



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A): Adults inquiring about the Catholic Faith and Sacraments, please call the parish office. 628-1113

BAPTISM: One Sunday each month at 1:00 PM. Prior parents interview with priest or Deacon and class are required. (Call parish office.)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 PM and by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in person with priest at least six (6) months in advance and prior to reception arrangements. Completion of Pre-Cana programs mandatory.

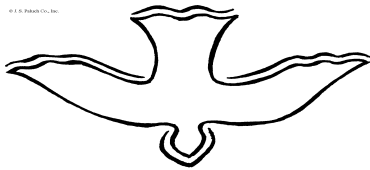
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Last Sunday of the month after 12:30 Mass for those with serious illness. In an emergency, please call parish office.

DEVOTIONS: Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Perpetual Help: Monday after 8:30 AM Mass and at 8:00 PM.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday 1 to 5PM

WEB SITE: www.stgersts.com — **E-mail** stgersts@AOL.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Every family in the parish should be registered. Please call the parish office for registration, or when changing address or moving to another parish.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
within you.

-- 1 Corinthians 6:19a

SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready--not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready--not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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St. Gertrude's Teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, offer to parishioners who are elderly/sick or young single parents, help with snow shoveling as part of their community service. If you are in need of snow shoveling call Jean Marie, 628-8019 or email Larry.drlarryguerra@hotmail.com

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every year, close to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, and before the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22, the cause of Church unity is commended to Christians everywhere. Sadly, Protestants, Orthodox, and Catholics have settled to a status quo of separation. When baptized people become Catholic, we speak of them as being received into "full communion." That means we already share a communion in faith in many ways, including the Word of God. Many Protestant denominations have received and revised the three-year cycle of readings first arranged by Catholics in the early 1970s. Therefore, many of your neighbors who are not Catholic are celebrating and reflecting on the same readings we are savoring on most Sundays of the year. This makes for a new spirit of cooperation among preachers of the gospel, and gives hope that the cause of reunion, desired by Christ, has great vitality at the table of God's Word, and will one day lead to unity at the table of the Lord's Body and Blood.

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Saturday & Sunday Religious Education Class Masses

Sunday, Jan. 22, 5th Grade Mass, 9:30am
Saturday, Jan. 28, 6th Grade Mass, 5:00pm

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY **January 15**
 7:30 AM Grace Monte +
 9:30AM Joseph, Francesca & Dominick
 Carbone & Joseph and Ida Barnao +
 11:30AM Dr John Malangone +

MONDAY **January 16**
 8:30AM Carmine & Grazia Frumiento +

TUESDAY **January 17**
 8:30AM Rev. Thomas Connolly +

WEDNESDAY **January 18**
 8:30AM Edward Gwisdalla +

THURSDAY **January 19**
 8:30AM Richard & Kathleen Johnson Family
 living & deceased

FRIDAY **January 20**
 8:30AM Luigi & Gioconda Daniello +
 John O'Connell +
 Deceased members of
 Palmaro, Sobrino & Sabin family
 Americo DeCarolis +

SATURDAY **January 21**
 8:30AM Harold Serra +
 Manuela Sabin +
 Raymond H. Cody

5:00PM Vigil Mass for Parishioners

SUNDAY **January 22**
 7:30 AM Anna Gwisdalla +
 9:30AM Thomas Alfano +
 11:30AM Anna & Orlando Trotta +

WINE & COMMUNION HOSTS

THIS WEEK

In Memory of

Justina Faustino

By

Mrs. Edward Minicozzi, Sr.



MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

BIRTHDAY OBSERVED

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

NO EXPOSITION OF

BLESSED SACRAMENT

PRESCHOOL CLOSED

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Speak, for your servant is listening
 (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

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

Second Reading -- Do you not know that your body is
 a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?
 (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel -- Andrew found his brother Simon and brought
 him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from
 the Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997,
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk
 3:20-21

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
 Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Wednesday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
 begins

Friday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

MARCH FOR LIFE

On Mon., January 23rd, 2012, the March For Life
 will take place in Washington, D. C. beginning at
 noon with a Rally on the Mall followed by a walk
 up Constitution Avenue ending at the Supreme
 Court.

The March encourages pro-life legislation, an end
 to abortion, and respect and protection for all
 human life born and preborn. Plan to bring your
 family to this historic event. For information on
 the March or to locate buses leaving from many
 Parishes in Nassau and Suffolk Counties for the
 one-day trip call the Respect Life Office of the
 Diocese at 516-678-5800 x626,
 e-mail respectlifeoffice@drvc.org or call the
 Long Island Coalition for Life at 631-243-1435.

Please pray for our sick

Eugene Bambrick
Edward Burgie
Carmella Castigliola
Christine DiMarco
Michael DiMarco
Joseph Doherty
Bette Dougherty
Vincent Furnari
Joe Giralamo
Lynn Gormley

Alex Kiczek, SFO
Donald McGuinness
Louis Pappas
Adrienne Peterson
Jessie Petrafessa
Richard Qurerri
Steven Varjian
Kenneth Veselak
Lynn Valentine

Please Pray for our Deceased
Beatrice Tursi

*Please Pray for all in
Armed Forces*



Hosp. Medic. Matthew D. Perez
2nd Lt. Glenn Harvey
Lt. Travis J. Buffa ...Lt. Melissa Buffa
Sp. Trevor Tebaldi
Air Nat. G. John Angerame, Jr., Sp. Chase Tucker
Corp. Jason Roland, DC2 Michael Carbone, Jr.
Lt. Col. Sean Patak, USMC SFC. Sean Schenck,
Lt. Cmdr. Cynthia Keating Airman Bryan Mollitor,
M Sgt. Donald J. Tucker Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz,
Major James Nicholson, Lt. Terrance Thorgramson
Lt. Col. Paul J. LaBue SSgt. Sacha K. Mattia,
SSgt. James P. Mattia, Lt. Col. Nicholas Mattia
The Four LoRusso Brothers SA Kristina Peietrofere
Lt. Sean Riordan Lt. Chad Lennon, USMC
LCPL Matthew Ketcham, USMC Lt. Wesley John Pritchett

MASS BOOK 2013

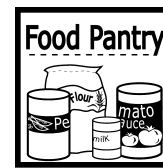
The Mass book for 2013 is now open
We will be accepting
mass requests for that year
Please note that the mass offering
will now be \$20 per mass.

