



St. Anne's R.C. Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 12:00 noon (**English**), Monday thru Wednesday & Friday 5:00pm (**Spanish**)

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

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

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

WEEKENDS:

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

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

11:00am (**English**), 12:30pm (**French Creole**),

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

6:00pm (**Spanish**)

HOLIDAYS: Will be announced as each holiday is celebrated.

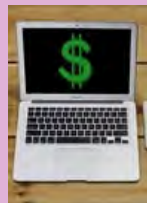
THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

4:30pm Daily before the 5:00pm Mass

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



OR



Try our NEW Improved way to Donate

Go to our Parish Website stannebrentwood.org click on the icons shown or click on the word DONATE in the upper right corner then follow the simple instructions to donate.

✓One-Time Donation ✓Set up Recurring Donations ✓ Create your own account ✓Donate from your phone or ✓From your Computer.

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To keep the faith alive for future generations, please consider remembering St. Anne's in your Will.

December 21st, 2025 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Outreach: 631-339-7470 or 631-273-8113 ext. 142
Hospitality Too/Soup Kitchen 516-666-7131
pbghti@gmail.com
Eucharist to Homebound: 631-273-8113

MINISTRIES IN ENGLISH

*** Columbiettes**

1st Monday of Month,
Viviana Garamy (631) 231-1859

*** Legion of Mary**

Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m.
Ronald Musto (934) 246-0903

*** Youth Ministry**

Every Friday 7 p.m.
Tiffany (631) 456-6172

- **Adult Religious Education, RCIA**—Call for appointment : Kathy Fella (631) 840 -7821

Adoration of the Holy Sacrament

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

Prière du Rosaire, adoration et messe
en français

tous les premiers vendredis du mois
à partir de 7h. à 9h



December 7th, 2025
\$11,463.00
Immaculate Conception
\$1,813.00
December 14th, 2025
\$9,144.00

OFFICE HOURS

*Monday to Thursday 9 am - 12 noon,
1pm - 5 pm, 7pm - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 9am - 1 pm
Closed Sundays & Holidays*



**Dear St. Anne's
Parish Family,**

As we celebrate the joyful season of Christmas and welcome the blessings of a new year, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and warmest greetings to each of you.

May the birth of our Savior fill your homes with peace, hope, and love, and may the coming year bring renewed faith, good health, and abundant grace to all our families.

With gratitude for your dedication, generosity, and spirit of community throughout the year, we look forward to continuing our journey of faith together.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With blessings,
The Priests and Staff of St. Anne's Church



Our Christmas Giving Tree

Take a tag from the Christmas tree and
buy a Gift Card.
Just put both in the collection
basket and you will Make someone's
Christmas Special

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*Ever-living and ever-loving, Lord God, You are the ever-lasting 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.
Amen*

Michael Rotella	Grayson Danielsky
Anne Murphy	Santos Ralph Jr.
Josefa Ruiz	Kelly Dorwin
Paula Molina	Marc Bonilla
Eddie Quiñones	Maria Ramirez
Aura Rocio Sanchez	Tracie Canada
Abel Villalobos	Jeanine Finnegan
Wanda Perez	Patrick Finnegan
Martin Lasserty	Ben Skelly
Patty Gutierrez	Kathy Figueroa
Pat Murray	Barbara Taddeo
Salvatore Esposito	Dennis Snyder
Roland Gillard	Maria De Alvarado
Maria Nolasco	Jennifer Postiglione
Manuel Alegard	Maryann Snyder
Luz Zavala Chater	Sal Taddeo
Carlos Matos	Alice Corwin
Karelle Romaine Auguste	Leo Calandra
Olga Burbano	Elmer "meme" Velasquez
Mariana Hernandez	Rosemary Rodda
Jamie Sferruzzo	Theresa Ytuarte
Richard Allen Fetterroll	Sebastian Moran (2 yrs old)
Vernessa Gomez	Nicola Alshouri & Family
Ana Hernandez	Ramon Laredo
Jackie Bonilla	James Taggart
Frank Toscano	Mark Bonilla
Julie Bozier	Pedro Holandes
Helen Chiuchiolo	Debra Ann Cocuzzo
Maria Calvelo	Scottie Jimenez
Jean Cadet	Marian Hernandez Rubio
Marie Leonie Content	Eladio Velasquez Marroquin
Dryer Family	Connie Sanzone
Riedel Family	Marie Hayes
Gladys Torres	Carmel Pace
Sheila Anne Cocuzzo	Bobbie Ryan
Victor Zapata	Paco Jovel Salmeron
Briana Legrio	Marianne Biangardi
Norma Ortega	Ermelinda Palencia
Gustavo Adolfo Vasquez	Alyssa Groneman & unborn Baby
Andres Posada	Frances Amato
Paul Jean	Radiance Vance
Al Martinez Family	Carmen Cordero
Dan Dreyr	Patrick Finnigan

