

# THE CHURCH OF SAINT GERTRUDE

BAYVILLE, NEW YORK

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**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)



## The Nativity of the Lord December 25, 2011

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.

-- John 1:5

### THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" pre-dates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late!

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## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	<b>December 25 Christmas Day</b> Fennelly & Mullen Families + Peter Connolly + Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello +
<b>MONDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>December 26</b> Manuela Sabin +
<b>TUESDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>December 27</b> Ralph & Rita Sergio +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>December 28</b> Katherine Sergio +
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>December 29</b> Ambrose Fusillo +
<b>FRIDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>December 30</b> Lydia Batista + Richard & Kathleen Johnson Family living & deceased
<b>SATURDAY</b> 8:30AM	<b>December 31</b> Lucille & Marcel Palmaro & The Sabin & Sobrino Families+ Joseph C. Auletta + Joanie Pisciotta +
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	<b>January 1</b> Rosary Guild, Living & Deceased Members Thomas Alfano + Malusa & Miceli Family +



WINE & COMMUNION HOSTS  
THIS WEEK  
In Memory of  
Manuela Sabin

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,.....For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. His Name shall be called Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful  
*Isaiah 9:1, 5 & 6*

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** -- All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

**Psalm** -- All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** -- God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

**Gospel** -- The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Friday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday:	St. Stephen
Tuesday:	St. John
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket
Friday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I



**CHRISTMAS MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 26  
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED  
NO EXPOSITION OF  
BLESSED SACRAMENT  
PRESCHOOL CLOSED**



*Please pray for our sick*

Eugene Bambrick	Alex Kiczek, SFO
Edward Burgie	Donald McGuinness
Carmella Castigliola	Louis Pappas
Christine DiMarco	Adrienne Peterson
Michael DiMarco	Jessie Petrafessa
Joseph Doherty	Linda Pons
Bette Dougherty	Richard Quremi
Vincent Furnari	Dominick Scaperotta
Joe Giralamo	Steven Varjian
Lynn Gormley	Kenneth Veselak
	Lynn Valentine

*Please Pray for our Deceased*

*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



**St. Gertrude's Parish Mission and Vision Statement**  
*Located on Long Island's North Shore our parish of St. Gertrude is a unique Catholic Community, alive in faith and family traditions.*

*Led by the Spirit, we come together to share the Eucharist, strive to be open and inviting, and spread the word of Jesus through compassionate service to all.*  
*As a prayerful, nurturing, and hope-filled community, we seek to grow and be better stewards of God's gifts by sharing Christ's love with everyone.*

Approved by the Pastoral Advisory Council



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE  
2011**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 25  
7:30AM  
9:30AM  
11:30AM**

**NEW YEAR'S MASSES  
New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary),  
Mass for Peace  
Saturday, December 31, 5:00PM  
New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary),  
Sunday, January 1  
7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM**

**The children of the preschool** are busy learning



Christmas songs and working on making cards and presents for the two special people in their lives, mommy and daddy.

We anticipate a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus next week as each class will have a Christmas party in their room.

The hall mural is finally done and the children and staff really outdid themselves with this one; it would rival any storefront on Fifth Avenue! Come and see it if you get the chance.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Free food for those in need.  
Gross Monthly Income for Seniors.  
Single Seniors \$1,174 or less.  
Senior Couple \$1,579 or less.  
For information call 631-491-4166

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# Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

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

## *Reflection*

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

## *Living Stewardship*

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who rejoice because the Word became flesh and dwells among us! O Come let us adore Him!

## *General Intercessions for Mass*

That as attentive stewards, we seek God's greatest gift and adore Him by sharing our gifts in service to our neighbor and larger community...  
we pray to the Lord...

## **FAITH DIRECT**

*inspiring secure giving*

Enroll today by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code, **NY83**, or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office to get started!

