

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

## CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey, Pastor  
Rev. Joseph Gaspar, Assoc. Pastor

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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**St. Vincent de Paul:**

Email: bayvillevdp@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. . .

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 10</b>
5:00 pm	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 11</b>
7:30 am	Andrew DeNatale + in thanksgiving for a special intention
9:30 am	Nicolina LoCastro + Peter Connolly Sr. +
11:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 12</b>
8:30 am	Vincenzo and Rosa Daniello family +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 13</b>
8:30 am	Dominick and Catherine Carbone +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 14</b>
8:30 am	Roger Willett +
7:15 pm	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 15</b>
8:30 am	Mario Frumiento +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 16</b>
8:30 am	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 17</b>
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00 pm	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Reflection

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

— *Father John Muir*

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## Today's Scripture Readings

**First Reading:** "As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp." (Lv 13:8)

**Second Reading:** Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (1Cor 10:31)

**Gospel:** Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. (Mk 1:41-42)

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## Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, February 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	— Fr. Joseph
Sunday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30am	— Msgr. Morrissey
	9:30am	— Fr. Joseph
	11:30am	— Msgr. Morrissey



8:30 am	Mass & Ashes
12:00 pm	Word Service & Ashes
4:00 pm	Word Service (Rel Ed)
5:00 pm	Word Service & Ashes
7:15 pm	Mass & Ashes

## Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday, February 14

Stations of the Cross begin Friday, February 16 at 7:30 pm and continue in our church on Fridays during Lent



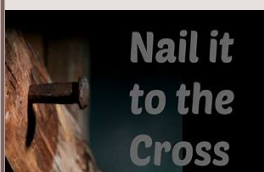
## The Lenten Nail

**I admit it. I stole the idea.** Bishop Murphy, Bishop Emeritus of Rockville Centre, used to say, “there was only one homily ever written, it just keeps getting stolen and passed around.” Perhaps he is right, but, as a college student I remember a local pastor who thought up the idea of the Lenten nail. He had given out the Lenten nails similar to the one you will receive this Ash Wednesday. We were instructed to carry that nail in our pocket throughout every day of Lent. No one was supposed to know that you were carrying it; it was between you and God. Each time you fished into your pocket for change or for your phone, or into your pocketbook to retrieve whatever it is that women keep in those things; each time you put your hand absentmindedly into your pocket...**there it was: your Lenten nail.** All throughout the 40 days of Lent that nail sits quietly in your pocket and never says a word—that is, until you feel its presence. You are instantly reminded “*It is Lent.*” We need to be reminded of this throughout the entirety of these lengthy 40 days and nights because we are human and we forget. We need to be reminded constantly of what God went through for you/us.



What made the Lenten nail so impressed upon my memory was that one mother had carried her Lenten nail throughout Lent and somewhere toward the end of Lent her son who was a year ahead of me in college was killed in a car crash. It was devastating. But here’s what I remember most: It is customary to return your nail at the end of Lent as a sign that you had completed your Lenten sacrifices and penances. As we will do on Good Friday, that mother so many years ago presented her Lenten nail to the priest on Good Friday, but her pastor would not accept it. Shockingly, the old pastor took that nail and hammered it directly into the base of the Crucifix that stood in the center of that church. He told the mother that she had sacrificed enough. Her nail is still there today, driven into the base of the huge wooden Crucifix below the feet of the Savior. That mother has long since gone to God and back to her son. I’ll never forget that, as I can still see it all these years later.

So, when you get your nail, carry it quietly, proudly, silently, confidently and know that there are countless others carrying their nails in their pockets, faithfully making sacrifices and penances. I would ask you and hope that you return the nail, as per the custom on Good Friday when every individual venerates the large wooden Cross. The tradition is to leave your nail at the foot of the Cross along with all of the other nails carried throughout the Lenten season by countless faithful. It is a sign that Lent has come to completion and that we give our sufferings to Him who died for me. The risen Christ has conquered eternal suffering and eternal death.



