

*Mass Intentions*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024** *Luke 10:25-37*  
*Our Lady of the Rosary*  
 8:30am Respect For Life  
 12:10pm Lina, Franco & Gianni Giugliano

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024** *Luke 10:38-42*  
 8:30am Marie Boitel (43rd Anniversary in Heaven)  
 12:10pm Margaret Gulotta & Vita LiBassi  
 Anna D’Orazio  
 Jeanne Marie Longua

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024** *Luke 11:1-4*  
*St. Denis & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi*  
 12:10pm Giovanni London  
 Deceased Members of Perno/Stolfi Families  
 7:30pm Deceased Members of Apollo, Giuffre,  
 Oliva & Vinci Families

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024** *Luke 11:5-13*  
 8:30am Matteo Gerardo D’Arcio & Antonia Mele  
 12:10pm Robert Ward

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2024** *Luke 11:15-26*  
*St. John XXIII, Pope*  
 8:30am Priests, Missionaries & Religious  
 12:10pm Robert Ward  
 Colleen Carey

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024** *Luke 11:27-28*  
 8:30am Carol Burak  
 5:00pm Conrado & Isabel Mata  
 Douglas Edwards  
 Natalie Buro

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024** *Mark 10:17-30*  
 7:45am Anna & Michael Apollo (Living)  
 Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary  
 9:00am Eleanor Howley (10th Anniversary)  
 Stanley Pekarski  
 11:00am Jeannine Val (Living) Birthday Blessings  
 Lina, Franco & Gianni Giugliano  
 Amelia Pascocello (11th Anniversary in Heaven)  
 Crocifissa & Francesco Accardo  
 1:00pm Leocadia Lebron (3rd Month in Heaven)  
 Jefferson Tobar; Marcos Giron  
 Christian Glatz (Living- In Thanksgiving)  
 Flor Elvia Velasquez de Bohorquez (Heavenly Birthday)

*Next Sunday’s Liturgy—October 13*

**Readings for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11** The one who seeks wisdom will have riches beyond compare.

**Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17** Wisdom of heart will bring joy and gladness for those filled with the love of God.

**2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13** God's living word penetrates mortal beings all the way to the truth about us.

**Gospel: Mark 10:17-30** What are we willing to pay for the price of admission to the reign of God?

**FOCUS: Seek Christ above all else.**

Jesus is the Word of God, living and effective, able to discern the thoughts and reflections of our hearts. Jesus is the wisdom of God, more precious than power, riches, or beauty. To follow Christ is to place Him at the center of our lives, to seek Him before all the good things of this world, including ties to family, friends and colleagues.

*Almighty and eternal God, protect the men and women who serve in our military. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. Amen.*

*Presider Schedule (Subject to change)*

<b>Monday, Oct. 7</b> 8:30 am Fr. Mike 12:10 pm Fr. Jeff	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 8</b> 8:30 am Fr. Mike 12:10 pm Fr. Jeff
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 9</b> 12:10 pm Fr. Gustavo 7:30 pm Fr. Jeff	<b>Thursday, Oct. 10</b> 8:30 am Fr. Jeff 12:10 pm Fr. Mike
<b>Friday, Oct. 11</b> 8:30 am Fr. Gustavo 12:10 pm Fr. Mike	<b>Saturday, Oct. 12</b> 8:30 am Fr. Mike 5:00 pm Fr. Mike
<b>Sunday, Oct. 13</b> 7:45 am Fr. Thomas 9:00 am Fr. Mike 11:00 am Fr. Mike 1:00 pm Fr. Gustavo	



Blessed be the Holy Name of Mary.

A hidden reality of God's creation that helps us tremendously are the angels of God.

They are pure spirits who have participated in the history of salvation. It was the Archangel Gabriel that revealed to the Blessed Mother of the Child that she would have through the Holy Spirit. It was the angels that delivered the good news to the shepherds at Bethlehem on Christmas Day. It was the angels that ministered to Jesus while He was tempted in the desert by the Devil.

It may come as a surprise, but the Angels still minister to us. They are not just part of salvation history but rather they are true entities that serve the Lord. In fact, each of us has a guardian Angel given to us by the Lord. They help us to enlighten our conscience, intercede for us, protect us from harm, and give us special graces from God.

