



St. Anne's R.C. Church

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John the Baptist said,
"I am a voice
of one crying
in the

WILDERNESS,

'Make straight
the way of the
Lord,' as Isaiah
the prophet
said." John 1:23,
NASB

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon (**English**), Monday thru

Wednesday & Friday 5:00 PM (**Spanish**)

Wednesday: 7:00 PM (**French Creole**)

Thursday: 5:00 PM (**English**) 7:00 PM (**Spanish**)

Saturday: 9:00 AM (**English**)

WEEKENDS:

Saturday: 5:00 PM (**English**), 7:00 PM (**Spanish**)

Sunday: 7:30 AM (**English**), 9:00 AM (**Spanish**),

11:00 AM (**English**), 12:30 PM (**French Creole**),

3:00 PM (**Spanish**), 5:00 PM (**English**),

6:00 PM (**Spanish**)

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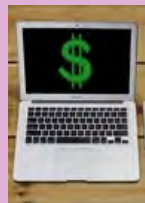
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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Saturday 4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.



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1st Monday of Month,
Viviana Garamy 631 231 1859

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Meeting 1 p.m. Mimi Riemer 631 647- 3970

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Ronald Musto 631-796-5006

*** Youth Ministry**

Every Friday 7 p.m., Tiffany

- **Adult Religious Education, RCIA**—Call for appointment : Wayne Goldman 631 579 5095 or Kathy Fella 631 840 7821

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4th Thursday of month @ 1 p.m.
Call Joan 631 665 0935

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Every Thursday
after 12 noon mass until 5 p.m.
in English

Cada Jueves antes del primer viernes de mes
despues de la misa de 7 hasta las 10 p.m.
En español

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en français
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Ever-living and ever-loving, Lord God, You are the everlasting salvation of those who believe. Hear us on behalf of your children who are sick. We ask You to have mercy on them that, bodily health may be restored. We thank You and praise You through Jesus Christ.

Liz Bennick
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Timothy Smith
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Ralph Santos Jr.
William O'keefe
Danny Melendez
Helen Moss
Joe Trocchio
Angela Adrian
Marc Canada
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Andres Posada
Dina Rajotte
Tanya Chanoine
Crystal de Jesus & her
unborn baby
Cecilia M. Baez
Lisa Packard
Wendell Corwin
Sophie Stock
Roberto Ortiz
Patrick Finnegan
Lynn Pandolfi
John Barut Grajelez
Michele Klucowski
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Martin Lasserty
Patty Gutierrez
Pat Murray
Salvatore Esposito
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Manuel Alegard
Ben Biangardi
Luz Zavala Chater
Carlos Matos
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Olga Burmano
Mariana Hernandez
Jamie Sseouucco

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 16

- 9:00 Anna D'Elia +
Souls In Purgatory +
Taryn Chrome +
- 5:00 Margaret Calandra +
Tony Guilfoyle +
Taryn Chrome +
- 7:00 Por la Familia Cumbe Narvaez Liv.
Antonio & Luzmila Lazarte+ BD.
Jose Amado Iglesias + 2 Aniv.
Antonio & Octavia Guerrero +
Adelina Muñoz + 14 años
Juan Goya Villavicencio +
Taryn Chrome +
Virgen De La Paz
Por la Virgen De Guadalupe

