

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: 4:00-4:45 pm & 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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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Fax: (516) 628-9032

Website: www.stgerts.com



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came
a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking
around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.
- Mk 9:7-8

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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. . .

SATURDAY	February 24
5:00 pm	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
SUNDAY	February 25
7:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
9:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30 am	Mary Minicozzi + John Minicozzi + Ellen O'Connell +
MONDAY	February 26
8:30 am	Sgt. Thomas V. Pilson + Sgt. Jimmie R. Tice
TUESDAY	February 27
8:30 am	Florence Genovese +
WEDNESDAY	February 28
8:30 am	Cpt. Thomas A. McAdams + Jennifer Katelyn Killea +
THURSDAY	February 29
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
FRIDAY	March 1
8:30 am	Maria Agnone +
SATURDAY	March 2
8:30 am	Adelina and Baldassaro Canone + Adele and Bill Reardon + Ralph LaBella Jr. +
5:00 pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

Second Sunday in Lent Scripture Reflection

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for 40 days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love – Isaac – and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus – but that doesn't make it easy.

– *Father John Muir*

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Stations of the Cross are held each Friday
at 7:30 pm in our church
throughout Lent



Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, March 2 nd	5:00pm	– Fr. Joseph
Sunday, March 3 rd	7:30am	– Msgr. Morrissey
	9:30am	– Fr. Joseph
	11:30am	– Msgr. Morrissey

Today's Scripture Readings

First Reading: "I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." (Gn 22:12)

Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)

Second Reading: He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? (Rom 8:32)

Gospel: Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." (Mk 9:7)

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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”

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)

February 11, 2024 \$6,474.50

Utilities Collection \$ 352.00

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), 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!



Rose O'Donnell Josephine Montante

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

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

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



2024

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*

**Please consider making a gift to the
2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal.**



**For more information, to watch our video
or to make a donation,
visit www.catholicministriesappeal.org
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296**



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Dear Friends:

"... the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need." - Pope Francis

The Lenten season is an opportunity to grow closer to the Lord and to prepare ourselves for His Resurrection on Easter. It is a time of true inner conversion of the heart as we seek to faithfully follow Christ's will.

This year's CMA theme, *Revitalizing Our Faith – Renewed by the Eucharist*, exemplifies this calling as we restore an understanding and fidelity to the great mystery of Jesus Christ really and truly present in the Eucharist.

Jesus selflessly gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment. Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal truly brings the real presence and spiritual nourishment of Jesus to more than 600,000 people each year.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal assists thousands of individuals on Long Island each year by supporting seminarians through their discernment and formation, evangelization programs to adults and our youth, and through Catholic Charities and parish outreach programs that provide food and shelter to seniors, veterans, the homeless and people with disabilities.

I personally invite you to continue this mission by joining me in making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please do so to the best of your ability-- every gift matters, regardless of the size. Please remember that **100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

Finally, let me remind you, that if you are unable to make a gift at this time due to circumstances in your life—please reach out to the parish at any time, so that we may help you in any way that we can. You are never alone.

May God bless you, your loved ones and our parish as we begin our Lenten journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Preschool News: The preschool was closed for winter break this past week. Enjoy your week vacation.

Registration is ongoing for the 2024-25 school year. Please call [\(516\) 628-3710](tel:5166283710) or visit 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.



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.



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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Second Sunday in Lent

Romans 8:31b-34: "Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" Ask Jesus and he will give you all you need for a fulfilling lifegiving marriage. Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and love each other. Sign up for 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/>.

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

***Good Will Offering**



COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

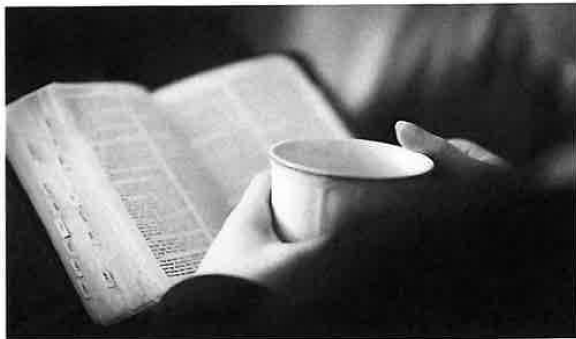
Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 23, March 8 and March 22

Online Lenten Reflections
on Scripture Readings,
with the special emphasis
on the Last Words of Jesus.

