmovedora, que ‘no había lugar para ellos en la posada’ (Lc 2,7). Jesús nació en un lugar humilde y fue recostado en un pesebre; luego, para salvarlo de ser asesinado, huyeron a Egipto (cf. Mt 2,13-15). Al inicio de su ministerio público, después de anunciar en la sinagoga de Nazaret que el año de gracia que traería alegría a los pobres se cumplía en Él, fue expulsado del pueblo (cf. Lc 4,14-30). Murió como un marginado, conducido fuera de Jerusalén para ser crucificado (cf. Mc 15,22). En efecto, así es como se describe mejor la pobreza de Jesús: Él experimentó la misma exclusión que padecen los pobres, los marginados de la sociedad. Jesús es una manifestación de este *privilegium pauperum*. Se presentó al mundo no sólo como un Mesías pobre, sino también como el Mesías de y para los pobres.” (n. 19)

Ante las palabras del Papa León, recordamos esta hermosa verdad: Cristo se hizo pobre para que nosotros, que somos pobres, fuésemos enriquecidos (cf. 2 Cor 8,9). Esta es la buena noticia de la Navidad. No estamos solos. No se nos deja a nuestra suerte. Ha venido un Salvador: Cristo el Señor.

Al celebrar el tiempo de Navidad, recordamos con el Papa León que “la santidad cristiana suele florecer en los lugares más olvidados y heridos de la humanidad.” (n. 76)

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De qué forma tan admirable han respondido los seguidores de Cristo al clamor de los pobres y han mirado con amor a los más vulnerables de entre nosotros. Mientras nos regocijamos en el Nacimiento de Cristo, renovemos nuestro compromiso de amar a los demás como Él nos ha amado.

El domingo 28 de diciembre, en la Catedral de Santa Inés, en la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José, concluiremos nuestro Año Jubilar de la Esperanza.

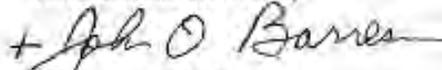
Agradecemos tanto al Papa Francisco como al Papa León XIV por encender la esperanza en nuestras familias, en la misión global de la Iglesia y en la familia humana, y contemplamos la luz y la gracia que irradian desde la Sagrada Familia refugiada (73) y que se extienden a cada familia.

Nuestra adoración católica, bíblica y sacramental, especialmente en la Santa Misa, concentra e impulsa tanto nuestra misión global hacia los pobres (n. 42) como nuestra humilde apertura a ser evangelizados por los pobres (n. 102), los tesoros de nuestra Iglesia (n. 38).

¡Feliz Navidad y próspero Año Nuevo para ustedes y sus familias!

Que la Luz y el amor del Niño Jesús animen y guíen nuestro espíritu misionero católico global esta Navidad y durante todo el Año Nuevo.

Sinceramente en Cristo,



S.E.R. John O. Barres
Obispo de Rockville Centre

NEW HOURS FOR Eucharistic Adoration

1PM-6PM

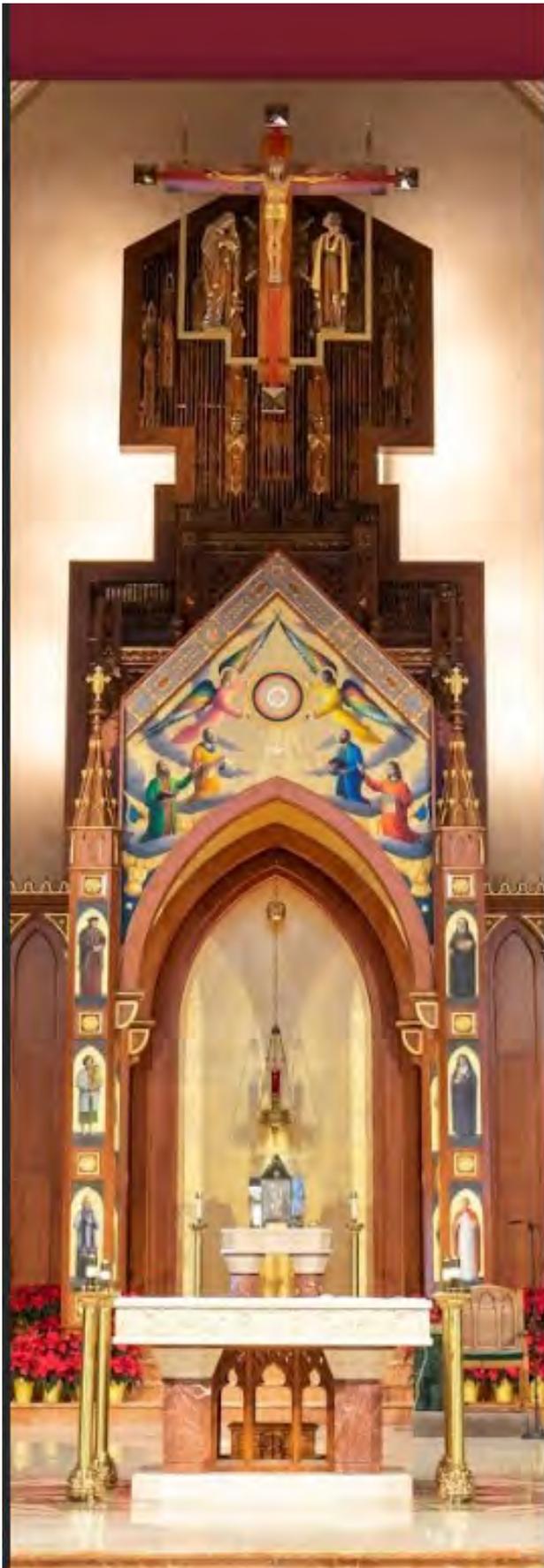
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY

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.