## **IN 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



**WEIGHT WATCHERS** meets in Lower Church  
Tuesday's 6:30PM and Saturdays at 9:30AM.  
Weekly meeting fee: \$13

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

## **LOVE**

Let those who never loved before,  
love now:

Let those who always loved,  
love the more.

*--Anonymous*

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## **WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WITH FLOWERS**

Frank Martocci  
 Pat Meringolo  
 Remo T. Savino  
 Jeffrey Diglio  
 Angelino Schettini  
 Thomas Barrentine  
 Barbara Ravid Calle  
 The Thomas Hoy Family  
 John & Rose Pacifico  
 James & Patricia Foote  
 Nicholas Pucciariello  
 Marcel & Lucille Palmaro  
 Bob & Ann Nigro & Peter  
 Edward & Celia Nerko  
 Jeannine Willett Light & Family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanislaw Zielinski  
 Ms. Mirtha Gil and Family  
 George & Bernadette Saulnier  
 William & Mary Fennelly  
 Frank, Anna, Frances, and Saul  
 Jennie & Angelo Savinitti  
 Jennie & Rocco Stanco  
 Caronia & Gesumaria Families  
 Donald Murphy & Family  
 Frank & Mary Hesse  
 Denatale Family  
 Kennedy Family  
 The Celauro Family  
 Otto Diepering  
 Gunther E. Faas  
 Philip DeJana  
 Brexel Family  
 Pat Meringolo  
 Charles Savinitti, Sr.  
 Moran & Genovese Families  
 Edward & Frances Dolce  
 Marie & Anthony Bologna  
 Moran & Genovese Families  
 Petrocelli & Keller Family  
 Hafner, Bathie & Fitzpatrick Family  
 Mr. & Mrs. Stanislaw Zielinski  
 Mr. & Mrs. Chester Tarnowski  
 The Robert Baudone Family  
 Steven, Tommy & Louie Mazzara  
 Deceased Members of D'Errico & Laurino Families  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Maimone, & Family  
 Gertrude & Joseph Bauer  
 William J, Ryan Family  
 Morales Family



## 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, Spaghetti Sauce,  
Apple Juice, Red Beans, Black Beans, Parmalat  
Milk, Mac & Cheese, Cereal Tuna Fish, Spam,  
Crackers, Canned Chicken, Snacks, Canned Soups,  
Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Baby Wipes, Peanut  
Butter, Shampoo, Toothpaste Canned Fruit &  
Vegetables Soap

The Christmas Season tends to  
use up  
everything in our pantry  
Please help keep it well stocked  
during this holy season!!



Thank you for your help.

### ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

First Trimester

2011 — 2012

Grade 9

Principal's List Elizabeth McGowan

### St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll

1st Quarter

Anthony Aloisio

Michael Scicutella

### Saturday & Sunday Religious Education Class Masses

Saturday, January 7, 8th Grade Mass, 5:PM

Sunday, January 22, 5th Grade Mass, 9:30AM

Saturday, January 28, 6th Grade Mass, 5:PM

## DEADLINE APPROACHING FOR PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP!!!

**IDA BARNAO PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP  
IS OFFERED** to a 2, 3, or 4 year old whose family  
is a member of St. Gertrude's Parish. A letter of in-  
tent should be sent to the Rectory to the Attention of  
the Ida Barnao Preschool Scholarship Committee.

Please mark **CONFIDENTIAL** on the front of the  
envelope.

Upon receipt of the letter, an application will be  
mailed to your. Contents of the letter and  
application are strictly confidential on the part of the  
Committee.

Deadline is **December 30th**. Letters received after  
the deadline will not be considered.

Call: Catherine Carbone, 628-1441,

Mary Ryan, 628-1270 or

Barbara Savinetti, 676-5227.

### *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

*Update....2011*

One Faith, One Hope,

Many Gifts



**St. Gertrude's Goal \$46,507**

**Pledges Made \$48,050**

**Donations Received \$46,350**

**Families Pledged 147**

Good News ...

We are 103% of our goal!!

### 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**