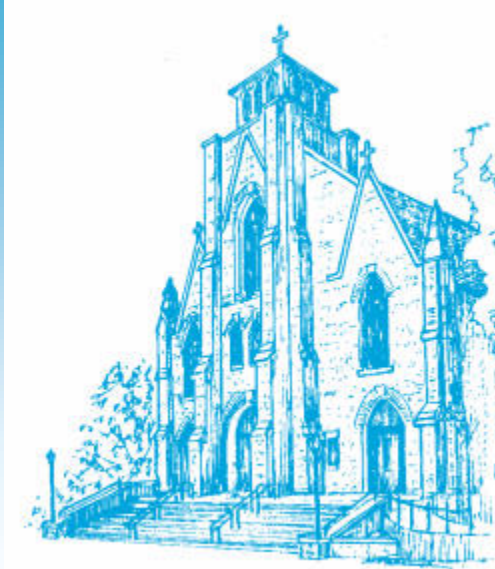


December 19th, 2021

# ST. FIDELIS CHURCH

COLLEGE POINT, NY



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## **MASSES:**

**Saturday:** 5 PM (Vigil)

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM, 10 AM (Spanish), 12 PM

**Weekdays:** Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM

## **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 PM in church

## **BAPTISM:**

2nd Sunday of the month in English at 1:30 PM

3rd Sunday of the month in Spanish at 1:30 PM

Make prior arrangements by appointment through the Rectory office. An original birth certificate is required.

## **MATRIMONY:**

Marriage arrangements in the parish must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please log on to [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) for the complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

## **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

The first Saturday of the month at our 8:30 AM Mass we will be doing anointing of the sick. If you are home-bound, or if you know someone who is unable to come to Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation, or the Anointing of the Sick, feel free to call us.

## **Rectory Hours**

Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday, 11 AM - 3 PM

## **MISAS:**

**Misa dominical en español:** domingo 10 AM

**Otras misas en inglés:** sábado 5 PM (vigilia);  
domingo 8:30 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM

**Entre semana:** lunes a sábado 8:30 AM (inglés)

## **RECONCILIACIÓN:**

Sábados 4:00 - 4:45 PM en la iglesia

## **BAUTISMO:**

El segundo domingo del mes a la 1:15 en inglés El tercer domingo del mes a la 1:15 en español

Hagan preparativos con la rectoría.

Se requiere un certificado original de nacimiento.

## **MATRIMONIO:**

Hay que hacer preparativos por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio.

Favor de visitar [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org) para información completa sobre la preparación de matrimonio en la diócesis.

## **UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS:**


El primer Sábado del mes en nuestra Misa de las 8:30 AM haremos la unción de los enfermos. Si usted no puede salir de la casa, o si conoce a alguien que no puede asistir la Misa, contactenos cuando quiera.

## **Horas de la Rectoría**

Lunes a viernes, 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Sábado, 11 AM - 3 PM

ST. FIDELIS, COLLEGE POINT, NY

Mass Intentions  for the Week

**SATURDAY, December 18th**

5:00 pm Ruthanne Mullaney

**SUNDAY, December 19th**

8:30 am Eileen O'Sullivan  
10:00 am Accion de gracias a la Virgen de Juquila  
12:00 pm Chris Geddes

**MONDAY, December 20th**

8:30 am Elinor & Edward Brennan

**TUESDAY December 21th**

8:30 am Lucretia Blesser

**WEDNESDAY December 22th**

8:30 am Anthony Figueroa

**THURSDAY, December 23th**

8:30 am Michael Durkin

**FRIDAY, December 24th**

8:30 am Bridie Walsh  
5:00 pm Richard & Peggy Cantwell, Mary & Ray Renart, & Billy McCarthy  
10:00 pm People of the Parish

**SATURDAY, December 25th**

8:30 am Thomas Kerrane  
10:00 am Carmen Almazo  
12:00 pm Louis G, Louis D, & Lea Salzano  
5:00 pm Edward & Mary Neumar

**SUNDAY, December 26th**

8:30 am Lewis Baglione, Albert Kaporch, Dcane Mirakaj, Theresa & James Labosco, George Socha, Kevin Walsh, Patricia Walsh, Charles Walsh, Marylyn Tie, Mary Higgins, Annie O'Hara  
10:00 am Jesus Gonzalez, Carmen Almazo, Martha Martinez, Eliazar Crisantos, Carmen Castro, Jose Luis Castro, Helida Pereira Castro, Helida Rosa Castro Pereira, Susana Fullea Castro, Luis Alfonso Ureña, Paulino & Carmen Martinez,  
12:00 pm Frances & Sebastian Buonocore



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Carlos Arboleda, Lizbeth Anzures, Rose Bernal, David Broussard, Anthony Corradini, Regina Costa, Barbara Daueneimer, Ed Duggan, Carollynn Freeda, Michael Holmes, Lauren Haropulos, Victor Hoyos, Rita Kwiecinski, Josephine Langellotti, Dean Larotonda, Mike Mannarino, Rose Mariello, Genevieve Minichetti, Florence Neeson, Eric Rivera, Melissa Rizzo, Amy Strack, Bob Walker, Matthew Yates, Christina Stark



**Vespers Prayer // Oración de las Vísperas**

Today, December 19th, the fourth Sunday of this season of advent. Vespers will be prayed in church at 4:00PM followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to come and prepare your hearts for the celebration of Christmas.

