

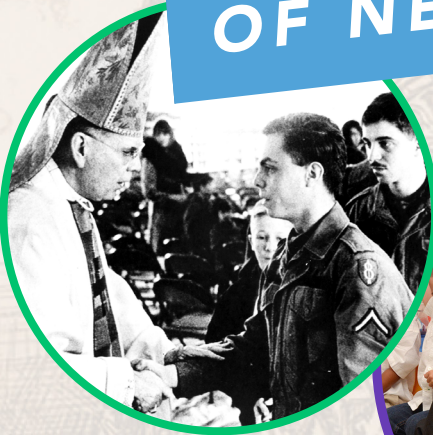
ARCHDIOCESE
of **NEW YORK**



175TH ANNIVERSARY

OF NEW YORK'S ELEVATION

TO ARCHDIOCESE



July 2025 Bulletin

EVENTS AND INITIATIVES



ARCHDIOCESE of NEW YORK

On April 8, 1808, Pope Pius VII established the Diocese of New York as a suffragan of the newly elevated Archdiocese of Baltimore. Its first cathedral was the original St. Patrick's, now the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral.

Elevated to an archdiocese in 1850, New York has since served diverse communities through generations of change.

We honor the faithful who have built, sustained, and enriched our community throughout our 175-year journey as an archdiocese.



19th Century (1850–1899)

1850: The Diocese of New York is elevated to an archdiocese by Pope Pius IX. Bishop John Hughes becomes our first Archbishop.

1853: Transfiguration Parish moves to Mott Street, becoming a "Church of Immigrants" serving Irish, Italian, Latino, and eventually Chinese communities into the 20th and 21st centuries.

1858: Construction begins on the "new" St. Patrick's Cathedral in midtown Manhattan.

March 15, 1875: Archbishop John McCloskey is appointed to the College of Cardinals, becoming the first American to receive that honor.

May 25, 1879: St. Patrick's Cathedral is dedicated by John Cardinal McCloskey.

November 18, 1883: St. Benedict the Moor Church is founded in Lower Manhattan. It is one of the earliest Catholic Churches established to serve Black Catholics in the US.

1888: Twin spires of St. Patrick's Cathedral are completed.

20th Century (1900–1999)

1919: Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York is formally established by Patrick Cardinal Hayes.

1965: Pope Paul VI visits New York during the first Apostolic Visit to the US and is greeted by Francis Cardinal Spellman.

1971: Founding of the Inner-City Scholarship Fund under the leadership of Terence Cardinal Cooke.

1975: Elizabeth Ann Seton, a native New Yorker, becomes the first American-born saint.

May 24, 1977: Francisco Garmendia is appointed as the first Hispanic auxiliary bishop of New York.

1979: Pope John Paul II visits the Archdiocese of New York, where he is welcomed by Terence Cardinal Cooke and celebrates Mass at Yankee Stadium.

1983: The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund is established to support diverse high school seniors pursuing college, honoring the legacy of a formerly enslaved Haitian who became a Catholic philanthropist in 19th-century New York.

1990: The Venerable Pierre Toussaint becomes the first layperson interred in the crypt of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

June 1, 1991: John Cardinal O'Connor founds the Sisters of Life, a religious order dedicated to defending the dignity of every human life.

1995: Pope John Paul II makes his second pastoral visit, where he is greeted by John Cardinal O'Connor.

21st Century (2000–present)

2001: Archdiocesan ministries responded to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, providing aid, chaplaincy, and counseling. Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM, chaplain to the FDNY, is officially recorded as Victim 0001 of the 9/11 attacks, giving his life while ministering to others in their final moments.

2008: Pope Benedict XVI visits the Archdiocese of New York, where he is greeted by Edward Cardinal Egan and celebrates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of New York.

2009: Archbishop Timothy Dolan installed; is elevated to Cardinal in 2012.

2015: Pope Francis visits St. Patrick's Cathedral, accompanied by Timothy Cardinal Dolan.

2020: Pandemic-era digital ministry expansion, including livestreamed Masses and digital sacramental support.

2025: 175th anniversary of archdiocesan elevation.



175 Years of Faithful Service

Since being elevated from a diocese to an archdiocese in 1850, the Archdiocese of New York has continually adapted its ministries to serve an ever-evolving and diverse Catholic community. This short video highlights some of the pivotal moments, milestones, and faithful witnesses who have built, sustained, and enriched the archdiocese over the past 175 years.



EVENTS

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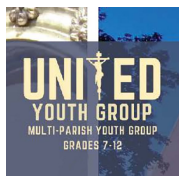
Click items below for more information on each event.



