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October 2024 Bulletin  
**EVENTS AND INITIATIVES**



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***“The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them.”***

WISDOM 3:1

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As autumn deepens and the liturgical year draws to a close, we are invited to reflect on the profound mysteries of death, resurrection, and the communion of saints. These sacred themes remind us of the bonds that unite us as a community of faith, calling to mind the hope we have in Christ and the enduring connection we share with those who have gone before us.

November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints. A day we honor those who have shown us what it means to live a life of holiness. The saints teach us that daily faithfulness transforms ordinary moments into sacred witness. They remind us that sanctity is not distant or extraordinary but found in the simple, everyday acts of love and devotion.

The following day, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, offers us the chance to remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away. Many of us hold dear the memories of parents and grandparents who built our churches, supported our schools, and upheld our generational traditions. Through prayer for our loved ones who have passed, we continue our conversation with them, strengthening the bonds that connect us in faith and trusting in the promise of eternal life.

May these upcoming celebrations renew your faith and deepen your love for God and neighbor.

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

# EVENTS

Share With Your Community

Click items below for more information on each event and ministry office.



## **Midday Retreat with the Mystics**

St. Joseph's Seminary

**Third Saturday of every month: Ven. Juan Arintero, OP**

**Third Saturday of every other month: St. Teresa of Avila**



## **Forum for Catechesis and Youth Ministry**

Office of Youth Faith Formation

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**



## **Archdiocesan Forum on the Catechumenate**

Office of Adult Faith Formation

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2**



## **November Young Adult Mass**

Office of Young Adult Outreach

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6**



## **Young Adult Night (Bronx)**

Office of Young Adult Outreach

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**



## **Hope for All Times: Consolation Day**

Office of Family Life

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14**



## **Beginning Experience Healing Weekend**

Office of Family Life

**NOVEMBER 15-17**

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## **The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents**

Office of Family Life

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**



## **Youth Ministry Adult Leaders (18+) Retreat**

Office of Youth Faith Formation

**DECEMBER 6-7**



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

St. Joseph's Seminary

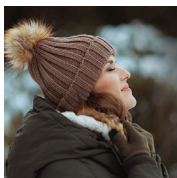
**DECEMBER 7-8**



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

Office of Respect Life

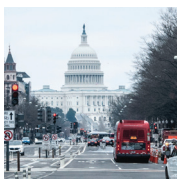
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**



## **Feminine Genius Brunch**

Office of Respect Life

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**



## **March for Life 2025**

Office of Respect Life

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025**



## **Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life**

Office of Respect Life

**FEBRUARY 20-25, 2025**

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## **New York Catholic Youth Days 2025**

Office of Youth Faith Formation

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26 | SUNDAY, APRIL 27**



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

Upcoming events include:

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Sainthood in the City: Season 3

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25**

Truth Isn't Always Black and White

**OCTOBER 29 – DECEMBER 13**

We Call It

**NOVEMBER 1–12**

Candlelight Concerts

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

One Funny Lisa Marie

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

An Evening with Jim Gaffigan

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

Lúnasa: A Winter Concert

# INITIATIVES

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## Office of Adult Faith Formation

### *New Catechumenate Ritual Book Pre-Order*

The new translations of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) are now being published. All parishes are required to use the new edition by March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday). Ritual study editions are available in both English and Spanish.

[More info](#)

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## ArchCare

### *Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience*

ArchCare proudly supports GUIDE (Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience), a nationwide initiative aimed at improving care for individuals with dementia. This program, launched by the Federal Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center, provides essential care coordination and navigation services. It is designed to assist Medicare beneficiaries with dementia and their unpaid family caregivers, offering much-needed support and resources. Attached is more information for families in your community.

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## Office of Family Life

### *ADVENT Collection from RENEW International*

RENEW's newest resource! *Advent: The Lord is Near (Year C)* is a unique resource that can guide you and your small group through a focused reflection on the reason for the season! This book will help you prepare for each Sunday's Mass by joining a small group in exploring the gospel reading and anticipating both our celebration of the birth of Jesus and his coming at the end of the age. Options in English and Spanish.

