

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA PARISH



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**December 20, 2020**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

## Rectory Office: Phone: 931-0056

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon & 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM\*

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*\*Evenings by appointment only*

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## Religious Education

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**Office Hours** (September to June; closed July & August)

Sunday: Closed  
 Monday: By Appointment Only  
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
 Wednesday: 8:00AM - 12:00 Noon; 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
 Thursday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
 Friday: Closed  
 Saturday: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

## Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM  
 Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,  
 11:00AM, 12:30PM  
 5:00 PM (Spanish)

## Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday:  
 7:00 AM,  
 9:00 AM  
 Saturday:  
 9:00 AM

## Confession

Saturday: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM in the old school or by appointment in the Rectory

## Baptism

Celebrated twice monthly usually on the second and fourth Sunday. Call the Rectory office for dates and to register. Baptism preparation for new parents is the third Sunday of the month following 12:30 Mass. Please plan well in advance.

## Marriage

Arrangements for Weddings should be made at least six months in advance and prior to making reception arrangements. Pre-Cana Sessions **are required** for all couples planning to marry.

## Wedding Times: Fridays - 2:30PM & 4PM

Saturdays - 11:30AM, 1:30PM & 3:00PM

Sundays - 3:30PM Ceremony Only -

Unless the Couple Provides A Priest

## Nocturnal Adoration Society

First Saturday Adoration following the 5:00 PM Mass with Benediction at 9:00 PM.

## Parish Mission Statement

*We Believe, We Welcome, We Worship, We Serve.*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38  
 Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a, Lk 1:39-45  
 Tuesday: 1Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56  
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66  
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79  
 Vigil Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
 Friday: Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22

**MONDAY** Dec. 21, 2020, **St. Peter Canisius**  
 7:00AM Helen and William Cassese  
 9:00 AM Ann and Nicholas Giorgio  
**TUESDAY** December 22, 2020  
 7:00AM Carol White  
 9:00AM Dolores, John Jean Pirozzia & Family  
**WEDNESDAY** Dec. 23, 2020, **St. John of Kanty**  
 7:00AM Louis Smith  
 9:00AM Louise and Louis Parmigiani, Sr.  
**THURSDAY** December 24, 2020  
 7:00AM Nicola Lamberti  
 9:00 AM Mary and Charles Grossane  
 2:00PM Christmas Novena  
 2:10PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
 3:30PM Christmas Novena  
 3:40 PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
 5:00PM Christmas Novena  
 5:10PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
 6:30PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
 12 Midnight Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
**FRIDAY** Dec. 25, 2020, **Nativity of Our Lord**  
 7:30AM Christmas Novena  
 9:30AM George O'Grady  
 9:40AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
 11:00AM Nicholas J. Rutigliano  
 11:10AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
 12:30PM Dean Francis Kossuth  
 12:40PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
 2:30PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
**SATURDAY** December 26, 2020, **St. Stephen**  
 9:00AM Mary and Dominic Sanzoverino  
 5:00PM Robert Romeo  
**SUNDAY** December 27, 2020, **Holy Family**  
 7:30AM John Da Silva  
 9:30AM Terry Meyers (Living)  
 11:00AM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
 Christmas Novena  
 Louis Ferrara  
 Robert Michael Kasper  
 12:30PM Dolores Pfrang  
 5:00PM Parishioners of St. Ignatius Loyola  
*Schedule of Dec. 24th and 25th Masses in English and Spanish on following page*



*We Pray For Our Sick*

*Jennifer Lentini, Josephine Lucas, Carolyn Fitzgerald, Mary Messina, Florence Morris, George Natarus, Timothy Mulligan, Arthur Marks, Remedios Koenig, Jacqueline Perez, Brian Shea, Victor D'Amico, Mary Manascalco, Lou Pinto, Jayden Handowar, Joanne Mulligan, Rita Bergin, Joe Giordano, Antonio Esposito, Joseph Albanese, Elizabeth Sarah Merz, Bob Cassese, Lawrence Wilson, Jim Keough, Michael Krummenacker, Ann Fisher. Bendirck Nacua,*

