

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday: 8:30am & 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am (Family Mass), 11:30am

Weekdays: 8:30am

Holy Days: See bulletin/announcements for schedule

Rosary every morning after 8:30am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Benediction 1:00pm to 3:00pm Wednesdays
except holidays

Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturdays: 4:00-5:00pm & by appointment

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: Available upon request.

Baptism: Third Sunday each month at 1:00pm. Prior
parent and sponsor interviews with a baptismal
coordinator required.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person with
priest at least 6 months in advance & prior to reception
arrangements.

Adult Christian Initiation. If you are interested in
exploring the Catholic faith or completing your
initiation into the Church, please call the Parish office.

Outreach—Pantry Hours:

St. Gertrude: Friday 8:30am-9:30am

United Methodist Church Outreach. Food pantry
opened every 3rd Saturday of the month 9-12. Please
call Ann Albro @ 516-647-5943 for any questions.

PARISH OFFICE: Phone: (516) 628-1113

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Monday to Thursday: 9:00am—4:00pm
(or by appointment)

Fax: (516) 628-9032

Website: www.stgerts.com



St. Vincent de Paul:

Email: bayvillesvdp@gmail.com

Emergency hotline: (516) 490-8793



New to our Parish? We welcome you
and ask that you please call or stop
into our Parish office to register.

*The Lord told Israel to reach out to newcomers and
welcome them (Leviticus 19:36).*

Remembering. . .

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| SATURDAY | February 3 |
| 5:00 pm | For the parishioners of St. Gertrude |
| SUNDAY | February 4 |
| 7:30 am | Rosary Guild – living and deceased |
| 9:30 am | Carmine and Maria Grazia Frumiento and family + |
| 11:30 am | Dorothy Lewandowski + |
| MONDAY | February 5 |
| 8:30 am | Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| TUESDAY | February 6 |
| 8:30 am | Harry Tice + |
| WEDNESDAY | February 7 |
| 8:30 am | Antoinette Carbone + |
| THURSDAY | February 8 |
| 8:30 am | Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| FRIDAY | February 9 |
| 8:30 am | Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| SATURDAY | February 10 |
| 8:30 am | Nita DeCesare + |
| 5:00 pm | Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families + |

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Reflection

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctors' offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. "...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door." The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ – and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

– *Father John Muir*

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Readings

First Reading:

I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147)

Second Reading:

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel:

He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

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Parishioners are invited to bring their old palms to church in the weeks ahead so they can be burned for the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. A basket will be placed at the rear of the church for that purpose up until Sunday, February 11th.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on February 14.



Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, February 10th 5:00pm – Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, February 11th 7:30am – Fr. Joseph

9:30am – Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am – Fr. Joseph



Those serving in our military:

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

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| LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa | LCpl Brian Allen | Pfc. Mark Chuisano |
| LT Mary Grace Colluci | Major Janet R. Erazo | 1st LT William Trotta, Jr. |
| 2nd LT Glenn Harvey | 1st LT Dylan Wall | Capt. Alexander Van Patten USAF |
| LT Colonel Nicholas Lo Russo | Sgt. 5 Jose Marin | Airman Bryan Mollitor |
| Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz | Major James Nicholson | LT Col. Sean Patak |
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| Capt. Thomas E. Rojek | Spc. Chase Tucker | Major Chad Lennon |
| ENS Patrick Hesse USN | Ens. James Figari | US Army Sgt. Richard F. Charon |
| LT Colonel Terrance Thorgramson | Capt. James Andrew Baker | Lt. Kevin Valsecchi |

If you would like to inform us of any family member or friend who has been called to active service or for a name to be removed, please call our Parish office. We cannot update this list without your help.



Joe Buffa, Nora Caruso, Sean Stalker, Marylou Fusillo, Anthony Altimari

Call the parish office to add a relative to our prayer list. Names will remain for 6 weeks.

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
January 21, 2024 \$6,372.50

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



Thank you for your prayerful and generous support of our parish family.



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

Supplies are either desperately low or out of the following items: Jar tomato sauce, cereal, Parmalat milk, flour, sugar, coffee (decaf & regular), tea, mayonnaise,

toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, paper towels, deodorant.

Donations to be placed in back of church under choir loft.

Pantry hours are every Friday from 8:30am–9:30am in the lower Church.

