



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

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

**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 the rectory.

**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.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com) — E-mail [stgerts@AOL.com](mailto:stgerts@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.

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 29, 2012**

Come, let us bow down in worship;.....let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

-- Psalm 95:6

### **FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS**

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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**Jesus taught  
with authority**



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### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	<b>January 29</b> Charles V. Hili, Sr. + Thomas Alfano + Elinor Sergio +
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>January 30</b> John Barry + First Anniversary
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>January 31</b> Virginia Coschignano + 10th Anniversary
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>February 1</b> Justina Faustino +
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>February 2</b> Palmaro, Sobrino, Sabin & Family members
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>February 3</b> Manuela Sabin + 2nd Anniversary Ida Barnao + Helen Murphy +
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>February 4</b> Richard & Kathleen Johnson Family living & deceased + Regina Tarantino + Mass of Thanksgiving To St. Anthony James DiGiovanni +
5:00PM	Vigil Mass for Parishioners
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	<b>February 5</b> Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Guild Alfred & Margaret Peacock + Carmine & Grazia Frumiento +



WINE & COMMUNION HOSTS  
THIS WEEK  
In Memory of  
Felicia Proveromo  
by  
John & Joanne DelGiudice

**Saturday & Sunday Religious Education  
Class Masses**

**Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 — 9:30AM**

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -- Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** -- Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** -- The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

*The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass (c) 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -- 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	St. John Bosco
Thursday:	The Presentation of the Lord; Groundhog Day
Friday:	First Friday, St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats;
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

### 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.

**TODAY— JANUARY 29  
SACRAMENT  
OF  
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK  
AFTER 11:30AM MASS**

*Please pray for our sick*

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

Alex Kiczek, SFO  
Donald McGuiness  
Louis Pappas  
Jessie Petrafessa  
Richard Qureni  
Steven Varjian  
Kenneth Veselak  
Lynn Valentine

*Please Pray for our Deceased*

Vincent Furnari  
Helen Roche

*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. LoBue	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



After the holiday weekend, the 3 classes continued their themes of snow.

In the twos, the children worked on winter animals such as the polar bear.

In the threes the children focused on the penguin in their projects and in their creative movement activity.

In the fours the class worked on snow flakes and this week as part of their science unit, took a look at plants. After a discussion on what plants need, some seeds were planted without one of the things that plants need to see if it would have any affect on the plant. More on this as time goes by.

**A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR OUR  
KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN**



**COME  
JOIN US**

You are invited to come to Church on  
Friday, March 9  
At 4:00PM. This fun afternoon is  
especially for you,  
our kindergarten children!

Come and spend time with other  
boys and girls from our parish.

We will sing and pray and work on a  
Special activity together.  
Come and be part of the fun!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Mrs. Walsh

\*Parents if you are interested in having your  
child participate in this Kindergarten activity,  
please call the Religious Ed office  
At 628-2432 or email at [stgertslwalsh@aol.com](mailto:stgertslwalsh@aol.com)



St. Vincent dePaul meeting :  
Tuesday January 31st  
at 7:30PM in the  
Lower Church.

**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 Parish Office.



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



## Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

Sunday, January 22 \$4,280

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

### *Reflection*

Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsman." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

### *Living Stewardship*

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who set aside time with the Sunday Readings throughout the week so as to be better prepared to hear the Word of God and act on it.

### *General Intercessions for Mass*

That as confident stewards we will tell others about Jesus, the Living Word of God, without fear or hesitation," we pray to the Lord...

## ST. GERTRUDE'S PRAYER GROUP PRAYER MEETING

**Tuesday, February 7**

- 6:30PM — Early Pray-overs
- 6:50PM — Rosary
- 7:00 PM — Worship & Praise
- 7:30PM — Scripture Sharing
- 8:30PM — Witnessing
- Pray-overs continue
- 9:00PM — Closing Hymn



"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

*John 4:14*

The men of the Prayer Group will introduce us to the springs of Living Water that will quench our thirst!

The word of God enables us to live and grow and be the people that the Father has called us to be!

### **NOT WITHOUT LOVE**

The soul cannot live without love.

*--St. Francis de Sales*

## 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 clothing.

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

On another note... We know that you would have been touched to see the joy on the faces of the residents of Jones Manor and United Cerebral Palsy when they opened the Christmas gifts that you donated.

The gifts were fabulous. Your generosity and sharing at this time of blessings spreads "good will" to those who most need it!

Thank you for participating in this wonderful endeavor!

### **ROSARY GUILD MEETING**

Please come, join us for St. Gertrude's next Rosary Guild meeting.

**February 2nd, 7:30PM in the Parish Center.**

Father Damian Halligan from St. Ignatius Retreat House to speak on the origin of the Rosary.

Enjoy raffles, fun games, refreshments and Christian unity!

## FAITH DIRECT

*inspiring secure giving*

Do you often find yourself without your checkbook or envelope on Sunday morning?

Join the many parishioners who have already enrolled in *Faith Direct* for automated giving to St. Gertrude. *Faith Direct* is secure and convenient, and will provide you with an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

Sign up today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is NY83. You can also pick up an enrollment form at the parish office or call *Faith Direct's* toll-free number, 866-507-8757, for more information.

As we begin a new year, I hope you will consider taking advantage of this new way of giving. Your generosity means a great deal to our parish family. Please consider using *Faith Direct* today!

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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](mailto:Larry.drlarryguerra@hotmail.com)

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### 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**

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### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Celebrate your marriage and your love by experiencing a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Make your good marriage truly great. Next weekend is February 10 to 12, a great Valentine's day gift!

Registration is limited. 866-499-6354 or email Ron and Chris Morasse, at [ron@morassefamily.com](mailto:ron@morassefamily.com), or 516-731-2055.

## Chaminade High School First Trimester Honor Roll

### Freshman

Gregory M Gaglione  
Timothy J. Mangan  
Thomas A. Ruhl  
Luciano J. Venturino

### Sophomore

William J. Ryan

### Junior

Michael A. Mansueto

### Senior

Robert D. Ozer

Congratulations and Blessings to you all!



The Community of St. Gertrude's Parish is delighted to welcome and include these children into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism

Olivia Grace Jeffreys  
Max Theodore Lang  
Kayla Marie Leddy  
Henry Jude Pisciotta  
Dylan Dominic Jackson  
Oliver Daniel Jatib

### 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

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### 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.**



*Thank you for your help.*