Teen Day Camp and Service Retreat

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

TUESDAY, JULY 22 – SUNDAY, JULY 27



United Youth Group Teen Retreat

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

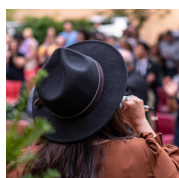
SATURDAY, JULY 26



Cosmic Soul

The Sheen Center

THROUGHOUT JULY



Love and Responsibility NYC Series

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

THURSDAYS: JULY 31 | AUGUST 7 | AUGUST 14 | AUGUST 21 | AUGUST 28



Becoming Becoming: Art by Joséphine Dubern

The Sheen Center

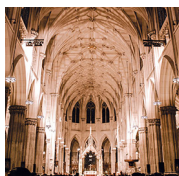
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 28



Encounter School NYC Summer Intensive

Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 9



Young Adult Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

EVENTS (cont.)

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[Made4Mor Young Adult Retreat](#)

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14



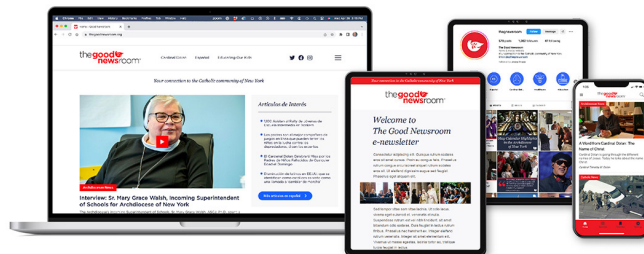
[New York Catholic Youth Day](#)

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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INITIATIVES

Building Momentum Together

Prayer Cards

[Click here](#) to download digital prayer cards created by the Archdiocese of New York to nourish your spiritual life, with new cards uploaded monthly.

Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation

Made for Mission NY

Made for Mission is a one-day regional gathering hosted by a parish or diocese and led in partnership by Alpha and Divine Renovation. It's designed to inspire and equip priests and parish leaders to embrace the missionary identity of the Church. At the heart of this day is a shared belief: every parish has the potential to be at the heart of a spiritual renewal in their community. This is a collaborative day of learning, inspiration, and connection. The event will be hosted on Saturday, October 18, location TBD.

[More info](#)

Respect Life Office

Miscarriage Ministries and Resources

Though often a hidden grief, miscarriage can be an experience of deep suffering. It can be overwhelming to navigate and difficult to know where to turn. The Respect Life Office website offers ministries and resources that are available to help those who are grieving the loss of a child find healing and hope. Visit bit.ly/miscarriageministry for more information about the organization Red Bird Ministries, forms of accompaniment, ways to honor and pray for a child, burial options within Catholic cemeteries, recommended reading, and more.

St. Joseph's Seminary and College

Fall Registration at St. Joseph's Seminary is Going on Now!

St. Joseph's Seminary Fall 2025 courses have been announced. Join us this fall for online and in-person degree and certificate programs in Catholic Theology!

[View flyer](#)

Youth Ministry | Young Adult Ministry | University Apostolate

Parish Youth and Young Adult Nights

Our pastoral office is hosting parish youth and young adult nights for parishes interested in starting a new youth ministry (for middle and high schoolers) and/or young adult ministry (18-35 year olds). For more info, please contact Pjetër Nilaj, Coordinator of the Office of Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate at archny.org/young-catholics.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leadership Formation

Our pastoral office is hosting youth ministry and young adult ministry leadership formation for young adults interested in growing in their Catholic faith and leadership. For more info, please contact Pjetër Nilaj, Coordinator of the Office of Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate at archny.org/young-catholics.

PARISH LIFE

Around the Archdiocese

[Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration](#)

Join us for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship and solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. No RSVP necessary.

Holy Trinity Church | 775 Main St., Poughkeepsie, NY

FRIDAY, JULY 25 | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

[United Youth Group – Sons and Daughters: Seeing Ourselves Through the Eyes of the Father](#)

We will gather together for a day of prayer, formation, lunch, and outdoor games for grades 7–12 and 2025 high school graduates. Spend the day with Father Connolly, local priests, and religious sisters.

Church of St. Mary | 11 Clinton St., Wappingers Falls, NY

SATURDAY, JULY 26 | 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

[First Friday All-Night Vigil in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary](#)

Please join us for a First Friday All-Night Vigil dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The evening will begin with confessions at 8:00 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 9:00 PM. After Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a reflection on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and continued Eucharistic Adoration.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church | 230 East 90th St., New York, NY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 8:00 PM – SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 5:30 AM

[Encounter School of Ministry NYC Summer Intensive](#)

Join us at the Encounter School of Ministry NYC Summer Intensive! Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage and identity, we seek to teach, equip, activate and deploy disciples to be able to demonstrate the supernatural power and love of the kingdom of God in their spheres of influence.