And then next Lent, you will receive your penitential nail once again. It will not be a new nail, but a used nail. In fact, the nail you will receive next year will be a nail that some other soul carries in his pocket this Lent. Let’s start a new tradition, the nail you will get this year is new but next year someone else will be carrying your nail from this year. It will be a tangible reminder that we are all on this journey together and that we pray for each other along the way.

Rev. Msgr. Robert Morrissey



### My Lenten Nail Prayer

Jesus, my Savior, You once suffered and died for me nailed to the cross.

May this Lenten Nail remind me of the pain You endured and of the great love that motivated You.

May it remind me, too, of the hidden suffering of the people I meet day to day. Help me to reach out to them with love, just as You reached out to me from the cross.

Jesus, My Savior, let this nail remind me to bear my cross daily and follow You. AMEN

### Lenten Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

In addition to the Wednesday Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, during the Saturdays of Lent we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00 PM. Benediction will be held at 4:45 PM.

During this period of adoration, confessions will be heard from 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Please join us for this Lenten prayer before the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.



## 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              |
| PFC Matthew A. Passero          | LT William Hegarty       | Sfc. Sean P. Schenck            |
| Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez    | LT Sean Riordan          | Cpl. Jason Roland               |
| 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 28, 2024 \$7,384.50

Second Collection: Church in Need \$2,060

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!*

## Faith Direct

### TEN REASONS TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY GIFT THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

1. No more checks to write or envelopes to find
2. 52 weeks of predictable income for your parish
3. Greater security than cash or checks
4. No cost for you to participate
5. Online control of your offertory giving — including special collections
6. Reduction of envelope and postage expense for St. Gertrude
7. Less work for our parish office staff to post contribution records
8. Offertory cards enable you to witness your gift of treasure
9. Earn credit card points for your offertory gifts

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

**Thank you!**



### Andrea Dunne

The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to her family & friends.

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

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

**Preschool News:** Love is in the air at the Preschool! This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made a Papa bear with a heart craft and did a paper towel rainbow science activity. Miss Carmela's 2's learned about the letter O. They also made a Valentine footprint craft and a heart wreath. Miss Anna's 3's learned about the letter V. They made paper plate laced hearts, and salt dough footprint hearts. They also made a crayon resist LOVE craft. Miss Michelle's 3's learned about the letter S. They made a conversation hearts matching project and love dinosaurs. They also made love bugs and bubble wrap hearts. Miss Michelle's Friday 3's made a cork painting craft. Miss Meredith's 4's learned about the letter Q. They made an I LOVE YOU bookmark and a card for Valentine's Day. They also made a watercolor painted heart project, a heart name puzzle, and did a dancing conversation hearts experiment.



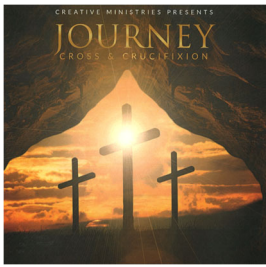
Preschool Registration  
NOW OPEN



Registration is now open for the 2024-25 school year. Please call [\(516\) 628-3710](tel:5166283710) or visit [www.stgertrudesprek.org](http://www.stgertrudesprek.org) for more information.

**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](mailto:stgertprek@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.



Parishioners are invited to bring their old palms to church this weekend 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.

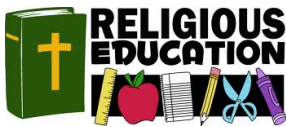
**WANTED: 2 Dell Laptops For Rel Ed**

Our religious education program has successfully grown each year. Your sons and daughters have benefited from the many online resources that we use during their classes. As their faith grows so does their confidence, hope and purpose for living. Their subsequent classroom discussions and reflections are vital to their faith formation and happiness.



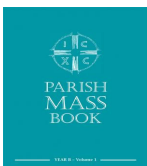
Please help us to continue guiding your children in following Jesus's footsteps. We are presently in need of two (2) Dell laptops with windows 10 or 11, DVD capability and the appropriate charger. Does anyone have a laptop they could donate (new or used)?

