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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day

Saturday
5:15 p.m.
Sunday
10:15 a.m.
Korean Mass
9:15a.m. Children's Mass
12:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.
Rosary Follows Mass

Holy Days

As Announced

Confessions

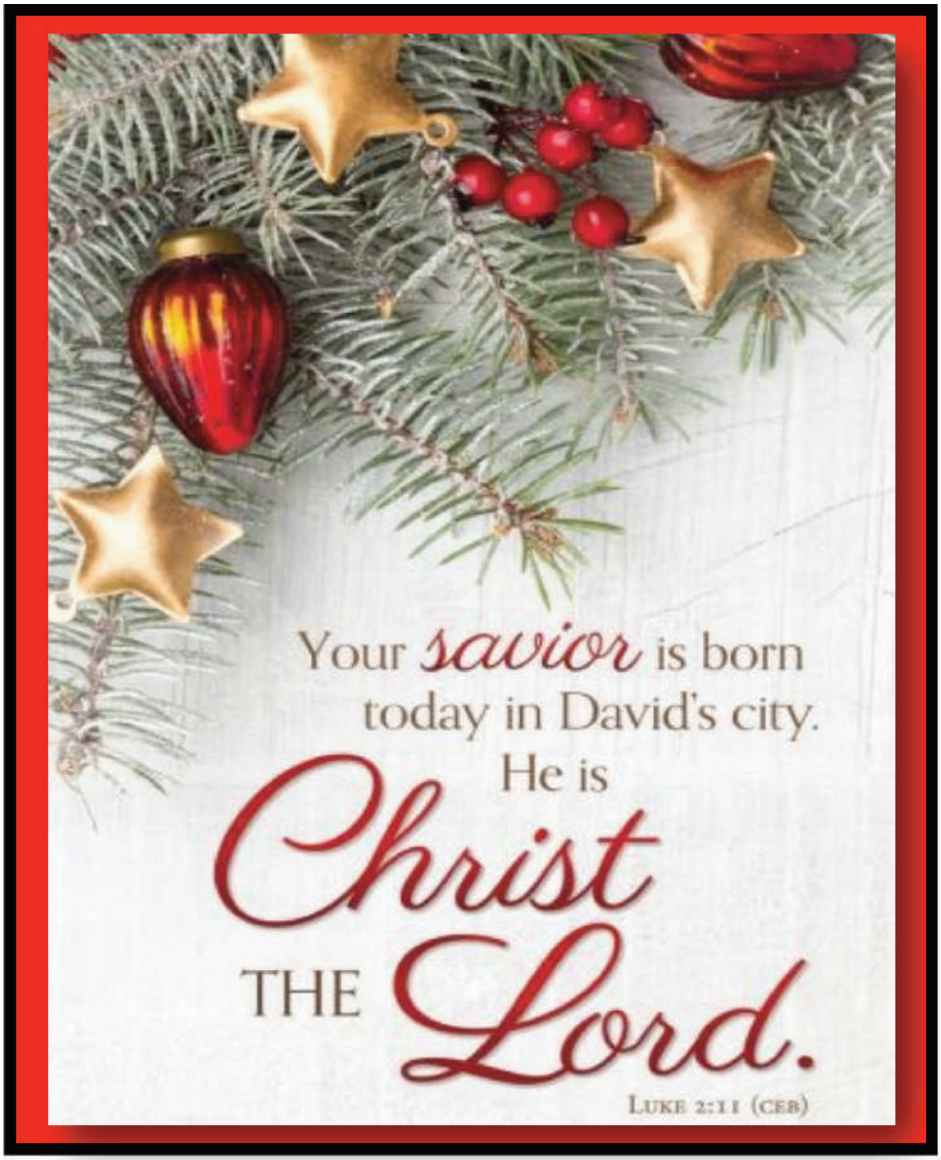
Saturday
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