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Yerly Benitez—Marines
Cynthia Perla - Army -
Michael Aleman - Marines
Briayan Ruiz - Marines
Owen Campos - Army



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



WEDDING BANNS

Ruben Benitez & Zulma Garcia
Micah Sagon & Arcadia Granados



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20

9:00 Mary Tracy †
5:00 St. Anne's Parishioners Liv. & Dec.
7:00 José Amado Iglesias †
Samuel y Miguil Turcios † 1 Aniv.
Aracely Flores Curiel † 10 Aniv.
En honor al Divino Nino por Fam. Lema-Dutan Liv.
En honor al Divino Nino, Fam. Gualpa-Montaleza Liv.

Sunday, December 21

7:30 Gustavo Vargas, healing Liv.
9:00 Job Vásquez y Lidia Vásquez, 30 Aniv. de boda Liv.
Maria Isabel Caguana García † 5 Aniv.
Ramon Prudencio Diaz †
Gladis y Elmer Nunez †
Norma Pino †
Ana Maresca † 19 Aniv.
Por las almas el purgatorio †
11:00 Taylor Chanoine †
12:30 Valere & Rodne Content † BD
Philippe Legagneur Liv. BD
Valery, Jean and Leonie Conten in thanksgiving Liv.
Maria, Cirus and Anne Content †
Jacqueline Guillaume Collie †
3:00 Marina del Carmen Ulloa de Villalobos †
Christopher Kurtz †
Jose Rivera † 2 Aniv.
5:00 Frances Josephine Winsor †
6:00 Lola y John Correa, 39 Aniv. de boda Liv.

Monday, December 22

12:00 Gabriel Cherres †
5:00 Fausto Nunez †
Eterno descanso alma de Belarmino Antonio Duran †
2 Aniv.

Tuesday, December 23

12:00 Edith & Joseph O'Keefe †
5:00 Rosa Taveras †
María Lidia Diaz † 5 Aniv.
Jose Rogelio Diaz † 5 1/2 Aniv.

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 Mary Ann & Ronald O'Keefe †
Edith & Joseph O'Keefe †
Mr. Berlin Castillo †
7:00 Familia Verdesoto-Martínez, en acción de gracias Liv.
Familia Verdesoto-Bagana, en acción de gracias Liv.
Marco Antonio Espinoza Ramírez †
María de Murcia y Visitacion Murcia †
En honor al Niño Jesús
En honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe
10:00 Les paroissiens de Sainte-Anne, vivants et décédés.

Thursday, December 25

7:30 St. Anne's Parishioners Liv. & Dec.
9:00 Francisca Velásquez Espinal † 1 Aniv.
María Contreras † 11 Aniv.
Almas de Purgatorio †
11:00 Taylor Chanoine
Rodrigue Louis in thanksgiving B-Day Liv.
12:30 Farath Charles in thanksgiving to the Lord for health, support & guidance Liv.
3:00 José Luis y Juan Cruz Murcia †
Feliz Murcia y María del Carmen Murcia †
María de Murcia y Visitacion Murcia †

Friday, December 26

12:00 St. Anne's Parishioners Liv. & Dec.
5:00 Feligreses de Santa Ana vivos y difuntos

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As Advent draws to its quiet, expectant close, the Church invites us to stand beside Joseph. The Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent does not place us at the manger yet, nor among the angels singing in the night sky. Instead, it brings us into the inner world of a just man wrestling with confusion, fear, and faith. Matthew tells us that Mary is found to be with child “through the Holy Spirit.” For Joseph, these words come before understanding. He knows only that the woman he loves is pregnant, and the child is not his. His world collapses silently. Scripture does not describe anger or accusation; instead, it reveals something far more striking—mercy. Joseph resolves to divorce Mary quietly, sparing her shame and danger. Even in heartbreak, he chooses compassion.



This is where God enters the story—not with thunder, but in a dream. The angel’s message is simple and terrifying: Do not be afraid. Joseph is asked to trust what he cannot prove, to accept a future he did not plan, and to take responsibility for a child who is not biologically his but will depend on him completely. In that moment, Joseph becomes more than a background figure; he becomes a model disciple. Matthew reminds us that all of this fulfills the ancient promise: “The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.” God-with-us does not arrive in ideal circumstances. Emmanuel comes amid misunderstanding, vulnerability, and risk. God chooses to enter the world not through power, but through trust—trust placed in two ordinary people who say yes in different ways.