Many of the saints had devotion to their guardian angel. Saint Padre Pio credited his guardian angel in passing his classes when he was studying for the priesthood.

There is a tremendous joy among the angels, especially our guardian angel, when we are baptized, confirmed, go to confession, receive Jesus in Holy Communion. These are sacraments that they cannot receive, but we can. They rejoice with us when we take part in it. The greatest joy of our guardian angel is when we finally behold Jesus in Heaven.

October 2 was the Feast of the Guardian Angels. I would encourage you to pray daily asking your guardian angel's intercession. Here is one of the most famous prayers to one's guardian angel:

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day, be at my side,  
To light and guard,  
Rule and guide. Amen.

May our guardian Angel and the Queen of Angels intercede for us.

Pax et Bonum.

In Jesus and Mary,





**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024  
AT 4:00PM, HNM CHURCH**

*The Anointing of the Sick is a Sacrament of Healing.*  
Its purpose is to bring the healing touch of Jesus  
to those in our community who are suffering.  
A person does not need to be in danger of death in order  
to be anointed and may be anointed more than once.

We invite you to join with us to receive the grace of the sacrament  
and the prayerful support of the parish community.

The *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* is for  
**ADULTS** and **CHILDREN**  
who are experiencing any of the following:  
-serious physical or mental illness  
-debilities of advanced age  
-about to undergo surgery/recuperating from surgery  
-cancer, Parkinson's, heart condition, Alzheimer's,  
diabetes, stroke, arthritis, etc.

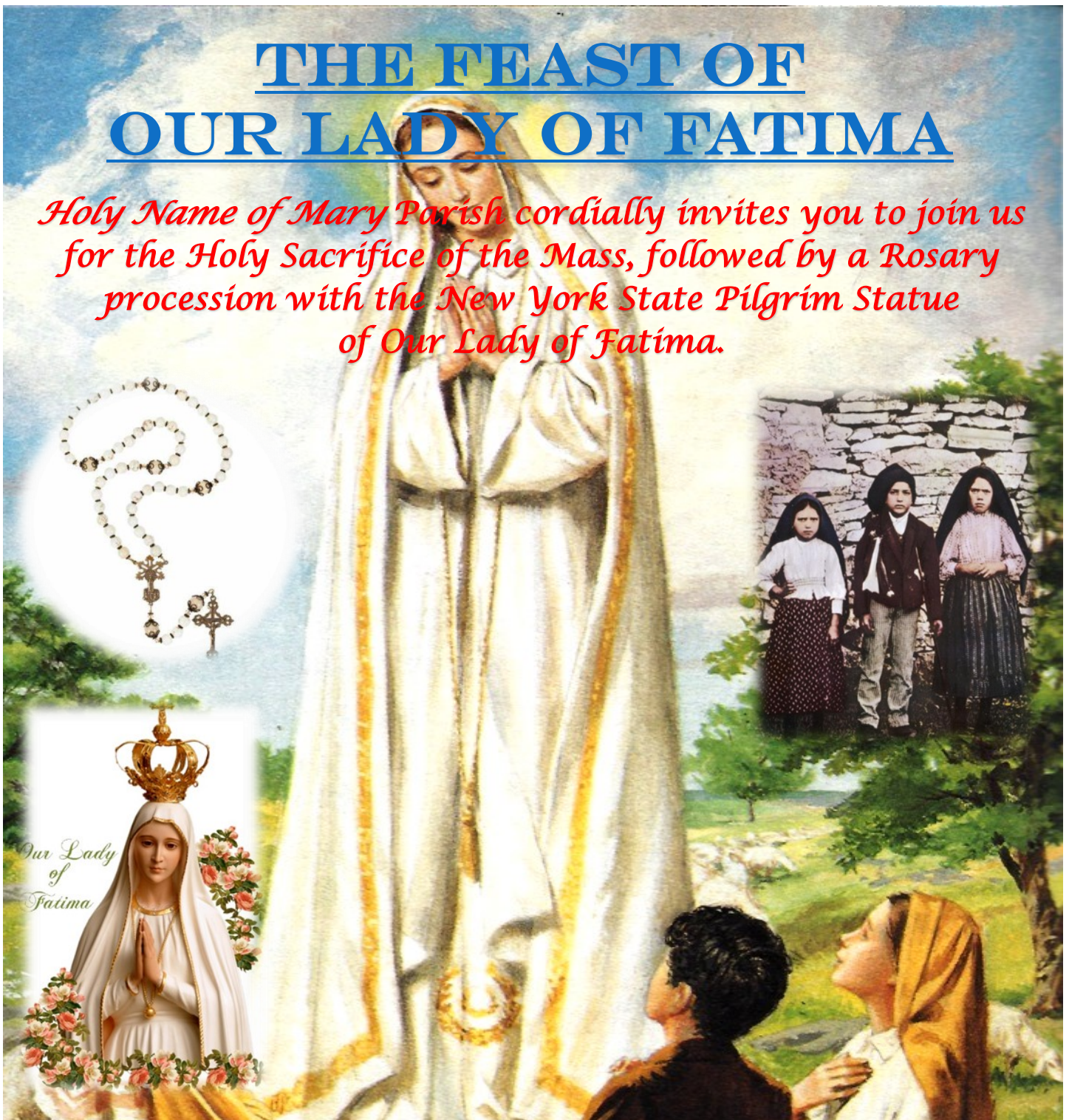
Family, friends and caregivers are welcome.

