

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: 4:00-5:00pm & by appointment

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: Available upon request.

Baptism: Third Sunday each month at 1:00pm. Prior
parent and sponsor interviews with a baptismal
coordinator required.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person with
priest at least 6 months in advance & prior to reception
arrangements.

Adult Christian Initiation. If you are interested in
exploring the Catholic faith or completing your
initiation into the Church, please call the Parish office.

Outreach—Pantry Hours:

St. Gertrude: Friday 8:30am-9:30am

United Methodist Church Outreach. Food pantry
opened every 3rd Saturday of the month 9-12. Please
call Ann Albro @ 516-647-5943 for any questions.

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(or by appointment)

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JANUARY 14, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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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	January 13
5:00 pm	Nicolina LoCastro +
SUNDAY	January 14
7:30 am	Andrew DeNatale, in thanksgiving and a special intention
9:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude +
11:30 am	Joseph and Francesca Carbone + Orlando and Anna Trotta + The Palumbo Family (L) Angela Altimari +
MONDAY	January 15
8:30 am	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
TUESDAY	January 16
8:30 am	Carmine and Maria Grazia Frumiento and family +
WEDNESDAY	January 17
8:30 am	Edward Gwisdalla +
THURSDAY	January 18
8:30 am	Joan R. Silaco +
FRIDAY	January 19
8:30 am	Mario Frumiento +
SATURDAY	January 20
8:30 am	Constance Genovese +
5:00 pm	German Andrade + Adiela Correa +

2^d Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Reflection

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was 10 degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all real.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p.m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— *Father John Muir*

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2^d Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Readings

First Reading:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

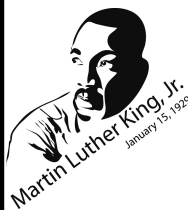
Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The rectory, Religious Ed and the Preschool will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15 in observance of the holiday.

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday January 20th 5:00pm — Fr. Joseph

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

9:30am — Fr. Joseph

11:30am — Msgr. Morrissey



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 |
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| 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.



Mary Connelly, Joe Buffa
Nora Caruso, Sean Stalker

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), tea, mayonnaise,

toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, paper towels, deodorant.

Donations to be placed in back of church under choir loft.

Pantry hours are every Friday from 8:30am–9:30am in the lower Church.

United Methodist Church Outreach. Food pantry opened every 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!



Margaret Rose Navesky

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

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

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

December 17, 2023: \$9,431

Dec. 24, 2023 \$8,031

Dec 31, 2023 \$7,917

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.

Christmas, Dec. 25, 2023 \$69,704

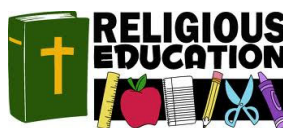
Our Christmas Collection budget is \$59,000

Solemnity of Mary \$2,097



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

Our 2023 CMA goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$37,698.00 to date from 77 donors (67.92%). Remember all 2023 pledges should be paid by January 31, 2024. Thank you!!!

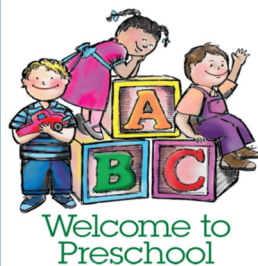


Do you know of anyone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic?

Have you or someone you know wanted to complete the sacra-

ments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? Invite them to join a community of adults who are discerning God's call through prayer and discussion as they learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information contact Dr. Sheehan in our Religious Education office at 516-628-2432 or faithformation@stgerts.org.

Preschool News: Our Preschoolers have jumped into the New Year! This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made a monkey puppet and colored mittens that were laced together. Miss Carmela's 2's worked on the letter K. They also made a penguin and a polar bear. Miss Anna's 3's made a painted squirrel in snow and a bear in a cave. They worked on the letters C and L and also made snow. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter O by making an O is for Oscar craft. They also made a gingerbread man, gingerbread house, and gingerbread play dough. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter N and did an experiment to learn about the states of matter. They also learned about measuring using mitten cut outs, painted a winter hat with a pattern, and made mitten shaped suncatchers.



Teacher's Assistant Wanted for our preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. We are searching for a patient, charismatic and caring individual to join our staff. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15-12. Responsibilities include assisting the head teacher in all school functions and activities, and working collaboratively with staff. High school diploma or equivalent required. Experience working with young children in an early childhood setting preferred. Please email resume to Ms. Meredith Brosnan, Director at stgertprek@stgerts.org.

NEW Virtus Session

At St. Gertrude's, January 20, 2024

ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS:

Any person wishing to volunteer in the Parish must complete these three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Code of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application

St. Gertrude's will host a Virtus Session here on Saturday, January 20th at 10:00am in Room 2 of the Parish Center.

To register for the class visit: www.Virtus.org.

The name of the organization is Rockville Centre-Safe-Environment. Follow directions on the next screens. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct. Then select class on January 20th, and then you will be instructed to complete the background screening application.

Pre-Registration is Required.