Join this great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind,
spirit and heart in preparation for Easter.



To register,
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850
or email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the
ZOOM information prior to each session
of this Lenten series.



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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Learn more or schedule a visit through our website, www.StBOLH.org

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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 the next page for a sponsorship application and/or more information

Applications must be received by Friday March 15, 2024



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Jeremy T. Flavano

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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)

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

Dear Friend of “*Religion and Rock*” and our television shows on *Catholic Faith Network*,

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

January 2024

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

February

4 **Forgiveness**
11 **Sacrifice**
18 **Leadership**
25 **Relationships**

March

3 **Commitment**
10 **Renewal**
17 **Traditions**
24 **Coping**
31 **Easter**

April

7 **Community**
14 **Spirituality**
21 **Issues in Life**
28 **Poverty**

May

5 **Prayer**
12 **Parenting**
19 **Boredom**
26 **Remembering**

June

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

SUGGESTED COPY FOR WEEKLY PUBLICATION:

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

To receive this announcement electronically, please email aayroso@cfntv.org

1200 Glenn Curtiss Blvd., Uniondale, New York 11553 Phone (516)538-8704 Fax (516)489-9701



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.

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.

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



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April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23
Via Zoom

*Each Session lasts @ 2—2.5 hours



Additional info?

Call: Chuck & MJ Young 646-642-7463

Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org

Visit: wwme.org



Scan Code to go directly
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Apply by 3/20/24!

**Bus Trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA
Hosted by the Joseph Barry Columbiettes**

When: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Cost: \$55 per person, which includes the driver's tip

Give back: \$35 slot play.

Time: Please arrive at 8:30 am

Return approx. 8:30 pm

Parking: # 999 So. Oyster Bay Road (dead end)

Reservations: call Barbara at (516) 935-5576

Please make checks payable to "Columbiettes"

****The first to pay is the first on the bus, etc. ****





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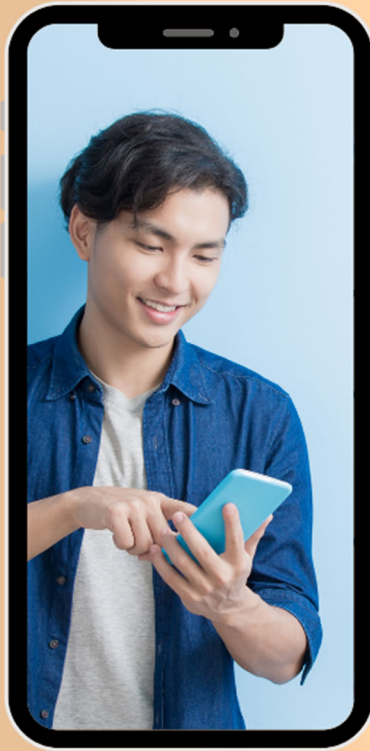
**Planned Gifts of IRAs are not the best assets for family members to inherit?
WHY? Heirs will pay taxes on these financial instruments.**

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.

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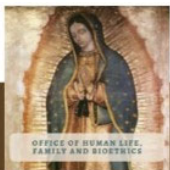
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As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

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!

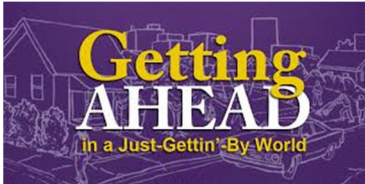
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“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North
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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

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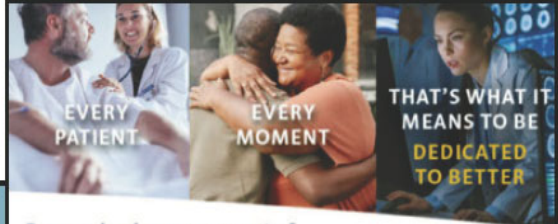


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