*We Pray For Our Dead  
 And We Mourn With You*

*Flora Jaches*



**The Rectory hours for Christmas are as follows:**  
 Christmas Eve—Thursday, Dec. 24th –9am to 1pm  
 Christmas, Friday, December 25th CLOSED  
 We will reopen on Sunday, Dec. 27th at 9AM  
*We would like to wish our parishioners a very Blessed and Merry Christmas..*  
**Love came down that Christmas night filling the world with Light, Love and Peace. Let us praise the heaven-born Prince of Peace.**



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> 5:00 – 8:00pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS (12/24/2020)**

**Church**

**School Gym**

2:00 PM Fr. Francis  
 3:30 PM Fr. Shibi  
 5:00 PM Fr. Reid (Live Streaming)  
 6.30 PM Fr. Miguel (Live Streaming –Spanish)  
 Midnight Fr. Shibi (Live Streaming)

2:10 PM Fr. Shibi  
 3:40 PM Fr. Benjamin  
 5:10 PM Fr. Frank

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS (12/25/20)**

**Church**

**School Gym**

7:30 AM Fr. Frank  
 9:30 AM Fr. Francis (Live Streaming)  
 11:00 AM Fr. Benjamin  
 12:30 PM Fr. Francis  
 2:30 PM Fr. Miguel (Spanish)

9:40 AM Fr. James  
 11.10AM Fr. James  
 12:40 PM Fr. Shibi

If we are able to set up a TV in the rear parking lot of the church, we will be streaming the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass and 12:30pm Christmas Mass with distribution of Holy Communion. There will be 10 designated parking spots. Please call to confirm arrangement.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Anyone with a family member serving in the military, please forward their name and rank to our bulletin editor at [bulletin1859@aol.com](mailto:bulletin1859@aol.com) or bring the name to our Rectory Front Office.

*We pray to give all of our military personnel the courage and strength to do the duty that is required of them. May they always remember our appreciation for the sacrifice they are making for us. We are thankful for the men and women who are willing to risk their lives to protect our freedom. I ask You to go with each of them and protect them wherever they go. Amen.*

- Sgt First Class. Matthew Loheide
- MSgt. Kevin J. Hennelly
- CDR. Jonathan W. Lang
- CDR.. Jeanine A. Lang
- SPC Justin T. Sikorski
- Staff Sgt. Mathew Burrafato
- Col. Paul J. Laughlin
- Major Patrick O. Kelly, USMC
- 2nd Lt. Thomas P. McLoughlin, USMC
- Atan Lisa Olynk, USN
- M Sgt. Michael Marascia
- Sgt. Stephen L. Emlaw
- P.O.Third Class E-4 Kyle A. Kamermayer, Navy
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- Steven Orbon, 1st Lt., U.S. Army
- Lt. David Jacobs
- Pvt. Thomas Wright
- Tech Sgt. Peter F. Clark, USAF
- Capt. Joseph Whittaker, USMC
- SSGT Michael J. Mc Ilwrath, USMC
- 1st Lt. James Michael Vaz, U.S. Army
- Gunnery Sgt. Brian Moran, USMC
- Cpt. Richard Macchio
- Pvt. Joseph Gergely, U.S.M.C.
- LTJG Alie Disher, U.S.N.
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- PVC Andrew Hughes
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- Sgt. Dustin Lusby
- LTJG Christopher Medford, US Navy
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- PVT Lorenzo LaPlaca, US Army
- Corporal William J. White, USMC
- Pvt. Daniel Sullivan, US Army
- PO3 Hunter Morales, US Navy
- HA Morrigan Hayes, US Navy
- SA Peter Cavallo, US Navy
- Adam Cespo—Air Force
- Oscar Martinez—Marines

For your convenience, below is a directory of our parish staff e-mails and extensions.

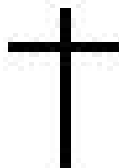
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**Mass Schedule for Saturday, Dec. 26th and Sunday, December 27th**  
*(The following is subject to change)*

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Presider</u>
Saturday	5pm	Fr. Reid
Sunday	7:30am	Fr. Frank/ Dn Mario
	9:30am	Fr. Shibi
	11:am	Fr. Francis
	12:30pm	Fr. Benjamin
(Spanish)	5pm	Fr. Miguel/Dn. Jose

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**



Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020	\$11,952
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,658
*Religious Retirement	\$ 2,167
*Goes directly to Diocese	
Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019	\$13,169

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

My dear St. Ignatius Family,

We are in the last week of Advent, and Christmas is around the corner. Today's Gospel scene is that of the Annunciation to our Blessed Mother. Over the years we have heard, and read, many reflections on this passage, but I would like you to reflect on some questions in the context of the present situation we are facing.

