

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 30, 2024

7:30 AM Anna Catalano (1st Anniversary)

12:30 PM Antonio Fernando Barbosa

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

7:30 AM The Homeless

12:30 PM Maria & Antonio Cirne

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

5:00 PM Living & deceased Family & Friends of the Bordonaro Family

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

7:00 AM John de Almeida

8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions

10:00 AM The Men & Women in uniform

11:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, January 2, 2025

7:30 AM The Lonely

12:30 PM Veninzio Assalone (3rd Anniversary)

Friday, January 3, 2025

7:30 AM John McNamara

12:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 4, 2025

5:00 PM Jose Cirne

Dolores Martins

Fatima Carvalho de Oliveira

Ana Santos

Alzira Oliveira

Maria Garreiro & Family

Antonio da Silva & Family

Sunday, January 5, 2025

7:00 AM Francisco DeSousa
(Birth Remembrance)

8:30 AM Portuguese Intentions

10:00 AM Maria da Silva

11:30 AM People of the Parish

5:00 PM Spanish Intention

7:00 PM Suzanne & Cathy Hammill (Living)

PRIEST CELEBRANTS' SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 4, 2025

5:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

Sunday, January 5, 2025

7:00 AM Fr. Yesudas

8:30 AM Fr. Milciades

10:00 AM Fr. Ngozi

11:30 AM Fr. Malcolm

5:00 PM Fr. Malcolm

7:00 PM Fr. Ngozi

(Schedule is subject to change)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Sharing Time, Talent and Treasure

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”
- (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this Stewardship season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

December 22nd Actual Collection = \$9,137
December 22nd Mail-In Donations = \$2,208
December 22nd Electronic Donations = \$1,071
December 22nd Total Collection = \$12,416
Attendance = 1,013
Flowers to date = \$2,910
Christmas gifts to date = \$8,264



CMA Numbers for 2024

Goal = \$95,900

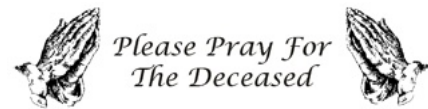
Pledges = \$49,035

Payments = \$48,835

Donors = 277

Average = \$188

Thank you to all the families who already have made a sacrificial gift. Please consider a yearly offering.



Madeline A. Piloto





DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Christmas 2024

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

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Last Christmas, we celebrated the 800th anniversary of that glorious and historic night when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first Nativity creche scene in a small cave outside the Italian village of Greccio in Italy.

St. Francis was inspired to do this after visiting the historical place of Christ's birth on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land – the humble stable in a Bethlehem cave.

The large creche set in St. Peter's Square last year commemorated this 800th anniversary by having the figure of St. Francis of Assisi expressing adoration, awe and wonder across the Crib from Mary and Joseph.

Last September, we celebrated the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis receiving the gift of the "stigmata" – the mystical wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. In 2026, we will celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death.

There is always a powerful connection between the Manger Crib and the Golgotha Cross of our Savior. St. Francis of Assisi lived this connection so powerfully.

In *Admirabile Signum*, Pope Francis writes: "Indeed, the place where this first nativity scene was enacted expresses and evokes these sentiments...from the time of its Franciscan origins, the nativity scene has invited us to 'feel' and 'touch' the poverty that God's Son took upon himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the Cross. It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in great need (cf. Matthew 25:31-46)." (3)

As we spiritually draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this year, we pray for those who suffer in the Holy Land and the Middle East, in Ukraine and all war-torn areas of the world.

We pray too for the persecuted Church around the world and we pray for religious liberty in our country and in all countries.

DIocese of Rockville Centre
Office of the Bishop

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St. Francis of Assisi understood the problems of the world and more than 800 years later, after he created the first creche, he is still close to the Church and to the world.

Many of you have seen the bronze statue of Atlas directly across from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

It was created by the sculptor Lee Lawrie and installed in 1937. The sculpture portrays the mythical ancient Greek Titan Atlas holding the burden of the heavens on his shoulder.