For more information, please call Parish Outreach at 516-825-0177.



# THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

*Holy Name of Mary Parish cordially invites you to join us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, followed by a Rosary procession with the New York State Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.*



*Please join us **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** at the **9:00 am Mass** as we honor **Our Lady of Fatima**. The New York State Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting Holy Name of Mary for the day. Following the conclusion of the 9:00 am Mass, we will lead a procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima around the Church, as we recite the Mysteries of the Rosary.*





**NEW SCHEDULE FOR ADORATION  
and CONFESSION**

**Beginning October 1, 2024, we will be offering  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Confessions everyday.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays;  
following the 12:10pm Mass, until 2pm**

**Thursdays; following 12:10pm Mass until 6pm  
*\*\*Adoration will not take place on Saturdays***

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
following the 12:10 pm Mass, Monday-Friday  
Saturday; 3:30pm-4:30pm  
Sunday; 10:15am-10:45am  
Sunday; 12-12:45pm in Spanish**

*Catholic Health Care  
Ethics Seminar*



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***A Tradition of Compassion and  
Care for the Human Person***

Friday October 25th & Saturday 26th, 2024

*St. Agnes Parish Center  
Rockville Centre, NY*



**THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
BIOETHICS CENTER**



Contact:  
Julie Kelley - [jkelly@ncbcenter.org](mailto:jkelly@ncbcenter.org)

Registration:  
<http://ncbcenter.org.regfox.com/rockville-centre-ny-2024>

Join Bishop Andrzej this fall  
for the monthly times of prayer and reflection

**EUCCHARISTIC HORIZONS**  
exploring the deeper understanding of our  
mysteries of life in the light of perpetual gift  
of grace and real presence of Jesus in  
His Sacrament of Love.

**October 29, 2024**  
“Eucharist-Feast of the Lamb”  
**November 26, 2024**  
**December 17, 2024**  
**7:00 pm**

**Church of St. Paul the Apostle  
2534 Cedar Swamp Rd., Brookville**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
For further information, call  
**516-744-6850**  
Email: [worship@drvc.org](mailto:worship@drvc.org)

**Holy Name of Mary Church**

# \$10,000 Raffle

**Only 200 tickets will be sold**

**Tickets are \$100 each**

**Prize money will be shared by 3 Winners**

**\$3,333.33 each \***

*\*subject to withholdings*

**Tickets will be available after all Masses.**

**Or to reserve your ticket,**

**email: [hnmc10000raffle@gmail.com](mailto:hnmc10000raffle@gmail.com)**

**Drawing will be on December 8, 2024**

*Winner need not be present!*

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You may also reserve your ticket by completing this form and dropping it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_



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- SAFE COMMUNITY
- STRONG DIVERSITY

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 @HNoMSchoolValleyStream



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# STVdP Shines with Gratitude



The Sun was shining, the breeze blowing, as the Holy Name of Mary St. Vincent de Paul Conference, some wonderful parishioners and our Pastor, walked 3.1 miles at our Annual Walk for The Poor fundraiser. Thank you to Fr. Jeff for giving us the weekend to let our voices be heard in celebration for the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul and for joining us on the walk. It was a wonderful day at Heckscher State Park in East Islip enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Great South Bay & pine barrens of Long Island.