For more information contact the Religious education Office at 516-628-2432 or faithformation@stgerts.org



Speak Lord
Your Servant
is Listening

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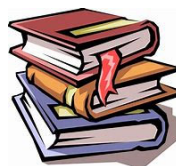
Rosary Guild News



The Rosary Guild has a new link on the parish website (under Ministries)

See: www.stgerts.org.

Please note: Newsletters will no longer be mailed. Find them on the website, or if you'd like a newsletter emailed directly to your inbox, kindly send an email to stgertruderosaryguild@gmail.com. Thank you!



SOMETHING NEW A SMALL LENDING LIBRARY

Please look for the book cart located in the side vestibule of the church near the new restrooms.

READ AND RETURN!

Please stop by, take a look and borrow a book to READ and just RETURN when you are finished.



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

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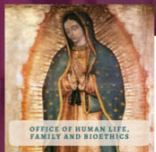
Thank you!

**LONG ISLAND
COALITION for LIFE**

Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children by joining the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, January 21, 2024, from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Tpke., E. Meadow). Be a positive sign for LIFE! Signs provided. Rain or shine. Sponsored by: LICL 631 -243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.



*With Every Woman,
For Every Child.*



See how DRVC will March for Life at:

www.drvc.life.org/march-for-life



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2023

**CATHOLIC
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**Thank you for your generous support of the
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Completing your 2023 pledge ensures that our Parish
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

To give securely online, please go to:
<https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

***Please remember that all 2023 pledges
must be paid in full by January 31, 2024.***

Thank you!

Holy Trinity Titan Parent Club Presents:



Saturday, January 20, 2024 Titan Cafe

Doors open at 6:00 PM

\$35 per person

**Includes: Bingo, Soda, Chips, Coffee and Cake
Bring your own adult beverages and snacks!
(over 21 please)**

Test your musical knowledge of tunes from the 60's, 70's and 80's. A mix between the traditional games of Name that Tune and Bingo. Rather than playing with numbered Bingo cards, we give you cards with songs on them instead. When you hear a song, mark it off your card and if you're the first to yell "Bingo," you're a winner!

It's an evening of entertainment, prizes, raffles and fun!

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Name: _____ Alumni? What year? _____

Phone: _____ I would like to purchase _____ tickets

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

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or TEXT Radiobingo to 41444*

If you have any questions, call Ginny at 516 433-7361 or email ginny.ritter@holyltrinityhs.org

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Sunday, January 21, 2024

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).

Come celebrate with Bishop Andrzej.

HOLY HOUR AND REFLECTION

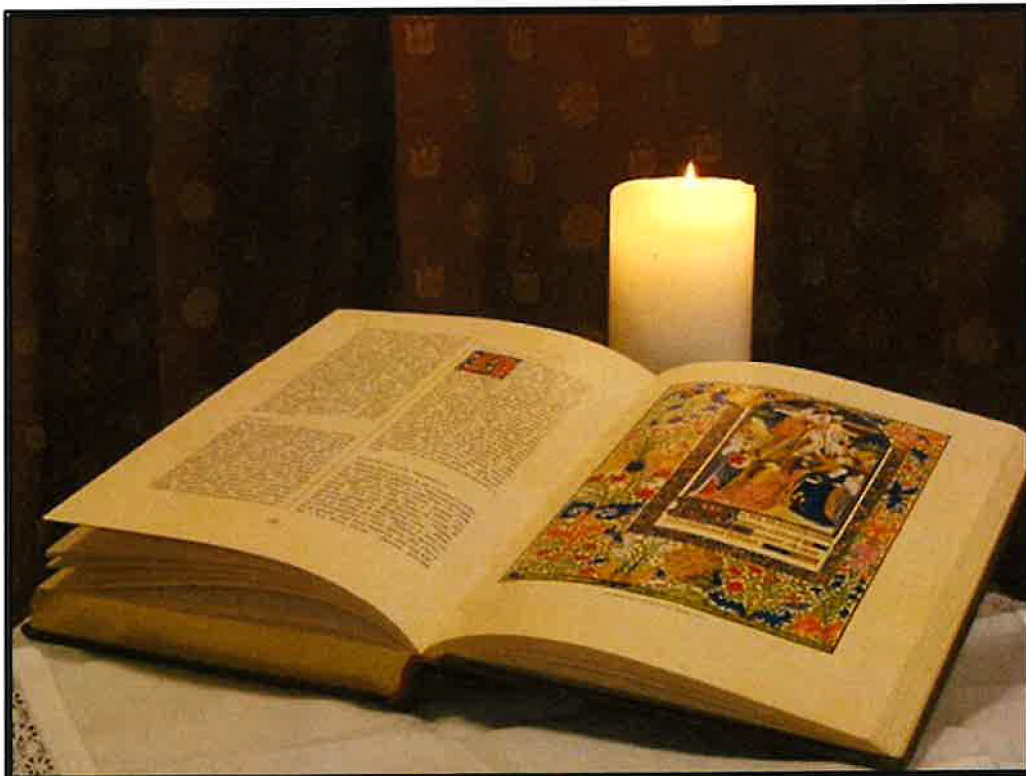
Sunday, January 21, 2024, at 3 pm

Church of St. Paul the Apostle

2534 Cedar Swamp Road, Brookville, NY 11545

www.stpaulsbrookville.org

All are welcome!





FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024
7:00 PM
ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL GYM
Tickets On Sale!

<https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/>

***This is not a drop-off event, K-6 students must be accompanied by an adult.**

We will be selling concessions and Wizards Souvenirs (cash or cc) to help raise money

Tickets

General Admission - \$30 in advance (\$35 @ door)
(children 3 and under do not need a ticket)

Reserved Student- \$50
Special reserved seating close to the court and free team poster.

Reserved Adult- \$50
Special reserved seating close to the court and \$5 souvenir gift certificate. (200 max seating)

Courtside Plus Student - \$80 (limited quantity)
Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, a color team photo that is perfect for autographs and a \$5 discount on Wizards replica jersey.

Courtside Plus Adult - \$80 (limited quantity)
Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, and a \$10 souvenir gift certificate for adults.

Courtside Player (Students K-8) - \$155 (10 tickets available)

Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, jersey (picked up at game) souvenir lanyard, color team photo for kids that is perfect for autographs AND the opportunity to play in a 3-minute game with the Harlem Wizards during half-time.

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Additional info?

Call: 646-642-7463

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January 19-21, 2024
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Huntington**

**To register or for more information:
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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.

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Nursery, Pre-K and Kindergarten-8th Grade · Oyster Bay, NY



Join us for our Open House!

SUNDAY · JAN 28, 2024

10:30am - 1:00pm

The Open House at St. Dominic is an ideal opportunity to speak with our families, students, administration, and clergy. We invite you to learn all about how this unique, supportive community challenges students every day to be the best version of themselves—spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially. All are welcome!

“One Journey Through Faith and Education”

Why Choose St. Dominic School?

- In 1924, under the auspices of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (Scranton, PA), St. Dominic opened its doors. For almost 100 years, St. Dominic Elementary School has been providing the children of Long Island with a rigorous, academic education inextricably rooted in strong Catholic faith-based values. Education at St. Dominic fulfills the critical role in the development of the children both morally and spiritually.
- St. Dominic is a close-knit, caring community which fosters a strong partnership between parents and faculty which is the key element in the academic development of the whole child.
- Our professional, highly qualified faculty is dedicated to each individual child's academic success. Their commitment to Catholic education is a true example of service.
- St. Dominic offers various athletic and academic enrichment programs that augment the robust, educational experience.
- St. Dominic has provided each child with a safe and supportive environment which allows them to see how God's love surrounds them every day. At St. Dominic, each child is inspired to become an instrument of God within their community by helping them understand the perpetual commitment to the service of others.



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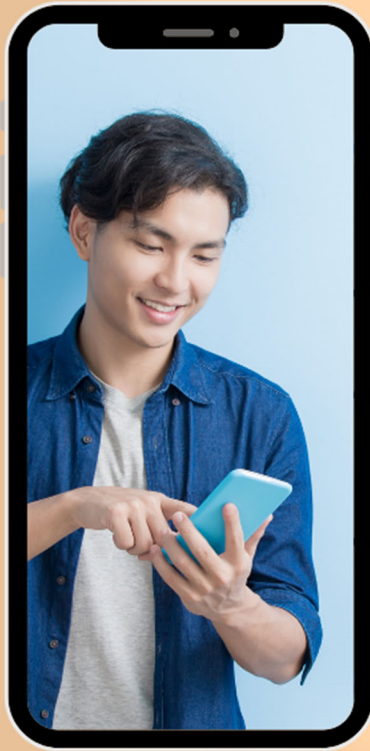
**Planned Gifts of IRAs are not the best assets for family members to inherit?
WHY? Heirs will pay taxes on these financial instruments.**

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

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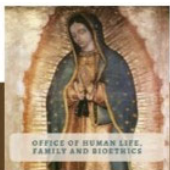
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As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

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!

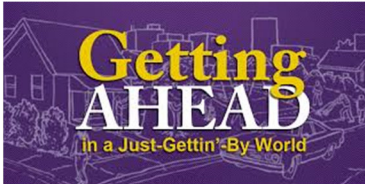
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We all know how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul regularly provides charitable assistance to neighbors in need. Beginning with the home visit, Vincentians perform numerous good deeds, many of which involve financial assistance (rent & utility bills),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

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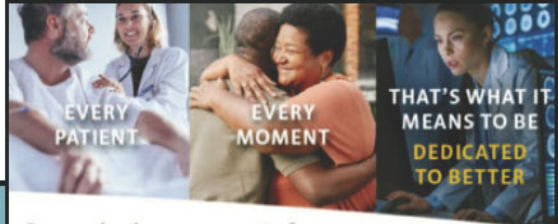


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