

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

## CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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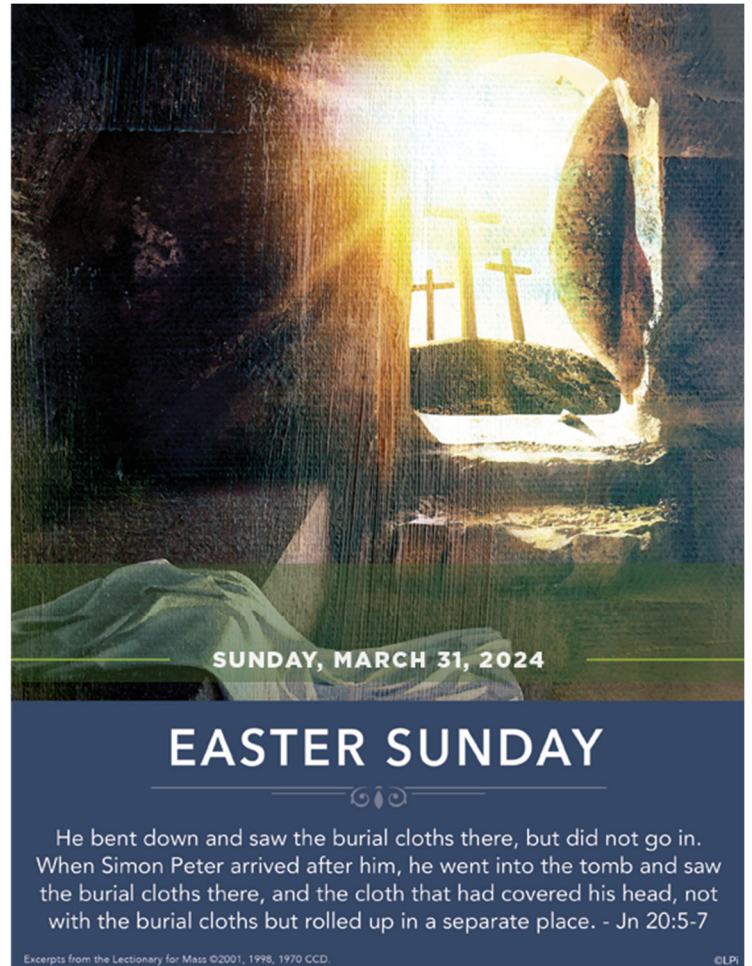
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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am—4:00pm  
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Fax: (516) 628-9032

Website: www.stgerts.com



**St. Vincent de Paul:**

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Emergency hotline: (516) 490-8793



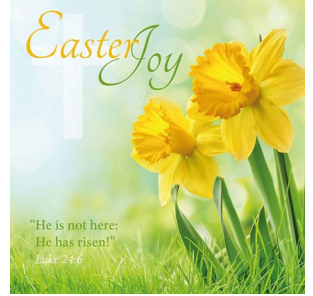
New to our Parish? We welcome you  
and ask that you please call or stop  
into our Parish office to register.

*The Lord told Israel to reach out to newcomers and  
welcome them (Leviticus 19:36).*

## Remembering. . .

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 30</b>
5:00 pm	No 5:00 pm mass
8:00 pm	Easter Vigil For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 31</b>
6:30 am	Nicolina LoCastro +
7:30 am	Andrew DeNatale + in thanksgiving and a special intention
9:30 am	Peter Connolly + Larry Herbig + Michael DeCosimo +
11:30 am	Philip Altadonna +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>April 1</b>
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>April 2</b>
8:30 am	Joseph Francis DiGennaro + Lucy Aversano + Carmela Scelzi +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>April 3</b>
8:30 am	Rosalie and Jim DiGiovanni +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>April 4</b>
8:30 am	DeCesare family +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 5</b>
8:30 am	Mario Frumiento +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 6</b>
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00 pm	Carmine Altimari + The Altimari & Galazzo families (living and deceased)

## Easter Sunday Of the Resurrection of the Lord Scripture Reflection



Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing 17-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, “Oh my God!” Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn’t joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn’t peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples’ shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don’t we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our “cemeteries” where we don’t expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— *Father John Muir*

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## Easter Sunday Scripture Readings

**First Reading:** This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

**Second Reading:** If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

**Gospel:** For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20:9)

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The wine & hosts offered lovingly for  
Mario Frumiento by Lucia Frumiento



The parish office will be closed on  
Easter Monday, April 1.

### Presider’s Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm — Fr. Duncan

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am — Msgr. Morrissey

9:30 am — Fr. Peter Dooley

11:30 am — Msgr. Morrissey



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Gertrude,



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.

