

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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(or by appointment)

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

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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	April 20
5:00 pm	Herman Bowman +
SUNDAY	April 21
7:30 am	Andrew DeNatale and in thanksgiving and a special thanksgiving
9:30 am	Gloria Maria Almonte +
11:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
MONDAY	April 22
8:30 am	Charles V. Hili +
TUESDAY	April 23
8:30 am	Anne Dannebaum +
WEDNESDAY	April 24
8:30 am	Frank S. Primeggia +
THURSDAY	April 25
8:30 am	Carmine and Maria Grazia and the Frumiento family +
FRIDAY	April 26
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
SATURDAY	April 27
8:30 am	Roberta Gilbert (L)
5:00 pm	Kevin Breslin +



The Preschool and Religious Ed is closed this week for Spring Break

Fourth Sunday of Easter Scripture Readings April 21, 2024

First Reading: "There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." (Acts 4:12)

Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)

Second Reading: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

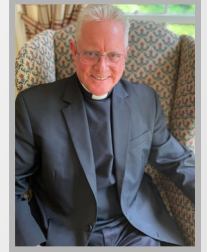
Gospel: Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

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Dear Parishioners,

Christ is risen! – Alleluia!

In the name of all our parish staff may I wish you and your family a joyous and grace-filled Easter Season.



May I take this opportunity to thank the many parishioners who have volunteered their time and talent to make our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such a wonderful experience of worship and faith. It takes the work of many generous hands to prepare, plan and decorate our church for our worship/liturgical celebrations.

We are truly blessed also to have so many talented musicians, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers and altar servers who assisted in making our Masses and Services a true celebration of faith in the Risen Lord. **God bless each and everyone.**

During the Easter Vigil, Easter water was blessed and at all our Easter Masses we recalled our own Baptism and our new life in Christ through the renewal of our Baptismal Promises. Holy Water was sprinkled upon all the faithful to recall your Baptism. May we continue to live out these promises throughout the year and be living witnesses of the Risen Christ to our families and neighbors.

Once again, many thanks for your participation in the Easter-life of our parish and for your generosity. The many donations and Easter gifts will greatly help support the day-to-day life of our parish.

Throughout this Easter season may you know the peace and joy of the risen Christ.

Yours faithfully in Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey, JCD
Pastor



**Welcome to our
newly baptized members**

Emily Elizabeth Bourke
Lola Jane Rosen
Atticus Davis Gervase

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)
Saturday, April 27th 5:00 pm – Msgr. Morrissey
Sunday, April 28th 7:30 am – Fr. Joseph
9:30 am – Msgr. Morrissey
11:30 am – Fr. Joseph

2024
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



Dear Friends:

A Blessed and Happy Easter! We entered this season of Easter seeing the many difficulties facing our world and community. Through it all, the People of God on Long Island continue to be inspired by the Word of God and devoted to being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

Pope Francis reminds us that *"The Eucharist impels us to a strong and committed love of neighbor, for we cannot truly understand or live the meaning of the Eucharist if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor, suffering, weary or may have gone astray in life."*

So crucial to our work as instruments of Eucharistic Revival are the funds raised by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Those funds help us to strengthen our mission and be present in ministry to so many people throughout our beloved Diocese. We can provide programs and services to our parishes, offer hope to those in need, nurture the faith of our youth, college students, and young adults, and support formation for our deacons, lay leaders, and seminarians.

Ordained in 2023, Rev. Stephen McClernon shared why the Appeal was so important to his formation. *"The CMA has been influential in my life. One of the ministries it supports is the Holy Hours for Vocations at the Seminary. We gather young people from across the Island to hold Eucharistic Adoration. During my college years, this experience was a big part of my faith and my decision to become a priest. The Catholic Ministries Appeal has helped foster my vocation to the priesthood."*

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by it.

You and your loved ones are remembered in my prayers and Masses. May the Risen Lord guide and strengthen you in this Easter season.

Sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres".

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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.

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!



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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

Easter Sunday \$ 35,888 Budget \$ \$35,000
April 7, 2024 \$6,501
April 14, 2024 \$7,602

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.



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

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.



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.



