

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: 4:00-4:45 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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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(or by appointment)

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed
you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask
the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you:
love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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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	May 4
5:00 pm	Ronald, Linda and Kevin Lamb +
SUNDAY	May 5
7:30 am	The Rosary Guild, living and deceased
9:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30 am	Philip Altadonna + Domenico and Elvira Mastroberardino + Nina Cotte +
MONDAY	May 6
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
TUESDAY	May 7
8:30 am	Craig J. Wieland +
WEDNESDAY	May 8
8:30 am	1Sgt. Martin J. Wenzel + Sgt. Philip Byrne +
5:00 pm	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
THURSDAY	May 9
8:30 am	Manuela Ortega de Arzeno +
7:30 pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
FRIDAY	May 10
8:30 am	Elinor May + Michele, Anna and Angelo Carrozza +
SATURDAY	May 11
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00 pm	Mother's Day Intentions

Sixth Sunday of Easter Reflection

Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of suffering with friendship sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, "You are my friends if you do what I command you" (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

— *Father John Muir*

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Scripture Readings May 5, 2024

First Reading: The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. (Acts 10:45-46)

Second Reading: Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. (1 Jn 4:8)

Gospel: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13)

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The Parish Office will be closed
Thursday, May 9th
for the Ascension of Our Lord

Mass Times

Wednesday, May 8th at 5:00 pm
Thursday May 9th at 8:30 am & 7:30 pm
(holy day of obligation)

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, May 11 th	5:00 pm	—	Msgr. Morrissey
Sunday, May 12 th	7:30 am	—	Fr. Joseph
	9:30 am	—	Msgr. Morrissey
	11:30 am	—	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”

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

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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, Anthony Altimari, Jack McKie, Francesca Lattuga, Carmen Mongiello, Michael Carbone

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)

April 21, 2024 \$ 7,975 April 28, 2024 \$ 7,428

Our second collection this week is for Catholic Elementary Schools. Our second collection next week (May 11-12) is for Catholic Communications.

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: Canned tuna fish, jar tomato sauce, pasta, cereal, Parmalat milk, sugar, coffee (decaf & regular), tea, mayonnaise, rice (1 lb. bags), toothpaste, paper towels, and deodorant. Flour is not needed at this time.

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!



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.

www.stgerts.com

Faith Direct

Christ is risen!

As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY83 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



Facing a difficult pregnancy?

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**Pregnancy
Support**



Hope is here.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy, help is available:

Call 631-476-LOVE (5683) any day, any time (24/7).

All conversations are safe and confidential.



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“It is with great joy,” says Bishop John O. Barres, “that I announce the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program at Catholic Health. This program, in partnership with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, comprises a dedicated help line designed to assist women access the counsel, resources, and encouragement needed to choose life when facing a pregnancy with unexpected or difficult circumstances. The Pregnancy Support Team is available 24x7, 365 days of the year to assist callers in accessing the services needed to help them see that every new life is a blessing, even when there are challenges.”

FIAT’s Mission

The Catholic Health FIAT Pregnancy Support Program is available to any pregnant woman who is in need, regardless of age, religious belief or affiliation, marital status or immigration status. We offer non-judgmental support by a team of trained professionals who can guide a mother in accessing community resources to:

- assist in continuing the pregnancy (such as identifying local agencies that provide food, shelter and clothing)
- provide care for both mother and baby during and after pregnancy
- help with healing after pregnancy loss

For further details see our web page, www.stgerts.com, click on Resources and scroll down to FIAT Pregnancy Support Program or see [fiat.drvc.life.org](http://fiat.drvc.life)

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THE ROSARY GUILD OF SAINT GERTRUDE
ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE
SATURDAY MAY 11TH IN THE PARISH CENTER
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Rosary Guild will be hosting the Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale on Saturday, May 11th in the Parish Center from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. We are happy to report that the absolutely beautiful flowers from White Post Farms will be available to you at great prices again this year. A variety of flats, pots, and hanging baskets will be offered. *Arrive early for the best selection.* We had a great turnout last year and look forward to a successful sale again this year!



Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage.

Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on June 8&9, 2024.

Visit longisland.engagedencounter.com for information and registration.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Monday, May 6th at 7:00 pm
In the Parish Center



First Holy Communions

May 11th at 11 am
May 18th at 11 am



Sunday, May 19th
Following the
9:30 am Mass

Preschool News:

The Preschoolers returned this week after our Spring Break. They are preparing for Mother's Day and the arrival of caterpillars for our butterfly life cycle units. Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made a paper cup kangaroo and a clothespin grasshopper. Miss Carmela's 2's made a Mother's Day fingerprint poem and a flower card. They also made a Mother's Day photo craft. Miss Anna's 3's worked on the letters U and N. They made a paper roll seed starter and created a farm scene. Miss Michelle's 3's made The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and a caterpillar life cycle project. They also worked on a gift and poems for Mother's Day. Miss Michelle's Friday 3's made a butterfly craft. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter Y. They began a Mother's Day gift and filled out a Mother's Day survey. They also created a butterfly life cycle book and made a sponge painted butterfly scene.