Whose message was it? It was a message from God. When we hear anything, be it good news or bad news we have to check the credibility of the source. Who delivered the message? It was Angel Gabriel who delivered the message. We know that whenever someone does something good to us, we think, he/she is an angel. Yes, my dear brothers and sisters, let us become angels to others delivering happy news to others, and console others in their sadness, not agents that cause drifts. To whom was the message delivered? It was to a virgin Mary who remained sinless in her time. To have the desire to be in purity, one needs to be in awe of the holiness of God. It needs constant connection with God. We too should always try to be pure in whatever way possible. In this stressful time, instead of depending on unhealthy harmful addictions for relief, find comfort in God. Where was the message given? In her home. Some are discouraged as church activities are not so lively as earlier, because of the pandemic. There are still so many ways we can be good stewards of Christ even from our homes. We have to use our various talents of time, wealth and health, for the greater glory of God. What type of message was delivered? It was of course the good news for the entire humanity, as it offered salvation. But for Mary, an unmarried woman, pregnancy out of wedlock, would mean adultery and would lead to death by stoning. But we can see how she trusted God. Nowadays, most of the times we are hearing lots of news regarding the counts of deaths, infected ones, warnings, precautions to be taken, alerts etc. Many are confused, depressed, lonely and scared in this situation. In spite of all that happened, let us not panic.



This Sunday the fourth purple candle is lit. It symbolizes **Peace**. It is also called the **Angel's Candle**. It reminds us of the message of the angels to the shepherds: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." (Lk.2:14). More than ever we need His peace now. His peace means not the absence of problems, but to be able to be still have calm in our hearts, amidst turmoil, and seeing His presence in our lives. In order to enjoy complete peace, we have to be free of any malice in our hearts. We have to forgive others from the heart. Though we may get irritated at the behavior of others and react, or maybe even over react, we should never hold any grudges in our hearts. Sometimes it may be extremely difficult, and may be almost near to impossible but forgive, for our loving God has forgiven our innumerable mistakes.

So as we light this candle of peace we pray:

*Jesus the light of the world give us Your peace. The world as a whole, is going through a very tough time. Help us to keep our focus on You, even in the midst of our troubles. Let us be peace bearers to all, and forgive all. Help us Lord to persevere till the last moment of our lives. Amen.*

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The fifth white candle in the center is called the “Christ Candle”. It means Jesus is the light of the world. It is white in color to represent the purity of Christ, the spotless Lamb. It is lit on the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day .

As we continue our preparation for Christmas ,I would like you to make a good confession, and prepare the room for Him in Your hearts. In addition to the regular confession on Saturday(3:30 PM to 4:30 PM), there will be confession on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5 PM to 8 PM. Confession will be in the old school building. I encourage you to create a nativity scene at your home. Please do not put everything in it on the 24<sup>th</sup>, but let us

<p><b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup>.</b> Display the manger. Make our hearts and homes ready to receive Jesus.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>.</b> Place shepherds outside. Wait for Jesus with the humility and simplicity of these poor shepherds.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>.</b> Place Mary and Joseph Let us completely rely on God'd providence and obey His Holy will .</p>
<p><b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b> Place the Infant Jesus . Receive Jesus in our hearts .Do everything to make Him happy and never do anything to make Him sad.</p>		

Before I conclude, I encourage you to read the short story “A Christmas Inspiration” by Canadian writer, Lucy Maud Montgomery. In this touching story, we can see how five young women staying in a boarding house make their grumpy landlady, Miss Allen happy. When they all received gifts, instead of remaining happy in their world, they noticed that Miss. Allen didn’t receive a single gift. Though Miss. Allen never smiled, one young woman got an inspiration to give her a gift. All the others agreed. They gave a big surprise to Miss. Allen and made her so happy that she cried out of joy. It is in giving that we receive true joy .The smile on the face of the receiver is the real gift .Let us see Jesus in others, especially in the less fortunate when we celebrate Christmas. Above all, let nothing steal your attention from Christ. *God bless you all.*