Sunday, December 17

- 7:30 Taryn Chrome +
- 9:00 Jesus & Consuelo Posada wedd Anv.
Job & Lidia Vasquez 28 wedd Anv.
Fresia Pino +
Rosa Taveres +
Jose Jacinto Gomez +
Por Las Almas Del Purgatorio +
Taryn Chrome +
Por la Virgen De Guadalupe
- 11:00 Taylor Chanoine Healing Liv.
Michael Toscano + BD 90
Gregory Florentino +
Antonio & Virgilia Carrera +
Cesar & Divina Teran +
Taryn Chrome +
- 12:30 Karelle Romane Auguste Healing
Marie-José Guillaume +
Valérea & Lenere & Rodné Content +
Taryn Chrome +
- 3:00 Alberta Rosario + 8 años
Robert Ortiz + 3 Aniv.
Juan Narciso Sosa + 3 meses
Eduardo Antonio Morales + BD
Taryn Chrome +
- 5:00 Angelica de Bretton +
Alberto Bretton +
The Baron & Zippo & Tumbleson +
Taryn Chrome +
- 6:00 Zeneida Maria Rosado + 3 meses
Ana Deysi Martinez De Flores + 2 años
Rene Orlando Elvir + 9 dias
- ### Friday, December 22
- 12:00 St. Anne's Parishioners Liv. & Dec.
5:00 Christian Aufrere +
Juan Carlos Villavicencio +
Bernard F. Biangardi +



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Yerly Benitez—Marines
Cynthia Perla - Army -
Michael Aleman - Marines



Almighty God, Lord of Hosts, we call out to you as the One who is sovereign over all. Watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families.

Sustain them with your everlasting arms.

Take into your most gracious protection our service members currently deployed.

If you want to add a military member of your family in our prayers list, call the parish office.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we are progressing with Advent by “preparing the way for the Lord” to enter into our lives and the life of the world, we have celebrated two feasts of the Blessed Mother. Paraguayan and USA feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Blessed Virgin of Caacupe and the Mexican, American feast of Guadalupe. Those feasts open our hearts towards Her, whom God has chosen to be entrusted with the greatest privilege of all, that any human could ever dream of, becoming a Mother of God’s Son.

As we celebrate Advent, the season of awaiting for Christ’s coming; the Blessed Mother was the first one that celebrated the first Advent just with St. Joseph, her parents St. Joachim and St. Anne, and the closest family members who knew of her pregnancy. So, it is only proper, that we look up to her, to come to gain understanding of the first and every Advent and Christmas. Her disposition and faith is the essential factor of Christ coming into our world. The faith of the Blessed Mother was enhanced by her family and community of believers, and it gives us a clue, as to how important it is, to celebrate our culture and faith to set foundation for personal decisions and choices for one’s life. The fact is, that the Blessed Mother’s -YES,- prepared the way for the first and every Advent ever celebrated. Is hard to imagine that her one decision affected the universe so much. Not global warming, not global cooling, not political decisions, nor business ones, none of those worldly ideas, but the decision to serve God. It was the biggest and most important decision ever made by any human being, to let God into our world to become human, and eventually to save the world.

This is why we honor and celebrate her so often in the life of the Church. So, December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is the great grace that is recognized to be given to Blessed Mother at her conception, but revealed to us at the Annunciation. The Angel Gabriel’s greeting: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you”, reveals to us what God did in order to prepare Mary, to have totally unhindered dispositive of the soul to correspond to God’s plan: “let it be done to me according to your word,” this is where the first Advent starts. From now on Mary is to be the Blessed Mother of the promised “Son of the Most High”.

That is the Advent. But the base for this time of encounter with the Angel was prepared by God in the moment of the conception of Mary in the womb of St. Anne, where she was given the “fullness of grace,” something all other human beings are missing, but something that would help Mary to accept the plan of God and would put her reputation and even her life in jeopardy. That “fullness of grace,” gives Mary boldness of faith, making her ready to risk her life for the sake of the promise of salvation for humankind, by bringing God’s Kingdom upon earth through her son. It is later to Joseph, the Angel says that “he will save his people from their sins”, so He is the Savior of humankind.

It was the faith of Mary, that let her know the hope and promise of salvation, but it was the privilege of the “fullness of grace” that made her disregard the risks, that it was going to cause her in relationship to others. For this reason, it is good and necessary for us to contemplate the mystery of the Immaculate Conception as a part and the beginning of the plan of Christ’s coming, the beginning of Advent.