CHAINS OF GRACE

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so
sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not
shackle our freedoms.

--St. Francis de Sales

FOOD PANTRY:



Open Fridays. **8:45 to 9:30AM**
Baskets for the Food Pantry are at
the Doors of the Church.
You may bring items for the Basket
Whenever you come to Mass.

SOME NEEDED SUPPLIES ARE:
Rice Canned Fruit Snacks Coffee, Tea Cocoa
Cookies, Crackers, Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce,
Apple Juice, Red Beans, Black Beans, Parmelat
Milk, Mazzola Oil, Mac & Cheese, Cereal
Tuna Fish, Spam, Crackers, Canned Chicken,
Snacks, Canned Soups, Paper Towels, Toilet Pa-
per, Baby Wipes, Peanut Butter, Shampoo,
Toothpaste Canned Fruit & Vegetables Soap

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR EMPTY PRINTER
CARTRIDGES!**

NO LARGE TONER CARTRIDGES, please.

So far we have earned **\$5,030**
****NO OUT OF DATE FOODS PLEASE****

Thank you for your help.

**St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset
HEALING MASS SCHEDULE**

(across from Christopher Morley Park (621-
8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7 p.m. Healing Mass
Schedule:
Wednesday, February 1,
Tuesday, March 6 Tuesday, April 17
Tuesday, May 15 Tuesday, June 5

After the Christmas break, the children all
came back and settled back into their classroom



routines quickly, even the two
year old class!
Although Mother Nature is
fortunately or unfortunately not
cooperating, all three classes are working on
snow units. The two year old class made snow-
men out of paper, the three year old class made
soapy snowmen and the four year old class made
snowmen with a potato masher. These projects
may be seen on their class bulletin boards.

GENTLENESS

Feelings are everywhere--be gentle.
--J. Masai



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Sunday, January 8 \$6,050

***Thank you for your support,
and for using your envelopes***

Reflection

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will."

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their call to service by assisting Catholic Charities' Housing Program to ensure the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of residents through access to safe and affordable facilities.

General Intercessions for Mass

That as steward disciples, we stand ready to accept, share, and cultivate our gifts for service to all our neighbors in the wider community, we pray to the Lord...

MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED

In addition to Masses for our beloved departed souls we have available, at the rectory, donation cards for the weekly wine and hosts which may be presented to the family of those remembered.

For details, please call the rectory



2021 PSAT/SAT EXAM PREP COURSE

For May 5th SAT Exam

Course will be held on the following Saturdays:

March 3, 17, 24, & 31

And April 21 and 28

9:00—11:30AM in Marian Hall

Course Fee: \$250.00 (includes textbook)

CONTACT: Mrs. Mascia 516-922-4888 x 5315

St. Dominic High School

**BULLETIN NOTICES MUST BE IN
FRIDAY MORNING
FOR FOLLOWING WEEK**

ROSARY GUILD



**KEEP IN MIND
SAVE THE DATE!!!**

What better time than these cloudy winter days to clean out your closets, attic, or basement? What do you do with things you no longer need?

The Rosary Guild is holding it's 13th ANNUAL ATTIC TREASURES AND CHILDREN'S WHITE ELEPHANT SALE on April 21st and April 22nd in the Parish Center.

We will accept your donations EXCEPT furniture, computers, and adult clothes. We will also have a table for NEW items — surely you received gifts that you can't use.

All proceeds go the Ida Barnao Pre-School Scholarship fund which truly needs your help as we have received more quests for the Scholarship than other years.

For further information please feel free to call either Catherine Carbone, 628-1441, Mary Ryan, 628-1270 or Barbara Savinetti, 676-5227

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Knights of Columbus Council #5341



BASKETBALL

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 10-14

***Proof of Age Required**

Date of Competition: Saturday, January 21st

Time: 9am –12pm

Where: St. Gertrude's Parish Center

Gymnasium 28 School St., Bayville

Steve Peguillan: fivepegs33@aim.com

Home: 628-9150 c-945-4522

2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts

A Letter from Bishop Murphy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we launch the 2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal, Father Stephen Brigandi and I extend our deepest thanks for your prayers and financial support. Together we share in the mission of Jesus as we work to build God's Kingdom here on Long Island. Last year more than 600,000 people were touched your generosity and the generosity of your fellow parishioners.

Whether it is the needy being assisted through Catholic Charities, our children being formed in their faith through religious education programs, a young man or woman discerning a religious vocation or parishioners deepening their faith through ongoing formation and sacramental participation, so many Long Islanders depend on the Church and the support provided by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Through this Appeal, we are supporting the mission of our Church. Our sacrifices are transformed into signs of God's love and hope through ministries that give us the opportunity to live and share our faith, to care for God's people and to help build the Kingdom of God, bringing us together to Belong More Deeply to the Lord, the Church and to one another.

We are grateful for your last gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please reflect upon your blessings and, if possible, consider increasing your support. Thank you for all you have done, and all you will do to be a sign of God's love to others.

With my gratitude and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

**For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal,
to view the video, or to donate,
please visit www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org
or call 516-379-5210 ext. 229.**