Your donations will go a long way in helping families in our Parish Community. We are grateful for your continued support with food and donations in the poor boxes. We are so blessed. Thank you for "Helping Us Help Others"!

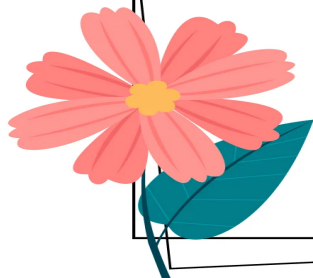


## Interested in volunteering for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Find out how you can experience the joy of serving our community in need.

**Come join us for an Informational Meeting on Wednesday, November 6th at 7pm, in Parish Outreach.**

**All are welcome!**





*HNM School Registration*

Join in the Spirit at Holy Name of Mary School, an AdvancEd Accredited School. To register your child for Nursery (full day, age 3), Pre-K (full day, age 4), Kindergarten (full day, age 5) or Grade 1 through 8, contact our School Office to make an appointment at 516-825-4009, or visit [www.hnomschool.org](http://www.hnomschool.org) for registration materials and details. Before and after school care is available for all registered students. Follow Holy Name of Mary School on Instagram and Facebook @ hnomschoolvalleystream.

*Baptism Schedule*

Baptisms in English are scheduled on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 3pm. Baptisms in Spanish are scheduled on the second Saturday of every month at 12 noon. Please call the Parish Office for available dates. Baby's birth certificate and signed sponsor forms from godparents are required.

*St. Vincent de Paul Message*

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Let the children come to me...for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." This week, please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to children who are hungry and cold.

**Pantry needs:** Paper towel, toilet tissue, cereal, rice, beans, canned vegetables/fruit, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, coffee, tea, condiments, muffin/cake mix, Mac and cheese, instant or canned potatoes.

**Urgent Need: Peanut Butter /Jelly**

*If you or someone you know needs assistance, call SVdP or Parish Outreach at 516-825-0177.*

*Remember In Prayer*

**All Those Who Are Sick**

*Father of Goodness and love, bear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need...*

Annie Bottone, Angela Hope Conroy

Mark Cowie, Anthony Ippolito

Alice Lynch, Kevin Lynch, Edward Malave

Nial Pace, Jane Pope, Francine Raimondi

Jimmy Ross, Mary Ryder, Mary Lou Shannon

Charlie S., Robert Stewart

*(Names will remain on the sick list for **four weeks only**. If you would like to have the name listed again, please notify the Parish Office.)*

**All Those Who Have Died**

*Please remember in prayer all the recently deceased, of our parish and for those who mourn their loss.*

*We also remember all the souls in Purgatory.*

Romeo Leong

Teodoro Eduardo Vinas

Josephine Weston

*Eucharistic Minister Schedule*

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**

**5:00pm**

*HOST*} K. Rodriguez, J. Marracello

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

**7:45am**

*HOST*} G. Peralta, K. Paul

**9:00am**

*HOST*} M. Moscola, R. Abiuso

**11:00am**

*HOST*} J. Kernizan, A. Calisi



If you and your family recently moved to Valley Stream and wish to become registered parishioners of Holy Name of Mary Church, (or maybe you attend Mass regularly and have never registered), please visit the Parish Office to fill out a short registration form. Using our envelope system is the only way to have all your donations recorded.

