The Cathedral *of* St. Agnes

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK



11.1.26

Solemnity of All Saints

The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs | Fra Angelico | 1420s



HOLY MASS

Sunday
7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM *(Family Mass)*
10:30 AM *(Lower Hall)*, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM,
5:00 PM

Saturday
8:00 AM, 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM *(Lower Hall)*
7:30 PM *(Español)*

Weekdays (Monday-Friday)
6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Holy Days
Eve: 5:00 PM, 7:30 PM *(Español)*
Holy Day: 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM,
12:10 PM, 7:30 PM

OUR PARISH

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Clergy
Most Rev. John O. Barres D.D., S.T.D., J.C.L., *Bishop*
Very Rev. Michael F. Duffy, *Rector*
Rev. Christopher Heller, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Hilary Nwajagu, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Lachlan Cameron, S.T.L., *In Residence*
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(516) 678-5550
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Mary Brower, *Assistant Principal*

Office Hours
Rectory:
Sunday: Closed
Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Emergencies anytime
Religious Education:
Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Outreach:
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Cathedral Hours
Weekdays from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Weekends from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Sunday: 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM
Monday - Friday: Following the 6:30 AM Mass
Friday: Following the 12:10 PM Mass

Baptism

Baptisms are held at Saint Agnes once a month on Saturday at 12:30pm and twice a month on Sunday at 1:45pm. To schedule a Baptism, please click the "Baptism Registration Form" by finding Baptism among the Sacraments listed under the "Parish Life" tab on the Saint Agnes Cathedral Website. Los bautismos en español se ofrecen una vez al mes, el sábado por la tarde, antes de la Misa de las 7:30 p.m.

Marriage

Weddings should be arranged at least 12 months in advance and prior to planning a reception venue. To schedule a wedding intake meeting with a priest, please click the "Wedding Registration Form" by finding Holy Matrimony among the Sacraments listed under the "Parish Life" tab on the Saint Agnes Cathedral Website.

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.



STAY CONNECTED

www.stagnescathedral.org
@stagnescathedral

We are able to livestream weddings or funerals through the Saint Agnes Cathedral Website. Please call the rectory office for all inquiries.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Lance Corporal Ryan Thomas Albergo, USMC
1st Lt. Philip H. Arnold, 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
1st Lt. Brian J. Clark, U.S. Army
Lt. JG Julia Coughlin, U.S. Navy
Lt. Greg Crescenzo, U.S. Navy
Jason Cummings, USMC
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
Michael Gryboski, U.S. Navy
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
2nd Lt. Jake LaRocca, U.S. Army
Lt. Kieran McCarthy, U.S. Navy
Sgt. Sean Michael McCrystal, USMC
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)
Lance Corporal Michael O'Connell, USMC
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
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 placing the consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament, 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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:30pm to 6:00pm in the Adoration Chapel off of Clinton Ave for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Holy Rosary is prayed after the 8:00 a.m. Mass Monday through Saturday.

STEWARDSHIP

A Way of Life
Stewardship Reflection

Today we celebrate All Saints' Day.

Living Stewardship . . . Pillar of Hospitality

This week, be inspired by the holy men and women in heaven. Live this week with compassion and care for others.

Sharing One's Material Resources in the Parish

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 LifelineCall. Text. Chat. https://988lifeline.org

WEEKLY OFFERINGS			
Weekly Collection	10/25/2026 $42,854	10/26/2025 $38,942	10/27/2024 $36,947

Pregnant? Need Help?