United Methodist Church Outreach. Food pantry opened every 3rd Saturday 9-12. Please call Ann Albro @ 516-647-5943 for any questions.

Just a friendly reminder to please be aware of food expiration dates. Thank you!

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You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY83, or text 'enroll' to 516-494-7947 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757 (toll-free).

Thank you!



The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to the families and friends of those in our parish who have died.

Check out our website for other information that our printed bulletin cannot accommodate.

[Wwww.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com)

Preschool News: This week the Preschoolers learned about Groundhog Day and began to work on Valentine's Day crafts. Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class created a foam shape picture and made a groundhog out of a paper roll. Miss Carmela's 2's worked on the letter N. They also made a groundhog day craft with a poem and a "cold hands warm heart" craft. Miss Anna's 3's worked on the letter G. They also made a pop-up groundhog craft, a groundhog booklet, and a groundhog prediction graph. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter R and made an "R is for rainbow" craft. They also made a penguin craft, a stained-glass snow bears craft, and a rainbow bracelet. Miss Michelle's Friday 3's made heart stampers out of paper tubes. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter P. They created a bear in a cave craft and a heart suncatcher. They also began a Valentine's gift and learned about shadows by making a groundhog craft.



Preschool Registration
NOW OPEN



Registration is now open for the 2024-25 school year. Please call [\(516\) 628-3710](tel:5166283710) or visit www.stgertrudesprek.org for more information. Our Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 7th and Thursday, February 8th. Please call to schedule a tour. We look forward to seeing you!

Teacher's Assistant Wanted for our preschool for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are searching for a patient, charismatic and caring individual to join our staff. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15-12. Responsibilities include assisting the head teacher in all school functions and activities, and working collaboratively with staff. High school diploma or equivalent required. Experience working with young children in an early childhood setting preferred. Please email resume to Ms. Meredith Brosnan, Director at stgertprek@stgerts.org.

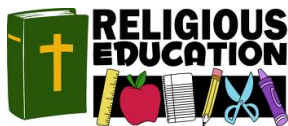


Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Monday, Feb. 5

7:00pm

Parish Center

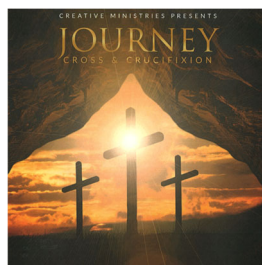


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Do you know of anyone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Have you or someone you know wanted to complete the

sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? Invite them to join a community of adults who are discerning God's call through prayer and discussion as they learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information contact Dr. Sheehan in our Religious Education office at 516-628-2432 or faithformation@stgerts.org.



Save the date

**THE JOURNEY
CROSS & CRUCIFIXION**

Wednesday, March 6

@ 7:30pm

at St. Gertrude Parish

Looking for a way to delve deeper into Jesus' life this Lent? Come experience this moving, live rendition of the passion of our Lord as we follow the stations of the cross throughout our church.



Kellenburg Memorial High School

Honor Roll, First Trimester
2023-2024 Academic Year

Natalie Meehan
Sabrina Shotland
Dean Sklavos
Luca Viscovich
Stella Viscovich

Rosary Guild News

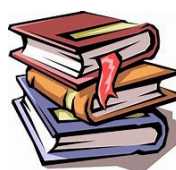


The Rosary Guild has a new link on the parish website (under Ministries & Organizations) See: www.stgerts.org.

Find our newsletters on the website, or if you'd like one emailed directly to your inbox, kindly send an email to stgertruderosaryguild@gmail.com. Thank you!



The 2024 Mass book is open. Masses remain at \$20 each and wine & hosts for the week remain at \$50. Cash or check only.



SOMETHING NEW
A SMALL LENDING LIBRARY

Please look for the book cart located in the side vestibule of the church near the new restrooms.

READ AND RETURN!

Please stop by, take a look and borrow a book to READ and just RETURN when you are finished.



ST. IGNATIUS IS GOING TO WOODLOCH PINES

Please join us for a fun filled vacation at Woodloch Pines from **April 8th to April 12th**.

Woodloch is an award winning resort and for anyone who gets seasick, it is like a cruise but no seasickness. The room accommodations are lovely, the food is fabulous and plentiful. The staff is beyond friendly and all the games and activities are fun.

If you are interested, please call **Pamela Flanagan** at **516-938-9334** for further information.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time!