Hoy, Diciembre 19, el cuarto domingo de la temporada de Adviento, las Vísperas serán rezadas en la iglesia a las 4:00PM seguidas de la Bendición del Santísimo Sacramento. Todos están invitados a venir a preparar sus corazones para la celebración de la Navidad.



**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH.**

From the Pastor's Desk



Today, the fourth (and final) Sunday of Advent, we hear the familiar story of the Blessed Virgin Mary visiting her cousin, Elizabeth. The Blessed Mother was just visited by the Angel Gabriel who gave her the startling announcement that she was to conceive a son, an offspring of David's line who will be called the Son of God and whose kingdom will never end.

Jesus' "Behold, I come to do your will" in the second reading was echoed in Mary's words "Behold the handmaid of the Lord...be it done to me according to your word". Inspired by faith and love, Mary's life, like Jesus', was one of continual obedience to the will of the Father. And just like Jesus, she did not hesitate to be of service to others; she hastened to help her cousin Elizabeth who, too, was with child, but at a late age. With this visit, Mary brought Jesus to the house of Zechariah and Elizabeth. What a beautiful reaction, that even

in the womb, John acknowledged the presence of our Lord, when he "leaped for joy". Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, likewise affirmed Mary's Divine Motherhood when she greeted Mary.

In the Holy Land, there is a small plaque commemorating Mary's life-changing meeting with the Angel Gabriel in the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. At the cave of the Incarnation were the words "Verbum caro hic factum est" (Here the Word became flesh). Can these words be applied to our own lives, to our families and communities "**Here the Word becomes flesh**"? As Meister Eckhart, a German theologian and mystic, had said, "We are all meant to be mothers of God . . . for God is always needing to be born".

Christ became flesh and dwelt among us to give us power to become children of God. But will we, like Mary, "allow" Christ to be born by making God the number one priority in our lives? Will we, like Jesus and Mary, inspired by faith and love, "allow" Christ to be born by sharing God's blessings with others? Indeed, God is always needing to be born. Will we, like Jesus and Mary, be instruments through whom God will be experienced by others?

When Jesus was born in the small town of Bethlehem, many people did not know Him. And now, 21 centuries later, many people still do not know Him. Perhaps people seek God in a million ways, other than seeing Him in the poor. Jesus was born in material poverty to teach us that real wealth is in knowing and loving Him. And if we have been graced to possess this priceless wealth, shouldn't we "allow" God to be born by helping others get to know His love for them through **OUR** service, presence and sharing of material goods?

On Christmas Day, the second collection will be for **Catholic Charities**. Let's use this great opportunity to follow Jesus' and Our Blessed Mother's lives of love and service when we let our generosity help others realize that God is alive and loves them.

A Blessed Christmas to you all!

*God bless you!*

*Fr. John Francis*



## Desde el Escritorio del Pastor



Hoy, cuarto (y último) domingo de Adviento, escuchamos la conocida historia de la Santísima Virgen María visitando a su prima Isabel. La Santísima Madre acaba de recibir la visita del ángel Gabriel, quien le dio el sorprendente anuncio de que iba a concebir un hijo, una descendencia del linaje de David que se llamará Hijo de Dios y cuyo reino nunca terminará.

El "He aquí, vengo para hacer tu voluntad" de Jesús en la segunda lectura se hizo eco en las palabras de María "He aquí la esclava del Señor ... hágase en mí según tu palabra". Inspirada por la fe y el amor, la vida de María, como la de Jesús, fue de continua obediencia a la voluntad del Padre. Y al igual que Jesús, no dudó en estar al servicio de los demás; se apresuró a ayudar a su prima Isabel, que también estaba encinta, pero a una edad avanzada. Con esta visita, María llevó a Jesús a la casa de Zacarías e Isabel. Qué hermosa reacción, que incluso en el vientre, Juan reconoció la presencia de nuestro Señor, cuando "saltó de gozo". Isabel, llena del Espíritu Santo, también afirmó la Divina Maternidad de María cuando saludó a María.