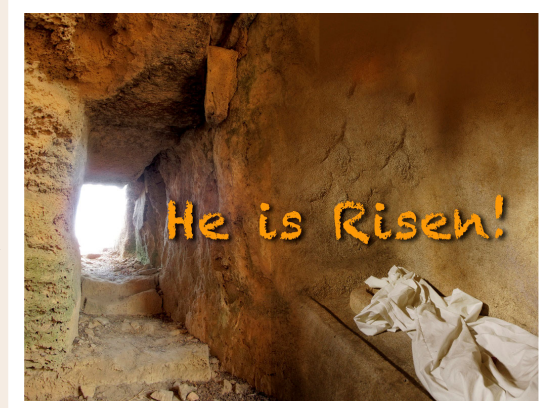
May I take this opportunity to thank the many parishioners who have volunteered their time to make our Holy Week Liturgies such a wonderful experience of worship and faith.

During the Easter Vigil, Easter water will have been blessed and at all our Easter Masses we will recall our own Baptism and our new life in Christ through the renewal of our Baptismal Promises. Holy Water will be sprinkled upon all the faithful to recall our Baptism. Small bottles of Holy Water will be available for you to take home. Keep it in a prominent place in your household. Explain to your children and grandchildren that it reminds us of our Baptism and our life in Christ as members of His Body the Church which we celebrate here at St. Gertrude's

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





## 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, Anthony Altimari

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

## Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)  
March 17, 2024 \$8,102.00

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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



### St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

Supplies are either desperately low or out of the following items: Jar tomato sauce, cereal, Parmalat milk, flour, sugar, coffee (decaf & regular), mayonnaise, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, paper towels, deodorant.

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

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

United Methodist Church Outreach. Food pantry opened every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.stgerts.com)

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families! Thank you for your love for the inspired Word of God. Thank you for your love for the Resurrection appearances of our Lord in this Easter season and the way your lives are set on fire in your meditation and contemplation of these mysteries.

Thank you for your fidelity to the Eucharist and the Sunday Mass and your Catholic spirit of evangelization. Thank you for being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

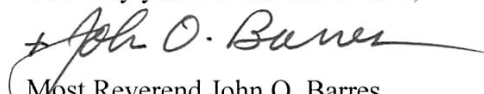
In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states: “Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history...Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power.” (276)

We continue to live through “the storms of history” and we rely on the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and so many other troubled areas of the world.<sup>1</sup> We ask the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds experienced in our own country.

In *The Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton captured the power of our Lord’s Resurrection experienced in the cycles of history. He wrote: “Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.”

This Easter and every Easter we celebrate this Everlasting Man who knew his way out of the grave and who invites us and the Catholic Church on Long Island to a great Resurrection.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Diocese of Rockville Centre

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<sup>1</sup> See Pope Francis’ December 25, 2023 *Urbi et Orbi* Message.

**Preschool News:** This week the Preschoolers finished up their Easter units, had an Easter egg hunt and celebrated their class Easter parties. Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made no bake cookies. Miss Carmela's 2's made decorated paper eggs. Miss Anna's 3's worked on the letter Y. They also made a paper Easter basket and colored Easter eggs. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter X. They also made eggs, and an "X is for Xylophone" craft. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter V. They also finished their Easter gifts and wrapped them.



All of us at St. Gertrude's Preschool would like to wish you and your families a blessed Holy Week and a very Happy Easter!

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](http://www.stgertrudesprek.org) for more information.



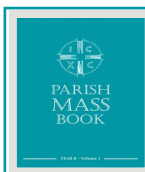
**Teacher's Assistant Wanted** for our preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. We are searching for a patient, charismatic and caring individual for our 2-year old class. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15-12. Responsibilities include assisting the head teacher in all school 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](mailto:stgertprek@stgerts.org).

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**ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH**

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The 2025 Mass book will open on Tuesday, April 2. Call or stop in the Parish Office at 516-628-1113.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**  
 at Saint Ignatius Loyola Church  
 Hosted by Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Queen of Angels #869

*Jesus, I trust in You*

In 1931, Our Lord, Jesus Christ appeared to Polish nun Sister Faustina Kowalska. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching His chest in the area of the heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: *Jesus, I trust in You.*" I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature: *'Jesus, I trust in You.'*

Saint Faustina was canonized on April 30, 2000 by Pope John Paul II, who declared the Sunday after Easter to be known as "Divine Mercy Sunday."

**April 7, 2024**

2:00-4:00 pm	2:00 pm	Confession
With Guest Speaker	2:15 pm	Holy Mass
Father David Regan	3:00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet and Talk
Pastor, Holy Name of Mary Parish, Valley Stream	4:00 pm	Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

Prayer guides will be provided. All are welcome.

