



"I continually give thanks to my God for you because of His grace that has been granted to you in Christ Jesus."

1 CORINTHIANS 1:4

Dear Friend,

This week, we will be observing the American celebration of Thanksgiving. It is the time of year that reminds us to reflect in gratitude for the blessings the Lord has graced upon us. Too bad there is no season of Thanksgiving, but one day is a good start.

Although a secular holiday, Thanksgiving has its roots in offering prayers of thanks to God after the harvest. It was a way of giving praise and gratitude for the gifts of His *creation*. If you do not already know, the word Eucharist means thanksgiving. As you gather with friends and family during this second year of the Eucharistic Revival, I hope you will also reflect on the Eucharist and how it is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord.

By measure, we have been collectively experiencing challenging times. My hope is that our consciousness of the inequality that pervades the world and how we give thanks will grow beyond this season. I encourage you to take time during this holiday season for deeds of charity, for penance, and for the poor.

I wish you a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

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

<u>Click here</u> for more information about the National Eucharistic Revival. You can also visit <u>our</u> <u>webpage</u> 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



Wade in the Water - Baptism Ministry Assembly

Office of Youth Faith Formation

SAT, DEC 2



Young Adult Mass with Cardinal Dolan

Office of Young Adult Outreach

THU, DEC 7



National Night of Prayer for Life

Office of Respect Life

FRI, DEC 8



Hispanic Christmas Party: Mi Casa, Tu Casa

Office of Young Adult Outreach

SAT, DEC 9



Young Adult Night

Office of Young Adult Outreach

SAT, DEC 9



Keep Watch - An Advent Day of Prayer and Formation

Office of Adult Faith Formation

SAT, DEC 16

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Reconciliation Monday

Archdiocese of New York

MON, DEC 18



Feast of the Holy Innocents

Office of Respect Life

THU, DEC 28



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



Pilgrimage to the Dominican Republic

Office of Hispanic Ministry

FEB 22-25



Revealed - New York Catholic Youth Days 2024

Office of Youth Faith Formation

SAT, APR 27 | **SUN, APR 28**

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Visit the <u>Sheen Center website</u> for information about upcoming events designed to engage dialogue and bring families together.

Upcoming events include:

FRI, DEC 1
Candlelight Concerts – A Tribute to
Coldplay

SUN, DEC 3
Love Under the Christmas Tree –
Giada Valenti

MON, DEC 4
A Celebration of Father Stanley Rother

DEC 5-9
Iphigenia Point Blank: The Story of the
First Refugee

WED, DEC 6
The Saint Pio Foundation – Christmas Gala

MON, DEC 11
Christmas on Bleecker: Celebrating the
Reason – A Frank Shiner Music Production

THU, DEC 14
Lúnasa An Irish Solstice Celebration – With
Special Guest Dave Curley

SAT, FEB 24 Cinderella

INITIATIVES

Building Momentum Together

Office of Adult Faith Formation

New York Catholic Bible School

This upcoming January we will be opening two new online classes for our New York Catholic Bible School.

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ArchCare

Parish Integration

- Assistance with bringing health care resources (e.g., health screenings, home care, community programs) to your parish based on parish/neighborhood need.
- Resources for parish-based volunteers to serve the homebound and other isolated parishioners.
- Help with bolstering current parish ministries such as a food pantry, services to new immigrants, and outreach to the elderly and marginalized.
- Contact Michael Guglielmo, Director of Parish Integration for additional information; <u>mguglielmo@archcare.org</u> or 646-229-7413.

Office of Family Life

Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York

With National Marriage Week approaching, the Office of Family Life is beginning its annual search for the **Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York!**

To honor long-standing marriages that exemplify the goodness of the Sacrament of Marriage, we are conducting a search for couples living in the Archdiocese who have been sacramentally married for 65 years or more.

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Office of Respect Life

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 DREs and Catechists and can be accessed on the Respect Life Office *website*.

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Building Momentum Together

Walking with Moms in Need

If you haven't done so yet, Respect Life Month is a great time to launch Walking with Moms in Need at your parish. The Respect Life Office is happy to help!

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Office of Youth Faith Formation

Advent Resources

Advent will be upon us soon. We have curated a great variety of resources for children, youth, and families. Attached is also an easy-to-copy Advent calendar with readings from the day.

View Advent Calendar 2023 in English and Spanish

New York Catholic Youth Days 2024

NY Catholic Youth Days will be held April 27th for High School Youth and April 28th for Middle School Youth. Posters and registration packets will be available for the Department of Youth Faith Formation Regional Staff in December with Registration opening in January. We expect 3,000 youth in attendance between both days as we break open the theme of "Revealed" based on John 14:6-7. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, April 27th by His Eminence Cardinal Dolan and on Sunday, April 28th by Bishop Espaillat. Our speakers on both days include Sr. Elfie del Rosario, Joe Melendrez, and Bishop Joseph Espaillat.

This is a great opportunity for the young people of the archdiocese to come together to encounter Christ in the sacraments, eucharistic adoration, speakers, and celebrate their faith as the young Church. These days may also be counted as a retreat for those preparing for Confirmation.

Many volunteers are needed to help make this day a success, volunteers may register <u>online</u>. We also need priests both days to assist with the sacrament of reconciliation, and your presence is also a gift and witness to the many young people present, please contact <u>christina.davis@archny.org</u> if you are available either or both days.

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Baptism Ministry Assembly

The Department of Youth Faith Formation invites all priests, deacons, pastoral associates, baptismal formation coordinators and teams, and faith formation leaders (anyone who works with families preparing for the baptism of infants and young children) to our first Baptism Ministry Assembly.

The Assembly will provide the opportunity to focus on the evangelization of parents and families, how parishes prepare families for the Celebration of the Sacrament, the formation of baptismal preparation teams, and how the parish can continue to accompany families after the Sacramental Celebration.

The Assembly will take place on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at the Aquinas Center at Blessed Sacrament Parish in New Rochelle.

<u>Click here</u> for more information or to register, or contact Joe Long, Director of Children's Faith Formation by phone 646-794-2849 or email <u>joe.long@archny.org</u>.

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Building Momentum Together

Formation for Catechists and Youth Ministry Teams

Formation for Catechists and Youth Ministers is ongoing throughout the year! The courses are free of charge, meeting either via Zoom or in-person, in English and Spanish. Below are the upcoming courses for December and January:

December

- "La Oracion y la Espiritualidad" (in person at Good Shepherd Church/Manhattan) *Dec 2*, *9*, *and 16* **January**
- "The Call of Ministry (in person at St. Joseph's Church/Wurstboro) Jan 3, 10, and 17
- "Celebracion de los Sacramentos" (via Zoom) Jan 8, 15, 22, and 29
- "La Profesión de Fe" (via Zoom) Jan 10, 17, 24, and 31
- "Life in Christ" (in person at St. Monica-St. Elizabeth of Hungary-St. Stephen of Hungary Church / Manhattan) *Jan* 11, 18, 25, and Feb 1
- "Metodologia" (in person at Good Shepherd Church / Manhattan) *Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 3, and 10.*Advanced enrollment is required through our online portal ArchNYLAB. Create an account if you do not have one, or log in if you do at *archny.org/youth-faith-formation/archnylab/* or contact Ms. Bertha Peralta-Rodriguez, Director of Ministry Formation (*bertha.rodriguez@archny.org*)

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