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

LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND
A Voice for the Unborn on Long Island
(516) 798-8746
lifecenterli.org

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 2, The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

6:30 All the Faithful Departed
8:00 Intentions of the Pope
12:10 Priests Intentions
7:30 All Soul's Novena

Tuesday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

6:30 All Soul's Novena
8:00 Mary DeMattia
12:10 John Mueller
7:30 Special Intentions

Wednesday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

6:30 Msgr. Robert T. Mulligan
8:00 Grace M. Korth
12:10 All Soul's Novena

Thursday, November 5, Weekday
Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 154:1-10

6:30 All Soul's Novena
8:00 Loretta Lyn Cummins
12:10 Peggy King

Friday, November 6, Weekday
Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8

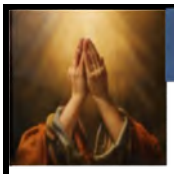
6:30 All Soul's Novena
8:00 Dorothy Kules
12:10 Jean & Thomas Carroll

Saturday, November 7, Weekday
Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

8:00 All Soul's Novena
5:00 Rev. Donald Babinski, Gregory Hammill, The Harrison Family (Living), Marie Mimms Diane Frances Corjulo
7:30 C Ana Torres (6th Anniversary), Leopoldo Maldonado Eslava (6th Anniversary)
7:30 LH Ronald Marini

Sunday, November 8, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

7:00 All Soul's Novena
8:00 Jack Magee
9:30 The Parishioners of St. Agnes Cathedral
10:30 LH Detective Steven McDonald
11:00 Rosemary S. Donohue
12:30 Thomas A. Dougherty, Helyn Jewell, Elizabeth Nancy Aroca, Eileen Allgeier, Giuseppe Martino
5:00 Brianne Morin



PLEASE PRAY

For the Faithful Departed

Henry Lewandowski, George Robert Metkiff
Kristen M. Cusumano-Cristiano,
Sara Alice Keenan, Francis D. Quigley, Jr.,
Virginia Marigliano

For the Sick:

Lorenzo, Falcicchio, Christine Marie Goodwin, Andrew Woram, Pam Toy, Joseph George Graham, Edward Woltman, Amelia Kirby, James Wynne, Patti Heffernan, Charlie DellAquila, Jerry Gallant, Andrew Woram, Mark Congello, Gus Grillo, Peter Alessandria, Ellain Nowak, Greg Franco, Peter Ahern, Angela Ruisi, Cloe Mirro Giovingo, Sr. Kathleen Murphy, Jeffrey Alan Bower, Louise Washington, Anthony Ventrice, Jennifer Duffy, Thomas Kelly, Bob Toy, Maggie Goodwin, Jack Prophet, Frances Katon-Donegal, Balestrieri Family, David Sylvester Seal, 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 Romas, 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
Martin Joseph Glynn
Our Father & Grandfather



Sanctuary Lamp

In Loving Memory of
Nicholas DeMeo

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

DRVC OFFICE OF VOCATIONS DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

SAINT AGNES CATHEDRAL

CATHOLIC LITERATURE COURSE

Presented by Rev. Brandon O'Brien, J.C.L.

The Power and the Glory

by Graham Greene

1930s Mexico. It's the wake of the Cristero War. Catholicism has been outlawed, and a nameless whiskey priest is on the run from the authorities, seemingly able to save every soul but his own.

The Power and the Glory bears witness to the power of God's grace, and the kind of quiet, stubborn holiness that abides in the weakest of men.

THURSDAYS · 7:00 PM
Parish Center

29 OCTOBER
5 NOVEMBER
12 NOVEMBER
19 NOVEMBER

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR OWN COPY OF THE BOOK BEFORE THE FIRST SESSION.

Adult Faith Formation Lecture Series



These catechetical sessions will present the heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the essential teachings of the Catholic Church for any adult desiring to deepen his or her own knowledge of the truths of our faith or for any adult preparing to be baptized at Saint Agnes through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. There is no sign-up necessary, and attendance is free of charge. Attend the sessions that interest you as your schedule allows throughout the year.