Saint Ignatius Loyola Church 129 Broadway, Hicksville, NY (516) 931-0056 [stignatius Hicksville.org](http://stignatius Hicksville.org)



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>  
 7:00pm  
 Parish Center





*"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."*

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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.





# 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 1<sup>st</sup>,**

**TO 631-423-0483 Ext. 179**

**OR by email to**

**[diaconateformation@drvc.org](mailto:diaconateformation@drvc.org)**



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**Thursday evenings 7:00 PM\*(EST)**

**April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23**

**Via Zoom**

**\*Each Session lasts @ 2—2.5 hours**



**Additional info?**

Call: Chuck & MJ Young 646-642-7463

Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org

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# 2024

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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](http://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](http://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](http://chsli.org/catholic-health-community-health)

### Bishop McHugh Health Center (Nassau)

750 South Broadway  
Hicksville, NY 11801  
(516) 827-2727

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24 East Main St  
Bay Shore, NY 11706  
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**Executive Producer**  
**www.religionandrock.com**

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Again, a sincere thanks for your longtime support!

Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Host

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<b>January 2024</b>	<b>April</b>
7 <b>Being Excited</b>	7 <b>Community</b>
14 <b>Life’s Struggles</b>	14 <b>Spirituality</b>
21 <b>Unity</b>	21 <b>Issues in Life</b>
28 <b>Searching for a Meaning</b>	28 <b>Poverty</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>May</b>
4 <b>Forgiveness</b>	5 <b>Prayer</b>
11 <b>Sacrifice</b>	12 <b>Parenting</b>
18 <b>Leadership</b>	19 <b>Boredom</b>
25 <b>Relationships</b>	26 <b>Remembering</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>June</b>
3 <b>Commitment</b>	2 <b>Relaxing</b>
10 <b>Renewal</b>	9 <b>Moving On</b>
17 <b>Traditions</b>	16 <b>Being Joyful</b>
24 <b>Coping</b>	23 <b>Special Days</b>
31 <b>Easter</b>	30 <b>Nature</b>

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## ST. IGNATIUS IS GOING TO WOODLOCH PINES

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

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: Easter Sunday



Jesus is alive. He has risen. Colossians 3:1-3: "Brothers and Sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

ACTS 10:42-43: Jesus, "commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him, all bear witness that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." We can be transformed and become a new creation by believing in God and seek what is above. God can transform your relationship and teach you to forgive and to love your spouse. Take a leap of faith and trust God to nourish your relationship. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and you will learn the tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

**April 11-May 23, 2024 (virtual 3RE)**

**June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA**

**June 21-June 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/>.



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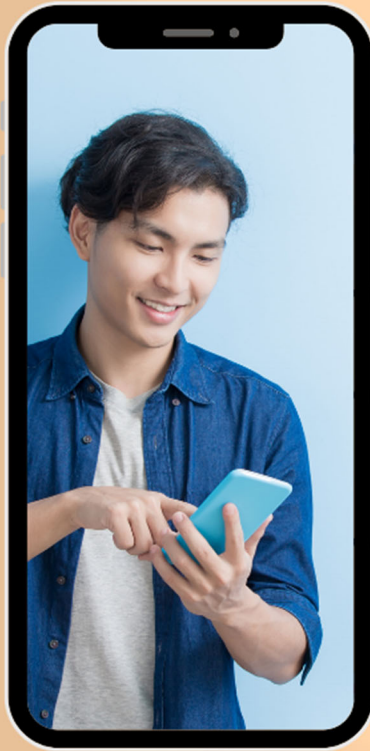
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After logging into your account, you will be prompted to electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Codes of Conduct and complete the background screening application. Please follow all the instructions on the application and hit the submit button when 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.

If you have any questions, please send me an email: [mmcmahon@druc.org](mailto:mmcmahon@druc.org)

Thank you.

Mary McMahon, LSCW



# Why Catholic Education?

**We nourish the mind and spirit of every child.** A creative academic program and powerful spiritual guidance are the heart of every day at Long Island Catholic Schools. Our commitment to strong, individualized instruction, enhanced by advanced learning technologies, ensures that all children receive the personalized attention that builds knowledge and self-esteem in addition to the skills and study habits that prepare them for the academic challenges ahead. Daily teachings of faith bring spiritual values to life and foster in children an active and humane concern for others.