St. Francis of Assisi is no myth, but at times he has been compared with Atlas in how, through the centuries, he carried the burdens of the Church on his shoulders with his radical and pure Gospel witness.

In fact, Pope Innocent III, after meeting St. Francis, had a dream that St. Francis was holding up St. John Lateran Basilica, the visible sign and symbol of the universal Church, amidst the storms and earthquakes of history and crisis.

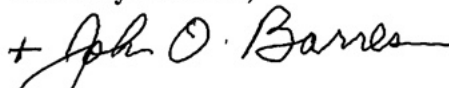
Configured to Christ crucified and having lived daily with the stigmatic wounds of Christ, St. Francis helps to animate and inspire the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church through the centuries.

St. Francis of Assisi intercedes for each of us at every moment to help rebuild the Biblical and Eucharistic evangelizing mission of the Church that Jesus Himself founded on Long Island and beyond.

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,



**Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre**



Behold, Christ is Born

Christmas 2024

My Dear Friends and Families of Corpus Christi Church,

“Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said to Him, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in Her. She will bear a Son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.’” (Gospel according to Matthew 1:20-21).

Christmas and the new year to come are truly times to dream like St. Joseph. Because it is in dreams that we are most vulnerable to receiving the revelation of God’s plan for our lives. When we open our souls to the will of the Lord, we enter more deeply into the mystery of the Word made Flesh in the Incarnation.

All new-born children, and especially the Christ-Child, give renewed hope to our families and our world; even when fear and trembling may surround us. But just as the Holy Spirit breathed life into the womb of the Virgin Mary in the Baby Jesus; so too that same Spirit of the Lord is upon us all, to bring joy to all the earth and peace to all the people.

I thank you for being so generous with your time, talents and treasures, not only at Christmas, but all year long. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph watch over your family, children and grandchildren, with the greatest gifts of faith, hope and love.

God bless your Christmas season and New Year 2025 to come!

Yours in Christ,

Father Malcolm J. Burns
Pastor





FROM ALL OF US AT CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

BISHOP ANJAY **FR. MALCOLM** **FR. TOMAZ**
FR. NGOZI **FR. YESUDAS** **DEACON BRIAN** **MRS. ANAISCHIK**
TROY **FRANNIE** **KENNY** **NURIA** **MARY ANN** **ROB**
 JACKIE **FATIMA** **EDDIE** **PAULA**



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE 2025
(Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve (Tuesday, December 31st)

5:00 P.M. (English)

New Year's Day (Wednesday, January 1st)

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Portuguese), 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM,
1:00 PM (Spanish)

There is no Mass on New Year's Day at night.



A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



Wishing you a
**Merry
and
Blessed
Christmas**



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Department of Education

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The Solemnity of Mary **(Holy Day of Obligation)**

January 1, 2025



The Solemnity of Mary is the feast day honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary's motherhood in the wake of the birth of the baby Jesus Christ. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's sanctioning of God's plan with her words, "Be it done to me according to thy word". Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace".

The Epiphany of the Lord The Feast of the Three Kings

January 5, 2025

The Epiphany, will be celebrated on the 5th of January when we remember the Wise Men (also sometimes called the Magi) who visited Jesus and represent all the nations and peoples of the Earth who are drawn to the radiance of the Christ-Child.



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Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal, Anne Boland, Diane Bombardi, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Jackson Carvalho, Michael Castalino, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lilly Fuentes, Anne Gallagher, Kenneth Gallagher, Elba Garcia, Vanessa Gomes, Filomena Iavarone, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liry, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Charles Procaccini, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Victoria Sheridan, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivrichi, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



Marriage encounters:

January 7-February 18, 2025, Virtual 3RE, NY

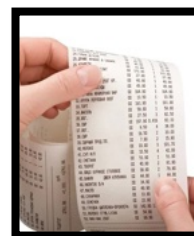
1 Kings 17:10-16: "For the Lord says, the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry..." As the woman in this scripture had faith in God when she was running out of food to feed her and her son, we can also have faith in God and in our spouse. To grow in intimacy and grow in faith with one another, check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience at WWME.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.



