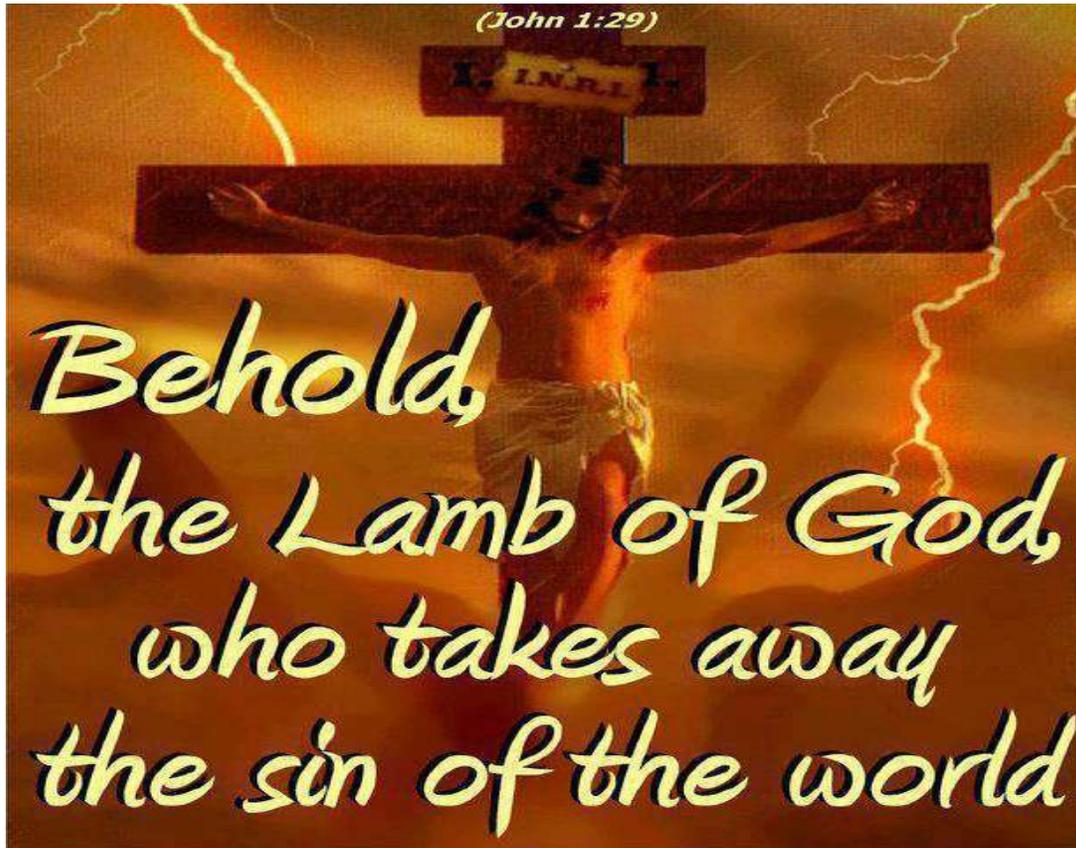


Church of the Holy Spirit

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15th, 2023



Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 a.m.
Daily Mass (Mon. through Sat.): 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: As announced

Rectory Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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Pastor's Page

A reflection by Bishop Robert Barron on the Sacrament of Baptism. This reflection was given on the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord which was celebrated last Monday. Bishop Barron is the founder of the Catholic media organization 'Word on Fire'. He is probably best known for his remarkable series *Catholicism* which aired on PBS. At present he is the Bishop of Winona-Rochester in Minnesota



Friends, Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism points to the significance of this foundational sacrament.

Listen to the great theologian Gregory of Nazianzen: "Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift. It is called 'gift' because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; 'grace' since it is given even to the guilty."

Jesus said, "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you." Baptism is the sacramental ratification of that choice.



