

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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SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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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	March 16
5:00 pm	Margaret McCann + Teresa McCormack + Nina Cotte +
SUNDAY	March 17
7:30 am	John P Hogan +
9:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30 am	Robert DiGiovanni +
MONDAY	March 18
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
TUESDAY	March 19
8:30 am	Ronald Joannou +
WEDNESDAY	March 20
8:30 am	Robert Candalino +
THURSDAY	March 21
8:30 am	Joseph Francis DiGennaro +
FRIDAY	March 22
8:30 am	Elvira Altimari + and Nicholas Scavuzzo +
SATURDAY	March 23
8:30 am	Josephine Montante +
5:00 pm	Lena Dimino + Jerry and Caroline Attraente + John and Nancy Corallo + Andrea Dunne +

Today's Scripture Readings/March 17, 2024

First Reading: All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

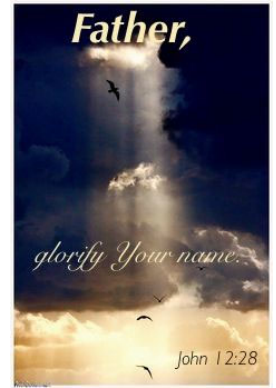
Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

Second Reading: Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

Gospel: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

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Fifth Sunday in Lent Scripture Reflection



A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

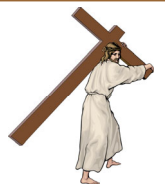
This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "Father, glorify your name!" John then writes: Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable expectation of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— *Father John Muir*

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



Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, March 23rd 5:00pm — Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, March 24th 7:30am — Fr. Joseph

9:30am — Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am — Fr. Joseph

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Gertrude,

Our Lenten Journey



As the warmer weather of Spring begins to be felt by all of us and we continue our Lenten journey of renewal this year by our prayers, fasting and works of charity, I hope you and your families will join with us as we soon enter into the holiest of our weeks as Catholic Christians.

The solemn celebrations of the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, remembering the great gift of the Eucharist, where Jesus feeds and nourishes us by His Body and Blood, His crucifixion and death on Good Friday and the joyous celebration of His Resurrection and the gift of new life for all of us at Easter, I'm sure will be a great source of blessings and grace for all of us as we worship as the faith community of St. Gertrude's parish.

As parishioners, I am writing to ask you to please remember St. Gertrude's parish this Easter. Our revenue is slowly increasing, and I am very grateful, but on many weekends the parish has not been able to reach our weekly budgeted expenses. St. Gertrude's is still in need of your support.

Know that I pray for all of you, the parishioners of St. Gertrude's, every day. I look forward to worshiping, praying and celebrating with you this Holy Week. Kindly check the weekly bulletin and our parish website for all the services and Masses for Holy Week and Easter. I hope you are still carrying that nail given on Ash Wednesday. We will place them before the Cross on Good Friday.



May I ask for the generosity of your prayers, also. So many of our parishioners are experiencing difficulties with sickness and death. I am confident that your prayers will be heard by our Risen Lord.

Thank you for your continued support. As Easter approaches, I thank God for the call to serve as your pastor in this wonderful parish and village. May God bless you and your families with peace, joy, and health throughout the remainder of Lent and during the great Easter season of Resurrection and new life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey
Pastor

2024

**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



"As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together. We are like the tiles of a mosaic."

- Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports vocations in our diocese.

Ordained in 2023, Fr. Steven McClernon spoke to us about what his goals are as a priest in our Diocese and how your support has helped him to accomplish this!

"This year's CMA theme, Revitalizing our Faith -- Renewed by the Eucharist, relates to my vocation as it was fostered through Eucharistic Adoration. I see the People of God revitalized and renewed in their faith when I celebrate Mass. I see how people really love receiving the Eucharist. During Covid when we were separated from receiving the Eucharist, it was a difficult time for many. Now seeing the people back to church, and receiving the Eucharist, I am renewed in my faith and I know God's people are revitalized by the true presence of God in the Eucharist."



The CMA has been greatly 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."

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

We thank all those who contributed to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our goal was \$55,500 and we achieved \$37,728 (67.98%).