Please contact Dr. James Sheehan, Director of Religious education at St. Gertrudes by email or phone 516 628 1113. *Thank you very much!*



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](mailto:faithformation@stgerts.org).



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



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



St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School is a Catholic elementary school located in Westbury, Long Island NY. We offer outstanding programs for children from 2-years-old through 8th Grade. Our school is one of the top performers on Long Island, based on test results from the Department of Education.

Learn more or schedule a visit through our website, [www.StBOLH.org](http://www.StBOLH.org)

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Regional School - Westbury



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Supervisor **JOSEPH SALADINO** and the Town Board present

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# HOMETOWN HEROES

## MILITARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM



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**

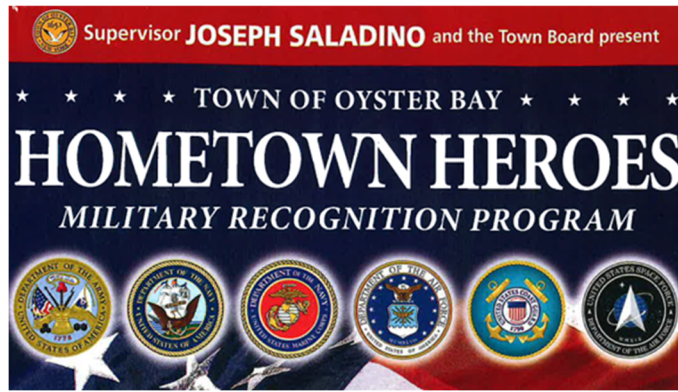
*and will be displayed within selected Town of Oyster Bay Parks!*



### HOMETOWN HEROES MILITARY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Call 516-797-4121 or see our web site under this week's bulletin for a sponsorship application and/or more information

**Applications must be received by Friday March 15, 2024**



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Jeremy T. Flavano

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

# TOWN OF OYSTER BAY HOMETOWN HEROES

## SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Hometown Hero that I am honoring is either a current or past resident of the Town of Oyster Bay and has served in the United States Armed Forces either past or present.

**Military Member's Name** (THIS WILL APPEAR ON BANNER) \_\_\_\_\_

**Branch of Service and Rank** \_\_\_\_\_

**Military Member's Home Town** \_\_\_\_\_

VETERAN     ACTIVE DUTY     DECEASED    SERVED DURING WHAT YEARS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$75.00 made out to **Town of Oyster Bay** Hometown Hero Program, as well as a non-original photo of the *Hometown Hero* I am honoring with their name, branch of service and rank on the reverse. For more information please call 516 797-4121.

**I would like my Hometown Hero banner displayed at the following Town of Oyster Bay Park facility (PLEASE CHECK ONE):**

- Ellsworth W. Allen Park** (Farmingdale)     **Syosset-Woodbury Community Park** (Woodbury)  
 **John J. Burns Park** (Massapequa)     **Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park and Beach** (Oyster Bay)  
 **Abe Levitt Baseball Complex** (Hicksville)     **Plainview-Old Bethpage Community Park** (Plainview-Old Bethpage)

**USE PHOTO & INFO FROM PREVIOUS YEAR**     2021     2022     2023    **BANNERS WILL BE INSTALLED AND DISPLAYED IN SPRING AND RETURNED TO HOMETOWN HEROES BY VETERANS DAY.**

**AGREEMENT AND PHOTO RELEASE:** *I hereby grant the Town of Oyster Bay full permission to use the enclosed photo for display in the Hometown Heroes Program and all promotional activities, whether in print or digital, related thereto. By my signature below I attest that all the information provided on this form is true and accurate and take full responsibility for its content.*

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or hand deliver: 1) completed application 2) photo 3) proof of residency 4) proof of military service 5) payment to: **Town of Oyster Bay, 977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa, NY 11758**

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2024** (For further information please call 516-797-4121)



