



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.

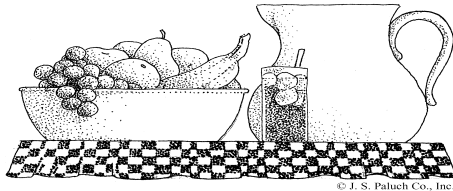
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Last Sunday of the month after 12:30 Mass for those with serious illness. In an emergency, please call the rectory.

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 — E-mail 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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2012

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.

-- 1 Corinthians 10:31

JESUS' WAY

Today's readings present a contrast between "Jesus' way" and the "old way." An example of the old way is the law given to Moses and Aaron about leprosy: the leper was unclean and cast out of the community. Jesus' way is the opposite: the leper is reached out to, touched, and finally cured.

Nor ought we think of the "old way" as restricted to the days of Moses and Aaron, or even to the "old" testament. The difference between the old way and Jesus' way arises in our own lives. We still choose, every day, to live in our old way or in Jesus' way.

Jesus dared to touch a leper, disregarding the old way. The leper then was changed forever. He felt a calling. He couldn't keep himself from proclaiming that he had been touched by Jesus (even though Jesus told him not to!). Once Jesus touches us, we are called to proclaim his way.

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HEALING POWER

Stronger than all the evils in the soul is the Word, and the healing power that dwells in him.

--Origen

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

What would you say is the oldest, most frequently sung, most translated, most memorized, most beloved song text in the Christian world today? An astute and surprising answer might be the Gloria, "Glory to God in the Highest."

In three weeks' time, the Lenten fast will begin, and the Gloria, sung at the beginning of Sunday Mass, will be silenced. It is an heirloom from a treasury of hymns spun from the songs of praise on the lips of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zachary. We move in the prayer from the song of the angels at the first Christmas, to the praise of God, and to a final plea to Christ to continue and complete his work in us.

For nearly 1500 years, the singing of the Gloria has been a sign of the festive quality of a particular Mass. From the beginning it was a song of the people, not of the choir or clergy. These last few Sundays of winter Ordinary Time allow us a chance to savor the hymn and give ourselves over to the chorus. How is the song of praise arising from your pew? If you claim the song as yours, its absence from Lent will be more striking, and its return at Easter will cheer your heart.

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LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR

To love the world is no big chore. It's that miserable person next door who is the problem.

--Anonymous

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	February 12 Constance Esposito + Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & Family + John Malangone +
MONDAY 8:30AM	February 13 Palmaro, Sobrino, Sabin Families +
TUESDAY 8:30AM	February 14 Nicholas Pucciarello +
WEDNESDAY 8:30AM	February 15 Richard & Kathleen Johnson Family living & deceased +
THURSDAY 8:30AM	February 16 Manuela Sabin
FRIDAY 8:30AM	February 17 Diane Demery + Helen Murphy + Luis Rodriguez +
SATURDAY 8:30AM	February 18 Loretta Brunetti + DeCesare Family, Living & Deceased
5:00PM	Vigil Mass for Parishioners
SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	February 19 Raffale Frumiento + Alfred Alacca + Joseph, Francesca & Dominick Carbone & Joseph & Ida Barnao +



WINE & COMMUNION HOSTS
THIS WEEK
In Memory of
Virginia Salerno
by
Edwin & Victoria Siegel

Saturday & Sunday Religious Education Class Masses

Sunday, Feb. 19, — 9:30AM, 3rd Grade
Saturday, March 10, — 5:00PM, 7th Grade
Sunday, March 18, — 9:30AM, 4th Grade
Saturday, March 24, 5:00PM, 6th Grade

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm -- I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading -- Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31 -- 11:1).

Gospel -- The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

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:	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34 -- 9:1
Saturday:	Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday:	Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day
Friday:	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary



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**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 20
PRESIDENT'S
DAY
PARISH OFFICE
CLOSED**

**NO EXPOSITION OF
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**PRESCHOOL
&
RELIGIOUS ED CLOSED**

Please pray for our sick

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

Alex Kiczek, SFO
Donald McGuiness
Louis Pappas
Jessie Petrafessa
Richard Qureri
Steven Varjian
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 Moskowitiz,
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



This week our preschoolers learned all about the groundhog.

The three year olds took the opportunity to turn it into science lesson by finding out what you need to make a shadow.

The four year olds also learned about Chinese New Year, thanks to one of our parents. They got Chinese drums to make noise to chase away the bad luck and they also got to take home some Chinese sweets.

This week we also had our annual **Open House and registration** for new and current parents. If you missed the days, please call Bernadette at the preschool office at 628-3710 to schedule an appointment.

**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 kindergar-
ten 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 stgerstslwalsh@aol.com**



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Sunday, February 5, \$6,993
Church in Need .. \$994

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

Reflection

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "so all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use their gifts to welcome and offer hospitality to those who are frequently shunned... the stranger, the immigrant the AIDS sufferer, the mentally ill and the poor.

General Intercessions for Mass

That as steward disciples, we work for social change that reflects Jesus' example of welcoming, we pray to the Lord...

MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED

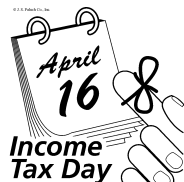
In addition to Masses for our beloved departed souls we have available, at the parish office, donation cards for the weekly wine and hosts which may be presented to the family of those remembered.

For details, please call the Parish Office.



INCOME TAX DAY IS COMING

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to receive a letter stating the amount of your financial gift to St. Gertrude's Parish for the year 2011.



ROSARY GUILD



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

The Rosary Guild is holding it's 13th ANNUAL ATTIC TREASURES AND CHILDREN'S WHITE ELEPHANT SALE on APRIL 21 AND APRIL 22 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 have received gifts that you cannot use.

We need children's clothing, toys, books, etc.

All proceeds go to the Ida Barnao Pre-School Scholarship.

For further information please feel free to call either Catherine Carbone, 628-1441, Mary Ryan, 628-1270 or Barbara Savinetti, 676-5227 Barbara Serio, 628-2115

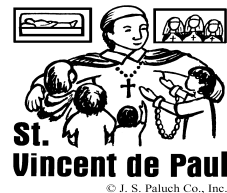
MASS BOOK 2013

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.

ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 1
LOWER CHURCH
TIME: 7:30PM





LENT BEGINS!!

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
is
ASH WEDNESDAY**

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

at

**8:30AM MASS
4:00PM PRAYER SERVICE
and
7:30PM MASS**



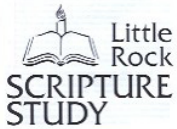
Stations of the Cross Fridays in Lent

7:30 pm Church

February 24
March 2
March 9: led by Religious Ed
March 16: led by Religious Ed
March 23:
March 30:

**LENTEN ADULT
FAITH FORMATION**

**Acts of the Apostles
Part 2**



The excitement of Pentecost enlivened the hearts of early believers in their struggles to establish communities

of faith — struggles surprisingly like those we experience today!

As part of our study, you will meet Peter & Paul, two of the early church's most significant leaders.

All welcome — bring a friend!

Friday Mornings: February 24, March 2, 9, 16, & 23.

Time: 9:30 to 11:00AM

Parish Center, Room 1

For more information or questions

contact: Nancy Head 628-8467

, Lenten Observations

**FAST AND
ABSTINENCE**

In Catholic liturgical and spiritual tradition, Lent is a “preparation for the celebration of Easter.



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For the Lenten liturgy disposes both catechumens and the faithful to celebrate the paschal mystery.”

(Roman Calendar, 27) This is accomplished through the liturgy itself, and by penitential practices such as fasting, almsgiving and intensive prayer. These are designed to foster conversion, reconciliation, purification, and healing with God, oneself and the community, especially for those preparing to celebrate the Easter Sacraments.

Abstinence from Meat

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting

All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.

Dispensations from Abstinence and Fasting

Catholics are not to consider themselves lightly excused from the obligation to fast and/or abstain. However, Catholics who have a good reason not to abstain or fast are not bound by the law.

Although not required, they are encouraged to substitute another penitential practice, prayer, or work of charity.

The obligation to do penance and to observe the appointed penitential seasons is a serious one. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse.

A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence.

The priests who serve in the Diocese of Rockville Centre possess the faculty to dispense in individual cases.



TRIDUUM CHOIR 2012
Come sing with us!

**We're forming a special choir
to sing for the
Sacred Triduum.
We'll be singing On
Holy Thursday, Good Friday
and
at the Easter Vigil.**

**If you would like to sing for all
or just part of the Triduum,
you're most welcome to join us.**

Rehearsal dates are:

**2/28, 3/6, 3/15,
3/20, 3/29, 4/2.**

**All rehearsals will be held in the Church
from 7:30PM-9:00PM. For more information,
please contact Carol Goetz at 628-1113.**

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 Co-
coa Cookies, Crackers, Spaghetti, Tomato
Sauce, Apple Juice, Red Beans, Black Beans,
Parmalat Milk, Mazzola Oil, 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

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Weekly meeting fee: \$13

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



First Time

Shawn Shamulzai, Riverhead, NY
Lena M. Cutrone, St. Gertrude's, Bayville, NY



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

Paige Taylor Diliberto
Robert Lederer
Regan Adele Kahn
Gage Thomas Kahn
Lauren Patricia LeMieux
Samantha Jane Sumcizk
William Christopher Tiberio
Lena Lopata McAree
Joseph Robert DeNatale
Natalie Grace Minicozzi-McMackin



"Blessed Are You" **Bereavement Conference**

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2012

**Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale, NY •
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

***"...Blessed are they who mourn for they
shall be comforted." MT 5:4***

**Workshops and Sharing Sessions
are offered in the following**

Specific Loss · Spirituality & Support for
All Losses · General Loss ·

For Professional & Volunteer Facilitators
& Caregivers

**For more info visit: [www.drvc-faith.org/
bereavement.html](http://www.drvc-faith.org/bereavement.html) or call 516-334-7990 ext. 120
or 112. Online Registration Discount: [http://
holyroodcemetery.org/Bereavement.html](http://holyroodcemetery.org/Bereavement.html)**

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.Keynote Address by Father Tony Stanganelli