Our 2024 goal remains at \$55,500 and we have received 1,705 (3.07%) to date. Once again, many thanks to all our parishioners for your donations.



Those serving in our military:

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa	LCpl Brian Allen	Pfc. Mark Chuisano
LT Mary Grace Colluci	Major Janet R. Erazo	1st LT William Trotta, Jr.
2nd LT Glenn Harvey	1st LT Dylan Wall	Capt. Alexander Van Patten USAF
LT Colonel Nicholas Lo Russo	Sgt. 5 Jose Marin	Airman Bryan Mollitor
Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz	Major James Nicholson	LT Col. Sean Patak
PFC Matthew A. Passero	LT William Hegarty	Sfc. Sean P. Schenck
Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez	LT Sean Riordan	Cpl. Jason Roland
Capt. Thomas E. Rojek	Spc. Chase Tucker	Major Chad Lennon
ENS Patrick Hesse USN	Ens. James Figari	US Army Sgt. Richard F. Charon
LT Colonel Terrance Thorgramson	Capt. James Andrew Baker	Lt. Kevin Valsecchi

If you would like to inform us of any family member or friend who has been called to active service or for a name to be removed, please call our Parish office. We cannot update this list without your help.



Joe Buffa, Nora Caruso, Sean Stalker, Marylou Fusillo, Anthony Altimari

Call the parish office to add a relative to our prayer list. Names will remain for 6 weeks.

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!



Coletta Faas

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

March 3, 2024 \$8,053.50

Catholic Relief Services Collection N/A

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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

Faith Direct

TEN REASONS TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY GIFT THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

1. No more checks to write or envelopes to find
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4. No cost for you to participate
5. Online control of your offertory giving — including special collections
6. Reduction of envelope and postage expense for St. Gertrude
7. Less work for our parish office staff to post contribution records
8. Offertory cards enable you to witness your gift of treasure
9. Earn credit card points for your offertory gifts

You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY83, or text 'enroll' to 516-494-7947 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757 (toll-free). **Thank you!**

Preschool News: This week the Preschoolers finished their preparations for St. Patrick's Day and continued to learn about Easter. Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made a shamrock leprechaun and did a color mixing project. Miss Carmela's 2's made a leprechaun handprint craft. They also made an "S is for Snake" craft and a baby chick handprint. Miss Anna's 3's worked on the letter Z. They also made a coffee filter shamrock and rainbow, a crepe paper stained glass rainbow, and Irish soda bread muffins. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter V. They made paper tube chocolate bunnies and baby chicks. They also made a "V is for Vase" project and set a leprechaun trap. Miss Michelle's Friday 3's went on a leprechaun hunt and made an egg craft. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter T. They finished their hatching chick craft and made an Easter cross art project. They also made a potato leprechaun craft and set a leprechaun trap.



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.



Teacher's Assistant Wanted for our preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. We are searching for a patient, charismatic and caring individual for our 2-year old class. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15-12. Responsibilities include assisting the head teacher in all school functions and activities, and working collaboratively with staff. High school diploma or equivalent required. Experience working with young children in an early childhood setting preferred. Please email resume to Ms. Meredith Brosnan, Director at stgertprek@stgerts.org.



Lenten Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

In addition to the Wednesday Exposition and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, during the Saturdays of Lent we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 3:00 PM.

Benediction will be held at 4:45 PM.

During this period of adoration, confessions will be heard from 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Please join us for this Lenten prayer before the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2024

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, MARCH 24

Saturday, Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS (HOLY WEEK)

Monday, March 25, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 30, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Altar of Repose

9:00 p.m. until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Outdoor Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection

(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday)

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31V

Masses: Sunrise at West Harbor Beach to be announced

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.



Welcome to our newest member

Charlotte Miller Simonetti

Congratulations!



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

Reconciliation Monday 2024

Monday, March 25th

Experience the liberating grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Confessions will be available in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre from 2-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.

To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps



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Chrism Mass March 26, 2024 • 4:00 p.m.

at the Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre



All are invited to attend in person.

This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. Viewers can watch the Mass online at cfntv.org.