Then, when we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we celebrated the plan of the Blessed Mother to save the indigenous people of the Americas, by speaking to them in their own language and explaining to them the love of Christ for every human person and all creation. Through another John, this time Juan Diego, she shows us how much she cares and loves people of every race, peoples and nation. Our Lady of Guadalupe shows us how tender is her love for us, how close she is to those who are in search for God, and how much trouble she takes to reach out to those who try to serve God and others as Juan Diego did. Much of Advent lesson was given to us in those two feasts of the Blessed Mother.

In the Gospel of this Sunday John the Baptist is giving us an example of his prophetic life to such extent, that people confuse him with the promised Messiah. Did anyone ever confuse you with the Christ? How much of an example of prophetic life are you to the world and to others? How much of your life points to the fact that you are waiting for Christ?

Let us remember, that we live in a permanent Advent, waiting for the Second Coming of Christ. Our yearly Advent is to remind us of that reality in our lives, so that we would be prepared and dispositive to cooperate for the sake of Christ’s glory in the world to come. Yes, Come Lord Jesus!!!

God bless everyone always!!!!

Fr. Stan

MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PASTOR – TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Mientras avanzamos en el Adviento “preparando el camino para el Señor” entre en nuestras vidas y en la vida del mundo, hemos celebrado dos fiestas de la Santísima Madre. Fiesta paraguaya y estadounidense de la Inmaculada Concepción, la Santísima Virgen de Caacupé y la fiesta mexicana y americana de Guadalupe. Esas fiestas abren nuestros corazones hacia Ella, a quien Dios ha elegido para confiarle el mayor privilegio de todos, con el que cualquier ser humano podría jamás soñar: convertirse en Madre del Hijo de Dios.

Mientras celebramos el Adviento, el tiempo de espera de la venida de Cristo; la Santísima Madre fue la primera que celebró el primer Adviento solo con San José, sus padres San Joaquín y Santa Ana, y los familiares más cercanos que sabían de su embarazo. Por lo tanto, es apropiado que la miremos para llegar a comprender el primer y cada uno de los Adviento y Navidad. Su disposición y fe es el factor esencial para que Cristo venga a nuestro mundo. La fe de la Santísima Madre fue realizada por su familia y comunidad de creyentes, y nos da una pista de lo importante que es celebrar nuestra cultura y fe para sentar las bases de las decisiones personales y las elecciones de la vida. El hecho es que el -SÍ- de la Santísima Madre preparó el camino para el primer y todo Adviento jamás celebrado. Es difícil imaginar que su única decisión haya afectado tanto al universo. Ni el calentamiento global, ni el enfriamiento global, ni las decisiones políticas, ni las de negocios, ninguna de esas ideas mundanas, sino la decisión de servir a Dios. Fue la decisión más grande e importante jamás tomada por un ser humano: permitir que Dios entre en nuestro mundo para convertirse en humano y, finalmente, salvar el mundo.

Por eso la honramos y celebramos con tanta frecuencia en la vida de la Iglesia. Entonces, el 8 de diciembre, Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción, es la gran gracia que se reconoce dada a la Santísima Madre en su concepción, pero que se nos revela en la Anunciación. El saludo del ángel Gabriel: “Ave María, llena eres de gracia, el Señor es contigo”, nos revela lo que Dios hizo para preparar a María, para que tuviera disponibilidad total del alma para corresponder al designio de Dios: “hágase hecho en mí según tu palabra”, aquí es donde comienza el primer Adviento. Desde ahora María será la Madre Santísima del prometido “Hijo del Altísimo”.

Ese es el Adviento. Pero la base para este tiempo de encuentro con el Ángel fue preparada por Dios en el momento de la concepción de María en el vientre de Santa Ana, donde le fue dada la “plenitud de la gracia”, algo que a todos los demás seres humanos les falta, pero algo que ayudaría a María a aceptar el plan de Dios y pondría en peligro su reputación e incluso su vida. Esa “plenitud de gracia” da a María audacia de fe, preparándola a arriesgar su vida por la promesa de salvación para la humanidad, al traer el Reino de Dios a la tierra a través de su hijo. Es más tarde a José, el Ángel le dice que “salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados”, por lo que es el Salvador de la humanidad.