And this is why we speak of Baptism as justifying us and washing away our sin. We are—all of us—born into a deeply dysfunctional world, a world conditioned by millennia of selfishness, cruelty, injustice, stupidity, and fear. This has created a poisonous atmosphere that conditions all of our thoughts and moves and actions.

Do you see why the stress on grace is so important? Baptism is the moment when the Holy Spirit draws us out of this fallen world and into a new world, the very life of the Trinity. That's why Baptism involves being born again, lifted up, enlightened, transformed, saved—and why the Church speaks of the baptized as a "new creature."

Saint Agnes of Rome : Patroness of our Diocese

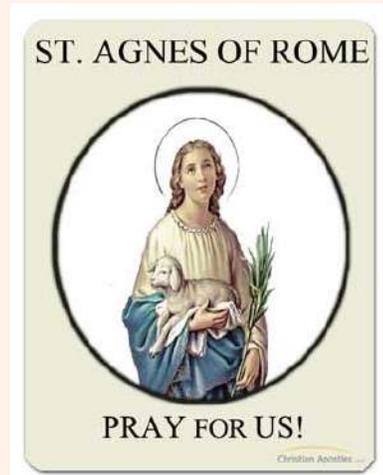
Saturday January 21st, is the feast day of Saint Agnes of Rome, who is the patroness of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Below are some biographical details of Agnes, and also a present day custom inspired by her life story.

St. Agnes of Rome was a young martyr who lived in the early 4th century. She is venerated as a saint by the Catholic Church and is considered a patron saint of chastity, purity, and girls.

Agnes was born into a wealthy and influential Roman family, but she rejected the wealthy and luxurious lifestyle of her peers in favor of a life devoted to God. When she was just a young teenager, she refused to marry a wealthy suitor and instead dedicated herself to a life of virginity. This enraged her suitor and his family, and they accused her of being a Christian.

At the time, the Roman Empire was hostile towards Christians, and Agnes faced persecution and torture for her faith. Despite the pain and suffering she endured, Agnes remained steadfast in her faith and refused to renounce it. She was eventually sentenced to death and was martyred at the young age of 13.

Agnes' bravery and faith in the face of persecution made her an inspiration to other Christians, and she quickly became a popular saint in the early Christian Church. She is remembered for her purity, chastity, and devotion to God, and her feast day is celebrated by the Church on January 21st. Throughout the centuries, Agnes has been depicted in art and literature as a young girl with a lamb, symbolizing her innocence and purity. She is also often depicted holding a palm branch, a symbol of her martyrdom.



Blessing of the Lambs on the Feast of St. Agnes

The blessing of the lambs is a traditional ceremony that takes place on January 21st, the feast day of St. Agnes of Rome. St. Agnes is often depicted in art and literature as a young girl with a lamb, symbolizing her innocence and purity. During the blessing of the lambs ceremony, a priest blesses a group of lambs, which are then used to produce the wool that is woven into the palliums (a liturgical vestment worn by the Pope and by archbishops). The ceremony takes place in the Basilica of St. Agnes Outside the Walls in Rome, which is dedicated to St. Agnes and is located near the site of her martyrdom. The blessing of the lambs ceremony is a way for the Church to honor Agnes and to remember her story of purity and devotion to God. It is also a reminder of the innocent Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, who was sacrificed for the salvation of humanity.



Pope Francis blesses the lambs whose wool will be woven into Palliums for new Archbishops.



Pope Benedict places a Pallium on a new Archbishop. Palliums are woven each year from the wool of the lambs blessed on the feast of St. Agnes

Respect Life Committee

Florence Scarinci, Coordinator

The March for Life will take place on January 20, 2023 in Washington, D.C. Why, do you ask, are we still marching, even though *Roe v. Wade* was nullified by the *Dobbs v. Jackson* Supreme Court decision?