Virtus Training Class

Saturday, March 23rd at 10am
Parish Center, Room 2

To attend, you must register at
www.virtus.org

Contact Dr. Sheehan,
faithformation@stgerts.org or
516-628-2432 for more information





COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

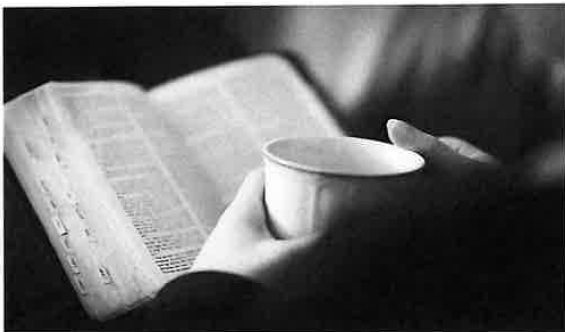
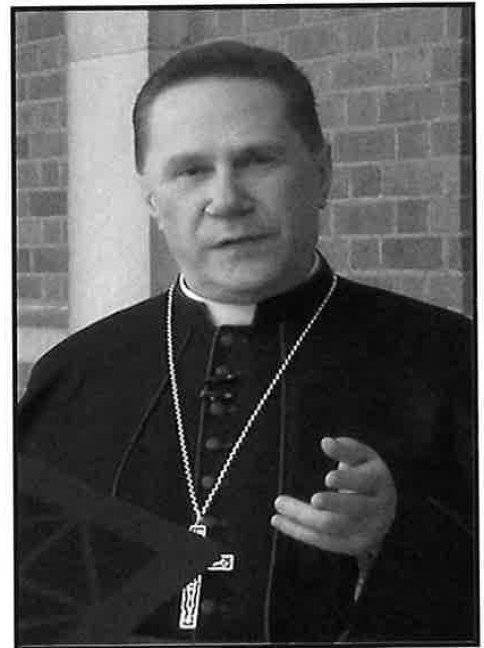
Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings during Lent:

February 23, March 8 and March 22

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

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



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

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

Living Healthy Workshop Series



Wednesdays: March 13, 20, 27,
April 3, 10, 17

1:00 – 3:00 pm

St. Catherine of Siena Hospital
Medical Office Building
Lower Level
St. Raphael Conference Room
48 Route 25A
Smithtown, NY

Feel better—Increase your energy and get relief from pain, fatigue and difficult emotions.

Take control of your life—Helps you do the things you want to do each day.

Get connected—Learn from others who have similar health and lifestyle issues.

The Living Healthy Workshop Series is a free, peer-led health education program for seniors and people with an ongoing health condition. The purpose of the workshop is to enhance one's skills and ability to manage their health and maintain an active and fulfilling lifestyle. The course is facilitated by two trained volunteers, over a six-week period.

Presented by RSVP (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program) of Suffolk and St. Catherine of Siena Hospital.

Program includes:

- Decision-making and problem-solving skills.
- Developing and maintaining a safe, long-term physical activity program.
- Fatigue management.
- Dealing with anger, depression and difficult emotions.
- Cognitive management of pain and stress.
- Communicating effectively with family, friends and health care professionals.
- Using prescribed medication appropriately.
- Healthy eating.
- Making informed treatment decisions.
- Planning for future health care needs.



Please register at (631) 870-3444

There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you participate for the full six weeks.



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Because no marriage is beyond hope...

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- 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.

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April 26-28, 2024
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To register or for more information:

**1-800-470-2230
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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.

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BISHOP L. COFFEY**



DR PAUL BYRNE

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2 EVENTS-SAME DAY

**2024
INTERNATIONAL
GIFT OF LIFE WALK-NYC
GRAND MARSHAL BISHOP
JOSEPH L. COFFEY**



FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH WITH B&B

SR. DEDE BYRNE
Sister, Soldier, Surgeon
PAUL BYRNE, MD
Neonatologist



2024 INTERNATIONAL GIFT OF LIFE WALK-NYC

This year will be the 8th Annual pro-life walk in NYC. Our Grand Marshal for this year will be Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Military Services. Every year we honor the vision of St. John Paul II when he designated March 25, as the International Day of the Pre-born Child. The mission of this Walk is to claim the Personhood of all humans at the moment of conception. With that carries the recognition of the worth and dignity of every human being, from conception to natural, true death.