***Loose checks are not recorded, they must be placed in your registered parishioner envelope.***

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS  
OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE**

*You are invited to explore the benefits of  
a Catholic High School Education.  
Enjoy a visit and tour...save the dates!*

**Chaminade High School**  
Saturday, October 5, 2024  
9am-1pm  
516-742-5555  
[www.chaminade-hs.org](http://www.chaminade-hs.org)

**Kellenberg Memorial High School**  
Saturday, October 5, 2024  
9am-1pm  
516-292-0200  
[www.kellenberg.org](http://www.kellenberg.org)

**St. John the Baptist High School**  
Sunday, October 6, 2024  
10am-1pm  
631-587-8000  
[www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net](http://www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net)

**St. Dominic High School**  
Sunday, October 6, 2024  
1pm-4pm  
516-922-4888  
[www.hs.stdoms.org](http://www.hs.stdoms.org)

**Holy Trinity Diocesan High School**  
Saturday, October 19, 2024  
10am-1pm  
516-433-2900  
[www.holytrinityhs.org](http://www.holytrinityhs.org)

*Register for the  
Catholic High School  
Entrance Exam at [www.chsee.org](http://www.chsee.org)  
(Saturday, November 9, 2024)*

**Undergraduate Fall Open House  
Molloy University**  
Sunday, November 17, 2024  
Tours begin at 12pm  
Register at: [https://  
www.molloy.edu/openhouse24](https://www.molloy.edu/openhouse24)  
516-323-4000

*Banns of Marriage—First Week*

**Bryan Kassebaum** (*Holy Name of Mary, VS*)  
& **Joanna R. McKasty** (*Church of the Nazarene, VS*)

**Matthew Iorio** (*Holy Name of Mary, VS*)  
& **Michelle Iocco** (*Holy Name of Mary-Assumption,  
Montgomery, NY*)

**Matthew Corrado** (*Holy Name of Mary, VS*)  
& **Yenessis Coronel** (*Holy Name of Mary, VS*)

**Rocco DeSiante, Jr.** (*Holy Name of Mary, VS*)  
& **Maria Dolores** (*Holy Name of Mary, VS*)

*Financial Information*

Weekly budget amount to meet parish expenses	\$13,882
Weekly offering of September 29, 2024	\$10,028
Faith Direct (average of weekly donation)	\$ 1,735
TOTAL of weekly offering & Faith Direct/Other	\$11,763
	<b>Deficit \$ 2,119</b>

*Msgr. Mulligan Memorial - Candles*



**Bread & Wine, Candles  
or Flowers**

*In Memory of  
Your Loved One*

There are many available dates to remember a loved one with the **Msgr. Mulligan Memorial of Bread & Wine, Candles, or Flowers**. These intentions begin on a Sunday and end on the following Saturday. Your loved one will be remembered at every Mass throughout the week. Please stop in at the Parish Office if you would like to schedule your special intention.

Bread & Wine or Candles = \$50.00    Flowers = \$125.00

*As Your most precious gift of human life is attacked,  
draw us ever closer to Your Real Presence in the Eucha-  
rist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for You  
are the light that shines in the darkness. By the power of  
Your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of  
every human person at every stage. Transform our  
hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most  
vulnerable, especially the Unborn in danger of being  
aborted. For You are God, forever and ever. Amen.*



Bendito sea el Santo Nombre de María.

Una realidad oculta de la creación de Dios que nos ayuda enormemente son los ángeles de Dios.

Son espíritus puros que han participado en la historia de la salvación. Fue el Arcángel Gabriel quien le reveló a la Santísima Madre del Niño que ella tendría a través del Espíritu Santo. Fueron los ángeles quienes dieron la buena noticia a los pastores en Belén el día de Navidad. Fueron los ángeles quienes ministraron a Jesús mientras era tentado en el desierto por el Diablo.

Puede resultar sorprendente, pero los ángeles todavía nos ministran. No son solo parte de la historia de la salvación, sino que son entidades verdaderas que sirven al Señor. De hecho, cada uno de nosotros tiene un ángel guardián que nos dio el Señor. Nos ayudan a iluminar nuestra conciencia, interceden por nosotros, nos protegen del daño y nos dan gracias especiales de Dios.

Muchos de los santos tenían devoción a su ángel guardián. San Padre Pío le dio crédito a su ángel guardián al aprobar sus clases cuando estudiaba para el sacerdocio.

Hay una alegría tremenda entre los ángeles, especialmente nuestro ángel guardián, cuando somos bautizados, confirmados, nos confesamos, recibimos a Jesús en la Sagrada Comunión. Son sacramentos que ellos no pueden recibir, pero nosotros sí. Ellos se alegran con nosotros cuando participamos en ellos. La alegría más grande de nuestro ángel guardián es cuando finalmente contemplamos a Jesús en el Cielo.