The overturn of *Roe v. Wade*, contrary to common opinion, did not eliminate abortion on demand in the United States. What it did was return the decision of whether and when an abortion can be performed to each individual state. Some states have attempted to ban the procedure. Others have tried to limit it to a certain number of weeks of gestation, or when a function is detectable, such as a heartbeat. Still others have attempted to expand access to abortion, making it legal through all 40 weeks of pregnancy, and even offering to pay expenses for women traveling from other states where the procedure is banned or limited. (The New York State governor has vowed to support an amendment to the state constitution which would define abortion as a “right”).

Why do we march? Not just to make abortion illegal but to make it unthinkable.

If you are interested in traveling to D.C. to participate in the March, there are three buses leaving from Nassau County (see below). Bishop Barres will be in DC to participate and bless the marchers from our diocese.

St Ignatius, St Mary of the Isle, Long Beach, Island Park
Contact Theresa Marino: tmarino5601@lbcers.org

Notre Dame, New Hyde Park
Contact Mary Ann Wolert Zaromatidis: mzaromat@gmail.com

St Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre
frduffy@stagnescathedral.org or Catherine Geary: cgeary@stagnescathedral.org

If you do not want to go to DC, please consider attending our morning Rosary and Mass, starting at 8 a.m. on January 20 right here at Holy Spirit.

There will be other ways to participate on that day in local churches: Rosaries, Holy Hours, etc. See the diocesan March website: www.drvcmarchforlife.com

On the weekend after the March, January 21 and 22, in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer for the Unborn, January 23, we at Holy Spirit will begin our annual Spiritual Adoption program (no money involved, just a nine month commitment to pray a short prayer daily for an unborn baby and the parents). Please sign up at Mass that day.

Thank you for all you do in spreading the Gospel of Life.



Religious Education News



Traditionally at the beginning of the first Christmas Mass, the statue of Baby Jesus is carried in procession to be placed in the Manger. Here we see the Entrance Procession at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve, and Sophia Dier - a student in Ms. Theresa Auletti's 5th Grade Religious Education class - carrying the Baby Jesus to place him in the manger of our beautiful Nativity scene.

First Holy Communion



As a reminder, our Second Grade children will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 13th. The celebration of the Sacrament will take place at 12 Noon in the Church. Make plans now to join us on this joyous day.

Family Mass Pictures



WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Sunday, January 22, 2023

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).

Welcome to celebrate with Bishop Andrzej

HOLY HOUR AND REFLECTION

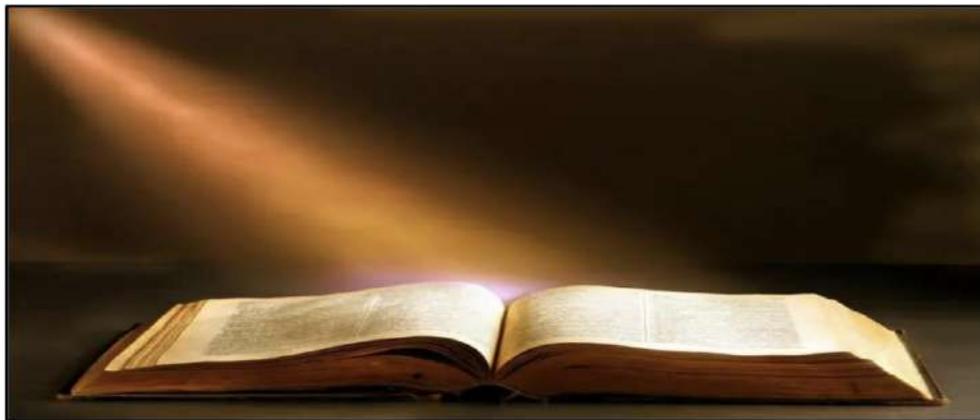
Sunday, January 22, 2023, at 3 pm

Church of St. Paul the Apostle

2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, NY 11545

www.stpaulsbrookville.org

All are welcome!



Social Ministry needs for this week include the following:

Cold cereal, pancake mix and syrup, Chef Boyardee (all kinds) canned fruit, canned black beans, mixed canned vegetables, mac and cheese, toothpaste and toilet paper

Thank you to everyone for supporting this important ministry.