Joseph’s yes is quiet. He speaks no recorded words in Scripture. His obedience is shown in action: he takes Mary into his home, names the child Jesus, and commits his life to protecting and providing for God’s Son. In doing so, Joseph teaches us that faith is often less about understanding everything and more about doing the next right thing. As we prepare for Christmas, this Gospel asks us an uncomfortable question: Where is God asking us to trust beyond our plans? Perhaps it is in a family situation we cannot control, a calling that feels inconvenient, or a fear that keeps us awake at night. Like Joseph, we may wish for clarity before commitment. God offers instead a presence: Emmanuel.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent reminds us that Christmas is not about perfection. It is about God entering the mess of real human lives. When Joseph wakes from his dream, Matthew tells us simply: “He did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” That obedience makes space for salvation to enter the world. As Advent ends, may we learn from Joseph’s courage. May we welcome Christ not only into our decorations and traditions, but into our uncertainty, our decisions, and our daily obedience. Emmanuel is already near. The question is whether we will make room for Him in our souls, in our lives, in our homes. God bless everyone always!!!

Fr. Stan

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Mientras el Adviento llega a su cierre silencioso y lleno de esperanza, la Iglesia nos invita a colocarnos junto a José. El Evangelio del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento aún no nos sitúa ante el pesebre, ni entre los ángeles que cantan en el cielo nocturno. Más bien, nos introduce en el mundo interior de un hombre justo que lucha con la confusión, el miedo y la fe. Mateo nos dice que María se encuentra encinta “por obra del Espíritu Santo”. Para José, estas palabras llegan antes de la comprensión. Él solo sabe que la mujer que ama está embarazada y que el niño no es suyo. Su mundo se derrumba en silencio. La Escritura no describe ira ni acusación; en cambio, revela algo mucho más sorprendente: misericordia. José decide repudiar a María en secreto, para evitarle la vergüenza y el peligro. Incluso en medio del dolor, elige la compasión.



Aquí es donde Dios entra en la historia, no con trueno, sino en un sueño. El mensaje del ángel es sencillo y a la vez estremecedor: no tengas miedo. A José se le pide confiar en lo que no puede probar, aceptar un futuro que no había planeado y asumir la responsabilidad de un niño que no es biológicamente suyo, pero que dependerá completamente de él. En ese momento, José deja de ser una figura secundaria y se convierte en un verdadero modelo de discípulo. Mateo nos recuerda que todo esto cumple la antigua promesa: “La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel”. Dios-con-nosotros no llega en circunstancias ideales. Emmanuel viene en medio del malentendido, la vulnerabilidad y el riesgo. Dios elige entrar en el mundo no a través del poder, sino de la confianza: una confianza depositada en dos personas sencillas que dicen sí de maneras distintas.

El sí de José es silencioso. No pronuncia ninguna palabra registrada en la Escritura. Su obediencia se manifiesta en la acción: recibe a María en su casa, pone al niño el nombre de Jesús y entrega su vida para proteger y cuidar al Hijo de Dios. Al hacerlo, José nos enseña que la fe muchas veces tiene menos que ver con comprenderlo todo y más con hacer lo correcto en el momento presente. Mientras nos preparamos para la Navidad, este Evangelio nos plantea una pregunta incómoda: ¿dónde nos está pidiendo Dios confiar más allá de nuestros planes? Tal vez sea en una situación familiar que no podemos controlar, en una llamada que resulta inconveniente, o en un miedo que nos quita el sueño. Como José, quizá deseemos claridad antes del compromiso. Dios, en cambio, nos ofrece una presencia: Emmanuel.

El Cuarto Domingo de Adviento nos recuerda que la Navidad no se trata de perfección. Se trata de Dios entrando en el desorden de la vida humana real. Cuando José despierta de su sueño, Mateo nos dice simplemente: “Hizo lo que el ángel del Señor le había mandado”. Esa obediencia abre espacio para que la salvación entre en el mundo. Al concluir el Adviento, que aprendamos del valor de José. Que acojamos a Cristo no solo en nuestras decoraciones y tradiciones, sino también en nuestras incertidumbres, en nuestras decisiones y en nuestra obediencia cotidiana. Emmanuel ya está cerca. La pregunta es si le haremos lugar en nuestras almas, en nuestras vidas, en nuestros hogares.