El 2 de octubre fue la Fiesta de los Ángeles Guardianes. Te animo a que reces diariamente pidiendo la intercesión de tu ángel guardián. Esta es una de las oraciones más famosas al ángel guardián:

Ángel de Dios, mi querido guardián,  
a quien el amor de Dios me encomienda aquí,  
siempre este día, quédate a mi lado,  
para iluminar y proteger,  
gobernar y guiar. Amén.

Que nuestro Ángel guardián y la Reina de los Ángeles intercedan por nosotros.

Pax et Bonum.

En Jesús y María,

*Father Jeff Yildirmaz*



*Adoración Eucarística*

Estás invitado a rezar ante el Santísimo Sacramento o todos los jueves después de la Misa de las 12:10, hasta las 6pm.; y todos los sábados de 7pm. a 8p.m.

*Inscripción en la escuela HNM*

Únase al Espíritu en Holy Name of Mary School, una escuela acreditada por AdvancEd. Para inscribir a su hijo en la guardería (día completo, 3 años), pre jardín de infantes (día completo, 4 años), jardín de infantes (día completo, 5 años) o de 1st a 8th grado, comuníquese con la oficina de nuestra escuela para programar una cita al 516-825-4009, o visite [www.hnomschool.org](http://www.hnomschool.org) para obtener los materiales y detalles de inscripción. El cuidado antes y después de la escuela está disponible para todos los estudiantes registrados. Siga a Holy Name of Mary School en Instagram y Facebook @ hnomschoolvalleystream.

*Bienvenidos a nuestra parroquia*

Si usted y su familia se mudaron recientemente a Valley Stream y desean convertirse en feligreses registrados de la Iglesia Holy Name of Mary, (o tal vez asiste a misa regularmente y nunca se registró), visite la Oficina Parroquial para completar un breve formulario de registro. Usar nuestro sistema de sobres es la única manera de registrar todas sus donaciones. Los cheques sueltos no se registran, deben colocarse en su sobre de feligrés registrado.

*OCLA (RCLA) / Divine Mercy*

**OCIA** es para adultos que estén interesados en recibir los Sacramentos de Iniciación: Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Las reuniones semanales en español comenzarán el domingo 8 de septiembre, de 10:30 am a 12:30 pm. Las reuniones se realizan en el sótano de la escuela, sala numero 5.

**La Divina Misericordia!**

¡Únase a nosotros en oración por la Divina Misericordia! Nos reunimos todos los miércoles, de 7pm a 9pm, en la Capilla del Convento.

*Adoración y Confesión*

A partir del 1 de octubre de 2024, ofreceremos Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento y Confesiones todos los días.

**Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento:**

En inglés: Lunes, martes, miércoles, viernes; después de la Misa de las 12:10 pm, hasta las 2:00 pm  
Jueves; después de la Misa de las 12:10 pm hasta las 6:00 pm (La Adoración no se llevará a cabo los sábados)

**Sacramento de la Confesión:**

En inglés: después de la misa de las 12:10 pm, de lunes a viernes; sábados: de 3:30 pm a 4:30 pm; domingos: de 10:15 am a 10:45 am;  
en español: domingos: de 12pm a 12:45 pm

**LA UNCIÓN de los ENFERMOS**

La Unción de los Enfermos es un Sacramento de Sanación. Su propósito es llevar el toque sanador de Jesús a aquellos miembros de nuestra comunidad que están sufriendo. Una persona no necesita estar en peligro de muerte para ser ungida y puede ser ungida más de una vez. Le invitamos a unirse a nosotros para recibir la gracia del sacramento y el apoyo de la comunidad parroquial el domingo 6 de octubre a las 4:00 p.m.

**NESCETA ASISTENCIA en APLICANDO PARE (SNAP) Los Cupones de Alimento**

Reina Rivas SNAP Coordinadora de los Cupones de Alimento de Caridades Católica Diócesis de La Isla Está disponible cada otro Lunes aquí en las Oficina de Outreach de la parroquia Holy Name of Mary en Valley Stream de 12:30pm-4:00pm. Por favor llame para una cita (516) 317-1929.