Fue la fe de María la que le hizo conocer la esperanza y la promesa de la salvación, pero fue el privilegio de la “plenitud de la gracia” lo que le hizo despreciar los riesgos que le iba a causar en relación con los demás. Por eso, es bueno y necesario que contemplemos el misterio de la Inmaculada Concepción como parte y comienzo del plan de la venida de Cristo, comienzo del Adviento.

Luego, cuando celebramos la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, celebramos el plan de la Santísima Madre de salvar a los pueblos indígenas de América, hablándoles en su propio idioma y explicándoles el amor de Cristo por cada persona humana, y toda la creación. A través de otro Juan, esta vez Juan Diego, ella nos muestra cuánto se preocupa y ama a las personas de toda raza, pueblo y nación. Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe nos muestra cuán tierno es su amor por nosotros, cuán cerca está de quienes buscan a Dios y cuánto se preocupa por llegar a quienes intentan servir a Dios y a los demás como lo hizo Juan Diego. Gran parte de la lección de Adviento nos fue dada en esas dos fiestas de la Santísima Madre.

En el evangelio de este domingo Juan Bautista nos está dando un ejemplo de su vida profética hasta tal punto, que la gente lo confunde con el Mesías prometido. ¿Alguien alguna vez te confundió con el Cristo? ¿Hasta qué punto eres un ejemplo de vida profética para el mundo y para los demás? ¿Cuánto de tu vida apunta al hecho de que estás esperando a Cristo?

Recordemos, que vivimos en un Adviento permanente, esperando la Segunda Venida de Cristo. Nuestro Adviento anual es para recordarnos esa realidad en nuestras vidas, para que estemos preparados y disponibles para cooperar por el bien de la gloria de Cristo en el mundo venidero. ¡¡Sí, Ven Señor Jesús!!!

¡¡Dios los bendiga a todos siempre!!!

P. Stan

Ministerios y Servicios en Español

Misas: Lunes, Martes, Miércoles y Viernes 5 p.m., Jueves y Sábados 7 p.m., Domingos: 9 a. m., 3 p.m. y 6 p.m.
Exposición – Adoración Eucarística: Primer Jueves de mes 8-10 p.m.
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Divina Misericordia	2 Sabado	Blanca Bonilla	631-355-0592
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Grupo de Familia	Ultimo viernes de mes	Patricia Bernal	631-388-8645
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EN ESTE TERCER DOMINGO de Adviento, el tema es tradicionalmente de alegría. La primera palabra del himno de entrada de hoy es "¡Alégrate!"

En medio de todo el sentido penitencial del adviento, el día de hoy fue concebido como una ventana de alegría y luminosidad en anticipación de lo que está por venir. La preparación gozosa del nacimiento de Jesús.

¿Y por qué deberíamos regocijarnos? Porque el Hijo de Dios, Jesús el Cristo, viene a vivir entre nosotros como ser humano y ser uno de nosotros. "Y el Verbo [que tiene la naturaleza de Dios] se hizo hombre y habitó entre nosotros" (Juan 1:14). Además, nos alegramos porque el Señor trae tan buenas noticias. La primera lectura cita, del profeta Isaías, un texto que Jesús, en el evangelio de Lucas, aplicará a sí mismo: "El Espíritu del Señor me ha sido dado porque el Señor me ha ungido".

La venida de Jesús es una promesa de liberación para todos nosotros, es decir, una plenitud e integridad real en nuestras vidas, que es la completa lo contrario de vidas fragmentadas por el miedo y el deseo nunca satisfecho de poseer.