St. Padre Pio Devotions

1st Friday of each month
7pm Holy Hour with confessions following 8pm Mass

Wednesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

after 9:00am Mass
till 10:30am



December 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our Gospel Reading for this Fourth Sunday of Advent comes from the Gospel according to Mathew. Mathew tells us, "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about… As we continue the reading, we are told that Joseph is greatly upset because he was told that Mary is with child and it is not his. His intent is to quietly divorce hoping that the word of this does not go around the village, he knows that if it does Mary will face many consequences including death. Such was his plan, until that night when he had a dream (more like a vision) and the Angel of the Lord appears. The Angel of the Lord tells Joseph not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife because the child she was carrying was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Going back a paragraph or so we read the beginning of Mathew's Gospel with the Genealogy of Jesus according to the house of David, starting with Abraham. What followed was that Abraham was the father of Issac and was the father of Jacob, etc., etc. All the way down 42 Generations, where we are told Eleazar was the father Matthan, Matthan was the father of Jacob, Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah. Joseph was chosen by God because he was a holy man who was faith filled and because he was of the house of David of which the Messiah was to be born.

As we skip ahead in the gospel, we are told that Joseph was also told in the vision, "She will have a son and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." As Mathew continues, "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord has said through the prophet; Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."

This of course brings us back to our first reading for today from the Prophet Issiah. The prophecy has a meaning about a human king. A human king who will do great things. But serves as a foreshadow to the Divine King, the prophecy's second meaning. The Divine King who truly is God among us and has come to set us free. As we move closer to Christmas (which we will celebrate in four days) we should realize that God from the beginning had this plan for our salvation, from Issiah to the Genealogy, to the Annunciation, to Josph's dream God has done this for us! For His plan is the salvation of Humanity. And all we have to do is participate in the plan, as Israel did and now as the Church does.

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent and Merry Christmas from the Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Staff and the other Staff members that keep Holy Name of Jesus and St. Edward's going.

Again, Merry Christmas
Fr. Mike

WEEKLY MASSES

Sunday December 21st, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Focus- *Through [Jesus] we have received the grace of apostleship.* In the first reading, Ahaz is given a sign despite his refusal to ask for one: *The virgin shall conceive and bear a son.* In the beginning of the Epistle to the Romans, Paul describes Jesus as a descendent of David. The Gospel tells of Joseph's dream, in which Mary's miraculous conception is explained and he is told to name her Son Jesus.
B y Franciscan Media

Saturday, 12/20/25-Late Advent Weekday
5:15pm Edward Corsello (Living)
Ida Montuori
Cris Colletta & Nunzio Cosenza
Joe & Joan Perrano
Kay Lynch

Sunday, 12/21/25-Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:15am People of the Parish
Carmen Martinez Sanchez
Clementina & Stefano Ciervo
Kay & Tom Prendergast
Lena & Joseph Tagliaferri
Lily & Rosario Antonucci

Monday 12/22/25-Late Advent Weekday
Mario & Marie Reali

Tuesday, 12/23/25-Late Advent Weekday-
Jule & Joseph Fontanetta

Wednesday 12/24/25-Late Advent Weekday
4pm Vigil Verona Verderosa 1st Birthday (L)
Joseph Mario Reali
Sandy Peros (Living)
DMII Members
George & Helen Hatch

Thursday, 12/25/25-Nativity of the Lord
8:30am People of the Parish
10:15a Christmas Flower Fund

Friday 12/26/25-St. Stephen, 1st Martyr
Christmas Flower Fund

Saturday, 12/20/25
Isaiah 7:10-14
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, 12/21/25
Isaiah 7:10-14
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Monday, 12/22/25
1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56

Tuesday, 12/23/25
Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Luke 1:57-66

Wednesday, 12/24/25
Isaiah 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1:1-25

Thursday, 12/25/25
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Friday, 12/26/25
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22

THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP
IS DEDICATED
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
JAMES & MARYANN BARRY