Tickets are still available for our Trivia Night Fundraiser! It will be a fun filled night with a 50/50, raffle baskets, and light refreshments. All proceeds will go directly toward our students and programming. Raffle winners do not need to be present at the time of the drawing. We are also accepting any donations from local businesses who would like to offer their support via goods or services. Thank you!

Registration is ongoing for our 2024 Summer Camp and for the 2024-25 school year. Please call [\(516\) 628-3710](tel:5166283710) or visit www.stgertrudesprek.org for more information.

Catholic Communications Campaign May 11-12th

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media.

Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts.

Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.



Honor Roll Third Quarter

Lucia Connolly
Anthony Kartelias



Honor Roll Third Quarter

Hailey Becket
Monica Joseph
Madalena Peterson
Antonia Vitale

St. Gertrude's
Preschool
Presents

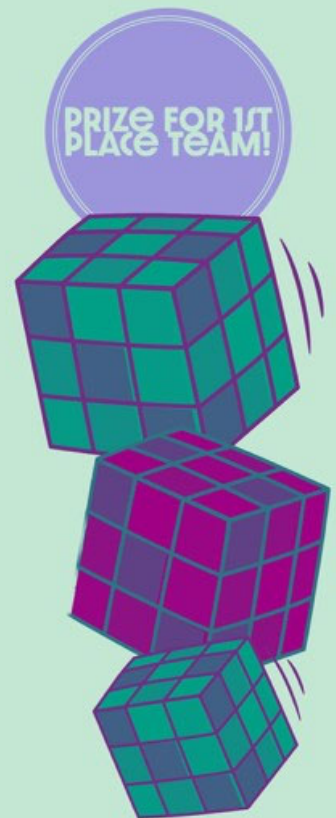
**TRIVIA
QUIZ
NIGHT**

MAY 8TH 7-9PM

Beer, Wine and
Cheese
50/50
Raffle Baskets

Tickets \$50 in advance/\$55
at the door

For more information
call (516) 640-8939 or
visit www.stgertrudesprek.org

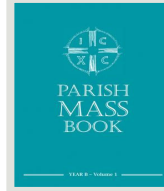


**Pro Life Cause
Help Us Help Others...**



**In honor of Mother's Day
The baby bassinet will be in the
rear of the church through the
month of May to accept your
donations of new baby items for
The Life Center of Long Island -
Hempstead**

**For information call:
Paula Kenny 516-946-1359**



**The 2025 Mass Book
Is Now Open**

MASS INTENTIONS

One part of Catholic culture sometimes difficult to understand and often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. Please consider offering a Mass for your special intentions or loved one. Masses can be offered for a departed loved one, a special intention, or in thanksgiving for a friend, family or neighbor who is living and suffering, for a celebration, for prayers that have been answered, for someone you know who can benefit from the spiritual graces that come with having a Mass said on their behalf. If your loved one's date is not available, you can offer the wine and hosts in their memory for the week, which will cover the particular date on which you wish to pray for them.

Masses remain at \$20 each or \$50 for the wine and host commemoration for the week.

Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love. Call 516-628-1113 or stop in the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday.



**The Growing Danger of
Physician-assisted Suicide in New York State**

A Pastoral Statement to the People of God of Rockville Centre has been prepared by the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre

In the letter, Bishop Barres relays information regarding important pending legislation in Albany that "seeks to upend the doctor-patient relationship at its most vulnerable moment via physician-assisted suicide."

He also references "a groundbreaking new Vatican document approved in April by Pope Francis, titled - appropriately - *Dignitas Infinita* (Infinite Dignity), [which] specifically singles out euthanasia and assisted suicide as grave assaults on human dignity [that] utilize 'a mistaken understanding of human dignity to turn the concept of dignity against itself.'"

For the full statement, please see our web site, stgerts.com, click on Resources and scroll down to banner labeled Physician-assisted Suicide



"By being with Jesus, we discover that his pastoral heart always beats for the person who is confused, lost, far away, "

- Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps Catholic Charities and Parish Outreach provide love, care, and spiritual nourishment to those in need.

When Amanda's mom passed away in 2019, her mom's ex-husband left, leaving her three stepsisters alone with the threat that they would be put in foster care. Without any hesitation she took the children in to care for them. *"It's been a hard battle. We were homeless and in bad situations, but I know that God will not give you something you can't handle. You must keep the faith and push forward. With the help of the Parish Social Ministry program at St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches, I was able to get through this hardship. In addition to food, the PSM has helped me to renew my lapsed insurance license and assisted in paying bills. If I need to talk to anyone, I can call or email to make an appointment. They have been there for me through everything. I really appreciate all they do for me and for everyone else. It is a blessing. They are angels on earth."*



- Amanda, Client of St. John the Evangelist's Parish Outreach

The Director of the Parish Outreach, Katie Spellman, shared how her work allows her to grow in her faith. *"Working in Parish Social Ministry has taken my faith outside of the Church. It's an opportunity for me to dig deeper into faith and think of the humble servant. It's a gift for me to work here – it feeds my soul."*

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

THANK YOU



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Our goal this year remains \$55,500. Total pledged to date: 22,560 by 47 donors (41%). Total payments thus far are \$19,469. Thank you for your generous support.



2024

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visit www.catholicministriesappeal.org
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Oh, Baby!

Baby shower for moms-to-be

Free event

Saturday, May 11, 2024

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Employee Cafeteria (lower level)



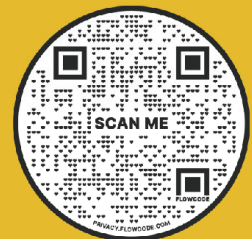
What to expect:

- Raffles.
- Giveaways for mom and baby.
- Meet and greets with physicians, lactation specialist, mother/baby nurses, games and more!

This event is for moms, only. Spouses and children will not be accommodated.



To register, scan the QR code or
email Elizabeth.Schwind@chsli.org



chsli.org/mercy-hospital



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Sixth Sunday of Easter

1 John 4:7: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. It will help your relationship and teach you tools to love one another more. It will help your relationship and teach you tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton, MA

June 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT

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/>.



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**As our VIP guest, you're in for a STAR-studded evening as we
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Long Island's Catholic elementary schools.**

**Click the video below as some of our students dive into the
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**Celebrate the mission of Tomorrow's Hope with us
on May 22nd!**



**Click here to view our
invitation!**

**Click here for sponsorship
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GALA, WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024 626 RXR PLAZA, UNIONDALE, NY
Cocktails 6:30 PM * Program 8 PM * Coffee, Cordials & Dessert 9 PM * Live & Silent Auction

Please register at: <https://thfgala2024.givesmart.com> OR text thfgala2024 to 76278

For more information contact: Tomorrow's Hope Foundation, 516-745-7611 or info@thfnj.com

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)

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Hicksville, NY 11801
(516) 827-2727

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24 East Main St
Bay Shore, NY 11706
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Msgr. Jim Vlaun
Executive Producer
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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	April
7 Being Excited	7 Community
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18 Leadership	19 Boredom
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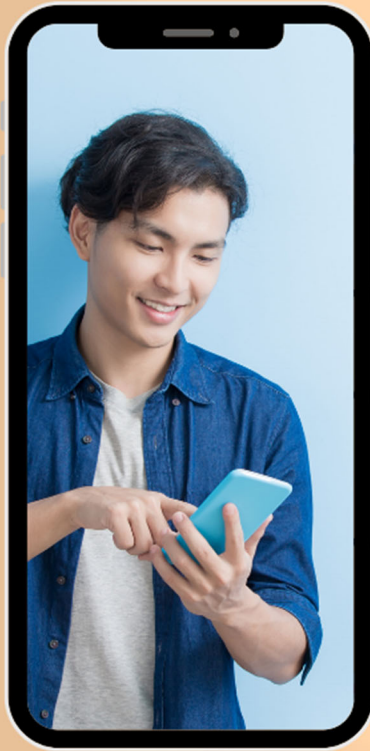
**Planned Gifts of IRAs are not the best assets for family members to inherit?
WHY? Heirs will pay taxes on these financial instruments.**

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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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!

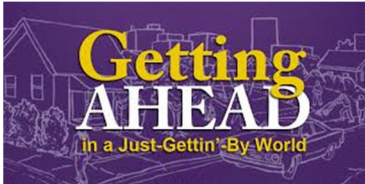
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Resources Available

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Depression, Divorce Mediation and Domestic Violence, are available to our parishioners at 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. We are currently looking for licensed therapists in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center at (631) 243-2503 or go to our website at: <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.



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

An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North
We all know how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul regularly provides charitable assistance to neighbors in need. Beginning with the home visit, Vincentians perform numerous good deeds, many of which involve financial assistance (rent & utility bills), immediate needs assistance (food, furniture, etc.) and also counseling.

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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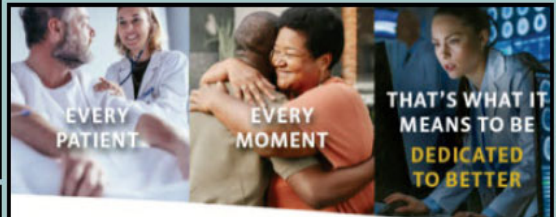


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