En Navidad nuestra ciudad se baña de luz. Pero muchos no tienen idea de que esta luz simboliza a nuestro Señor Jesús, la Luz del Mundo, nacido entre nosotros en este tiempo. Y podemos preguntarnos ¿a cuántas personas en esta Navidad llevaremos la Luz de Jesús? ¿Cuántos experimentarán el renacimiento de Jesús en su interior a través de nuestro testimonio?

Hay tanta gente que vive en la oscuridad. Hay muchos que son pobres en muchos sentidos, aunque estén financieramente acomodados. Son muchos los que carecen de libertad real, la libertad de elegir la verdad y el amor en todo lo que hacen y dicen. Tantos que están ensordecidos por el ruido consumista que los rodea. Son muchos los que, en medio de toda la alegría superficial, se sienten solos, no amados, rechazados, marginados. Tantos corazones rotos en medio de toda la fiesta. Hay personas que simplemente odian la Navidad porque sólo aumenta su dolor interior y su profunda tristeza.

Hay muchos esperando. Esperando que hagamos brillar la luz de Cristo sobre ellos y hagamos de sus vidas experiencias de alegría, de plenitud e integridad. La alegría de Jesús, la alegría de la Navidad, sólo puede ser nuestra en la medida en que trabajemos con Jesús para llevar esa alegría a las vidas de los demás también.

Telefòn #: (631) 273-8113	
LÈ BIWO: Lendi: 9:00AM – 12PM, Mèkredi – Jed: 9:00AM – 12:00PM, 1:00 PM – 5:00PM	
SÈVIS: Mèkredi: 7:30 PM ak Dimanch : 12:30PM	
SÈVIS PASTORAL NAN KOMINOTE AYISYEN	
• Group Lapriyè Karismatik/ Devosyon a Manman Mari	Chak Lendi, 7PM (<i>nan legliz la</i>)
• Ekspozisyon Sen Sakreman	Chak premye Vandredi di mwa
• Swen Pastoral moun ki malad	Vizit malad lakay oubyen lopital, espesyalman malad ki bezwen konfesyon, sou randevou Mèkredi ak Vandredi.
• Aktivite jèn yo (HAYMSA)	Chak premye Samdi di mwa, 2PM -4:00PM anba legliz la.
• Konfesyon	Sou randevou epi anvan lames Mèkredi yo
• Maryaj	Pran randevou avèk pè ya pou fè ankèt maryaj la. Sonje Dyosèz la mande pou koup yo anrejistre uit (8) mwa anvan dat Maryaj la. Sa ape de yo prepare davans san kè sote. Kou Pre-Cana obligatwa
• Batèm	
• Repetisyon koral	Pou adil chak Vandredi 8PM (<i>anba legliz, nan chanm jòn la</i>)
• Selebrasyon Kiltirèl	Premye Dimanch nan chak mwa aprè lames la.
• Reyinyon Komite	
• Komite Litijik	Dezyèm Vandredi nan mwa a, 8PM (<i>nan biwo ayisyen an</i>)
• Group Priyè Confrerie St Michel	Chak Samdi 7PM -9PM nan chapèl la

3eme Dimanche de L'aveit Année B

Au milieu de vous se tient celui que vous ne connaissez pas

Jean Baptiste est, avec Marie, la grande figure de l'Avent. Chaque année, les deuxième et troisième dimanches lui sont consacrés. L'évangéliste saint Jean nous le montre comme le «témoin de la Lumière», alors que les autres évangélistes nous le présente comme le «prédicateur de la pénitence».

Jean Baptiste lance le thème de «Jésus, la lumière du monde». Ceci deviendra l'un des thèmes privilégiés de l'évangéliste.

Dans le Prologue, le Christ est «la vraie lumière qui illumine tout homme venant en ce monde». Plus loin, Jésus lui-même déclare : «Je suis la lumière du monde. Celui qui vient à ma suite ne marche pas dans les ténèbres» (Jean 8, 12).