Mark 1:33-35: "The whole city was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with many diseases, and he drove out many demons." Later "he went off to a deserted place to pray." Jesus preached and also went about healing those who were ill. Jesus also can heal our marriages and make them whole again. Learn the five tools for a better marriage by signing up and attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

February 8-March 21, 2024, Virtual (evenings twice a week)

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on week-ends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 516-554-3835 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

Volunteers (18 years +) needed for Handicap Encounter with Christ Retreat

Come assist with our HEC #40 retreat taking place April 18-21, 2024, in Centerport, N.Y.

HEC, or Handicapped Encounter Christ, brings together adults with differing abilities for various events throughout the year learning from each other, enjoying the company of one another and establishing many beautiful friendships together as we all get to know our Lord. We are always looking for participants to join this ministry – those who are disabled and those who are not.

Please join our first planning meeting for our spring HEC #40 on Monday, Feb. 5 @ 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 29 Clay Pitts Road, Greenlawn. At the first meeting, there will be a HEC retreat overview and a review of the different jobs that require volunteers. Light refreshments will be served.

Additional meetings will be Wednesday, March 6 and Monday, April 1.

All are welcome. Please join us! Any questions, call Bernice 516-582-0302 or Bob 516-241-4122.





Join us for an Elegant Evening with Monsignor James C. Vlaun

REAL FOOD LIVE

Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm

at St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School in Monsignor Code Auditorium
101 Maple Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590

\$125.00 per ticket includes dinner



To purchase tickets, sponsorships, journal ads or raffle tickets ONLINE, SCAN THIS QR CODE. To register via phone, contact 516-334-0021



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The Town of Oyster Bay HOMETOWN HERO PROGRAM recognizes Veteran and active duty service members both living and deceased with a commemorative full-color banner featuring:

- **Name and Rank**
- **Branch of Service**
- **Military Photo**
- **Years of Service**

and will be displayed within selected Town of Oyster Bay Parks!



HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Call 516-797-4121 for a sponsorship application and more information

Applications must be received by Friday March 15, 2024

CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION



**Presented at *Saint Gertrude RC Church* in Bayville
on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30PM**

for more information, visit www.CMPAC.com or call (631) 218 - 2810

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Community Outreach for Long Islanders



As a not-for-profit, mission-based organization, Catholic Health is dedicated to providing resources to our local communities. Through our various programs, we offer a variety of services to those without access to primary care.

- Blood drives
- Free health screenings and education
- Wellness seminars
- Support groups
- Vaccinations

Visit chsli.org/events to see where the Community Outreach bus will be and to get a free health screening.

Find a doctor near you

Connect with one of our Catholic Health Physician Partners for safe, high-quality care close to home. We offer a wide range of scheduling and appointment options at multiple locations across Long Island.

Visit chsli.org/catholic-health-physician-partners or call (866) MY-LI-DOC or (866) 695-4362 for more information or to set up an appointment.

Bishop McHugh Health Centers

Bishop McHugh Health Centers deliver health screenings, education, vaccinations and other services to those without access to primary care.

To learn more, please visit chsli.org/catholic-health-community-health

Bishop McHugh Health Center (Nassau)

750 South Broadway
Hicksville, NY 11801
(516) 827-2727

Bishop McHugh Center (Suffolk)

24 East Main St
Bay Shore, NY 11706
(631) 376-4025



Msgr. Jim Vlaun
Executive Producer
www.religionandrock.com

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Thanks for promoting our shows and for your help in our communication ministry! The weekly themes for “*Religion and Rock*” are below along with a suggestion for weekly publication in your bulletin or website.

We have included a bulletin announcement which includes our affiliate, *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel*.

Again, a sincere thanks for your longtime support!

Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Host

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| January 2024 | April |
| 7 Being Excited | 7 Community |
| 14 Life’s Struggles | 14 Spirituality |
| 21 Unity | 21 Issues in Life |
| 28 Searching for a Meaning | 28 Poverty |
| February | May |
| 4 Forgiveness | 5 Prayer |
| 11 Sacrifice | 12 Parenting |
| 18 Leadership | 19 Boredom |
| 25 Relationships | 26 Remembering |
| March | June |
| 3 Commitment | 2 Relaxing |
| 10 Renewal | 9 Moving On |
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Tune into “*Religion and Rock*” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00 AM- 8:00 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 FM on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel* and at 11:00 PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday’s theme is _____, don’t miss it! To listen online or receive more information regarding *Religion and Rock* go to www.ReligionandRock.com or at “*Religion & Rock*” on ITUNES.