**Early Childhood Program—Nursery (age 3) and Pre-K (age 4)**

**We guide children on the path to more fulfilling lives.** Our academic rigor, emphasis on spiritual values, along with our commitment to extracurricular growth opportunities, all combine to give children the knowledge, skills, and confidence to go farther. The result? Higher performance in the classroom and on recognized standardized tests and an exceptionally high rate of college admissions. More important, our students become well-rounded individuals who go on to lead successful personal and professional lives and who become active, caring members of the community.

## Catholic Elementary School Education

**An elementary education at a Catholic school engages children at an important formative time in their lives.** They are learning information, but it is much more than that. They are learning about themselves, about their place and purpose in the world, and about their obligations to others. Catholic school stands out as a place that addresses all of the relevant aspects of a young person's life. A Catholic school's broad charter allows us to 'educate the whole person', in mind, in body and in spirit. It is a difference that creates an advantage for their entire life.

## Catholic Middle School Education

Grades 6,7, and 8 can be difficult but rewarding years for students. Through our schools, we encourage authentic growth: leadership, academics, faith, contributing to their parish, and exploring sports and extracurricular activities. Taking the reins of leadership! The move from elementary school to middle school marks the beginning of a new set of expectations and a new world of opportunities. Challenging academic curriculum, inspired Catholic teachings, and an array of new after-school activities give each student the intellectual, spiritual and social preparation needed for greater achievement in high school, college and beyond.

## Catholic High Schools of Long Island

**It's the education of a lifetime.** Nine Catholic high schools on Long Island present their own unique opportunity for students to explore a faith-based education that challenges, inspires, and prepares them for college, careers, and life. The total experience makes the difference in a Catholic education. Families are strongly encouraged to attend Open House programs held at each Long Island Catholic school to learn first-hand about programs, facilities, faculties, activities, and the character of each institution. If you cannot attend an Open House, please contact a school directly. All of the high schools located on Long Island use the Catholic High Schools Entrance Examination for admission into 9th grade. Rigorous academic learning is reinforced at each of Long Island's Catholic high schools with engaging extra-curricular activities and a strong foundation in faith. These high schools offer a wide range of exciting choices for families considering a Catholic education. Guided by talented and dedicated religious and lay teachers, a Catholic education helps each student to test abilities, add skills, build confidence, and develop his or her understanding of faith. Start your journey now!

**To find out more, go to: <https://drvcschools.org> or on our website: *Choosing a Catholic School* brochure.**

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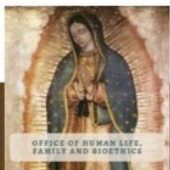
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## *As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish*

The principle of Stewardship is frequently discussed in Catholic circles, both among the laity and Church leadership. Stewardship is based in scripture and in Church traditions. Stewardship flows from our gratitude to God for the gifts, with which we have been blessed. We show our gratitude by being generous in our response with our time, talent, and treasure.

We would like to encourage you to consider ways that you can leave a lasting legacy by making a planned gift to our parish or other Catholic Ministry.

You may be asking yourself what a planned gift is as it can be a confusing term and it is often misunderstood. Very simply, planned giving describes a donor's commitment to transfer capital assets to a qualified religious organization or other charity. More often than not, a planned gift is made by means of a formal agreement or contract.

Planned gifts are normally made from the donor's accumulated wealth as part of an overall estate plan. The most common form of a planned gift is a bequest provision in a Will.

Many Catholics find the idea of making a planned gift to their parish appealing. Parishioners often wonder how to go about making a planned gift and they have other questions about doing this.

Faithful parishioners have found that naming the parish in their Wills or Trusts to be a very fulfilling way to show their appreciation for what the Church has meant to them. Some parishioners have left planned gifts in memory of a loved one or close friend. Others have made a bequest to support a particular parish ministry, or outreach.

Individuals who make planned gifts often enjoy significant tax advantages from their giving. Still others find that once their surviving family receives a reasonable inheritance, leaving a bequest to the parish is a fulfilling way to show their gratitude for God's blessings and leave a spiritual legacy.

Please give thought to remembering your parish in your estate plan. It is a beautiful thing to do for future generations!

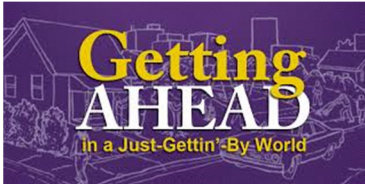
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# Resources Available

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### “Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North  
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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](mailto:svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com)

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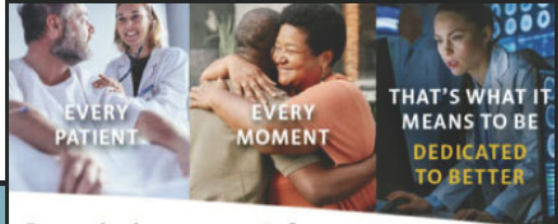


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