*We wish you a Blessed Christmas from the depths of our hearts.*

**On behalf of all the Priests, Deacons, Nuns and Staff**

In Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Shibi Pappan.*



## Interesting facts on Nativity Scenes...know the reason for the season.



- The word Christmas came from “Cristes Maesse” meaning “Mass of Christ”.
- The word Nativity comes from the Latin word “nativus” and it means “Born”.
- It was in 1224, St. Francis Assisi recreated the nativity scene. In that first display, the manger was also used as an altar for Christmas Mass.
- The most viewed Nativity scene may be the one displayed in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican.
- Nine figures depicting the Holy Family, the Magi and the shepherds were originally donated by St. Vincent Palotti, the founder of Palottines, for the nativity at Rome’s church of Sant’ Andrea della Valle in 1842. In 1982, the Society of the Catholic Apostolate gave the figures to St. John Paul II for use in the Piazza San Pietro.
- Astronomers say that you will likely be able to witness what is known to some as the Bethlehem star or Christmas star this year, when both Jupiter and Saturn will appear almost like one from earth’s view on December 21st.

There is a Mexican legend behind the use of Poinsettias for Christmas. The story goes like this. A poor Mexican girl, who had no present to give the baby Jesus, made a small bouquet with a small handful of weeds from the roadside. Though she felt embarrassed, remembering the words of her cousin, Pedro “Pepita, I’m sure that even the smallest gift, given by someone who loves Him will make Jesus happy.” She knelt down and put the bouquet at the bottom of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet became bright red flowers. All who saw it understood that it was a miracle. From that day, those flowers were known as the ‘Flores de Noche Buena’ or ‘Flowers of the Holy Night’. The shape of the flower and leaves of Poinsettia are sometimes thought as the symbol of the Star of Bethlehem. The white colored



May Infant Jesus come into your hearts and homes, and bless you.

Let Christ be the ONE and ONLY reason for the season.

We wish you all a Blessed Christmas.





### Home Altar/Family Altar

This Christmas, try to set up an altar at your home. It just needs a table, a white cloth (or any liturgical color cloth, if you want to go the extra mile) on top of it, a crucifix, a Bible and battery operated candles. If you want, you can add statues of Mary and Joseph, or any relics you have, and holy water. Make a commitment to Jesus, and pray together, at least a short prayer every morning and night. Read the Bible every day. Pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at this altar. Those who are joining us to celebrate Mass online, please do so reverently, by keeping your electronic gadget on your home altar.







### Your safety is our primary concern.

In order to accommodate social distancing, a new Christmas Mass Schedule with more Masses has been created. There will be additional Masses in the gym at 2:10 PM, 3:40 PM and 5:10 PM on Christmas Eve, and 9:40 AM, 11:10 AM and 12:40 PM on Christmas day. Please feel safe to avail the opportunities.



When you come for Mass, for safety protocol please bring your name and contact number written on a paper and put in the baskets available at the entrance. The information will be kept confidential. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

🌲 Jesse Tree symbols for fourth week of Advent. 🌲

🌲 🍅 Day	Person	Incident	Scripture	Symbol 🍅 🌲
Dec.20(4th Sun)	John the Baptist	Prepare way for the Messiah.	Mt.3:1-3	A scallop shell. 
Dec.21(4th Mon)	Joseph	Trust in God	Mt.1:19 - 25	Carpenter's tools. 
Dec.22(4th Tues)	Mary	Annunciation.	Lk. 1:26 - 38	White lily. 
Dec.23(4th Wed)	Wisemen	Worship God.	Mt. 2:1 - 12	Star of Bethlehem. 
Dec.24(4th Thurs)	Angel	Goodnews of the birth of Savior	Lk.2:8 - 20	Angel. 
Dec.25(4th Fri)	Christ	Birth of Jesus	Lk 2:1 - 7	Baby in the manger. 