¡Que Dios bendiga siempre a todos!

P. Stan

Ministerios y Servicios en Español

Misas: Lunes, Martes, Miercoles y Viernes 5 p.m., Jueves y Sabados 7 p.m., Domingos: 9 a. m., 3 p.m. y 6 p.m.

Exposicion –Adoracion Eucaristica: Primer Jueves de mes 8-10 p.m.

Para Bautismo, Matrimonio y 15 años llamar a la oficina parroquial para informacion

GRUPOS PARROQUIALES

Hermanadad de Emaus	Martes	Maria Torres	516-497-3445
Renovación Carismática	Miércoles	Antonio Argueta	631-355-5004
Cursillo de Cristiandad	Jueves	Job Vasquez	631-836-4170
Camino Neocatecumenal	Jueves	Macario Benitez	631-300-5390
Grupo de Jovenes	Viernes	Felipe & Rosa	631-942-9079
Legion de Maria	Domingo	Jonathan Galvez	631-530-5015
Divina Misericordia	2 Viernes	Hilda Gonzalez	516-818-3294
Cenaculo Eucaristico	4 Sabado 8 p.m.	Blanca Bonilla	631-355-0592
Grupo de Familia	Ultimo Viernes de mes	Miguel Sanchez	631-449-5740
Coro Parroquial	Sabado-Domingo	Moises Telenta	631-745-2164
Mov. Fam. Cristiano		Jeremias & Maritza	631-431-0395
PRECANA		Alberto & Margarita	631-682-4986
Educacion Religiosa Adultos	R.I.C.A.	Jose & Carmen	646-345-8591
Educacion Religiosa Niños		Bertha Keenan	631-231-7344
Apostolado Hispano &		Zulma Contreras	631-639-5868
Café de la Amistad			
Ujieres		Roberto Contreras	631-336-4019
Comm. Señor de los Milagros		Fernando Gonzalez	516-818-3294
Comm. Nstra. Sra. de la Paz		Mirna Flores	631-902-8662
Comm. Guadalupano		Remi Leon	631-704-5898
Comm. Virgen de Caacupe		Lucy Romero	631-745-0418
Comm. Virgen de la Altagracia		Esperanza Justiniano	631-747-5062
Comm. Virgen del Cisne		Marcia Gomez	631-707-5295
Comm. Virgen de Suyapa		Aida Cruz	631-357-9850

Oración – IV Domingo de Adviento



**Señor Dios,
tú eres fiel a tus promesas
y nunca dejas solo a tu pueblo.
Hoy acogemos con fe tu anuncio:
la Virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,
y su nombre será Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros.**

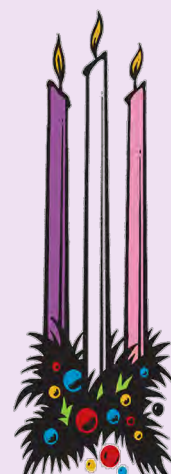
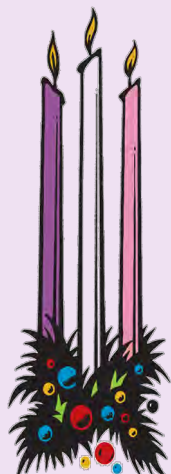
**Abre nuestro corazón para recibirte
como Rey de la gloria que ya llega.
Purifica nuestras manos y nuestro corazón
para subir a tu monte
y permanecer en tu presencia.**

**Jesús, Hijo de David,
nacido por obra del Espíritu Santo,
enséñanos a creer incluso en medio de la duda
y a obedecer, como san José,
con confianza silenciosa y corazón justo.**

**Haz de nuestra comunidad parroquial
un hogar donde tú seas acogido,
donde reine tu paz
y donde todos puedan experimentar
que Dios camina con su pueblo.**

**Santa Ana, patrona de nuestra parroquia,
intercede por nosotros
para que vivamos este Adviento
con fe, esperanza y amor.**

Amén.



Téléfôn #: (631) 273-8113	
LÈ BIWO: Lendi: 9:00AM – 12PM, Mèkredi – Jedì: 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 lamen 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 lamen 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

4eme Dimanche de l'Avent(12/21/25)

En ce dernier dimanche de l'Avent, la Parole de Dieu nous invite à faire un pas décisif : **faire confiance à Dieu**, même lorsque nous ne comprenons pas tout.