KING KULLEN RECEIPTS

If you shop at the King Kullen in Garden City Park, please save your register receipts and place them in the white basket in the vestibule or in the collection basket or together with your donation in the stewardship envelope. 1% of your total purchase gets donated to the Corpus Christi Religious Education Program.



Church Donation Envelopes

Before giving your church donation envelopes, please make sure that the amounts of your donations is written on the envelope. Please also avoid using tape to seal the envelopes. The money counters thank you for that.



"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

Español

SOLEMNIDAD DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA



EVANGELIO: SAN LUCAS 2, 41-52

Los padres de Jesús solían ir cada año a Jerusalén para las festividades de la Pascua. Cuando el niño cumplió doce años, fueron a la fiesta, según la costumbre. Pasados aquellos días, se volvieron, pero el niño Jesús se quedó en Jerusalén, sin que sus padres lo supieran. Creyendo que iba en la caravana, hicieron un día de camino; entonces lo buscaron, y al no encontrarlo, regresaron a Jerusalén en su busca. Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. Todos los que lo oían se admiraban de su inteligencia y de sus respuestas. Al verlo, sus padres se quedaron atónitos y su madre le dijo: “*Hijo mío, ¿por qué te has portado así con nosotros? Tu padre y yo te hemos estado buscando, llenos de angustia*”. Él les respondió: “*¿Por qué me andaban buscando? No sabían que debo ocuparme en las cosas de mi Padre*”? Ellos no entendieron la respuesta que les dio. Entonces volvió con ellos a Nazaret y siguió sujeto a su autoridad. Su madre conservaba en su corazón todas aquellas cosas. Jesús iba creciendo en saber, en estatura y en el favor de Dios y de los hombres.



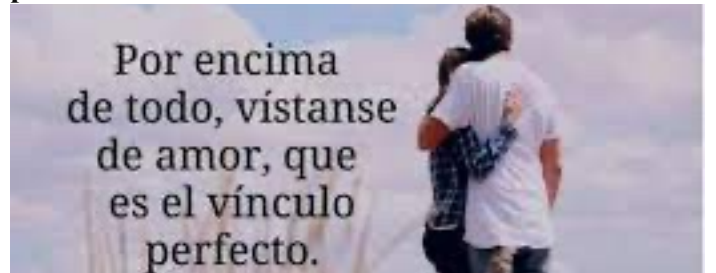
María y José se subían todos los años por Pascua al templo de Jerusalén. El niño iba con ellos habitualmente. Lo sucedido cuando el niño tenía 12 años tiene gran importancia. Esta edad era aquella en la que se consideraba que los niños pasaban a ser

adolescentes o hijos de La Ley, debiendo asumir las obligaciones de la misma. Jesús deja entrever en ello el misterio de su consagración total a una misión derivada a su filiación divina.



LIBRO DEL ECLESIAÍSTICO 3, 3-7.14-17

El Señor honra al padre en los hijos y respalda la autoridad de la madre sobre la prole. El que honra a su padre queda limpio de pecado; y acumula tesoros, el que respeta a su madre. Quien honra a su padre, encontrará alegría en sus hijos y su oración será escuchada; el que enaltece a su padre, tendrá larga vida y el que obedece al Señor, es consuelo de su madre. Hijo, cuida de tu padre en la vejez y en su vida no le causes tristeza; aunque se debilite su razón, ten paciencia con él y no lo menosprecies por estar tú en pleno vigor. El bien hecho al padre no quedará en el olvido y se tomará a cuenta de tus pecados.