Gospel for Today

John 1: 29-34

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew’s Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John’s Gospel. We heard Matthew’s account of Jesus’ baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus as found in John’s Gospel. John’s Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus’ baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today’s reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John’s testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the “Lamb of God” and the “Son of God.” By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus’ ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist’s testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John’s baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus’ ministry. The purpose of John’s baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist’s sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John’s witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.



9:30 AM Family Mass Lectors

Lector and Extraordinary Minister Schedule

Lectors should arrive at the Church no later than 9:15AM

Extraordinary Ministers

Jan 15th 2023

Jan 14th-15th

Jan 21st-22nd

Intro Alphonse Jaison
 First Reading Miranda Toro
 Second Reading Kaiel Brutus
 Petitions Albert Ferri

5pm K. Lavin, J. Loven

I. Umile, M. Wagner

8am C. Zarzycki, J. Estrella

D. Graziano, A. Sequino

11:30 T. Eagan, A. Rosamilia

J. McHugh, A. Rosamilia

Lectors

Jan 22nd 2023

Jan 14th-15th

Jan 21st-22nd

Intro Audrey Spiegel
 First Reading Sophia Crimeni
 Second Reading Linda Cheung
 Petitions Alex Cheung

5pm H. Ammerman, J. Corrigan

N. Margro, J. McHale

8am Phyllis and John Thomas

A. Garvin, T. Smith

11:30 J. McHale, T. Smith

F. Scarinci, F. McLarney

Mass Intentions & Prayers

Sat. Jan 14th. Vigil : Second Sunday in O.T.

5:00pm Joseph Kusk (D)

Sun. Jan 15th Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Parishioners of Holy Spirit

9:30 am Anthony Cavallaro (D)

11:30 am Matthew Wargas (D)

Monday, Jan 16th Weekday

8:30 am Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, Jan 17th St. Anthony, Abbot

8:30am Mr.and Mrs.Koshy Kalathivilla (D)

Wednesday, Jan 18th Weekday

8:30 am Alice Villegas (L)

Thursday Jan 19th Weekday

8:30 am Vera Duckfield (D)

Fri day Jan 20th Weekday

8:30 am Mary Antony Pathil (D)

Sat Jan 21st. St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 am Pannamma Jacob (D)

Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Trina Valdez (D)

Sunday, Jan 22nd.
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Isabella DiNiso (D)

9:30 am Rosemary Damato (D)

11:30am Parishioners of Holy Spirit



Prayer Requests

Theresa Alloca, Kristine Hopkins, Linda Cutter,
Tony Forde, John Peters, Dale Eikelberg
Janet Rossano, Maria Batista-Toro, Michael Hutchins
Frank Cantreva, Kim Pucciarelli,
Wolfgang Fritsch Dorothy O'Donnell ,
Victor Cunneen, Margaret Madiefsky,
Elena De Filippis Florence Krupski

*Prayer requests will appear for four weeks. Please notify
the rectory if a prayer request needs to be extended*

**For those who have recently gone to
their eternal reward:**

Robert Reilly Vera Duckfield



The Altar Candles at Mass

are gifted In Loving Memory of

Tony Cavallaro

With love and prayers from

Uncle Johnny and JoAnn Cavallaro



The Bread and Wine offered at Mass

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Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Meetings are held on the following days in Holy Spirit Church's Cafeteria (Use entrance in West parking lot, on the corner of 5t Street and 1st Avenue, across from the New Hyde Park Fire House)

Monday: 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Thursday: 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the ceremony and before arrangements are made for the reception.

Please contact Fr. Grieco at frgrieco@yahoo.com

Baptisms

To arrange for your child's baptism, please contact Deacon John Hogan at jhoganhs@gmail.com

Baptisms are held the first Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Please note: Monday Jan 16th is the deadline for submitting requests for the Jan 22nd bulletin
Requests should be sent to :

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Lpetricca@holyspiritli.org, and aregan@holyspiritli.org

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