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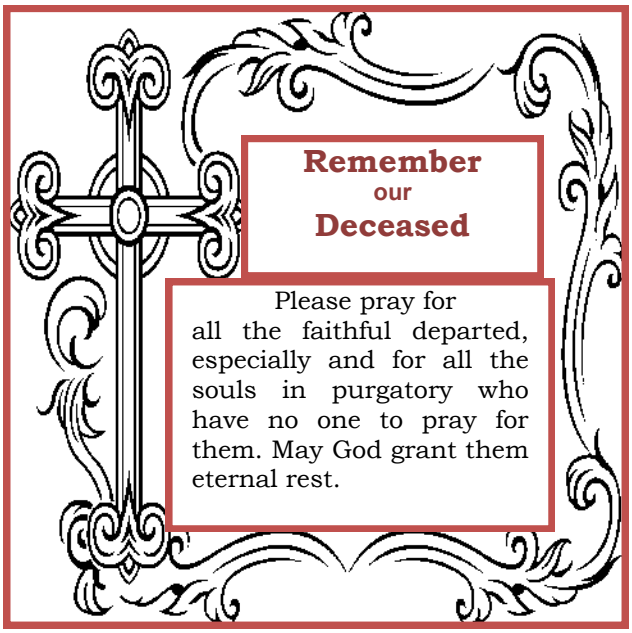

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12/20/2025

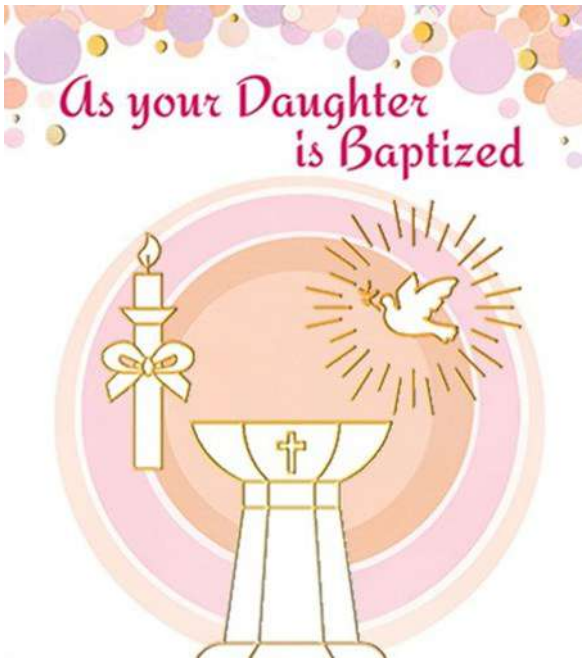
5:15pm Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Wentz (2)
Readers	Russo-Rumore
Sacristan	Gregorio
Music & Cantor	Tom Stallone

12/21/2025

10:15am Mass

Celebrant	Fr. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
EMHC	Sweeney/Naccari
Readers	Gregorio
Sacristan	Gregorio
Music & Cantor	Tom Stallone



With Joyful Hearts, We Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Mia Cecilia LaRocca

12/24/2025
4:00pm Vigil Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Wentz (2)
Readers	N. Uckar
Altar Server	A. Uckar
Sacristan	Onglengco
Music & Cantor	Tom Stallone

12/25/2025
8:30am Mass

Celebrant	Rev. Michael T. Maffeo, Pastor
EMHC	Johnston
Readers	Sciabarra
Sacristan	Herrera

12/25/25
10:15am Mass

Celebrant	Msgr. Richard Bauhoff
EMHC	Russell/Pawliw
Readers	Medina
Sacristan	Pascua
Music & Cantor	Tom Stallone

Hymnn Corner

For the last two months of the year, it's nearly impossible to escape the seemingly endless variations of a handful of Christmas carols and holiday songs. This mix of religious and secular tunes can be heard playing on the radio, in stores and in holiday movies. But have you ever wondered where these songs came from, and how they came to be Christmas standards?