According to a decree authorized by Pope Francis, the Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020. It will conclude on December 8, 2021. This is in honor of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. The decree said that the Pope had established this year so that "Every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." It added that the Pope had granted special indulgences to mark the year.



## **St. Joseph, we entrust our parish into your protective hands.**

As a part of this, on every First Wednesday of this year we will have a short reflection on the life of St. Joseph. As he is the patron of happy death, let us daily invoke his intercession throughout our life by praying *O Blessed Joseph, who yielded up thy last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." Amen.*

After our daily Masses, we as a parish, seek his intercession by praying this prayer. I would like to encourage all of you to pray to St. Joseph daily in this year.

*"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen."*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### *We Celebrate Our Sacraments Marriage Banns*

*Nicole Oddo, St. Ignatius Loyola  
Paul Valvo, Maria Regina, Massapequa, NY*



*The Bread and Wine this week a  
Are in loving memory  
Of  
Christine Rigert  
From  
The Rigert Family*



December 13th Katlyn Cleary—\$125.00  
December 14th—Marie Marotti—\$50.00  
December 15th E.M. Loheide Rupes—\$50.00  
December 16th - Emma Chiz—\$50/00  
December 17th Susanne Rupes - \$50.00  
December 18th—E. M. Loheide Rupes- \$50.00  
December 19th - P. Walter - \$50.00

Congratulations to this week's winners!



*The Candles this week  
Are in loving memory  
Of  
Elizabeth and Chares Lang  
From  
The Lang Family*



### *Christmas Novena*

This year we will have a Christmas Novena from December 25th to January 2nd. During these uncertain times, it is a nice way of letting your loved ones know that you are remembering them in prayer. The Novena cards are available in the Rectory Office. Please stop by during rectory hours to obtain a card and make a donation.

*Thought  
for the week .....*

*What to do with a mistake;  
recognize it, admit it, learn from  
it, forget it.*



Christmas 2020

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

- When he was elected as a Successor of St. Peter on March 13, 2013, our Holy Father chose the name *Francis*. It was a weighty decision with a prophetic message. Especially now, seven years later and with the publication of his latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* from the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 2020, the significance of the choice is clear: Pope Francis connects his papacy to St. Francis.

Through the ministry of our Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi is close to the Church in these times. Therefore, as we draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this difficult year, I wish to recall two points Pope Francis highlights from the life of St. Francis. One will help us celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord; the other indicates a grace for which to pray during the holy season.

First, in his 2019 Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*, Pope Francis emphasizes St. Francis of Assisi's foundational role in our celebration of Christmas. The Holy Father recalls the origins of the crèche and the first nativity scene inspired by the holy friar in 1223, by which the saint sought "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem." Importantly, the remembrance of Christ's birth that St. Francis desired to convey was brought alive in Greccio, a small village in Italy, not by statues but by people from the surrounding towns and countryside. Together with St. Francis, his friars, an ox and a donkey, they gathered at a cave to behold a manger full of hay over which the Eucharist was celebrated. That Christmas night, almost 800 years ago, Pope Francis reminds us, "the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present." That night, there was "no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery." (2) Encountering Christ, there was simply joy and hope.

This Christmas, in our world laden with the Crosses of COVID-19, political and economic turmoil, racism, financial hardship, and so many other societal ills and challenges – challenges that impact us on Long Island – let us remember this lesson from Greccio: Christmas is an event to be lived. It demands our participation. Like the women and men who embodied that first crèche, we must be present to Christ who is born for us. We must behold and receive Him.

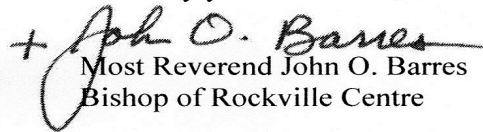
Second, in *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis shows St. Francis as an icon of Christocentric-listening. With great humility and charity, the saint reverently listened to others. He was present to the various voices in his life – the voice of God, the voice of his neighbor, the voice of the poor, the voice of the sick, the voice of nature – and by truly hearing them, he was an instrument of peace, healing, and understanding. How different it can be for us! The Holy Father says well what we know: “Today’s world is largely a deaf world...At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying.” Aware of this fact, the Pope encourages us, in the midst of our hectic and polarized world, to be like St. Francis and “not lose our ability to listen.” (48)