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

Preschool News: This week the Preschoolers celebrated The Week of the Young Child with themed days and special events. Our Mommy and Me class had a Pajama Day and Nature Day. The 2's had a Pajama Day, Camping Day, and Superhero/Princess Day. The 3's and 4's classes had a Superhero/Princess Day, Olympics Day, enjoyed a visit from the Wildlife Center, and took part in our annual St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon. Our Friday classes had a Community Helper Day. Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made funny face pancakes, and a pinecone bird feeder. Miss Carmela's 2's made a "What's For Breakfast?" collage, a handprint campfire, and a magic wand for. Miss Anna's 3's worked on the letters O and N. They made a paper plate earthworm, a bird life cycle spinner, and a standing paper mouse. Miss Michelle's 3's made superhero masks and owl paintings. They also did animal yoga. Miss Michelle's Friday class did a community helper sorting activity.



Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter Y. They made superhero and princess paper bag puppets. They also made a shaving cream painted Earth project and community helper hats.

The Preschool will be closed for Spring Break from Monday April 22nd until Friday April 26th.

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](tel:5166283710) or visit www.stgertrudesprek.org for more information.

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

St. Pius X Residence for Retired Priests

Caring for those who cared for us



Embracing the Legacy of Service

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 or donate see stpiusresidence.org
For more info, contact Barbara Kilarjian, (516) 678-5800, bkilarjian@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**
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Facing a difficult pregnancy?

Say “Yes” with

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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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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

“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

See fiat.drvc.life for further information

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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 High School

Admissions Information Night

Tuesday, April 30

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Grade 6, 7, 8

Transfers welcome

Register at:

holytrinityhs.org/admissions

98 Cherry Lane Hicksville, NY
(516) 433-2900 ext. 151

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

Sponsored by The Friends of the Seminary

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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Retreat & Conference Center of the Immaculate Conception

440 West Neck Road ♦ Huntington, NY 11743

www.icseminary.edu/events

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



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RETROUVAILLE

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Because no marriage is beyond hope...

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
April 26-28, 2024
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington**

To register or for more information:

**1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org**

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities worldwide.



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**



THE LIFE ENRICHMENT SENIOR CENTER
INVITES YOU TO OUR SPRING FUNDRAISER

TRES CABARET

ENJOY A SUPPER CLUB EVENING OF
JAZZ, OLD STANDARDS, DANCING AND DINING
FEATURING JOHN SCHWARTZBERG &
HIS JAZZ TRIO

SATURDAY, APRIL 20



6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Tickets: \$100 per person

Event to be held at The Life Enrichment Center
45 East Main Street, Oyster Bay

Dress Code: Night Club Chic

Très Cabarèt Reservation **Tickets** ___ \$100 pp

Event Sponsorships

- \$500 Includes 2 tickets plus recognition on all marketing materials for this event.
 \$1000 Includes 6 tickets plus recognition on all marketing materials for this event.

I am unable to attend but my donation is enclosed \$ _____ Total enclosed \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

MC Visa Card #: _____ Name on card: _____

Exp. Date _____ Sec. Code _____

Mail checks to: The Life Enrichment Center • 45 E. Main Street • Oyster Bay, NY • 11771
Pay on-line at LECOB.org and for more information call Sue at 516-922-1770 x 301

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)



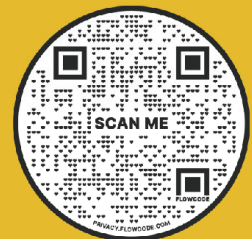
What to expect:

- 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



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fourth Sunday of Easter

1 John 3:1 "Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are."

John 10:11-18 "I am the good shepherd, and I will lay down my life for my sheep." Jesus leads us as we listen and hear his voice. Let us lay down our life for our spouse. Let us make a decision to love our spouse. Signing up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you 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

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/>.

Pro Life Cause Help Us Help Others...



**In honor of Mothers Day
The 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:

Paula Kenny 516-946-1359



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

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1

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2

Monitor technology use (trust but verify)

3

Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech

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5

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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

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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!

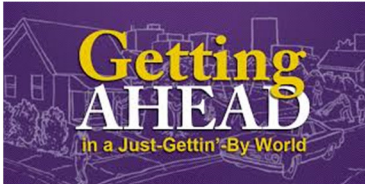
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“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

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

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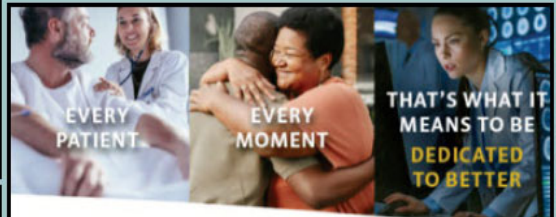


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