**EL GRUPO de ORACION**

El grupo de Oracion Carismatico te invita todos los viernes de 7:00 pm a 9:30 pm, a orar en lamunidad en la iglesia.

**DEFIENDE LA VIDA – RESPETA LA VIDA DOMINGO 6 DE OCTUBRE DE 2024 de 2:00 a 3:30 (llueva o haga sol)**

Únete a la Coalición por la Vida de Long Island en una vigilia silenciosa y pacífica, – en Huntington, en la intersección de la Ruta 25 y la Ruta 110, – en Manorville, justo al sur de Long Island Expressway, (Salida 70S) en County Road 111.

# Respect Life Month

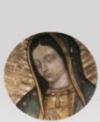


**October 2024**  
**[respectlife.org/celebrate](https://respectlife.org/celebrate)**



*“I cannot stay silent over 30 to 40 million unborn lives cast aside every year through abortion....Abortion is a grave injustice. It can never be a legitimate expression of autonomy and power.”*

- Pope Francis



DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
Office of Human Life,  
Family and Bioethics



## **STAND UP FOR LIFE – RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**From 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (rain or shine)**

Join the Long Island Coalition for Life in a silent, peaceful vigil,  
– in Huntington, at the intersection of Rt. 25 and Rt. 110,  
– in Manorville just south of Long Island Expressway, (Exit 70S)  
on County Road 111.

This vigil is part of a nationwide family-friendly event, held at hundreds of cities across the US and Canada. Signs are available at the site. Please bring all your family, friends and neighbors! Stay for part of the time or the full 90 minutes! Know that by your presence here you are helping to save a life.

*For information call 631-243-1435; or [www.prolifeLI.org](http://www.prolifeLI.org).*

**There will be a special collection on the weekend of October 6th for Respect Life.**



# RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

## October 2024

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities



We are living in an exciting time of revival. Our National Eucharistic Congress, and the Eucharistic processions that led to it, involved hundreds of thousands of Catholics who will never be the same. The revival continues, and is so needed, especially in our efforts to defend human life.

Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life. He calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person. While we live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable, they are the most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that “every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection.”<sup>1</sup>

The law and millions of our brothers and sisters have yet to recognize this reality. We thankfully no longer live under the regime of *Roe v. Wade*, and our elected officials are now empowered to reduce or end abortion. But what we now see is that fifty years of virtually unlimited abortion has tragically created a national mindset where many Americans have become comfortable with *some* amount of abortion. This allows the abortion industry to continue to provide *any* amount of abortion. Given this challenge, the U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, “abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone.”<sup>2</sup>

**“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life...”**



In a tragic way, abortion has become the pre-eminent priority for others as well. We see many politicians celebrating the destruction of preborn children, and protecting access to abortion, even up until the moment of birth. Few leaders are standing up to limit the harm of chemical abortion (abortion pills) to mothers and children, which is now the most common form of abortion. And heading into the November elections, as many as ten states face gravely evil ballot initiatives that would enshrine abortion in their state constitutions.

Pope St. John Paul II’s words resonate today: “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’ ... we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life.”<sup>3</sup>

And so we need a revival of prayer and action:

- We must renew our commitment to work for the legal protection of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to vote for candidates who will defend the life and dignity of the human person.

- We must call for policies that assist women and their children in need, while also continuing to help mothers in our own communities through local pregnancy help centers and our nationwide, parish-based initiative, [Walking with Moms in Need](#).
- We must likewise continue to extend the hand of compassion to all who are suffering from participation in abortion, through the Church’s abortion healing ministries like [Project Rachel Ministry](#).
- Most importantly, we must rededicate ourselves to fervent prayer on behalf of life.

I invite all Catholics to join me in a concerted effort of prayer between now and our national elections, by daily praying our Respect Life Month “Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament”:

*Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers’ wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.*



Through the graces of this revival, may we witness, work, and vote so that all children in the womb will be protected in law and welcomed in love, and that all mothers and families will be strengthened by our support and accompaniment.

For information on October *Respect Life Month*, visit <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

1 Pope Francis, “Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,” September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana).

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3 Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.

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