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November – December 2024 Bulletin  
**EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**



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*“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”*

PSALM 126:3

Dear Friends in Christ,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we pause to express gratitude for our many blessings, even as we notice how Christmas decorations appear earlier each year. I encourage you to attend Mass on Thanksgiving Day—most services last about an hour, leaving plenty of time for holiday preparations. Our Catholic Charities workers will continue their tradition of distributing turkeys and food at the Kennedy Center in Harlem, embodying our call to serve those in need.

The season of Advent begins on December 1, offering us four weeks to prepare our hearts for Christmas. While the world often rushes through Christmas, it is important to remember that the Church celebrates Christmas as a season, not just a single day. The joyous season of Christmastide begins on December 25 and extends through the Feast of the Epiphany, traditionally observed on a Sunday closest to January 6. These days invite us to reflect more deeply on the mystery of Christ’s birth and to savor the joy of His presence in our lives.

To enrich your family’s journey through Advent, Christmas, and the Epiphany, the archdiocese has prepared free resources, including an Advent Family Activity Book with a do-it-yourself Advent calendar and Jesse Tree ornaments. Our 12 Days of Christmas Family Activity Book offers crafts and activities to help your family celebrate the fullness of the Christmas season, keeping its meaning alive long after December 25. These resources are available at [archny.org/seasonofjoy](https://archny.org/seasonofjoy).

During these sacred weeks, whether you spend time with family, friends, or in peaceful solitude, may you experience the profound joy of Christ’s presence.

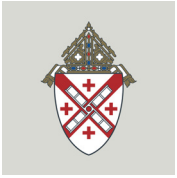
Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving, a joyful Advent, and a holy Christmas season.

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

# EVENTS

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## **Hispanic Liturgies 2025**

**MULTIPLE DATES**

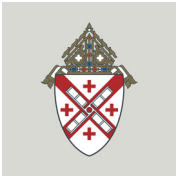
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## **Cathedral Prep Program 2024–2025**

**MULTIPLE DATES**

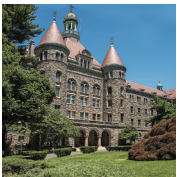
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## **Men for Others**

**EVERY THURSDAY**

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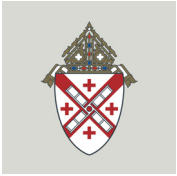


## **Midday Retreat with the Mystics**

St. Joseph's Seminary

**3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH**

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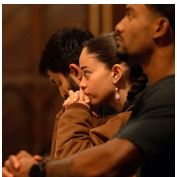


## **Fountain of Life Holy Hour**

Respect Life

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

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## **December Young Adult Mass**

Young Adult Outreach

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

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## **St. Joseph's Seminary 2024 Advent and Christmas Concert and Car Raffle**

St. Joseph's Seminary

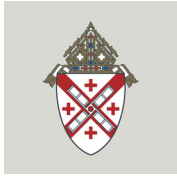
**DECEMBER 7–8**

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## **National Night of Prayer for Life**

Respect Life

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

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## **Feminine Genius Brunch**

Respect Life

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

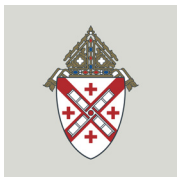
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## **Celebration of Nativities Pilgrimage**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

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## **Feast of the Holy Innocents**

Respect Life

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28**

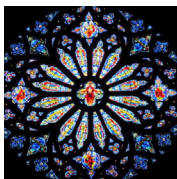
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## **Jubilee 2025 Opening Mass**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

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## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Evensong Vespers Service**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

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## **2025 March for Life**

Respect Life

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025**

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## **World Marriage Day Mass**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**



## **Journey of Faith: A Musical Tribute to Mother Teresa**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025**



**Visit the Sheen Center website for information about upcoming events designed to engage dialogue and bring families together.**

Upcoming events include:

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**Caravaggio: A Radical Approach to the Truth**

**MULTIPLE DATES STARTING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**Candlelight Concerts**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**Lúnasa: A Winter Concert**

**MULTIPLE DATES STARTING FRIDAY, MARCH 14**

**The Return of Benjamin Lay**

# INITIATIVES

Building Momentum Together

## Family Life

### Longest Married Couple in the Archdiocese of New York Search

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## Respect Life

### Gospel of Life Week and Curriculum

During the second Gospel of Life Week this academic year, January 20–24, 2025, 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](#).

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### 9 Days for Life

January 16th – 24th, 2025

Join in praying 9 Days for Life, the 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 [www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup](http://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup) to receive the daily prayers via email or text message, and to access additional resources.

### March for Life Bus Pilgrimage

January 24, 2025

Join us in advocating for the sacred dignity of every human person through this annual pilgrimage to the national March for Life in Washington, DC. Through prayerful, public witness at our nation's capital, we seek to testify to the goodness and beauty of life. [Register here!](#) All New York pilgrims are also welcome to join us for the New York Pilgrim Mass at 10:30am at St. Patrick's Church. More information can be found [online](#).

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## St. Joseph's Seminary

### Car Raffle

A raffle fundraising initiative to raise funds for the Seminary.