Every Other Tuesday • 7:30 pm in the Msgr. Kelly Parish Center

Session 1 | Tuesday, September 22, 2026
The Kerygma: Relationship – Knowing and Desiring God
Fr. Christopher Heller

Session 2 | Tuesday, October 6, 2026
The Kerygma: Rebellion – Creation and the Fall
Fr. Christopher Heller

Session 3 | Tuesday, October 20, 2026
The Kerygma: Reconciliation – Jesus Christ: God and Man
Ms. Tara Lauderdale

Session 4 | Tuesday, November 3, 2026
The Kerygma: Re-Creation & Response - Prayer and the Sacramental Life
Fr. Christopher Heller

Session 5 | Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Divine Revelation and Scripture
Fr. Christopher Heller

Session 6 | Tuesday, December 1, 2026
The Kingdom of God & the Beatitudes
Fr. Patrick Flanagan

Session 7 | Tuesday, December 29, 2026
The Holy Spirit & the Church
Fr. Matthew Browne, S.T.L.

Session 8 | Tuesday, January 12, 2027
The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Saints, and the Rosary
Mr. Thomas Griffin

Session 9 | Tuesday, January 26, 2027
Baptism and Confirmation
Fr. Brian Barr

Session 10 | Tuesday, February 9, 2027
The Eucharist and the Priesthood
Fr. Joseph Scolaro, S.T.D.

Session 11 | Tuesday, February 23, 2027
The Mass and Liturgical Prayer
Fr. Christopher Heller

Session 12 | Tuesday, March 2, 2027
Confession and Anointing of the Sick
Fr. Michael Duffy

Session 13 | Tuesday, March 16, 2027
Marriage and Morality
Fr. Brandon O'Brien, J.C.L.

Session 14 | Tuesday, April 6, 2027
Happiness, Virtue, and Living the Good Life
Fr. Christopher Heller

The Cathedral *of* Saint Agnes • Rockville Centre, NY

33-Day Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary

ACCORDING TO
SAINT LOUIS DE MONTFORT



Sign up to receive daily prayers and reflections by email beginning **November 5, 2026.**

Scan the QR code or visit:
www.drvc.org/totustuus

The faithful are invited to complete their Marian Consecration at Mass on

DECEMBER 8, 2026 • 7:30 PM

SOLEMNITY *of the* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



at the

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT AGNES
29 QUEALY PLACE, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY 11570

Celebrant
Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Music by the Metropolitan Catholic Chorale, directed by Maura Goodwin

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS • DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Session 4
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

The Kerygma: Re-Creation & Response - Prayer and the Sacramental Life



7:30 pm • 45-Minute Lecture in the Parish Center

In this session, we will explore the final two "R's" in our presentation of the Apostolic Kerygma: Re-Creation and Response. Christ does not simply reconcile us to the Father and repair a peaceful, co-existing relationship between God and man; He desires to make of us a new creation. St. Paul writes that the Holy Spirit desires to transform each person into the very likeness of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 3:18).

An encounter with Jesus Christ and faith in the power of His Cross and Resurrection leads each person to a choice, a necessary Response. The decision to say yes to God's saving gift means becoming a disciple of Jesus in the Church He founded. Each Christian is called to be a disciple who makes disciples–to respond to Christ's call and to move other hearts to make that same Response.

This session will cover different themes such as the Resurrection, the Catholic Church, Apostolic Succession, the Great Commission, Discipleship, the Parables of Jesus, the Gospels, St. Paul and His Letters and Missionary Journeys.



Speaker:
Rev. Christopher Heller
Associate Pastor
Saint Agnes Cathedral

Prayer Ministry

Have you ever noticed the box near the American Saints in the rear west side of the Cathedral? Have you ever considered how many people visit our Cathedral during the day to pray? Well, there are plenty of souls who come to sit and gain some peace. More than that, they drop heart-wrenching prayer requests into the box. Those prayers are transcribed and sent monthly to a devoted group of parishioners in our Prayer Ministry. This group was set up many years ago by then-Bishop McGann to involve our homebound in praying for those in need. It was revived by former Rector and now-Bishop Bill Koenig. Do you or someone you know wish to be a prayer warrior? You would receive a monthly mailing and your responsibility would be to keep those included in your daily prayers. To be added to our list or for more information, please call the rectory office at 516-766-0205 and speak with Joanne Mirro at ext. 255.

