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September 2024 Bulletin
EVENTS AND INITIATIVES



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“For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in Him, all things hold together.”

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we embrace the full swing of our fall schedules, I hope you and your families are adjusting well to the season’s changes. While routines intensify and community activities blossom, this period presents an excellent opportunity to deepen our spiritual connections and fortify our shared faith with friends and family.

Recently we’ve been enjoying beautiful weather, a vibrant reminder of God’s creation. As we prepare for cooler days, take a moment to appreciate these blessings. The Season of Creation, from September 1 to October 4, invites us to reflect on our role as stewards of God’s earth. Be sure to visit the archdiocese’s [***Care of God’s Creation webpage***](#) for insights from Pope Francis’s *Laudato Si’* and *Laudate Deum*, as well as helpful tips for your daily life. May these teachings guide us toward sustainable, environmentally conscious choices.

This month, we are also celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15), honoring the rich contributions of our Latino brothers and sisters to our Church and community. Their deep faith and traditions enrich our parishes and highlight the resilience of Latino migrant families. I invite you to join the various ***Hispanic Marian Masses*** organized by the archdiocese’s ***Office of Hispanic Ministry*** this month and throughout the year. As we celebrate diversity, let us unite in God’s love and show compassion to all who seek a better life, reflecting the strength of our shared faith.

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.



Morning of Prayer for Separated and Divorced

Office of Family Life

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



October Young Adult Mass

Office of Young Adult Outreach

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2



St. Joseph's Seminary Fall Academic Lecture

St. Joseph's Seminary

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10



Columbus Day Mass

Archdiocese of New York

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14



Double Feature with Jason Evert

Office of Youth Faith Formation

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16



Cathedral Prep Program 2024–2025

Office of Vocations

MULTIPLE DATES BEGINNING OCTOBER 18



Forum for Catechesis and Youth Ministry – Bronx

Office of Youth Faith Formation

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

EVENTS (cont.)

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Second Annual Archdiocesan Parish Musicians' Breakfast

Office of Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26



Hope for All Times Consolation Day 2024

Office of Family Life

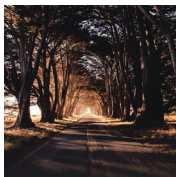
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14



Youth Ministry Leaders Retreat

Office of Youth Faith Formation

NOVEMBER 15–16



The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

Office of Family Life

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16



Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of Life

Office of Respect Life

FEBRUARY 20–25, 2025



New York Catholic Youth Days 2025

Office of Youth Faith Formation

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 | SUNDAY, APRIL 27



Man Up New York

Office of Adult Faith Formation

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

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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:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Glimpses with Matt Williams

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Nameshida Onikenbai: Demon Sword Dance

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Candlelight Concerts

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Helena Byrne: Tales and Tunes of Ireland

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Players Choir

OCTOBER 9 – NOVEMBER 13

Faith: The Competitive Edge

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 13

Medea: Re-Versed

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Endea Owens and the Cookout

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

The Rev and the Rabbi

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 25

Truth Isn't Always Black and White

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

One Funny Lisa Marie

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

We Call it Flamenco: A Unique Spanish Dance Show

INITIATIVES

Building Momentum Together

Office of Family Life

Annual Family Rosary Initiative 2024

The Office of Family Life encourages all families, large or small, to pray the Rosary during the month of October, the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, whose feast is celebrated on October 7. This can either be done in the home or organized by your parish. Please consult your parish for any parish event information. Resources in English and Spanish to assist with praying the Rosary can be found online at archny.org/ministries-and-offices/family-life/events. The Office of Family Life encourages all families and parishes to pray the Rosary especially during the month of October dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information to assist your family life, go to catholichom.com.

[View Rosary Guide in English](#)

[View Rosary Guide in Spanish](#)

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Introduction to Family Life and Jubilee 2025

Please make plans to join the staff of the **Office of Family Life** for one of the three gatherings to introduce Jubilee 2025 and the opportunities for family involvement. All clergy and laity, including family members of all ages are invited to attend. After a welcome and prayer, a short presentation regarding the graces of this Jubilee Year and the offerings of the Office of Family Life, and a period of discussion and questions and answers will conclude the gathering. See flyer for meeting dates, times, locations, and details. For more information and to register for a gathering, please contact Carmen Luis at FLEvents@archny.org or 646-794-3186. Go to iubilaeum2025.va/en for Jubilee 2025 resources in several languages.

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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.

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.

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Building Momentum Together

Office of Respect Life

Walking with Moms in Need – Parish Action Guide

The Office of Respect Life 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 for more information and resources, and contact Sr. Anne Marie Elizabeth, SV at sr.anne.marie@archny.org with any questions or if you would like to be involved.

[View Action Guide](#)

[More info](#)

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/respect-life/get-involved/40-days-for-life.

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 in English](#)

[View Action Guide in Spanish](#)

[More info](#)

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. Enrique Salvo, 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 | **Registration deadline:** Initial deposit of \$400 is due by September 20, 2024; final payment is due November 20, 2024 | **Cost:** \$2,899 (from Newark, NJ) **Questions?** Contact Alexandra (alexandra@206tours.com) or Cat (cat@206tours.com) at 206 Tours.

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Building Momentum Together

Office of Young Adult Outreach

Regional Leaders' Meetings

We will be hosting formative gatherings for leaders of existing young adult groups throughout the year, beginning with one for Bronx leaders on Wednesday, September 18.

Office of Youth Faith Formation

38th Global Celebration of Young People: Rejoicing in Hope

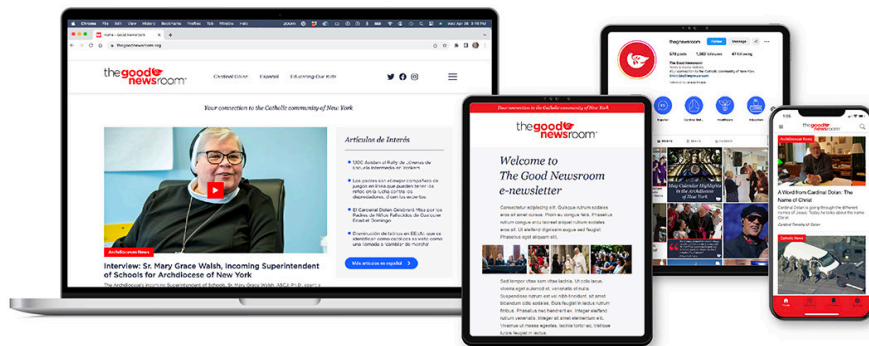
Pope Francis has called for a renewed celebration of young people in every diocese on Christ the King Sunday, with “hope” as the central theme for the next two years. Parishes are encouraged to feature young people in prominent roles during Mass, including liturgical roles, sharing testimonies, and offering 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://www.usccb.org/topics/world-youth-day/annual-celebration) and in the [*Christ the King Guidebook*](#).

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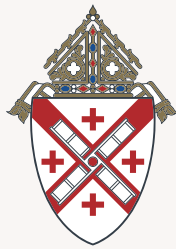
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