As it turns out, much of the holiday music popular today has been around for decades, and in some cases, centuries. This month we shall share some of the stories behind several of the most popular Christmas Hymns.

Silent Night," originally "Stille Nacht," was composed in 1818 by Franz Gruber, based on a poem by Joseph Mohr, says Scot Hanna-Weir, a music professor at Santa Clara University. "The story goes that Mohr came to Gruber with the poem on Christmas Eve and asked him to set it to music for that evening's mass," he explains. "The carol was performed that night with guitar because the church's organ was damaged by flooding."

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday, December 20, 5:15pm
Sunday, December 21, 10:15am

Please Note: Attendance at either the 5:15pm, or 10:15am Mass only fulfills the Sunday Mass obligation for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

CONFESSIONS
Saturday, December 20th 4:00-4:30pm
Monday, December 22nd 2:00-4:00 & 6:30-9:00pm
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CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
4:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
8:30 & 10:15AM
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NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
5:15PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS
10:15AM

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2025

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

Merry Christmas!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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,

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Christmas Flowers

Mr. & Mr. Steve Calascione in Memory of Stephen M., Vincent & Fanny Calascione, Clara & Peter Carey and Fr. Rafferty
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Mrs. Blanche Serena in Memory of Lino & Jean-Pierre Serena, Catherine Labati and Colon Family
Mrs. Mary Lou Bonneville in Memory of Bill Bonneville and Betty & Ed Manz
Mrs. Sandy Peros in Memory of Katica & Ange Morovic and Joyce Fox
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Labrocca in Memory of Helen & Michael A. Labrocca, Kala Stemer and Betty & John Crume
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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Valentino in Memory of Anthony Alianello
Mrs. Diane Sciabarra in Memory of Carl, Carmello & Anna Sciabarra and Vincent & Jean Buglione
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Naccari in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Nunzio Naccari, Mr. & Mrs. John Olmoz and Mr. Charles Weiss
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Pennino in Memory of Albert, Mary & Ursula Pennino & Family, John & Blanche Gregorich and Family
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Mrs. G. Swendeman in Memory & Honor of the Swendeman Family
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Mr. & Mrs. Stanely Grochocki in Memory of Frank & Anne McGarry and Stanley & Helen Grochocki
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Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Higgins in Memory of our parents
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Mrs. Rose Medina in Memory of Gloria W. and Manuel Lema, Gloria E. Danila and Luis Medina
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Mrs. Lina Femia in Memory of Attilio, Francesco and Ciervo Femia and Cinelli Family
Ms. Rosemary Rizzi in Memory of my mother, father, grandparents and godmother
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Rev. Msgr. Richard Bauhoff in Memory of parents, grandparents, relatives & friends

Come Sing with us This Christmas Eve!

Before we gather for our Christmas Eve service, let's fill the sanctuary with the joyful sounds of the season! I invite you to join me for a pre-service sing-along of familiar Christmas hymns the ones we all know and love.

No rehearsal required—just bring your voice and your Christmas spirit! This is a wonderful way to celebrate together and share the gift of music as we prepare for the birth of Christ!

Our Parish Rectory will be closed December 24th, 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas and January 1st for New Year's Day.

The members of the Craft Group of Holy Name of Jesus would like to thank our parishioners, members of the KCA and the Padre Pio Prayer Group, for their support of our recent Holiday Sale. We are pleased to report that the results exceeded our expectations! A donation of $1,500 has been made to our parish.
We hope you enjoy your purchases and wish you all a

Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Holy and Happy New Year .