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL PARISH · ADVENT 2026

Christmas Tree Drive



Dedicate a live Christmas tree in memory or in honor of someone you love.

PER TREE	ADD A WREATH	RESERVE BY	TREE LIGHTING
$200	+$50	Nov 27	Dec 12

ONLY 170 TREES AVAILABLE • FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

- A live, freshly cut 5–6 ft tree, lit with LED lights on the lawn between the Cathedral and the rectory, with a personalized dedication sign.
- Add a wreath for $50, displayed along the fence in front of the Cathedral with your family name. **Wreaths can only be added to the donation of a tree.**
- Families may decorate their tree after the tree lighting on December 12.
- **Please note:** Decorations may be lost or damaged due to weather, so please do not place valuable items on the trees. All decorations must be picked up by January 12 or they will be discarded. St. Agnes Cathedral is not responsible for lost or damaged decorations.
- Please contact Kieran Maelia with any questions at kmaelia@stagnescathedral.org.

PAY ONLINE

Scan, or visit

StAgnesGiving.com

Or pay by check, cash, or credit card using the form below and return it to the rectory office.

May these lights remind us of the light of Christ shining in our hearts and in our parish this Advent and Christmas.

TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO THE RECTORY OFFICE

Tree Dedication Form

Reserve by November 27

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ # of trees _____

☐ Add a wreath (+$50) Family name for wreath _____

Dedication sign, in memory or in honor of (please print clearly) _____

_____

Credit card # _____ Exp. date _____ CVC _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Cathedral.

Knights of Columbus®
St. Agnes Council 2548

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

Thanksgiving Dinners for Families in Need

We provide a full Thanksgiving dinner for families in need.

We will be donating to 5 families.

- Thanksgiving-themed paper goods
- $25.00 or $50.00 gift cards accepted
- Canned, jarred, or boxed goods

Checks payable to:
St. Agnes Council 2548
P.O. Box 594
Rockville Centre, NY 11570

St. Agnes Knights Of Columbus Coun...
@KofC2548RVC
venmo

Donations accepted through the month of November

917-682-1475

BSA Troop 163
2026 CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

Please support our Scouts BSA Troop 163 in our annual fundraiser. The proceeds from the sale of Christmas wreaths go directly to our Scout Troop and offset the cost of our camping trips, events and equipment.

How to Order: Wreaths are $25 each.

1. Complete the form below and text image to Susane (516) 242-3699 or call Ryan (516) 384-0963
2. Send payment via Venmo @BSATroop163 (preferred) or contact us for personal checks or cash payments

venmo

Home deliveries will begin 11/22/2026
We will contact you when ready to deliver to your home!

In-person wreath sales will begin at St. Agnes Cathedral after all masses beginning Saturday, November 28, while supplies last!

SCOUT TROOP 163 WREATH ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Quantity: _____

Address: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Name of Scout (if known): _____

Drop off location: Front Door/ Side Door/Other: _____

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI

Save the Date

Cocktails

in the Classroom

Come back to class.
This time, the drinks are on the desk.



FRIDAY

December 11, 2026

5:00pm to 7:00pm

St. Agnes Cathedral School
70 Clinton Avenue
Rockville Centre, NY

All graduating classes welcome.
Spouse or guest invited.

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

Thanksgiving

Dear Parishioners,

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, our hearts turn toward the many blessings God has given us. It is also a time when we are called to look outward and share God's love with families in our community who are facing hard times and empty tables. We want to make sure everyone in our community will enjoy a warm, dignified Thanksgiving meal.

Parish Social Ministry plans to give bags, filled with all they need for a Thanksgiving dinner. In order to provide for over 120 families in our parish and community, the following items are what we need most.