Dans la première lecture, le prophète Isaïe annonce un signe extraordinaire : « *Voici que la jeune femme est enceinte, elle enfantera un fils, et on l'appellera Emmanuel* », ce qui signifie « *Dieu avec nous* ». Ce signe est donné à un peuple inquiet, tenté de se fier à ses propres forces plutôt qu'à la promesse de Dieu. Pourtant, Dieu reste fidèle et agit, même quand l'homme hésite.

L'Évangile nous présente saint Joseph, un homme juste et discret. Face à une situation qui le dépasse, il aurait pu se retirer. Mais Joseph écoute la voix de Dieu dans le silence et **obéit avec confiance**. Sans dire un seul mot, il accueille Marie, il accueille l'enfant, et il accueille la mission que Dieu lui confie.

Joseph nous montre que la foi n'est pas toujours dans les grandes paroles, mais dans les **actes simples et courageux** : faire confiance, obéir, et laisser Dieu conduire notre vie. À quelques jours de Noël, demandons la grâce d'un cœur ouvert comme celui de Joseph, prêt à accueillir Jésus, l'Emmanuel, **Dieu avec nous**, dans nos familles, nos difficultés et notre quotidien.

Amen.



**Comité Virgen de la Paz
Invita a la
VENTA DE ATOL DE PIÑA
Diciembre 20 y 21 despues de misa**



THE VIRGEN DE LA PAZ
COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO THE
PINEAPPLE ATOLE SALE
DECEMBER 20 & 21 AFTER MASS

Contact Info:
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23rd Annual Three Kings Day Celebration



Come join us to celebrate with the Kings!
1 gift per child up to 12 years old.
Child must be present to receive a gift.

JANUARY 4, 2026 | 10:30AM-2PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
96 SECOND AVE
BRENTWOOD, NY 11717

RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA

ALIANZA DE AMOR



**CELEBREMOS CON ALEGRÍA EL
DÍA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA**

**DOMINGO 28 DE
DICIEMBRE DE 2 A 7 PM**

**TENDREMOS: ORACIONES, ALABANZAS,
PREDICAS Y EXPOSICION DEL SANTISIMO !!!**



DRVC



**Padre Gustavo
Perez**

Director Espiritual
de la RENOVACIÓN
CARISMÁTICA



**DR. CARLOS
BARILLA**



PREDICADOR

**"La Familia es la Esperanza de
este mundo"**

En la Música :
Esposos Escobar



Iglesia Santa Ana
(local caballeros de colon)
96 second ave. Brentwood 11717

**ESTA BENDICIÓN
ES GRATIS !!!**

PREPARE
the Way

Christmas Tree Sponsorships Available

This Christmas season, you are invited to sponsor a Memorial or Honor Christmas Tree in celebration of a loved one—deceased or living—or in recognition of a special event such as an anniversary.

A donation of \$100 includes the sponsorship and a personalized ornament, which you may take home at the end of the season as a keepsake. To sponsor a tree, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for supporting our church and sharing the light of Christ this Christmas.



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.

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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.

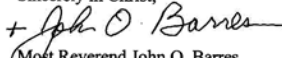
We thank both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV for igniting hope within our families, the global mission of the Church, and the human family, and we contemplate the light and grace that radiates from the refugee Holy Family (73) and that radiates to every family.

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,

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Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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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.

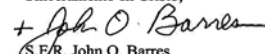
Agradecemos tanto al Papa Francisco como al Papa León XIV por encender la esperanza en nuestras familias, en la misión global de la Iglesia y en la familia humana, y contemplamos la luz y la gracia que irradian desde la Sagrada Familia refugiada (73) y que se extienden a cada familia.

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



The first candle In Loving Memory of Joe Ryan & Lou Fella

This candle symbolizes the hope of the people of Israel who waited for the Messiah and the hope of Christians today for Christ's return.



The second candle In Loving Memory of Anthony Sarracco, whose love and spirit will always be remembered". From his wife Domenica, and family.

This candle symbolizes the peace that Christ brings to the world, fulfilling the prophecy of peace found in the Scriptures.

The third candle In Loving Memory of Taylor Chanoine

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing, reflecting the joyful anticipation of Christmas.



The fourth candle of Advent "En agradecimiento a Santa Ana y San Joaquín por mi salud. Por la familia Martínez, Sánchez vivo y difuntos. Paz siempre.

This candle symbolizes the love that God has for humanity and the love that Christians are called to share with others.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2025 – NEW YEAR'S 2026

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24, 2025

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 – Thursday, December 25, 2025

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 Eve – Wednesday, December 31, 2025

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

New Year's Day – Mary, Mother of God – Thursday, January 1, 2026

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 15th, 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
Confessions are also held daily from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
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