



DIocese of Rockville Centre
Office of the Bishop

June 24, 2025

**The following official appointments and announcements have been made by
the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre, since February 1, 2025.
Unless otherwise noted, all are effective June 25, 2025.**

PASTORS:

Reverend Michael Bartholomew to Pastor of the Church of Saint Agnes, Greenport, while remaining Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Cutchogue, and additionally, from Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue, to Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue, and from Administrator of the Church of Saint Patrick, Southold, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Patrick, Southold.

Reverend Rejimon K. Benedict, O.I.C, a priest of the Bethany Navajyothy Province of the Order of the Imitation of Christ, from Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, to Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville.

Reverend Michael Bissex from post-ordination doctoral studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Aidan, Williston Park.

Reverend Gerald Cestare from Administrator of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Holbrook, to Pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Holbrook, effective April 10, 2025.

Reverend Monsignor Thomas M. Coogan from Pastor of the Church of Saint Dominic, Oyster Bay, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset.

Reverend Lawrence T. Duncklee from Pastor of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Riverhead, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Joseph, Babylon.

Reverend Gius F. Garcia from Pastor of the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park, to Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville, and the Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford.

Reverend Walter F. Kedjierski from Administrator of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, and the Church of Saint Philip Neri, Northport, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Dominic, Oyster Bay.

Reverend John D. McCarthy from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, East Northport, and the Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Bernard, Levittown.

Reverend Adrian McHugh from Pastor of the Church of Saint Aidan, Williston Park, to Pastor of the Church of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, and the Church of Saint Philip Neri, Northport.

Reverend Gonzalo Oajaca-Lopez from Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, Farmingville, and the Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford, to Pastor of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Riverhead.

Reverend Thomas J. Pers from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, East Islip, and the Church of Saint Peter the Apostle, Islip Terrace, to Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach.

Very Reverend Dom Gabriel Rach, Can. Reg., a priest of the Canonry of Saint Leopold, to Pastor of the Church of Saint Rocco, Glen Cove, and the Church of Saint Hyacinth, Glen Head, while remaining Pastor of the Church of Saint Patrick, Glen Cove, with residence at the Canonry of Saint Leopold at the Church of Saint Patrick, Glen Cove.

Reverend Anthony M. Saliba from Administrator of the Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset, to Pastor of the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park.

Reverend Monsignor Ralph R. Sommer from Pastor of the Church of Saint Bernard, Levittown, to Pastor of the Church of Saint John the Baptist, Wading River.

Most Reverend Andrzej J. Zglejszewski to Pastor of the Church of Saint Joseph, Garden City, while remaining Episcopal Vicar for the Western Vicariate and Vicar for Worship.

PASTORS APPOINTED TO A SECOND TERM:

Reverend Joseph Alenchery of the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach.

Reverend Seth N. Awo-Doku of the Church of Saint Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.

Reverend Joseph V. Davanzo of the Church of Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon.

Reverend Peter J. Dugandzic of the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park.

Reverend Rony Fabien of the Church of Saint Martha, Uniondale.

Reverend Joseph H. Fitzgerald of the Church of Saint William the Abbot, Seaford.

Reverend Sean J. Gann of the Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore.

Reverend Robert W. Ketcham of the Church of Christ the King, Commack.

Reverend Steven A. Maddaloni of the Church of Saint Rosalie, Hampton Bays.

Reverend Monsignor Mark P. Rowan of the Church of Saint Kilian, Farmingdale.

Reverend Kevin M. Smith of the Church of Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point.

ADMINISTRATORS:

Reverend David Atanasio to Administrator of the Church of Saint Francis de Sales, Patchogue, while remaining Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue.

Reverend John Jairo Granados, a priest of the Diocese of Caldas, Colombia, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue, to Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Wyandanch.

Reverend Dariusz Koszyk from Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague, to Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Poland, Southampton.

Reverend Piotr Narkiewicz, a priest of the Archdiocese of Warsaw, Poland, from Administrator of the Church of Saint Agnes, Greenport, to Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague.

PAROCHIAL VICARS:

Reverend Abraham T. Abraham, O.I.C., a priest of the Bethany Navajeevan Province of the Order of the Imitation of Christ, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Agnes, Greenport, while remaining Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Southold, with residence at the Church of Saint Agnes, Greenport.

Reverend Martin Adu Gyamfi, a priest of the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong, Ghana, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saints Philip and James, St. James.

Reverend Allan Arneaud from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Rose of Lima, Massapequa, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, East Northport, and the Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn, with residence at the Church of Saint Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn.