- Stuffing Mix
- Canned Fruit
- Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- Canned String Beans
- Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Corn
- Corn Muffin Mix
- Turkey Gravy
- Brownie Mix
- Cranberry Sauce

This year we will not be collecting fresh or frozen turkeys due to limited refrigerator/freezer space. Instead, if you like to provide a turkey for a family, please consider donating a $25 gift card to a grocery store and drop it at Parish Outreach.
Let's make this an enjoyable Thanksgiving for all our parish families.

The last day to drop off donations is November 16th.
The Parish Social Ministry would like to THANK the Knights of Columbus for adopting 5 families in our community.

With Kindness,
Liz



With Organ & Voice

Special Music Events at the Cathedral: 2026-2027 Season

Saint Agnes Cathedral • Rockville Centre, NY
Michael L. Bower, Director of Music • Maura Goodwin, Associate Director of Music

Sunday, October 4 • 7:00 PM
Opening of the Special Music Series Year.
Guest Organist Gail Archer, in Concert!

Monday, November 2 • 7:30 PM
Special Mass for All Souls Day
Music by the Cathedral Choirs

Saturday, November 21 • 4:45/5:00/6:00 PM
St. Cecilia Investiture, Mass, and Concert
St. Agnes Junior & Senior Girls Choirs
Maura Goodwin, Director

Thursday, November 26 • 9:00 AM
Special Thanksgiving Mass
Music by the Cathedral Chorale

Sunday, December 13 • 3:00 PM
Christmas Pageant
Presented by the Children of our Cathedral Parish

Thursday, January, 21, 2027 • 7:30 PM
Solemn Mass in Commemoration of St. Agnes
Music by the Cathedral Choirs

Sunday, March 14 • 10:45 AM
Investiture Ceremony (followed by 11 am Mass)
The Choir of Men and Boys of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

Wednesday, March 24 • 7:30 PM
The Office of Tenebrae, with Music of Allegri, Lotti, Stainer, and others
Cathedral Singers
Conducted by Michael Bower

Friday, June 4 • 7:30 PM
The South Shore Symphony and
Michael L. Bower, Organist

The Cathedral Choirs on the Road

Thursday, December 17, 2026
7:30 PM
Hallmark Christmas Concert
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Fifth Avenue, NYC

Saturday, May 1, 2027
7:30 PM
Concert in celebration of the restoration of the 1868 Henry Erben pipe organ
Olde St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC

Focus on Religious Freedom

www.cffor.org

Impact of Recent Supreme Court Rulings on Religious Liberty

The U.S. Supreme Court delivered several important victories for religious freedom in its recent term, but issued one ruling with dangerous implications for religious autonomy, according to Andrea M. Picciotti-Bayer, legal analyst for EWTN News and director of the Conscience Project.

On the positive side, the Court struck another blow against Colorado's "ideological compulsion" aimed at religious believers, Picciotti-Bayer wrote in the National Catholic Register. By an 8-1 majority, the justices held that the state may not prohibit a Christian therapist from "discussing her clients' faith in counseling sessions with minors struggling with gender confusion."
Previously, the Court had ruled against Colorado's mandate that a cakeshop owner and web designer must create a wedding cake and wedding website for same-sex weddings, in violation of their religious beliefs.

The Court also intervened in favor of parents challenging a California policy "permitting public schools to socially transition children by changing their names, pronouns, and presentation without parental knowledge or consent," Picciotti-Bayer reported. Reinstating a permanent injunction that blocked enforcement of that policy while the parents' legal challenge proceeds, the Court found that "the parents who seek religious exemptions are likely to succeed on the merits" of their First Amendment claims.

The Court also, however, "declined to stop judicial review of a challenge to Peter's Pence donations" brought by a Rhode Island Catholic parishioner who claims he was misled about how his donation would be used.