Don’t forget to tune into CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit www.cfntv.org !

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February 8, 15, 22, 29, and
March 7, 14, and 21**

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Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org

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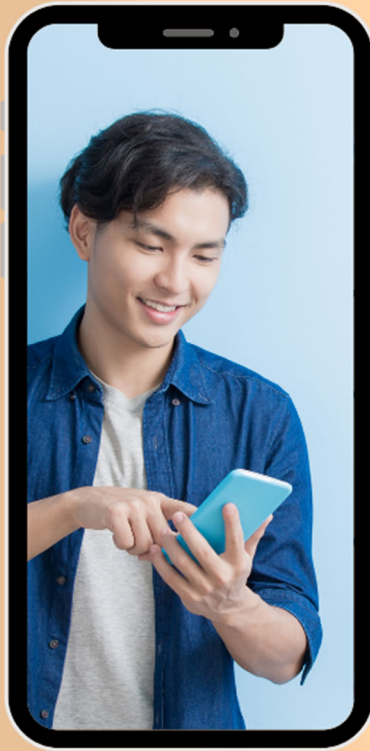
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WHY? Heirs will pay taxes on these financial instruments.**

On the other hand, IRAs are good assets to give to the Church or other charity when doing your estate planning since they will not pay a tax on retirement assets they inherit.

Making a planned gift of a retirement asset reduces the tax burden on a family. In addition, making a planned gift of an IRA is easy and affordable. All it takes is to update a beneficiary designation with a donor's bank or investment company.

For more information on tax-wise planned gifts, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



1

Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions

2

Monitor technology use (trust but verify)

3

Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech

4

Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks

5

Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online

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~A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE~

During a review of the Virtus report for St. Gertrude's, it was noted many Virtus accounts require updating. If you receive an e-mail from Virtus instructing you to log into your Virtus account, IT IS LEGITIMATE - THIS IS NOT A SCAM!!!

If you remain active in ministry **and** it has been five years (or more) since your prior background screening was performed; it is time to be rescreened. Please log into your Virtus account: www.virtus.org If you forgot your user ID and password, Virtus will provide instructions.

After logging into your account, you will be prompted to electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Codes of Conduct and complete the background screening application. Please follow all the instructions on the application and hit the submit button when completed.

During the pandemic shutdown, the Diocese established the on-line background screening process to facilitate remote screening. The company providing the screening is Sterling Solutions. During the application process, you will be creating an account with Sterling and will have access to your screening report when completed. The Diocese does not screen your financial information-the Fair Credit Reporting Act is the name of the legislation protecting your rights as a consumer. Unfortunately, this is poor choice for the title of the legislation, as many believe we have access to your financial information-we do not!.

Finally, if you are active in a ministry with children/youth: Catechist, Coach, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Ministry; you are required to participate in on-going Virtus training. To facilitate this, the Diocese has made available monthly articles you are required to read. These bulletins/articles are attached to your Virtus account, you will receive a monthly email reminder to log into your account and complete the article. When completed, please answer the question and hit submit. Your account will be credited with completion of this requirement. Each article contains useful information pertinent to today's children and youth.

If you have any questions, please send me an email: mmcmahon@druc.org

Thank you.

Mary McMahon, LSCW

Why Catholic Education?

We nourish the mind and spirit of every child. A creative academic program and powerful spiritual guidance are the heart of every day at Long Island Catholic Schools. Our commitment to strong, individualized instruction, enhanced by advanced learning technologies, ensures that all children receive the personalized attention that builds knowledge and self-esteem in addition to the skills and study habits that prepare them for the academic challenges ahead. Daily teachings of faith bring spiritual values to life and foster in children an active and humane concern for others.

Early Childhood Program—Nursery (age 3) and Pre-K (age 4)

We guide children on the path to more fulfilling lives. Our academic rigor, emphasis on spiritual values, along with our commitment to extracurricular growth opportunities, all combine to give children the knowledge, skills, and confidence to go farther. The result? Higher performance in the classroom and on recognized standardized tests and an exceptionally high rate of college admissions. More important, our students become well-rounded individuals who go on to lead successful personal and professional lives and who become active, caring members of the community.