Jean Baptiste pointe vers le Christ, la «lumière du monde», et il ajoute que nous ne connaissons pas très bien ce Jésus, messie et sauveur : «Au milieu de vous se tient celui que vous ne connaissez pas»... Nous sommes invités à le découvrir ou à mieux le connaître.

La fête de Noël que nous préparons maintenant, célèbre la venue de Dieu dans notre monde. Nous ne sommes jamais seuls, car Dieu nous accompagne, il marche avec nous. Notre vie a un sens et un but, et Dieu est présent à toutes nos joies et à toutes nos peines.

Avec le Christ présent dans nos vies, les crises qui nous assaillent continuent à être un défi, mais ce ne sont pas des événements catastrophiques.

«Le Christ, lumière du monde», est celui qui éclaire nos situations les plus sombres. Pendant ce temps de l'Avent, apprenons à découvrir celui qui se tient au milieu de nous et que nous connaissons mal.



DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Christmas 2023

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

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In recent years at Christmas, I have meditated on the relationship between the Nativity of the Prince of Peace and the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

I have been especially inspired by Pope Francis' analysis of the Parable of the Good Samaritan in the second chapter of his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. It is powerful and provocative, and I would recommend it for your mental prayer.

The short phrase in the Christmas Gospel narrative in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke reads: "She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."

"No room for them in the inn." No Good Samaritan stepped up to help the Holy Family. They were ignored and treated perfunctorily and impatiently. Some passed them by. Some pretended not to notice their plight.

Remember too that in the Parable of the Good Samaritan an "inn" is also mentioned. Luke 10 reads: "But a Good Samaritan while traveling came near him, and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him."

The inn that the Holy Family approaches on the way to Bethlehem is a sign of rejection and indifference.

The inn in the Parable of the Good Samaritan is a sign of the Good Samaritan's compassion and commitment to go the extra mile and to make sure that the wounded man is taken care of until he is completely healed.

Contemporary literary criticism might very well emphasize that the use of "inn" by the Gospel writer in both the Nativity in Luke 2 and the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 is not by accident.

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In a sense, the phrase "there was no room at the inn" in the Nativity foreshadows and connects with the phrase in the Parable of the Good Samaritan describing the callous indifference of both the priest and the Levite toward the wounded man on the side of the road: "[H]e passed by on the other side."

As Pope Francis says in *Fratelli Tutti*: "Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders."¹

Our Lady, St. Joseph and the unborn Christ Child experienced the reality of people who decided to be indifferent bystanders.

The Christmas Gospel narrative from Luke 2 poses a question which is posed again later in the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10.

Will we be Good Samaritans?

Or will we be indifferent bystanders?

As the Holy Father reminds us, we make that choice every day.

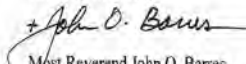
May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Nativity Mystery. May the Good Samaritan Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness and peace unite us in solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-ravaged areas of the world.

May our commitment to "holiness and mission" bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

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 on this Christmas night and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Francis, encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, October 4, 2020: AAS 112 (11) 969-1074, at no. 70.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023 – NEW YEAR'S

Saturday, December 23, 2023

9:00 am – English Mass
5:00 pm – English Mass
7:00 pm – Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2023

7:30 am – English Mass
9:00 am – Spanish Mass
11:00 am – English Mass
12:30 pm – French-Kreyol Mass



Saturday, December 30, 2023

9:00 am – English Mass
5:00 pm – English Mass
7:00 pm – Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 31, 2023 – The Holy Family

7:30 am – English Mass
9:00 am – Spanish Mass
11:00 am – English Mass
12:30 pm – French-Kreyol Mass

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2023

5:00 pm – Vigil of Mary, Mother of God – English
7:00 pm – Vigil of Mary, Mother of God – Spanish
10:00 pm – Vigil of Mary, Mother of God – French-Kreyol



Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023

4:00 pm – Children's Nativity Pageant – English Mass
7:00 pm – Children's Nativity Pageant – Spanish Mass
10:00 pm – Children's Nativity Pageant – French-Kreyol Mass

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25, 2023

7:30 am – English Mass
9:00 am – Spanish Mass
11:00 am – English Mass
12:30 pm – French-Kreyol Mass
3:00 pm – Spanish Mass
No 5:00 or 6:00 pm Masses

New Year's Day – Mary, Mother of God – Monday, January 1, 2024

7:30 am – English Mass
9:00 am – Spanish Mass
11:00 am – English Mass
12:30 pm – French-Kreyol Mass
2:00 pm – St. Agnes Cathedral – Haitian Independence Day Mass
3:00 pm – Spanish Mass
No 5:00 or 6:00 pm Masses

Confessions:

Monday, December 18th, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
Confessions are also held daily from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm
(before evening Mass)

Our Parish Outreach will be giving Christmas food to those in need in our Brentwood/ Bay Shore community. If you would like to sponsor a family, we would be extremely grateful for your help.

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Emaus

Sábado 16 Dic
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Cursillo de Cristiandad

Domingo 17 Dic
9 AM

Grupo Hujieres

Jueves 21 Dic
7 PM

Divina Misericordia

Sábado 23 Dic
7 PM

Jóvenes Adultos

The generosity of the parishioners of St. Anne Parish allows us to reach out to people in our Brentwood/Bay Shore neighborhood who struggle every day to make ends meet.

Thank you to all who donate to our food pantry. During November 2023, we were happy to assist 232 families, 65 seniors, 317 adults and 221 children. We also helped 19 new families.

Last month, many people donated money, gift cards, turkeys and non-perishable food to our pantry. Because of their generosity, we were able to give a Thanksgiving meal to the families who come to us each month for assistance. We gave Thanksgiving meals to 169 families.

The outreach is now preparing for Christmas. If you would like to help us, please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" and return the gift to the office by **December 15th**. We will also accept any NEW toys you might like to donate. If you have any questions, please call 631-339-7470.

Toiletries are always appreciated by our clients. Here are the items most needed: toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, diapers (size 4, 5 & 6), baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, pet food and laundry detergent.

Thank you for caring for the poor in our parish community.
Janet Lambert, Outreach Coordinator

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- Educación para la salud
- Referencias según sea necesario
- Recursos para quienes no tienen Seguro
- Vacuna contra la gripe



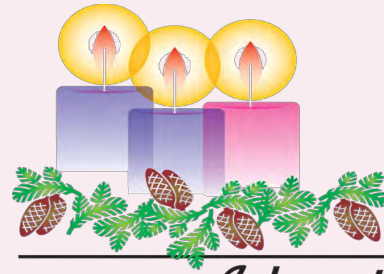
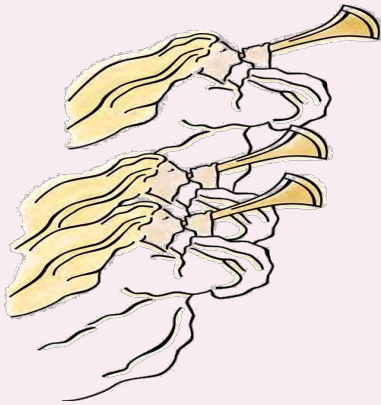
Advent Wreath Prayer: Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to

On the First Week of Advent we light the CANDLE OF HOPE

In Loving Memory of Anthony Serraco

We have hope because God is ever faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our HOPE comes from God.

Heavenly Father fill us with your Spirit and the spirit of Hope so that we may be strengthened in our daily tasks.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

On the Second Week of Advent we light The CANDLE OF PREPARATION

In Loving Memory of Joe Ryan & Lou Fella

Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome you oh God! Heavenly Father, give us the strength we need to overcome our weaknesses and help us to stay true to your commandments.

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