This Christmas, when we approach the crib, let us ask for the grace to be attentive listeners. Let us ask for the grace to be like St. Francis, so that we may hear the voice of God and the voice of our neighbor and respond with the radical charity he exhibited.<sup>1</sup>

Like Pope Francis, may we be moved by the example of St. Francis, and may St. Francis of Assisi’s love for the Mystery of the Nativity, his ecstatic mysticism, his love for the poor, and his spirit of universal fraternity animate our celebration of Christmas this year.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

## *Honor Roll*

### Kellenberg Memorial High School

#### Final Honor Roll—2019-2020

Erica Boehrer  
Julie Busch  
Ryan Busch  
Karen Garcia  
Aidan Governale  
Gregory Malerba  
Thomas McCartney  
Eugenio Perez  
Victoria Price  
Aidan Quinn

#### National Honor Society

Julie Busch  
Karen Garcia  
Victoria Price

#### National Junior Society

Ryan Bush

#### Perfect Attendance 2019-2020

Karen Garcia



We welcome into the Family of God and to our Parish Family here at St. Ignatius Loyola, the following new members baptized in November:

#### November 8, 2020

Pherson Leon Antonik

#### November 22, 2020

Madeline Jolie Mazzei

#### November 28, 2020

Stephanie Torralba  
Karen Sophia Alvarez Ramirez  
Kendra Arlet Martinez Ramirez

*Congratulations and may God bless you!*

# COMUNIDAD HISPANA



Es bueno que los cristianos nos preguntemos y recordemos al resto por qué esta noche, Nochebuena, es una noche diferente. Aunque sea una noche de invierno, fría y desangelada, aunque en la mesa haya un sitio vacío que el año pasado estaba ocupado, aunque la cena sea austera si es el caso, aunque toque trabajar esa noche y no se pueda estar con la familia, aunque se eche de menos algo o a alguien, aunque las cosas no estén yendo como nos gustaría e, incluso, en la soledad, esta noche es diferente.

## MISA DOMINGOS

5:00pm. Invita un amigo,

un familiar, un vecino.

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## **PARA BAUTIZOS**

*Por favor comuníquese con la rectoría, teléfono y horario están en la primera pagina*

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Del 15 a el 24 de Enero 2021  
Virgen de la Altagracia

Del 29 de Enero a el 7 de Febrero 2021  
Virgen de Suyapa

Unámonos en comunidad, conectándonos a la línea de oración, si le gustaría ser parte de las novenas, por favor comuníquese con alguien de hospitalidad para mas información.

**Terminaremos las Novenas con la Santa Misa en la Parroquia**

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# Feliz Navidad

La Navidad es una de las festividades mas importantes de Nosotros los cristianos, junto con la Pascua de resurrección y Pentecostés. Esta solemnidad, que conmemoramos

el  
nacimiento  
Jesucristo  
Belén.



de  
en

## *Misas en español durante la Navidad*

Jueves, Diciembre 24 6:30pm en la parroquia

Viernes, Diciembre 25 2:30pm en la parroquia

Jueves, Diciembre 31 7:00pm en la parroquia

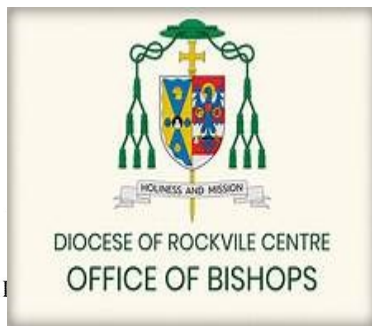
## *Fechas y horario para en Sacramento de reconciliación*

Lunes, Diciembre 21 de 5:00 a 8:00pm

Sabado, Diciembre 26 de 3:30 a 4:30pm

Por *favor vea St. Ignatius Loyola sitio web para fechas y horarios*  
*Por actualizaciones debido a la pandemia.*





## Navidad 2020

Al Pueblo de Dios de la Diócesis de Rockville Centre:

Cuando fue elegido Sucesor de San Pedro el 13 de marzo del 2013, nuestro Santo Padre eligió el nombre de Francisco. Fue una decisión de peso con un mensaje profético. Especialmente ahora, siete años después y con la publicación de su última encíclica *Fratelli Tutti* desde la tumba de San Francisco de Asís el 3 de octubre del 2020, el significado de la elección es claro: el Papa Francisco conecta su papado con San Francisco.