En Tierra Santa, hay una pequeña placa que conmemora el encuentro que cambió la vida de María con el ángel Gabriel en la Basílica de la Anunciación en Nazaret. En la cueva de la Encarnación estaban las palabras "Verbum caro hic factum est" (Aquí el Verbo se hizo carne). ¿Se pueden aplicar estas palabras a nuestra propia vida, a nuestras familias y comunidades "**Aquí el Verbo se hace carne**"? Como dijo Meister Eckhart, teólogo y místico alemán, "Todos estamos destinados a ser madres de Dios. . . porque Dios siempre necesita nacer".

Cristo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros para darnos poder para convertirnos en hijos de Dios. Pero, como María, ¿"permitiremos" que Cristo nazca al hacer de Dios la prioridad número uno en nuestras vidas? ¿Nosotros, como Jesús y María, inspirados por la fe y el amor, "permitiremos" que Cristo nazca al compartir las bendiciones de Dios con los demás? De hecho, Dios siempre necesita nacer. ¿Seremos nosotros, como Jesús y María, instrumentos a través de los cuales otros experimentarán a Dios?

Cuando Jesús nació en el pequeño pueblo de Belén, mucha gente no lo conocía. Y ahora, 21 siglos después, mucha gente todavía no lo conoce. Quizás la gente busca a Dios de un millón de formas, además de verlo en los pobres. Jesús nació en la pobreza material para enseñarnos que la verdadera riqueza está en conocerlo y amarlo. Y si hemos tenido la gracia de poseer esta riqueza invaluable, ¿no deberíamos "permitir" que Dios nazca ayudando a otros a conocer Su amor por ellos a través de **NUUESTRO** servicio, presencia y compartir los bienes materiales?

El día de Navidad, la segunda colecta será para **Caridades Católicas**. Aprovechemos esta gran oportunidad de seguir la vida de amor y servicio de Jesús y Nuestra Santísima Madre cuando dejamos que nuestra generosidad ayude a otros a darse cuenta de que Dios está vivo y los ama.

¡Bendita Navidad a todos!

*Dios los bendiga,  
Fr. John Francis*

### Special Thank You // Agradecimiento Especial

District 25 Pre-K Center for your generous donation to our parish food pantry this holiday season. **God Bless you!**

Gracias a la escuela Distrito 5 Pre-K por su generosa donación a la dispensa de alimentos de nuestra parroquia en esta temporada de fiestas. **¡Dios les Bendiga!**



### Special Thank You

To our parishioners who are always willing to help the parish's food pantry in the service of those in need.

This week we especially thank  
**Ms. Una Chang** for her monetary donation.





**A Special Opportunity for Confession**

**Advent Reconciliation Monday**

**On December 20th**

from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM

in the Church.

This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Christmas!

**Una Oportunidad Especial para la Confesión**

**Lunes de Reconciliación de Adviento**

**El 20 de diciembre**

11:00 AM a 1:00 PM. y de 6:00 PM a 8:00 PM.

En la Iglesia.

¡Esta es una maravillosa oportunidad para prepararse para la Navidad!



**Congratulations // Felicitaciones**

To the following students from our parish who have received merited recognition for commendable academic performance during the first quarter of the current school year at St. Francis Preparatory School. These students have received an average of 90% or above to achieve Honor Roll status.

A los siguientes estudiantes de nuestra parroquia que han recibido un merecido reconocimiento por su admirable desempeño académico durante este primer trimestre del año escolar en la Preparatoria St. Francis. Estos estudiantes han recibido un promedio de 90% o más para alcanzar el estatus de Cuadro de Honor.



Barrios, Kiara  
Levardsen, Isabel  
Mohorovic, Angelo  
Taveras, Jianely



I am **the**  
You are **CHURCH**  
We are **together**

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021**

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$50.925</b>
<b>Pledge:</b>	<b>\$59.231</b>
<b>Received:</b>	<b>\$52.414</b>
<b>Number of Pledges:</b>	<b>194</b>

A special thank you to all those who helped to achieve our Diocesan goal, Please continue to fulfill your pledge, if you haven't done so. The rest of the funds will go to parish projects

Un agradecimiento especial a todos aquellos que ayudaron a alcanzar nuestra meta Diocesana. Por favor continúe cumpliendo su compromiso, si no lo ha hecho. El resto de los fondos se destinarán a



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**December 24th (Christmas Eve)**

- 8:30 AM Daily Mass
- 5:00 PM **Christmas Vigil Mass (English)**
- 10:00 PM **Midnight Mass: (Bilingual)**  
**Misa de Media Noche (Bilingüe)**

**December 25th (Christmas Day)**

Follows Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 AM English
- 10:00 AM Español
- 12:00 PM English
- 5:00 PM **Sunday Vigil Mass**



**December 26th**

Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:30 AM English
- 10:00 AM Español
- 12:00 PM English



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