By allowing such "judicial scrutiny" of "a church's internal decisions," Picciotti-Bayer explained, the Court has endangered "(t)he foundational principle of church autonomy."

"The stakes extend far beyond Catholics," she warned. "Every faith community in America would face the same threat whenever a disgruntled donor decided he did not like how his offering was ultimately spent. It is no wonder that dozens of religious organizations across traditions have filed in support of the (U.S.) bishops' conference. This is not a Catholic problem alone; it is an American problem."

Read More: https://tinyurl.com/28ypnxwm https://tinyurl.com/dc85e3n6 https://tinyurl.com/2mts2jkp https://tinyurl.com/yaad6jj4

Special Needs Mass

We will celebrate a Mass for special needs children, and their families on Saturday, November 21st at 5:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall. 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.

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.

Principal's Announcements
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Agnes School: Pray Beautifully, Live Beautifully
Living the Beatitudes at St. Agnes

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches the Beatitudes, reminding us that true blessedness comes not from wealth, popularity, or power, but from living with humility, mercy, kindness, and a desire for what is right. He calls us to comfort those who are hurting, make peace, forgive others, and remain faithful to God even when doing so is difficult.

At St. Agnes, we are called to put these teachings into action each day by treating others with compassion, welcoming those who feel left out, standing up for what is right, and choosing peace over conflict. As People of ACTION—Accepting Christ Today In One Another, we can live the Beatitudes through our words, our choices, and the way we care for one another. By following Jesus' example, we help build a school community rooted in faith, love, and service.

School News

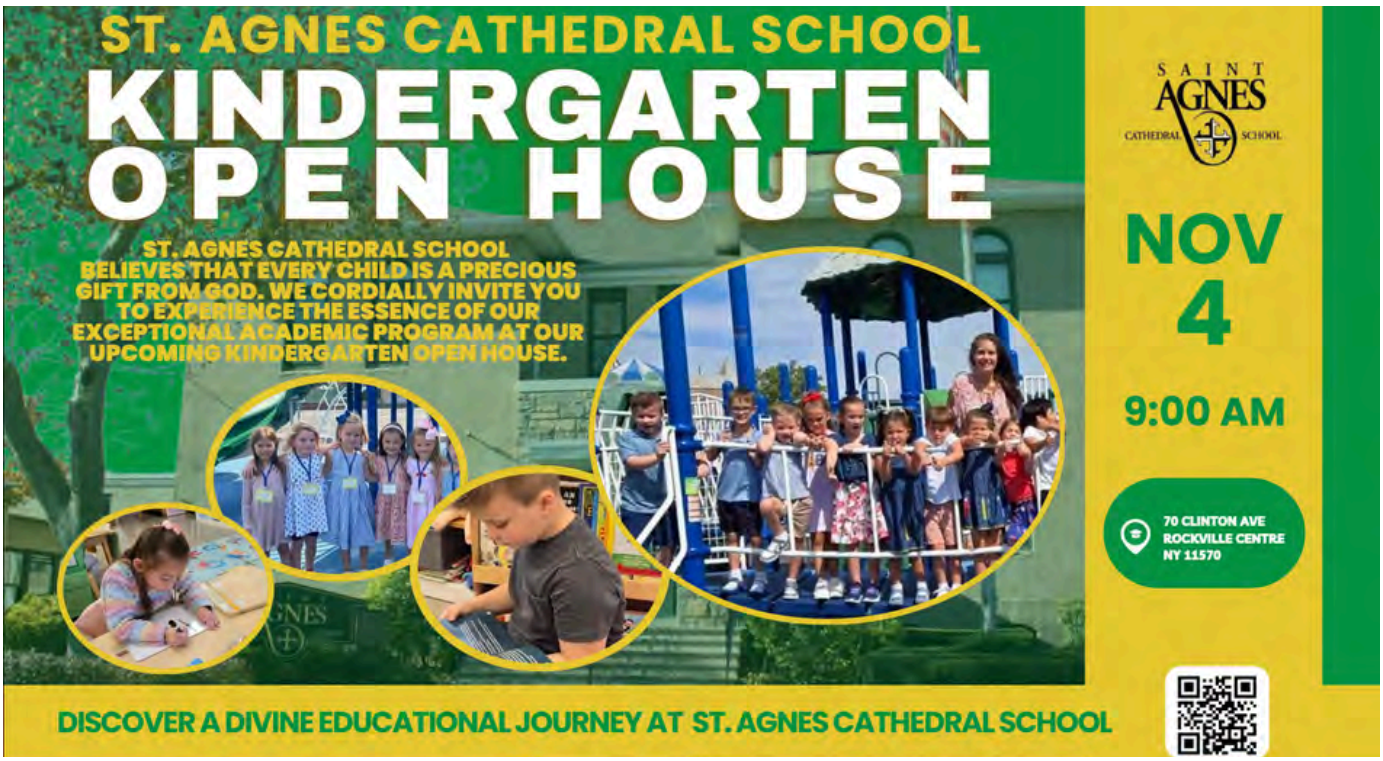
Please spread the word to your friends and family that St. Agnes Cathedral School will host a Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, November 4, at 9:00 AM. We invite prospective families to visit our school and discover all that St. Agnes has to offer! This year, we are proud to have five Kindergarten classes, marking our largest Kindergarten enrollment in ten years. We look forward to welcoming new families to our St. Agnes community!

Join us for the 4th Annual Fathers' Club Cornhole Tournament! Get ready for a fun-filled event featuring friendly competition, great company, and plenty of St. Agnes spirit. We look forward to bringing our school community together for an afternoon of camaraderie, laughter, and fun. We hope to see you there!

We hope everyone had a happy Halloween and enjoyed the extra hour of sleep as we turned our clocks back for the end of Daylight Saving Time!

Peace and blessings to you and your families on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed~All Souls Day.

Diane Gorman
Principal



Banns of Marriage



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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 5th. For more information call Mary at (516) 375-0738.

The St. Agnes Senior Club

The St. Agnes Senior Club welcomes adults who enjoy meeting new people, sharing experiences, and taking part in friendly programs and gatherings. Know someone who might enjoy being part of the Senior Club? Please invite them to join us on Thursday, November 5th, in the Parish Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. A representative from the Town of Hempstead will give a presentation on services offered by the town and will also be giving all who attend a Senior ID free of charge. Any questions please call Joanne Mirro at 516-766-0205 ext. 255. Everyone is welcome!

Religious Education

Welcome to Week 6 of the St. Agnes 2026–2027 Religious Education Program.

In-Person classes meet at the St. Agnes Elementary School this week on Tuesday, November 3, Wednesday, November 4, and Thursday, November 5. Levels 1–5 attend from 4:30–5:30 PM and Levels 6–8 attend from 6:00–7:00 PM. Session 1 for Level 1 meets this week on Thursday, November 5.

If your child is participating in Religious Education Online, please make sure they are following the online calendars. The calendars were emailed to families and can also be found on the Cathedral website. The program is designed to be completed weekly, and the Religious Education Office will monitor student progress each month to ensure everyone is staying on track.

Please check the St. Agnes Cathedral website regularly. Calendars, parent session dates, and other important Religious Education information can be found under the Religious Education tab.

Please remember to scan the QR code at Mass each Sunday. If you attend Mass elsewhere, please follow the instructions on recording your attendance. Attending Mass each Sunday is an important part of your child's religious education and sacramental preparation.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to another wonderful week of Religious Education!

Sincerely,
Anne Nelson
St. Agnes Religious Education



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 Gospel of John and the recent Papal writings of Pope Frances and Pope Leo. 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@ao1.com or 516-766-1505.

PARISH SOCIAL OUTREACH



Love in action. Hope for all. "When I was hungry, you gave me food. When I was in need, you cared for me" (Matthew 25)

We thank all our parishioners for their continued generosity.

