

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

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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: 4:00-5:00pm & 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 3rd 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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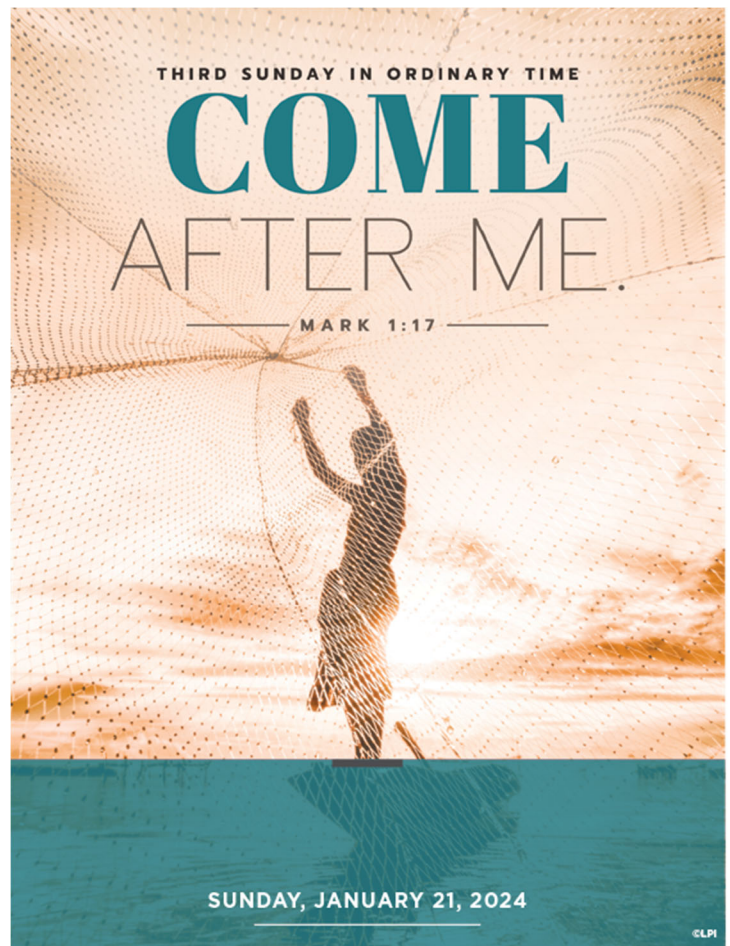
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am—4:00pm
(or by appointment)

Fax: (516) 628-9032

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Email: svdpstgerts@gmail.com

Furniture: (516) 746-8250



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. . .

SATURDAY January 20

5:00 pm German Andrade +
Adiela Correa +

SUNDAY January 21

7:30 am For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30 am Erika Bruno +
11:30 am Dorothy O'Brien +

MONDAY January 22

8:30 am Gordon & Eileen Willett +

TUESDAY January 23

8:30 am Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro,
and the Sabin & Sobrino families +

WEDNESDAY January 24

8:30 am Michael Kennedy +

THURSDAY January 25

8:30 am Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello and family +

FRIDAY January 26

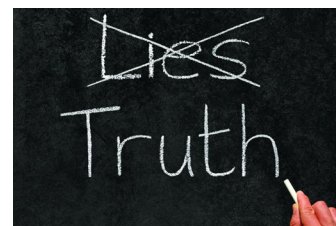
8:30 am Nita DeCesare +

SATURDAY January 27

8:30 am James Willett +
5:00 pm For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reflection



We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things," but it doesn't. It literally means **"go beyond the mind you have."** Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Scripture Readings January 21, 2024



First Reading: When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

Gospel: Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday January 27 th	5:00pm — Msgr. Morrissey
Sunday, January 28 th	7:30am — Fr. Joseph
	9:30am — Msgr. Morrissey
	11:30am — Fr. Joseph



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

LT Mary Grace Colluci

2nd LT Glenn Harvey

LT Colonel Nicholas Lo Russo

Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz

PFC Matthew A. Passero

Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez

Capt. Thomas E. Rojek

ENS Patrick Hesse USN

LT Colonel Terrance Thorgramson

LCpl Brian Allen

Major Janet R. Erazo

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Sgt. 5 Jose Marin

Major James Nicholson

LT William Hegarty

LT Sean Riordan

Spc. Chase Tucker

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Capt. James Andrew Baker

Pfc. Mark Chuisano

1st LT William Trotta, Jr.

Capt. Alexander Van Patten USAF

Airman Bryan Mollitor

LT Col. Sean Patak

Sfc. Sean P. Schenck

Cpl. Jason Roland

Major Chad Lennon

US Army Sgt. Richard F. Charon

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.



Mary Connelly, