

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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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	April 13
5:00 pm	Helene and Daniel Kelly +
SUNDAY	April 14
7:30 am	Anna Howes +
9:30 am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30 am	Jean Consolazio +
MONDAY	April 15
8:30 am	Harry A. Tice +
TUESDAY	April 16
8:30 am	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
WEDNESDAY	April 17
8:30 am	Joseph Francis DiGennaro + Eugene Catenacci +
THURSDAY	April 18
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
FRIDAY	April 19
8:30 am	Stella Kuceluk +
SATURDAY	April 20
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00 pm	Herman Bowman + Joseph DiGennaro +



The Altar Bread and Wine used at our Masses this week are offered in loving memory for Mario Frumiento from Lucia Frumiento

Third Sunday of Easter Scripture Readings April 14, 2024

First Reading: The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)

Second Reading: He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

Gospel: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." (Lk 24:46)

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Third Sunday of Easter



When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

— *Father John Muir*

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, April 20th 5:00 pm — Fr. Joseph

Sunday, April 21st 7:30 am — Msgr. Morrissey

9:30 am — Fr. Joseph

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”

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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, 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)

Palm Sunday \$9,493.00

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!

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.



Richard M Fauls

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

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

www.stgerts.com



**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!

A Message from our Cantor, Kiera:

Dear Friends,

I am so very happy to be back with you all. As some of you know, I have just returned from a medical leave due to a surgery to remove a cancerous mass. I am happy to report that I am recovering well and that my doctors removed all visible cancers from my body. I wanted to take the time to thank you all for the space you held for me within your prayers as my family and I navigated this incredibly scary time. I have no doubt in my mind that it is due to the countless prayers of this congregation, amongst others, that I can stand here today, healthy, essentially cancer free and recovering exceptionally well from a very major surgery and I appreciate your continued prayers as I navigate future radiation treatments as a precaution against spread. Thank you truly, from the bottom of my heart and God bless you all.

Kiera Liantonio

Cantor Sat - 5pm, Sun - 9:30am



Easter Flowers...In Memory Of.....



Mr. and Mrs. John Murtich
Hafner Family
Elizabeth and Peter Wright
Francis X. Moore, Jr., MD
Antonette Sanzoverino
Marinus O. Diepering
Lemerise Family
Carolyn Casino
Ignazio Amato
Muriel and Ernest Houthard
Teresa and Donato Laurino
Anna and Vincent Furnari
Michael and Anne Connolly
Eugene P. Bambrick, Jr.
Bruderman & Oehl Families
Eugene and Mary Schenck
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leddy
Caterina and Frank Primeggia
Gertrude and Joseph Bauer
Kay Smith
Palombella Family
Tom Leddy
Margaret and Charles Stalker
Catherine and Charles Boxx
Ignazio Amato
Nicole M. Tedaldi
Charles .V. Hili Sr.
Linda Esteves
Michael and Marie Falabella
Ralph and Ann Mocemdo
Crescencio and Carmine Gujjarro
Charles and Angi Yula
Savior A. Casella

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DiLorenzo
Fitzpatrick Family
Frances and Raymond Bates
M. Otto Diepering
Will and Helen Gregory
Rosa and Genaro Lauretano
Martha and Roy McTiernan
Pat and Tom Riordan
Mary and Edward Norto
Maria and Frank D'Errico
Edward Dolce Sr.
Janet and Bob Gaglione
Eugene and Mary Bambrick
Carlos Torabens Sr.
Anthony and Virginia Muscianisi
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nigro
Charles Ron Stalker
Charles and Antonia Gestal
Tessie, Leni Gestal
Anne Perozzi
Clare Family
Modica Family
Marie and James Reilly
Attraente Family
Corallo Family
Ernesto Mattelini
Antonia M. Hili
Robert Collins Sr.
Carmin and Mary Dellavecchia
John and Mary Palombella
Vento & Mazzaro Families
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Trunzo Family

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Alice Farren
Petrocelli Family
Albert L. Walka
Megan Farley
Husing Family
Schall Family
Rose Amato
Philip DeJana
Edward Dolce Jr.
Frances Dolce
Scelzi Family
Timothy M. Connolly
Obdolia Torabens
Eleanore Brucia
Frieda Schenck
Mary Scafidi
Verbib Family
Stines Family
Ronnie Brennan
Louis Nigro
Mansueto Family
Charles E. Boxx
Rose Amato
Lena Dimino
Frank Tursi
Henry T. Davison
Wayne Gaddy Sr.
Antoinette Carbone
Phil and Dolores E'Elia
Pete and Betty Wright
Rudy and helen Rode
Gilio Family

Bathie Family
Mario Frumiento
Anthony Bologna
Muriel O. Walka
Marie A. Bologna
McMahon Family
Lacey Family
Michael Casino
Charles Lauretano
Carolyn Zucaro
Furnari Family
Soldi Family
Dolores Barker
Charo Barker
Katherine Brown
Ray Vaughn
Walter Family
Goldgraben Family
Lenz Family
Kean Turner
Chris Leddy
John Viteritti
Don Forchelli
Sally Forchelli
Leonard Cerami
Florence Davison
Shannon McCabe
Rose Gaddy
Antoino Carbone
Edward Gwisdalla
Brendan Scott Fallon
Anna Gwisdalla

Preschool News: The Preschoolers have been enjoying the beautiful Spring weather! This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made a paper plate tadpole and a Q-tip painted lizard. Miss Carmela's 2's worked on the letter V. They made a number collage and a "One Fish, Two Fish" craft. They also made a volcano handprint craft. Miss Anna's 3's worked on the letters I and N. They made a paper plate rainbow fish craft. They also made a ladybug craft and a bee craft. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter Z. They made a "Put Me in the Zoo" craft and a "Cat in the Hat" craft. They also made green eggs and ham and a "Z is for Zebra" craft. Miss Michelle's Friday 3's made oobleck. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter X. They finished up their kite sun catcher craft and made a five senses take home book. They also played a listening game, and learned about the different ways that our eyes can see things.

Please join us on May 8th to support the Preschool at 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. 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 or visit www.stgertrudesprek.org for more information.




St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests
Caring for those who cared for us

Please join us for a Mass and Brunch Fundraiser
In support and celebration of our Senior Priests living at St. Pius X Residence

The Celebrant for the Mass will be the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre.

April 27, 2024
11:00 AM Mass
12:00 Noon — 2:00 pm Brunch
St. Agnes Cathedral

To register see stpiusresidence.org. For more info contact Barbara Kilarjian, (516) 678-5800, bkilarjian@drvc.org.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE
Jenna Prettitore
St. Gertrude
&
Marc Andrew Ardito
St. Mary's, Manhasset

Liturgical Minister Training— Spring 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- Lector Workshop:** Sat., April 20 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:** Sat., April 27 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm

Training in ENGLISH:

- Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
 - Tuesday, April 16** - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
 - Sat., April 27** – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00
 - Tuesday, May 21** – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session. Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
 - Sat., April 27*** – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
 - Tuesday, May 14** - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
 - Tuesday, June 4** - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

*On April 27, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor. This will be in English only.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.
Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle
Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register online at drvc-faith.org
For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org



 **New York** Blood Center

URGENT NEED

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Gertrude, Parish Center

28 School Street, Bayville

Sunday, April 28th, 8am – 2pm

with **FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

For more information, or to make an appointment:

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/313265

or contact Ed Willie at
C 516-776-0743 or
EJWillie@gmail.com

or Scan
the QR
code



*Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits.
Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.
Masks are optional for donors and staff.*

16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need a doctor's note.

 **New York**
Blood Center

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"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



DIocese of Rockville Centre
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Our goal this year remains \$55, 500. Total pledged to date: \$13,775 by 26 donors (25%). Total payments thus far are \$9,187. Thank you for your generous support.

Holy Trinity

Reverse Raffle

Saturday, April 27th at 6:30 pm

Reverse Raffle Tickets: \$100

Grand Prize: \$10,000

(based on 500 tickets sold)

20 cash prizes totaling \$20,000

Dinner Tickets: \$30

(includes dinner, beer, wine, soda, and dessert.

Maximum of 2 tickets per Reverse Raffle Ticket.

Must be over 21.)

Questions? Contact

htalumni@holytrinityhs.org

or

516-433-2900 x 177

Scan to
buy tickets



holytrinityhs.org/reverse-raffle

Spring Musicale

CANTABILE: MELODY IN VOICE AND INSTRUMENT

Sunday
April 28
2024



5pm
Borromeo
Hall

Join us for an early evening of beautiful music!
A program of Operatic Arias and Piano Selections
presented by Tim Carl, Music Director, St. Dominic, Oyster Bay.
Performances by Jennifer Russo, Soprano, and Tim Carl, Pianist

Meet & Greet Reception



\$70 Member of Friends

\$75 Non-Member of Friends

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Reservations/Information:

(631)423-0483 x 102

bmalone@icseminary.edu

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TEL [_____] _____ E-MAIL _____

NO. GUESTS ____ @ \$75 EACH \$ _____ NO. GUESTS ____ @ \$70 EACH \$ _____

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April 26-28, 2024
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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**



Diaper Drive



Helping babies one diaper at a time

Help local families in need by donating diapers and wipes.

Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

April 15–May 3, 2024

Drop off locations at Mercy Hospital:

- Main lobby by security.
- Nursing administration office by Mary McNair.



chsli.org/mercy-hospital

If you have any questions, please email elizabeth.schwind@chsli.org

Oh, Baby!

Baby shower for moms-to-be

Free event

Saturday, May 11, 2024

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Employee Cafeteria (lower level)



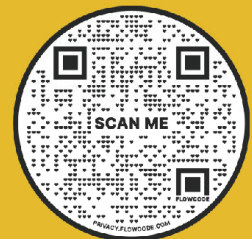
What to expect:

- 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

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
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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

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Third Sunday of Easter

1 John 2:1-3 "My children, I am writing this to you so you may not commit sin. But, if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. That we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments." As we get to know Jesus more and obey his commandments, he will open our minds to understand the scriptures. Jesus will also open your heart to love and forgive one another. Take a leap of faith, and trust God to nourish your relationship. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and you will learn the 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

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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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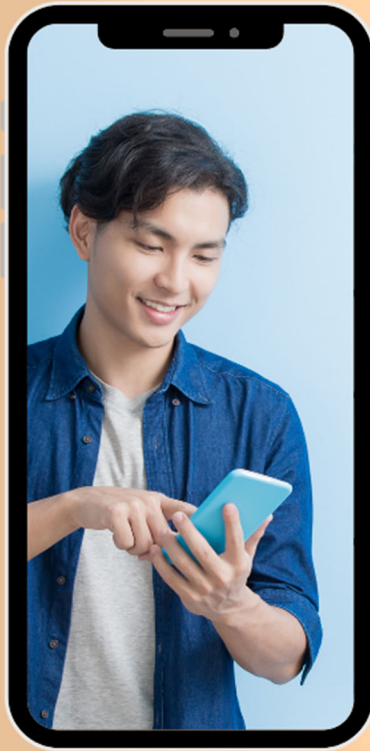
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1

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2

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3

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4

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5

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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

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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.

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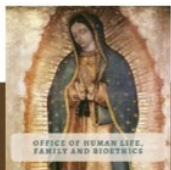
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As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

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!

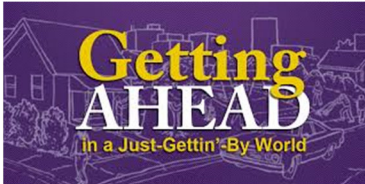
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However, the challenges facing those in poverty are ever more acute today. The “Getting AHEAD” program, offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul across the country, is one approach to help these neighbors rise above the “tyranny of the moment” 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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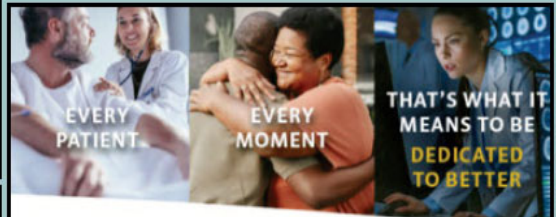


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