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](http://www.CMPAC.com) or call (631) 218 - 2810

**\*Good Will Offering**

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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



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**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**

- 7 **Being Excited**
- 14 **Life’s Struggles**
- 21 **Unity**
- 28 **Searching for a Meaning**

**February**

- 4 **Forgiveness**
- 11 **Sacrifice**
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- 25 **Relationships**

**March**

- 3 **Commitment**
- 10 **Renewal**
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- 24 **Coping**
- 31 **Easter**

**April**

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- 21 **Issues in Life**
- 28 **Poverty**

**May**

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- 12 **Parenting**
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- 26 **Remembering**

**June**

- 2 **Relaxing**
- 9 **Moving On**
- 16 **Being Joyful**
- 23 **Special Days**
- 30 **Nature**

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# Our Students are Thriving!

School Tours & Open Houses Happening During  
Catholic Schools Week in January 2024!



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35 schools • Early Childhood • K-8



## ST. IGNATIUS IS GOING TO WOODLOCH PINES

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

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: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



1 Corinthians 10:31-33: "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God—even as I try to please everyone in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved." As St. Paul says, Do it all for the glory of God. God also wants us to seek the good of our spouse. 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:

**March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA**

**April 26-28, 2024 (non-residential weekend) in Connecticut**

**June 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends 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 Feb. 5 @ 7pm 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.***

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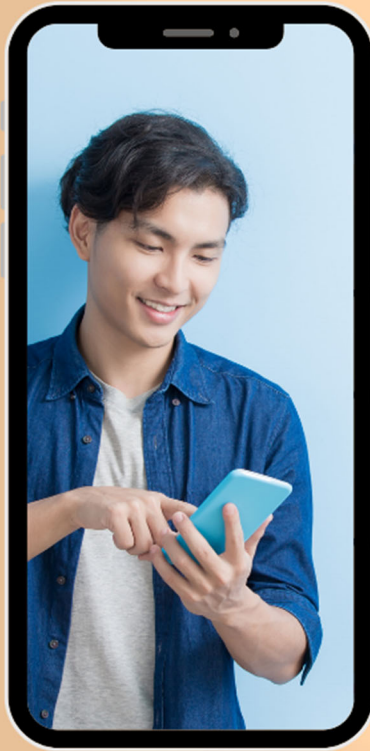
On the other hand, IRAs are good assets to give to the Church or other charity when doing your estate planning since they will not pay a tax on retirement assets they inherit.

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](mailto: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.



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1

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2

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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](mailto:mmcmahon@druc.org)

Thank you.

Mary McMahon, LSCW

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**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.

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

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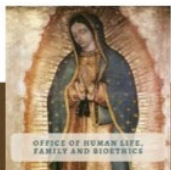
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## *As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish*

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!

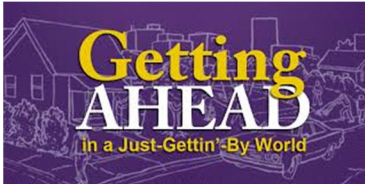
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# Resources Available

## FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

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### “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’ By World”

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However, the challenges facing those in poverty are ever more acute today. The “Getting AHEAD” program, offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul across the country, is one approach to help these neighbors rise above the “tyranny of the moment” or crisis mode in which they are too often bound. It also answers the questions raised by many Vincentians: “What more can I do for my neighbor beyond the traditional home visit?” and “Is there a structured process I can become involved with that would make a difference?” If you are interested in joining, please email: [svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com](mailto:svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com)

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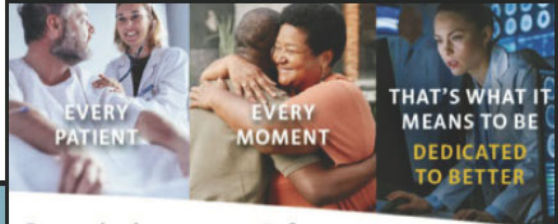


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