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December 2023 Bulletin

EVENTS AND INITIATIVES



“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

JOHN 6:51

Dear Friends,

May the peace and joy of our Lord be with you during this blessed Advent season.

As we prepare for celebrations and gatherings with loved ones, I hope this time of year calls you to embrace the spirit of giving and compassion towards those less fortunate. I ask that you open your hearts to those in need and extend love and support to those who may feel forgotten or alone during this holiday season. By embodying the love of Jesus Christ, let's extend a helping hand to the vulnerable in our communities.

The world we currently live in is marked by many conflicts and divisions. As you reflect on the birth of Christ, I invite you to join me in prayer for peace, reconciliation, and grace. Only with the help of God will we change and grow and turn our hearts around to experience His freely given pardons, second chances, clean slates, fresh starts, and new beginnings. May we live each day of the forthcoming new year filled with His mercy.

Looking toward the next year of the Eucharistic Revival, remember it will be this Holy Child's selfless love and ultimate sacrifice that is our most precious gift of all.

May you and yours have a Christmas filled with love, happiness, and good health, and I wish you a holy New Year.

Msgr. Joseph P. LaMorte, VG
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

[Click here](#) for more information about the National Eucharistic Revival. You can also visit **[our webpage](#)** for more information about the Eucharistic Revival in the Archdiocese of New York.

EVENTS

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Calendar of Hispanic Liturgies 2023 – 2024

Office of Hispanic Ministry

MULTIPLE DATES



Feast of the Holy Innocents

Office of Respect Life

THU, DEC 28



Engage / Exchange: How to Choose a Religion Textbook Series

Office of Youth Faith Formation

THU, JAN 4



March for Life Bus Trip

Office of Respect Life

FRI, JAN 19



National March for Life

Office of Respect Life

FRI, JAN 19



New York Pilgrim Mass

Office of Respect Life

FRI, JAN 19



Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (CYLA) Forums

Office of Youth Faith Formation

SAT, JAN 27 | SAT, MAR 9

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Engage / Exchange: Vacation Bible Camp – Is It For Us? How Do We Do It?

Office of Youth Faith Formation

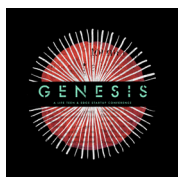
THU, FEB 1



First Annual Family Life Leaders Recognition Day

Office of Family Life

MON, FEB 12



Life Teen / EDGE Genesis Training

Office of Youth Faith Formation

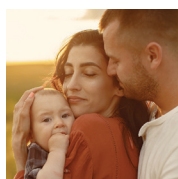
FEB 16–17



Archdiocesan Rite of Election

Office of Adult Faith Formation

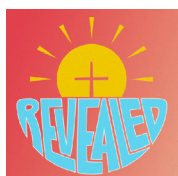
SUN, FEB 18



Second Annual Bilingual Family Life Conference

Office of Family Life

SAT, APR 13



Revealed – New York Catholic Youth Days 2024

Office of Youth Faith Formation

SAT, APR 27 | SUN, APR 28

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Visit the [Sheen Center website](#) for information about upcoming events designed to engage dialogue and bring families together.

Upcoming events include:

THU, DEC 21

A Connolly Sisters' Christmas

SAT, FEB 24

Cinderella

SAT, APR 13

Alexander and The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

INITIATIVES

Building Momentum Together

Office of Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Classes

The Adult Faith Formation office is happy to share that this upcoming winter trimester we will be holding a total of six **New York Catholic Bible School** classes (including two new ones opening this January 2024). Please find the promotional flyer for the new classes attached. The **Pastoral Institute Fr. Felix Varela**, will be running in four different locations this winter.

[View New York Catholic Bible School flyer](#)

[View Pastoral Institute Fr. Felix Varela flyer \(ES\)](#)

Office of Family Life

National Marriage Week (February 7–14, 2024)

[View flyer](#)

Second Annual Bilingual Family Life Conference

[View poster](#)

Office of Respect Life

9 Days for Life

January 16 – 24, 2024

9 Days for Life is the USCCB's annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Visit respectlife.org/9-days-signup to access the resources and to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

Gospel of Life Week

January 22 – 26, 2024

Students at Archdiocesan schools will learn about topics that uphold the dignity of the human person. The Gospel of Life Curriculum includes creative, engaging, and free resources about the life issues for every age level. It is designed for teachers, DREs, and Catechists and can be accessed on the Respect Life Office [website](#).

[View flyer](#)

INITIATIVES (cont.)