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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

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.



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SAVE THE DATE
March for Life
Washington, DC
Friday, January 23, 2026

The Cathedral of St. Agnes will be traveling by bus to the
March for Life in Washington, D.C. Sign up to reserve a spot on the bus!
Call the rectory to register: 516-766-0205 or email
parishoffice@stagnescathedral.org

BANNS OF MARIAGE



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Kelly Connor
Robert Murray

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

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 nuluvn@icloud.com



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.

Rectory Holiday Schedule



Please note the following Rectory Holiday Office Hours: Wednesday, December 24th Christmas Eve the office will be open from 8:30 to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 25th Christmas Day, the Rectory Office is **closed**; reopening on Friday, December 26th at 8:30 to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, New Year's Eve, December 31st – 8:30 to 3:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Thursday, January 1st and will be reopening at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 2nd.

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>

Religious Education



Welcome to Week 12 of the 2025-2026 Religious Education Program. There are no in-person classes or assigned online chapters this week due to the Christmas break.

As we enter Week 4 of Advent, the week of Love, we light the final purple candle as it points us to the love of God displayed in Christ's birth. Jesus did not come because the world was lovely, but because we were loved. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." (John 3:16). Jesus is the fulfillment of hope, the source of peace, the reason for joy, and the ultimate expression of love. May love fill your homes this week as your family lights the Love candle.

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day, may we always give thanks for the gift of His love, the joy of His presence, and the hope He brings to the world. May this holy season fill your homes with peace, your hearts with wonder, and your days with the light of Christ.

We here at St Agnes wish all of you a Blessed and Beautiful Christmas. May God bless each of you with renewed faith for the year ahead. Merry Christmas and may His grace be with you always.

Blessings,
Anne Nelson

Special Needs Mass

We will celebrate a Mass for special needs children, and their families on **Saturday, January 17th** at 5:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall of the Monsignor Melton Auditorium. This area is handicapped accessible, allowing families with children, who have developmental disabilities, access to the Lower Hall to celebrate God's presence in their lives.



Principal's Announcements

Fourth Sunday of Advent



This week's Gospel tells us how the "birth of Jesus Christ came about." More specifically, it tells us how an angel appeared to Joseph, explaining to him that Mary's son would save the people from their sins. While Joseph might not have understood it at the time, we know that Jesus is the fulfillment of the great prophecy of Isaiah, that the Messiah would come from the line of David and be born of a Virgin. In our readings this week, we first read that prophecy and then see its fulfillment in the Gospel.

While today's reading focuses on Joseph, it is because of Mary and her willingness to do God's will by accepting the responsibility of bearing his Son, that our sins can be forgiven.

Together, Mary and Joseph model faith and obedience. As the Gospel tells us, Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded taking Mary to be his wife and accepting his responsibility toward the child in her womb. As we examine both Mary's and Joseph's responses to the Lord, we are shown examples of the

way that we, as Christians, are to be open to the Lord's movement in our own lives.

As the lights of Advent give way to the radiant glow of Christmas, we gather in spirit as a school family to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This holy season invites us to contemplate the profound mystery of God becoming man in the humble stable of Bethlehem, a revelation of closeness, compassion, and tenderness that draws us nearer to one another and to the heart of the Gospel. In the Child Jesus, we see the light that pierces our world's darkness, offering hope, peace, and the joy of being God's beloved children.

At St. Agnes Christmas reminds us of our shared mission in education: to form young hearts not just in knowledge, but in faith, love, and service. Like the Holy Family, may our classrooms, homes, and community be places where we welcome Christ.

School is closed as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!

Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas filled with the love of the Newborn King. Let us carry His light into the new year, building a world of peace!

Mrs. Cecilia St. John
Principal



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Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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



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.)



would love for you to join us at the

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
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for the unborn.



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 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.

The office will be closed on Thursday, December 25th, Friday December 26th and January 1, 2026.

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

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This week our Advent journey culminates in the birth of Jesus Christ, The Light of the World and God's greatest gift of all to mankind. We at St. Agnes St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you - the parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral - for your incredible generosity and kindness to our friends and neighbors in need.

With your help we were able to bring food, clothing, toys, rent, furniture, companionship and - most importantly - Christ's love and light to so many of our neighbors.

Once again, the people in this amazing town of Rockville Centre joined together to demonstrate what community really means. We thank you all.

If you or someone you know needs help or would like to make a donation please call the Rectory at 516-766-0205 and a member of the Society will contact you. Thank you!



Have a Blessed Christmas!

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.



St. Agnes Giving Tree



The 2025 Giving Tree will be ending this weekend. We will continue to offer the online option through Christmas and these gifts will be given to our St. Agnes Outreach for distribution. If you took an ornament off one of the trees, please be sure to return your gift by the 5PM mass on Sunday, December 21st. We thank all our parishioners for your ongoing support and incredible generosity.



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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)

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.

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.

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 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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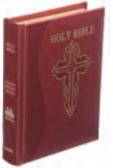
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