Catholic Elementary School Education

An elementary education at a Catholic school engages children at an important formative time in their lives. They are learning information, but it is much more than that. They are learning about themselves, about their place and purpose in the world, and about their obligations to others. Catholic school stands out as a place that addresses all of the relevant aspects of a young person's life. A Catholic school's broad charter allows us to 'educate the whole person', in mind, in body and in spirit. It is a difference that creates an advantage for their entire life.

Catholic Middle School Education

Grades 6,7, and 8 can be difficult but rewarding years for students. Through our schools, we encourage authentic growth: leadership, academics, faith, contributing to their parish, and exploring sports and extracurricular activities. Taking the reins of leadership! The move from elementary school to middle school marks the beginning of a new set of expectations and a new world of opportunities. Challenging academic curriculum, inspired Catholic teachings, and an array of new after-school activities give each student the intellectual, spiritual and social preparation needed for greater achievement in high school, college and beyond.

Catholic High Schools of Long Island

It's the education of a lifetime. Nine Catholic high schools on Long Island present their own unique opportunity for students to explore a faith-based education that challenges, inspires, and prepares them for college, careers, and life. The total experience makes the difference in a Catholic education. Families are strongly encouraged to attend Open House programs held at each Long Island Catholic school to learn first-hand about programs, facilities, faculties, activities, and the character of each institution. If you cannot attend an Open House, please contact a school directly. All of the high schools located on Long Island use the Catholic High Schools Entrance Examination for admission into 9th grade. Rigorous academic learning is reinforced at each of Long Island's Catholic high schools with engaging extra-curricular activities and a strong foundation in faith. These high schools offer a wide range of exciting choices for families considering a Catholic education. Guided by talented and dedicated religious and lay teachers, a Catholic education helps each student to test abilities, add skills, build confidence, and develop his or her understanding of faith. Start your journey now!

To find out more, go to: <https://drvcschools.org> or on our website: *Choosing a Catholic School* brochure.

DRVC Department of Education

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As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

The principle of Stewardship is frequently discussed in Catholic circles, both among the laity and Church leadership. Stewardship is based in scripture and in Church traditions. Stewardship flows from our gratitude to God for the gifts, with which we have been blessed. We show our gratitude by being generous in our response with our time, talent, and treasure.

We would like to encourage you to consider ways that you can leave a lasting legacy by making a planned gift to our parish or other Catholic Ministry.

You may be asking yourself what a planned gift is as it can be a confusing term and it is often misunderstood. Very simply, planned giving describes a donor's commitment to transfer capital assets to a qualified religious organization or other charity. More often than not, a planned gift is made by means of a formal agreement or contract.

Planned gifts are normally made from the donor's accumulated wealth as part of an overall estate plan. The most common form of a planned gift is a bequest provision in a Will.

Many Catholics find the idea of making a planned gift to their parish appealing. Parishioners often wonder how to go about making a planned gift and they have other questions about doing this.

Faithful parishioners have found that naming the parish in their Wills or Trusts to be a very fulfilling way to show their appreciation for what the Church has meant to them. Some parishioners have left planned gifts in memory of a loved one or close friend. Others have made a bequest to support a particular parish ministry, or outreach.

Individuals who make planned gifts often enjoy significant tax advantages from their giving. Still others find that once their surviving family receives a reasonable inheritance, leaving a bequest to the parish is a fulfilling way to show their gratitude for God's blessings and leave a spiritual legacy.

Please give thought to remembering your parish in your estate plan. It is a beautiful thing to do for future generations!

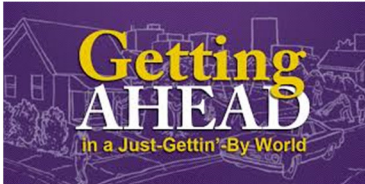
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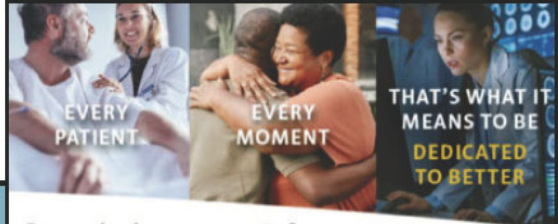


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