COLOCENSES 3-12

Hermanos: Puesto que Dios los ha elegido a ustedes, los ha consagrado a él y les ha dado su amor, sean compasivos, magnánimos, humildes, afables y pacientes. Sopórtense mutuamente y perdónense cuando tengan quejas contra otro, como el Señor los ha perdonado a ustedes. Y sobre todas estas virtudes, tengan amor, que es el vínculo de la perfecta unión. Que la palabra de Cristo habite en ustedes con toda su riqueza. Enséñense y aconséjense unos a otros lo mejor que sepan. Con el corazón lleno de gratitud, alaben a Dios con salmos, himnos y cánticos espirituales; y todo lo que digan y todo lo que hagan, háganlo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dándole gracias a Dios Padre, por medio de Cristo

Português

FESTA DA SAGRADA FAMÍLIA**EVANGELHO: SÃO LUCAS 2, 41-52**

Os pais de Jesus iam todos os anos a Jerusalém, pela festa da Páscoa. Quando ele fez doze anos, subiram até lá, como era costume nessa festa. Quando eles regressavam, passados os dias festivos, o menino Jesus ficou em Jerusalém, sem que seus pais o soubessem. Julgando que ele vinha na caravana, fizeram um dia de viagem e começaram a procurá-lo entre os parentes e conhecidos. Não o encontrando, voltaram a Jerusalém, à sua procura. Passados três dias, encontraram-no no templo, sentado no meio dos doutores, a ouvi-los e a fazer-lhes perguntas. Todos aqueles que o ouviam estavam surpreendidos com a sua inteligência e as suas respostas. Quando viram Jesus, seus pais ficaram admirados; e a sua mãe disse-lhe: *“Filho, porque procedeste assim conosco? Teu pai e eu andávamos aflitos à tua procura”*. Jesus respondeu-lhes: *“Porque me procuráveis? Não sabíeis que eu devia estar na casa de meu Pai?”* Mas eles não entenderam as palavras que Jesus lhes disse. Jesus desceu então com eles para Nazaré e era-lhes submisso. Sua mãe guardava todos estes acontecimentos em seu coração. E Jesus ia crescendo em sabedoria, em estatura e em graça, diante de Deus e dos homens.



Tenho a certeza que, para as nossas famílias, não é possível propor um modelo de vida mais perfeito do que o da família de Nazaré; entretanto, o episódio narrado no Evangelho de hoje é sem dúvida desconcertante. Maria e José esquecem o filho em Jerusalém e viajam tranquilamente durante um dia

inteiro sem se preocupar com ele; Jesus se afasta dos seus pais sem pedir licença e quando a mãe lhe pede explicações sobre o seu comportamento, parece até que lhe responde mal; Maria e José não compreendem as suas palavras; só no fim do episódio se diz que Jesus volta para Nazaré e daí em diante lhes é submisso. O evangelho esclarece um problema que frequentemente surge nas nossas famílias: os filhos devem zelar só pelos interesses dos próprios pais ou devem também abrir o próprio coração e dedicar-se aos serviço dos outros? Com seu exemplo Jesus nos ensina que, para seguir a vontade do Pai, o homem deve ter também a força para afastar-se da própria família. Esta escolha do dom total e sem condições é tomada por Jesus desde o momento em que, ainda jovem, começa a tomar as primeiras decisões. Essa atuação encontrará a sua plenitude na cruz.



A primeira leitura do Livro do Ben-Sirá apresenta, a forma prática, alguma atitudes que os filhos devem ter para om os pais... É uma forma de concretizar esse amor de que fala a segunda leitura

**INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 5 DE JANEIRO**

+Aires Cunha + Teresa e Bento Alves + António Forte e família + Cecília Pinheiro Lopes + Julian Barreto Albuquerque + António e Júlia Morais +José e Carminda Martinho + Olívia da Silva +António Mendes Oliveira+ Maria e Daniel Carlos