Reverend Paul Bersamin, a priest of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, Philippines, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park, to Parochial Vicar of the Church

of the Resurrection, Farmingville, and the Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford, with residence at the Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford.

Reverend Jerzy Bres, a priest of the Archdiocese of Lublin, Poland, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Hedwig, Floral Park, and the Church of Saint Ladislaus, Hempstead, with residence at the Church of Saint Ladislaus, Hempstead.

Reverend Ngozi Chimezie, a priest of the Diocese of Orlu, Nigeria, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Corpus Christi, Mineola, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square.

Reverend Charles Gnanapragasam, a priest of the Archdiocese of Pondicherry-Cuddalore, India, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, East Islip, and the Church of Saint Peter the Apostle, Islip Terrace, with residence at the Church of Saint Mary, East Islip, effective July 1, 2025.

Reverend Luis F. Gonzaga, a priest of Diocese of Santo Domingo, Ecuador, from Chaplain of the East End Hispanic Apostolate to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue, the Church of Saint Francis de Sales, Patchogue, and the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue, with residence at the Church of Saint Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue.

Reverend Kenneth L. Grooms from Pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Corpus Christi, Mineola.

Reverend Michael C. Iroh, C.M., a priest of the Province of Nigeria of the Congregation of the Mission, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Rose of Lima, Massapequa.

Reverend Jose P. Kuruvila, O.I.C., a priest of the Bethany Navajeevan Province of the Order of the Imitation of Christ, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Agnes, Greenport, and the Church of Saint Patrick, Southold, with residence at the Church of Saint Agnes, Greenport.

Reverend Joseph J. Lobo, a priest of the Diocese of Mangalore, India, from Administrator of the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Garden City.

Reverend Michael E. Lombardi, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Huntington.

Very Reverend Dom Daniel Nash, Can. Reg., a priest of the Canonry of Saint Leopold, from Pastor of the Church of Saint Rocco, Glen Cove, and the Church of Saint Hyacinth, Glen Head, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Glen Cove, the Church of Saint Rocco, Glen Cove, and the Church of Saint Hyacinth, Glen Head, with residence at the Canonry of Saint Leopold at the Church of Saint Patrick, Glen Cove.

Reverend Joseph J. Nixon, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square.

Reverend Emmanuel C. Nwogu, a priest of the Diocese of Aba, Nigeria, to Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre.

Reverend Abin G. Panicker, O.I.C., a priest of the Bethany Navajyothy Province of the Order of the Imitation of Christ, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Center Moriches, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville.

Reverend Rubén T. Pareja, a priest of the Diocese of Loja, Ecuador, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport.

Reverend Gustavo J. Perez, a priest of the Diocese of Sonson-Rionegro, Colombia, from Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre, while remaining Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Inwood, and the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream, with residence at the Church of the Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream.

Reverend Stephen Rooney, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park, and the Church of Notre Dame, New Hyde Park, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Mary, Manhasset.

Reverend Noel Sixon, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Patrick, Huntington, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park.

Reverend Rolando Ticllasuca from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Center Moriches, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Brigid, Westbury, effective May 1, 2025.

Reverend Carlos M. Urrego, a priest of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe de Antioquia, Colombia, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport, to Chaplain of the East End Hispanic Apostolate, with residence at the Church of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Bridgehampton.

Reverend Monson K. Varghese, O.I.C., a priest of the Bethany Navajyothy Province of the Order of the Imitation of Christ, from Chaplain of Good Shepherd Hospice, Port Jefferson, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park, effective June 1, 2025.

Reverend Charlince Vendredy, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt, and the Church of Saint Martha, Uniondale, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Center Moriches.

Reverend Prasanna R. Warnakulasuriya, a priest of the Diocese of Kandy, Sri Lanka, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Garden City, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park, and the Church of Notre Dame, New Hyde Park, with residence at the Church of Notre Dame, New Hyde Park.

Reverend Ditto Subin Wilson, M. Id, a priest of the Institute Id of Christ the Redeemer (Idente Missionaries), to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Luke, Brentwood, effective May 6, 2025.

Reverend Robert Wolosik, a priest of the Diocese of Lomza, Poland, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Hedwig, Floral Park, and the Church of Saint Ladislaus, Hempstead, to Parochial Vicar of the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague.

NON-PAROCHIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Reverend John P. Crozier from Chaplain of Hofstra University, Hempstead, while remaining Diocesan Director of Vocations and Chaplain of Saint Anthony's High School, South Huntington, with residence at the Church of Saint William the Abbot, Seaford.

Reverend Christopher P. Heller to Diocesan Master of Ceremonies while remaining Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre.