Building Momentum Together

Walking with Moms in Need

Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Visit walkingwithmoms.com for more information and resources.

[View flyer in English](#)

[View flyer in Spanish](#)

Office of Youth Faith Formation

Building Your Parish's Ministry with Children and Youth

Pope Francis calls young people the “now” of the Church. They bring hope, energy, and passion, as well as the promise of the Church for the future. Growing your parish’s ministry to children, youth, and their families can not only change their lives but impact the vitality of your parish. If you are interested in starting, growing, or re-vitalizing your parish religious education and/or youth ministry, please contact Ela Milewska (ela.milewska@archny.org).

Catholic Youth Leaders of the Archdiocese (CYLA) Leadership Forum

Saturday, January 27, 2024 | St. Mary, Grand Street, Manhattan

Our next CYLA Youth Leadership Forum will be held on Saturday, January 27 at St. Mary’s on Grand St. in Manhattan. These gatherings are designed to bring young leaders together for community, formation, and give young leaders an opportunity to use their gifts for the larger Church of the Archdiocese of New York. The Forums are designed as stand-alone gatherings so that youth may attend the ones that will work for their location and schedule. Youth should be recommended by a pastor or parish ministry leader (D/CRE or Youth Ministry Coordinator most frequently) and may attend as part of a small parish group (up to four youths) or as an individual. Don’t hesitate to get in touch with Christina Davis (christina.davis@archny.org) for additional information and to learn more about how to recommend or bring youth to this gathering.

[View flyer](#)

Formation for Catechists and Youth Ministry Teams

Formation for Level 1 and Level 2 for catechists and youth ministry team members is free through the Department of Youth Faith Formation. Every month, at least six courses are offered online and in person, in English and Spanish, across the archdiocese. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Here are our offerings for January 2024:

- *Wednesday, January 3, 2024:* The Call to Ministry (L1), Wurtsboro
- *Saturday, January 6, 2024:* Methodology (L1), Staten Island
- *Monday, January 8, 2024:* Celebración de los Sacramentos (L1), Zoom
- *Wednesday, January 10, 2024:* La Profesión de Fe (L1), Zoom
- *Thursday, January 11, 2024:* Life in Christ (L1), Manhattan
- *Thursday, January 11, 2024:* Celebration of the Sacraments (L1), Bronx
- *Saturday, January 13, 2024:* Metodología (L1), Manhattan

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Building Momentum Together

New York Catholic Youth Days 2024

High School Day: April 27, 2024 | **Middle School Day:** April 28, 2024 | *St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY*

Join us in celebrating the 11th annual NY Catholic Youth Day for High School (8th – 12th grade) youth on Saturday, April 27 and the 2nd annual Middle School Day (6th – 8th grade) on Sunday, April 28! Posters and postcards are available from the Department of Youth Faith Formation by reaching out to your Regional Specialist. More information can be found on our new website at NYCYD.org. The theme for 2024 is *Revealed* and is based on John 14:6-7, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’” These days count toward the day of prayer or retreat for youth preparing for Confirmation. If you need assistance with arranging transportation or logistics, please contact christina.davis@archny.org.

[View event poster](#)

[View High School Day poster](#)

[View Middle School Day poster](#)

St. Joseph's Seminary

[View Online Degree and Certificate Spring 2024 flyer](#)

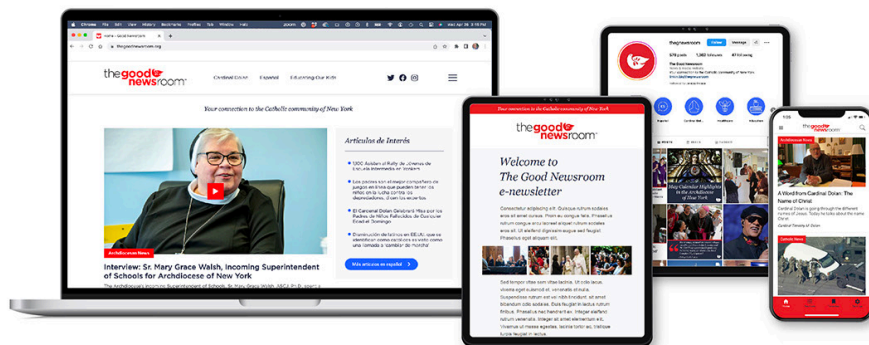
[View the Schola Cantorum's album flyer](#)

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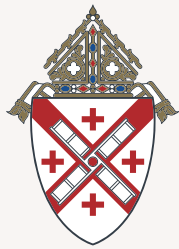
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