St. Michael the Archangel Church | 765 Co-Op City Blvd., Bronx, NY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

[Christ-in-the-City: Charismatic Prayer Group Praise and Worship](#)

Join us at Christ-in-City, a vibrant Charismatic Praise and Worship Group. Every Tuesday evening at 5:45 PM, we gather to sing, pray, read scriptures, and share testimonials at St. John the Baptist Church in Manhattan. On occasion there are guest speakers. Let's come together to praise the Lord!

St. John the Baptist Church | 213 W. 30th St., New York, NY

TUESDAYS | 5:45 PM

JUBILEE OF YOUNG PEOPLE

July 28 – August 3



This summer, young adults across the world are invited to take part in the Jubilee of Young People—a global celebration of faith, community, and spiritual renewal. Pope Francis often reminded us that young adults are “the joyful hope of the Church and of humanity.” This Jubilee is a moment to reconnect with Christ, with the Church, and with one another.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

AT YOUR PARISH

- **Join the celebration:** Check if a parish near you is offering special blessings or prayers for young adults during this Jubilee Week—and if not, consider reaching out to ask if they might. Find a nearby parish at archny.org/parish-finder.
- **Volunteer:** Help with readings, music, greeting, or serving at Mass
- **Share your story:** Parishes may ask young adults to share how faith impacts their daily lives

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

- Attend—or even help organize—special prayer services or Eucharistic adoration hours designed specifically for young adults.
- Learn more about young adult formation and upcoming opportunities, by visiting the Office of Young Adult Outreach webpage at archny.org/young-adult-outreach. There, you'll find information about local events, service projects, retreats, and more.
- **Acts of Hope:** Volunteer for a service project, spend time with someone who is sick or isolated, or support local outreach efforts in your community. Check out: catholiccharitiesny.org/volunteer or archcare.org/volunteer

CONNECT WITH OTHERS

- **Coffee and conversation:** Look for special gatherings after Mass group (or organize one yourself!)
- **Book Clubs:** Join book discussions about faith and young adult life (or organize one yourself!)
- **Mentorship:** Connect with older parishioners or parish staff who can offer guidance

PILGRIMAGE AND CELEBRATION

- **Local pilgrimages:** Visit special Jubilee sites in your area (check archny.org/jubilee2025 for New York pilgrimage locations)
- **Watch parties:** Join others to livestream the September 7 canonization Mass from Rome

GETTING STARTED

Contact your local parish to see what they're planning for July 28 – August 3. Even if you haven't been to church in a while, this could be a great time to reconnect. Many parishes are specifically trying to create welcoming spaces for young adults during this celebration.

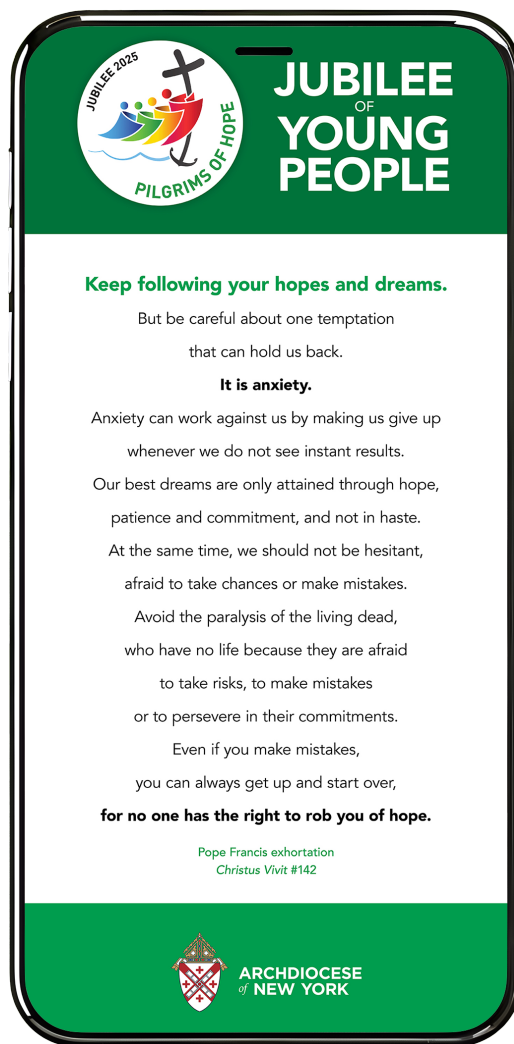


For more information
on the Jubilee of Hope,
visit archny.org/jubilee2025



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