Most Reverend Luis M. Romero Fernández, M. Id, from Administrator of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Wyandanch, while remaining Vicar for Hispanic Ministry and Evangelization, with residence at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead.

Reverend Joseph C. Scolaro from post-ordination doctoral studies at the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy, to faculty of Saint Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, effective July 1, 2025.

Reverend Christopher M. Sullivan to Chaplain of Hofstra University, Hempstead, while remaining Pastor of the Church of the Holy Family, Hicksville.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS:

Reverend Michael K. Apaloo, a priest of the Archdiocese of Accra, Ghana, to Chaplain of Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital, Oceanside, effective July 1, 2025.

Reverend Innocent O. Duru, C.M.F., a priest of the East Nigeria Province of the Claretian Missionaries, from residence at the Church of Saint Bernard, Levittown, to residence at the Church of Saint John the Baptist, Wading River, while serving as Chaplain of Stony Brook University Hospital, Stony Brook.

Reverend Yesudas Elias, O.I.C, a priest of the Bethany Navajeevan Province of the Order of the Imitation of Christ, from Chaplain of Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre, to Chaplain of Saint Francis Hospital, Roslyn, with residence remaining at the Church of Corpus Christi, Mineola.

Reverend Jijo Joseph, C.M., a priest of the Southern Indian Province of the Congregation of the Mission, from Chaplain of Good Samaritan University Hospital, West Islip, to Clinical Pastoral

Education Educator-Trainee at Catholic Health, Rockville Centre, with residence at the Church of Saint Joseph, Hewlett, effective March 5, 2025.

Reverend Daniel A. Owuor, F.M.H., a priest of the Franciscan Missionaries of Hope, from Chaplain of Saint Francis Hospital, Roslyn, to Chaplain of Glen Cove Hospital, Glen Cove, with residence at the Church of Saint Mary, Roslyn, effective February 1, 2025.

Reverend Patrick Owusu-Ansah, a priest of the Diocese of Konongo-Mampong, Ghana, from residence at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue, to the Church of Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon, while remaining Chaplain of Northwell South Shore University Hospital, Bay Shore.

Reverend Jonah F. Pollock, O.P., a priest of the Province of Saint Joseph of the Order of Preachers, to Chaplain at Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre, with residence at the Church of Saint Barnabas, Bellmore, effective July 1, 2025.

Reverend Thomas Bijily Varghese, O.I.C., a priest of the Bethany Navajyothy Province of the Order of the Imitation of Christ, from Chaplain of Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow, to Chaplain of Good Shepherd Hospice, Port Jefferson, with residence at the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park, effective June 1, 2025.

RETIREMENTS:

Reverend Monsignor Richard M. Figliozzi from Pastor of the Church of Saint Joseph, Babylon, to retirement, with residence at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue.

Reverend Francis Lasrado from Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson, and the Church of Saint Gerard Majella, Port Jefferson Station, to retirement, with residence at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Center Moriches.

Reverend Janusz Lipski, a priest of the Archdiocese of Lublin, Poland, from Administrator of the Church of Our Lady of Poland, Southampton, to retirement.

Reverend Monsignor James P. Swiader from Pastor of the Church of Saint Joseph, Garden City, to retirement, with residence at the Church of Saint Raphael, East Meadow.

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE:

Reverend Matthew M. Browne from residence at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, Rockville Centre, to residence at the Church of Saint Joseph, Garden City, while remaining the Bishop's Delegate to the Department of Education and Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis.

Most Reverend John C. Dunne, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, from retirement with residence at the Church of Saint Kilian, Farmingdale, to residence at the Saint Pius X Residence, Ronkonkoma, effective April 1, 2025.

Reverend Monsignor Peter J. Pflomm from retirement with residence at the Church of Maria Regina, Seaford, to residence at the Saint Pius X Residence, Ronkonkoma.

DEPARTURES:

**The following priests no longer have faculties to exercise ministry in the Diocese.*

Reverend Jorge A. Bastidas, a priest of the Diocese of Chimbote, Peru, to departure from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, effective February 28, 2025.

Reverend Uchenna Maurizio Duru, a priest of the Archdiocese of Campobasso-Boiano, Italy, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saints Philip and James, St. James, to departure from the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Reverend Patrick Osei-Poku, a priest of the Archdiocese of Kumasi, Ghana, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park, to departure from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, effective February 7, 2025.

Reverend Andres Velez, a priest of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe de Antioquia, Colombia, from Parochial Vicar of the Church of Saint Brigid, Westbury, to departure from the Diocese of Rockville Centre, effective April 23, 2025.