- Small-group sessions that illuminate the gospel reading and explore its Old Testament background
- Reflection questions that focus your meditations and discussions, encouraging you to put your faith into action
- Personal reflections for each day of Advent that will enrich your spiritual journey toward the Nativity

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### *Nourish for Caregivers*

The Office of Family Life partners with Nourish for Caregivers. Register for a FREE membership if you are caring for an aging, ill or disabled child or adult who are seeking inspiration, support, resources and faith-based nourishment to sustain you on your caregiving journey. Nourish for Caregivers was named the best resource of its kind, and we are blessed to be able to offer this amazing library of resources to you. Go to their website to review all their resources and opportunities. Contact Gonzalo Alvarado at [Gonzalo.Alvarado@archny.org](mailto:Gonzalo.Alvarado@archny.org) or 646-794-3193.

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## 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.

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## Office of Public Policy

### Oppose the “Equal Rights Amendment”

In November, New Yorkers will be asked to vote on an “Equal Rights Amendment” to our state constitution, appearing on ballots as “Proposition One.” Despite this measure’s good intentions, it creates significant threats to human life, families, and religious freedom. The bishops of New York are urging Catholics to educate themselves and vote against this dangerous amendment. The Equal Rights Amendment would: 1) enshrine a right to abortion up until birth in the New York State Constitution; 2) allow children to make life-altering medical decisions without parental consent; 3) loosen age-appropriate restrictions; 4) endanger religious liberty. For more information, please refer to the following flyers and visit: [tinyurl.com/oppose-ERA](https://tinyurl.com/oppose-ERA).

[View flyers \(English\)](#)

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### Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

To help Catholics prepare for the upcoming election, US bishops have re-issued their document, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.” Along with the document, there are numerous resources available to help inform parishioners of the Church’s approach to the voting decision: bulletin inserts, videos, and useful articles. These can all be downloaded from the [USCCB website](#).

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## Office of Respect Life

### Walking with Moms in Need – Parish Action Guide

The Respect Life Office has created a Parish Action Guide to support parish communities in the process of participating in Walking with Moms in Need and implementing creative parish responses to meet the needs of local pregnant and parenting mothers. We invite you to utilize this Parish Action Guide to connect mothers with supportive people and resources in your area! Visit [walkingwithmoms.com](https://walkingwithmoms.com) for more information and resources, and contact Sr. Anne Marie Elizabeth, SV at [sr.anne.marie@archny.org](mailto:sr.anne.marie@archny.org) with any questions or if you would like to be involved.

[View Action Guide](#)

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### 40 Days for Life

This life-saving prayer campaign is taking place at nine locations throughout the Archdiocese from September 25 through November 3. It consists of forty days of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil at abortion facilities. For more information and to sign-up to participate, visit: [archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/get-involved/40-days-for-life](https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/respect-life/get-involved/40-days-for-life).

# INITIATIVES (cont.)

Building Momentum Together

## Respect Life Month

In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October (October 6, 2024) is designated as Respect Life Sunday. To support these annual observances, the USCCB provides materials to help Catholics understand and value the gift of human life and help build a culture that cherishes and protects it. For ideas on how to celebrate in your parish, please refer to the following Respect Life Month Action Guides:

[View Action Guide \(English\)](#)

[View Action Guide \(Spanish\)](#)

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## Gospel of Life Week and Curriculum

During Gospel of Life Week, October 21–25, 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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## Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life

February 20–25, 2025

Join the Archdiocese of New York Respect Life Office for a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City! Led by the Sisters of Life and Fr. John Anthony, CFR, this pilgrimage will be an immersion in the charism of life through encountering the maternal love and presence of Our Lady of Guadalupe, experiencing her impact on the local culture, and learning from the witness of contemporary Mexican saints. As Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a powerful intercessor and mother for all those involved in building and living a culture of life. We invite you to join us for this transformative experience!

- **Registration website:** [206tours.com/cms/archnyrespectlife](https://206tours.com/cms/archnyrespectlife)
- **Registration deadline:** Final payment is due November 20, 2024
- **Cost:** \$2,899 (from Newark, NJ)
- **Questions?** Contact Alexandra ([alexandra@206tours.com](mailto:alexandra@206tours.com)) or Cat ([cat@206tours.com](mailto:cat@206tours.com)) at 206 Tours

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## Catholic Care of the Sick and Dying – Parish Leader Kit

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This is an important opportunity to be educated about caring for human life until its natural end, especially in a culture that increasingly devalues and even threatens the lives of the elderly and terminally ill. The USCCB has developed this Parish Leader Kit for Catholic Care of the Sick and Dying, in English and Spanish, which includes prayers, articles, intercessions, bulletin quotes, educational tools, and graphics. Additional resources can be found online at: [usccb.org/prolife/catholic-care-sick-and-dying](https://usccb.org/prolife/catholic-care-sick-and-dying).