A través del ministerio de nuestro Santo Padre, San Francisco de Asís está cerca de la Iglesia en estos tiempos. Por lo tanto, al acercarnos a Belén al final de este año difícil, deseo recordar dos puntos que el Papa Francisco destaca de la vida de San Francisco. Uno nos ayudará a celebrar el nacimiento de Nuestro Señor; el otro indica una gracia por la cual orar durante la temporada santa.

Primero, en su Carta Apostólica de 2019 *Admirabile Signum*: Sobre el significado y la importancia de la escena del nacimiento, el Papa Francisco hace énfasis en el papel fundamental de San Francisco de Asís en nuestra celebración de la Navidad. El Santo Padre recuerda los orígenes de la representación del nacimiento y la primera natividad inspirada por el santo fraile en 1223, con el que el santo buscaba "dar vida a la memoria del niño nacido en Belén". Es importante destacar que el recuerdo del nacimiento de Cristo que San Francisco deseaba transmitir cobró vida en Greccio, un pequeño pueblo en Italia, no por estatuas sino por personas del campo y los pueblos vecinos. Junto a San Francisco, sus frailes, un buey y un burro, se reunieron en una cueva para contemplar un pesebre lleno de heno sobre el que se celebró la Eucaristía. Esa noche de Navidad, hace casi 800 años, nos recuerda el Papa Francisco, "el nacimiento fue representado y experimentado por todos los que estaban allí presentes". Esa noche, "no había distancia entre el evento original y los que compartían su misterio". (2) Al encuentro con Cristo, hubo simplemente gozo y esperanza.

Esta Navidad, en nuestro mundo cargado con las Cruces del COVID-19, la agitación política y económica, el racismo, las dificultades financieras y tantos otros males y desafíos sociales, desafíos que nos impactan en Long Island, recordemos esta lección de Greccio: La Navidad es un acontecimiento para ser vivido. Exige nuestra participación. Como las mujeres y los hombres que encarnaron esa primera representación, debemos estar presentes para Cristo que nació por nosotros. Debemos contemplarlo y recibirlo.

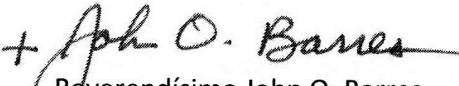
En segundo lugar, en Fratelli Tutti, el Papa Francisco muestra a San Francisco como un ícono de la escucha Cristocéntrica. Con gran humildad y caridad, el santo escuchó con reverencia a los demás. Estuvo presente en las diversas voces de su vida - la voz de Dios, la voz del prójimo, la voz de los pobres, la voz de los enfermos, la voz de la naturaleza - y al escucharlas verdaderamente, fue un instrumento de paz, sanación y entendimiento. ¡Qué tan diferente puede ser para nosotros! El Santo Padre bien dice lo que sabemos: "El mundo de hoy es en gran parte un mundo sordo ... A veces, el ritmo frenético del mundo moderno nos impide escuchar atentamente lo que dice otra persona". Consciente de este hecho, el Papa nos anima, en medio de nuestro mundo agitado y polarizado, a ser como San Francisco y "no perder la capacidad de escuchar". (48)

Esta Navidad, cuando nos acerquemos al pesebre, pidamos la gracia de ser oyentes atentos. Pidamos la gracia de ser como San Francisco, para que podamos escuchar la voz de Dios y la voz del prójimo y responder con la caridad radical que él mostró. |

Como el Papa Francisco, que seamos conmovidos por el ejemplo de San Francisco, y que el amor de San Francisco de Asís por el Misterio de la Natividad, su misticismo extático, su amor por los pobres y su espíritu de fraternidad universal animen nuestra celebración de Navidad este año.

Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias en esta Navidad.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

  
Reverendísimo John O. Barres  
Obispo de Rockville Centre

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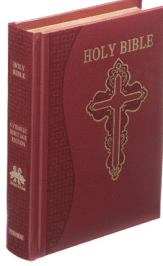


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