BISHOP COFFEY'S STATEMENT:

"Now that the overturning of Roe V Wade has determined there is no Constitutional right to abortion, it is imperative that all New Yorkers of good will to stand up and demand the recognition that, from the moment of conception, all pre-born children are persons. As persons they are fully invested with all Rights of the Equal Protection under the laws of this State and this Great Nation. The International Gift of Life Walk in NYC is a perfect place to start this movement. I applaud and

endorse the WALK for the protection of the defenseless in the womb and the rallying cry it proclaims for the recognition of PERSONHOOD."

RALLY & WALK LOCATION:

11AM RALLY
FOLEY SQUARE
148-152 WORTH STREET
NYC, NY 10013

BRUNCH WITH B&B

Following the WALK, be nourished with Brunch and two special Speakers: Sr. Dede Byrne and Dr Paul Byrne.

BRUNCH LOCATION:

2-5PM
FRAUNCES TAVERN
54 PEARL STREET
NYC, NY 10004

*****CALL (631) 487-7578 for BUS information*****



Deacon Ministry

Are You Being Called ?

LISTEN!—PRAY!—REFLECT!—DISCERN!

Attend ONE of the following dates:

7:00PM, Wednesday, April 10

St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue

7:00PM, Thursday, April 11

St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

12:00PM, Sunday, April 14

St. Anthony of Padua East Northport, 20 Cheshire Place

RSVP no later than Monday, April 1st,

TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 179

OR by email to

diaconateformation@drvc.org



2024

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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**Please consider making a gift to the
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**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**



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

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

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



ST. IGNATIUS IS GOING TO WOODLOCH PINES

Please join us for a fun filled vacation at Woodloch Pines from **April 8th to April 12th**.

Woodloch is an award winning resort and for anyone who gets seasick, it is like a cruise but no seasickness. The room accommodations are lovely, the food is fabulous and plentiful. The staff is beyond friendly and all the games and activities are fun.

If you are interested, please call **Pamela Flanagan** at **516-938-9334** for further information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fifth Sunday in Lent



Jeremiah 31:31-34: "The days are coming says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people." We have made a covenant in our marriage with God and with our spouse to love one another and to fulfill our vows. To nourish your sacrament, sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. Learn how to listen better, communicate more, and be a better couple. You will be glad you did! You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

April 26-28, 2024 (non-residential weekend) in Connecticut

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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://wwmenvli.org/>.



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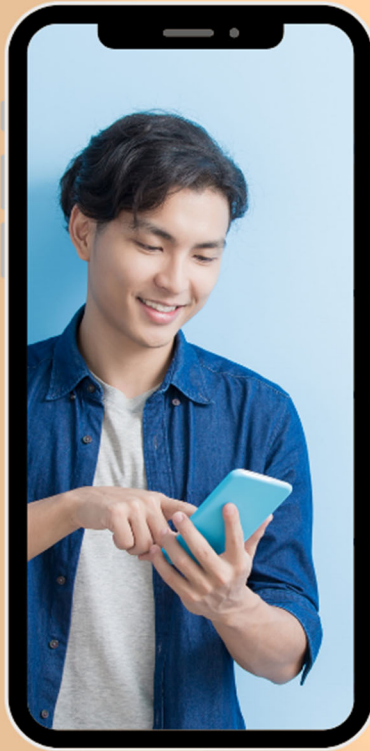
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1

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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.

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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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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!

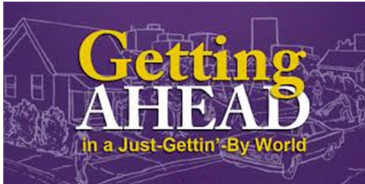
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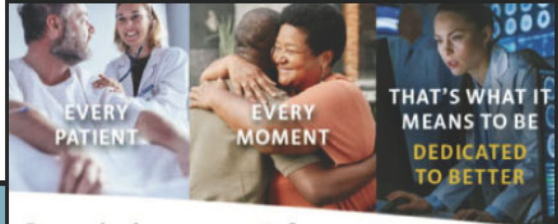


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