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Building Momentum Together

## St. Joseph's Seminary

Study at St. Joseph's Seminary!

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## Office of Young Adult Outreach

### Regional Young Adult Leaders' Meetings

As part of the office's effort to support and form young adult leaders, we are hosting a meeting in each county to listen to leaders and offer tangible resources in their work. October's meeting will be with Westchester and Rockland counties' leaders. Each meeting includes time for communal prayer, a meal, structured discussion and time for fellowship, as inspired by the recent USCCB document "Listen, Teach, Send."

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## Office of Youth Faith Formation

### Youth Leadership Summits

Youth Leadership Summits are coming to a region near you! Open to students in grades 8–12 who want to make a difference in their parish, these CYLA Youth Leadership Summits will empower and connect the young Church of New York. For more information, contact [Christina.Davis@archny.org](mailto:Christina.Davis@archny.org).

### 38<sup>th</sup> Global Celebration of Young People: "Rejoicing in Hope" | November 23–24, 2024

Pope Francis has called for a renewed celebration of young people in every diocese on Christ the King Sunday, with "hope" as the central theme for the next two years. Parishes are encouraged to feature young people in prominent roles during Mass, including liturgical roles, sharing testimonies, and offering a blessing for young people. Leading up to and following Christ the King Sunday, parishes may consider increasing activities to renew evangelization efforts to engage young people and launch communication campaigns to highlight the celebration. More information can be found at [usccb.org/topics/world-youth-day/annual-celebration](https://usccb.org/topics/world-youth-day/annual-celebration) and in the attached *Christ the King* guidebook.

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# PARISH LIFE

*Around the Archdiocese*

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://www.archny.org/calendar).

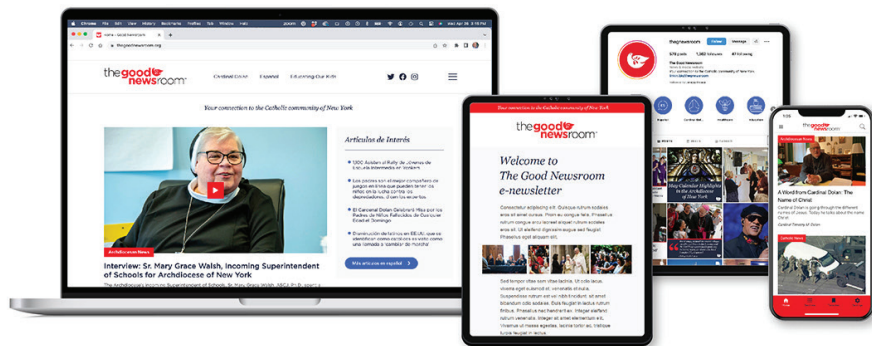
- **Holy Trinity Church**  
213 W. 82<sup>nd</sup> St., Manhattan  
*Presidential Election 2024: Is Civil Discourse Possible Now? Building Bridges in a Fragmented Society*  
Friday, October 25 | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- **St. John the Baptist Church**  
213 W. 30<sup>th</sup> St., Manhattan  
*Christ in the City: Charismatic Prayer Group Praise and Worship*  
Tuesday, October 29 | 5:45 PM – 7:00 PM
- **St. Stephen the First Martyr Church**  
75 Sanfordville Rd., Warwick  
*Satisfy Your Soul, Nourish Your Neighbor*  
Saturday, November 2 | 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- **Shrine and Parish Church of the Holy Innocents**  
128 W. 37<sup>th</sup> St., Manhattan  
*Juventutem: All Saint's Day Mass and Social*  
Friday, November 1 | 6:00 PM – 11:30 PM
- **Holy Name of Jesus Church**  
207 W. 96<sup>th</sup> St., Manhattan  
*Men for Others*  
Thursday, November 21 | 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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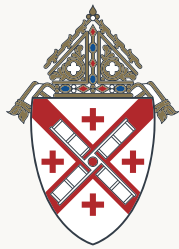
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