We have begun collecting food forThanksgiving. Items most in need:

- Turkeys or Gift Cards
- Stuffing, Gravy
- Canned Vegetables
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed and Sweet Potatoes
- Brownie and Corn Muffin Mix

The pantry is very low and in most need of:

- Eggs, Yogurt, Cereal, Juice, oatmeal
- Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter
- Soup, Canned Beans, Dried Beans
- Baked Beans, Canned Chicken Breast, tuna
- Applesauce, Canned Fruit, Snacks

The Bereavement Support Group needs volunteers. If you are interested, please call Elizabeth Ramirez at 516-678-1854.

The Parish Social Ministry Outreach is open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 1pm and 3:00pm for donation drop offs. Please call us to schedule an appointment at 516-678-1854 or email eramirez@stagnescathedral.org if you have any questions. Please do not leave donations outside when the office is closed.

St. Agnes Giving Tree



With the Christmas season quickly approaching, it is time to begin preparations for the St. Agnes Giving Tree. Mary Lou Marquardt is once again organizing the ornament preparations and could use assistance with the tracing, cutting out and labeling of the ornaments. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Mary Lou at 766-6103. This is a great service opportunity for all children but especially those receiving Confirmation and High School students needing service hours!



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The ongoing generosity of the St. Agnes parishoners and our Rockville Centre community has enabled the St. Vincent de Paul Society to respond to so many of our local families who are going through difficult times. Your kindness brings real hope and relief to those who need it most. Your support and generosity for our neighbors truly changes lives.

Every act of service reflects our commitment to seeing Christ in those we serve through empathy, listening, and personal connection.

Recently members of our team have been visiting a long-term care facility in town. With Frank Sinatra or Benny Goodman music in the background, they reminisce about their families, share stories from their careers, enjoy homemade treats, and socialize with each other. At the last visit, while one gentleman sang along to "My Way", another woman commented to us "You have restored my dignity". From all accounts it has been a wonderful experience for both the Vincentians and the residents!

As always, if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact the Rectory office at 516-766-0205. A member of our team will reach out with compassion and confidentially.

Thank you, always. for your continued support in helping us care for our RVC neighbors.

Newly Baptized

On October 24th & 25th, 2026 we welcomed the following children into the St. Agnes Cathedral Parish Community:

Brigid Gallant	Cillian Nappi
Russell Giordano	Keegan Prior
Natalia Husbands	Patrick Ryan
Michaela Kirk	Julia Shapiro

Congratulations to the parents of the newly baptized.



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y confesión a las 7.00pm)

En el gozo único de esta festividad, la Iglesia Santa, todavía peregrina en la tierra, celebra la memoria de aquellos cuya compañía alegra los cielos, recibiendo así el estímulo de su ejemplo, la dicha de su patrocinio y, un día, la corona del triunfo en la visión eterna de la divina majestad.

Todos los santos han seguido un itinerario marcado por las Sagradas Escrituras. Las lecturas de hoy nos muestran ese camino para poder triunfar y formar parte del pueblo que nos narra el Apocalipsis, y llegar a ser semejantes a Dios, a quien veremos tal cual es, según lo describe San Juan en su carta.

Si queremos ser santos, hay que seguir el camino que han recorrido ya los modelos que se ajustaron a los preceptos de Dios. Jesús nos muestra un programa de vida, para llegar a la santidad.

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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.

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

Las inscripciones para las Catequesis en Español ya están abiertas. Pueden encontrar el código QR con toda la información necesaria en el muro de información, ubicado en las salidas de la catedral. Tengan en cuenta que es un requisito indispensable asistir a la Santa Misa en Español los sábados a las 7:30 p.m. para poder participar en este programa.
Si tienen alguna duda o necesitan comunicarse con nosotros, por favor envíen un correo electrónico a mbeltre@stagnescathedral.org

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