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY
Of December 14, 2025

Saturday Collection $574
Sunday $128
Retirement for Religious $191
Mail-in $105
Immaculate Conception $148
On line $144.39

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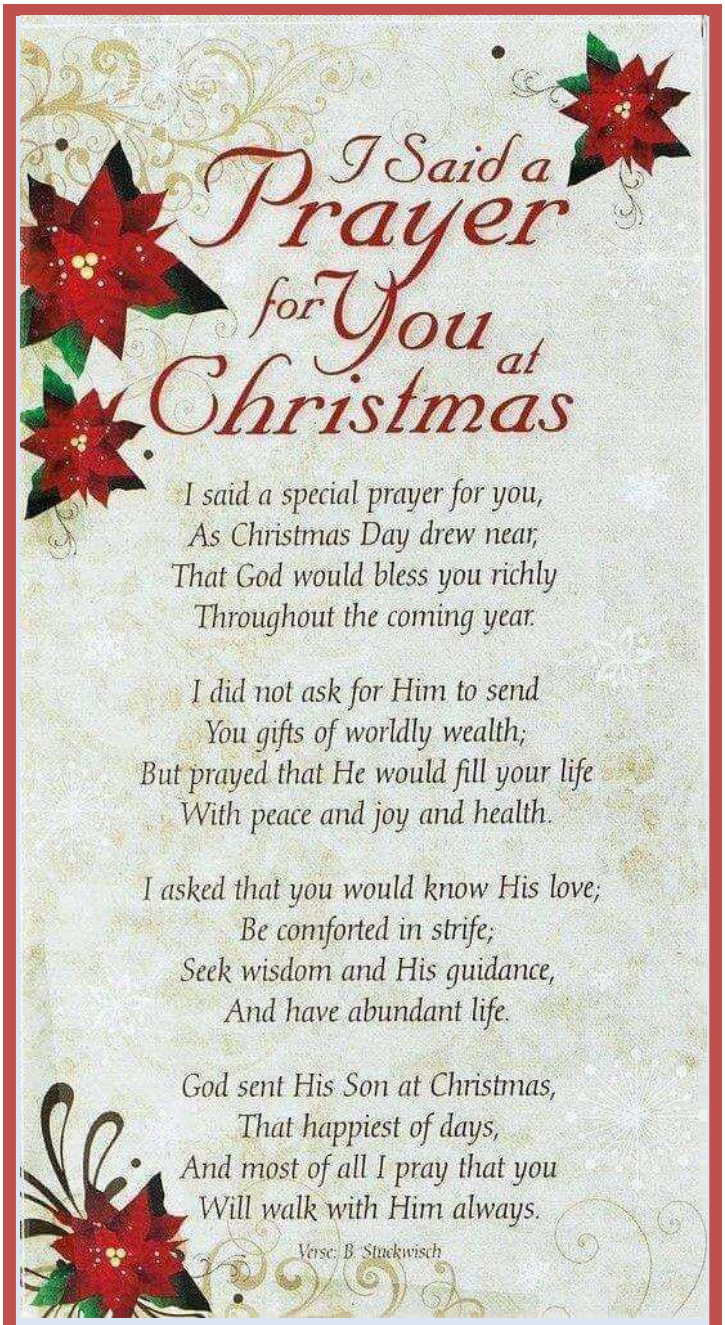
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

The Fourth Sunday of Advent signifies Love, focusing on God's boundless love shown by sending Jesus, and calls us to share that love with others as Christmas nears, with themes of peace, Mary's faithfulness (the Magnificat), and the nearness of Christ's arrival. It's often called the "Angel's Candle" week, recalling angels announcing peace and goodwill, marking the winding down of preparations for the Nativity.



2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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Sent on Mission

The Eucharistic Revival has enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful. Going out on Mission - for the life of the World is the most important phase, where we go out and share the love of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist to transform the world.

Faith is alive in our parishes and schools, soup kitchens and housing programs, on street corners and in churches. It is lived through people of all backgrounds, from every neighborhood. People everywhere come together to support one another.

It is in this spirit that the Catholic Ministries Appeal exists: to bring support and build strong communities through faith and your generosity. Every year, the annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God's love.

Please consider joining us again this year by making a gift to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

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SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. *Matthew 1:24*

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