[View ticket form](#)

[More info](#)

# INITIATIVES (cont.)

Building Momentum Together

## St. Joseph's Seminary Spring Registration is Now Open!

St. Joseph's Seminary offers a Theology Degree and Certificate Programs both online and in person. Come explore the beauty of the Catholic faith with us this spring! Registration is now open.

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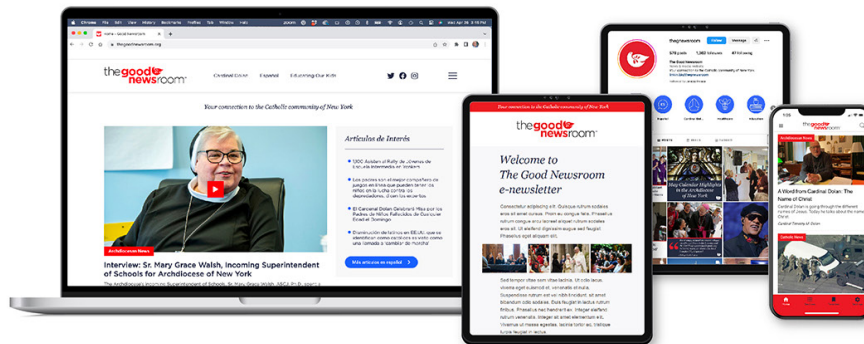
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## THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

*Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.*

*We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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During this Season of Joy, we invite you to explore a variety of resources to help deepen your faith and prepare your heart for Christmas.



- **Share your Prayer Intentions with Cardinal Dolan**

As we prepare for the joy of Christmas this Advent season, Cardinal Dolan extends an invitation to share your prayer intentions with him. He would be honored to pray for you and your loved ones. You can submit your intentions at [archny.org/advent-prayer](http://archny.org/advent-prayer).

*“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.” (1 THES 3:12-13).*



- **Advent Activity Book**

Our Advent Activity Book is filled with creative ways to celebrate, including a DIY Advent Calendar, an Advent Wreath Coloring Page, and Jesse Tree Ornaments to make at home

[Click here](#) to download the book.



- **12 Days of Christmas Activity Book**

Dive into the 12 Days of Christmas Activity Book, where you'll find activities like Three Kings flash cards and a Blessing of the House to share with your family.

[Click here](#) to download the book.



- **Reconciliation Monday**

Mark your calendar for Reconciliation Monday on December 16th—a special day to experience God's mercy. Visit our [parish finder](#) to locate a participating church near you.



Faith, fellowship, and community are at the heart of your neighborhood parish. These gatherings offer a chance to connect, grow, and share in the richness of Catholic life. Below are just a few offerings happening at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York. For a full list of events, visit the archdiocesan calendar at [archny.org/calendar](https://archny.org/calendar).

- **Thanksgiving Day Schedule for the Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena**

On Thanksgiving Day, the Parish will offer two Masses: a Low Mass at 9 AM at St. Catherine's and a Solemn Mass at 10 AM at St. Vincent's, featuring sacred works by Haydn, Manchicourt, and di Lasso. This marks the first year a Solemn Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day, and all are encouraged to attend.

St. Vincent's will be open from 8 AM–12 NOON, and St. Catherine's will remain open into the early afternoon. The Parish Offices will be closed from Wednesday, November 27, through Friday, November 29. Regular Masses, Confessions, and the Wednesday evening Holy Hour on November 27 will take place as scheduled.

- **Tuesday Evening Prayer Group**

- **Christ-in-the-City – Charismatic Prayer Group Praise and Worship at St. John the Baptist**

Join 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, 213 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001. On occasions, there are guest speakers.

This Event is FREE! [Click here](#) for more information.

- **45th Annual A City Singing at Christmas Concert**

*Thursday, December 19, 2024 | 7:00 PM*

**St. Patrick's Cathedral**, 5th Ave between 50th/51st Streets, New York, NY 10022

The Choirs of the Church of St. Patrick, Huntington, NY; The Young People's Chorus of New York; The St. Patrick's Cathedral Choir and Organists; and New York Symphonic Brass perform selections sure to put everyone in the Christmas spirit. Come and sing Christmas hymns with us!

This event is free, all are welcome. [Click here](#) for more information.

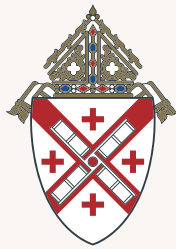
- **23rd Annual Lessons & Carols Christmas Concert**

Bring friends, children and your voices!

*St. Mary, Star Of The Sea Church, 600 City Island Ave., City Island (Bronx) NY 10464*

(across from the Seashore Restaurant)

Please join Kenneth A. Farnum, Jr., George Wyman, Elizabeth Farnum, The St. Mary Star of The Sea Christmas Concert Choir, with The GiZMO SynFauxNY (an electro-classical keyboard ensemble) and guest vocalists for our **23rd Annual Lessons & Carols Christmas Concert** on Sunday evening, December 22nd, 2024. Admission is free! Doors open 7:10 PM. [Click here](#) for more information.



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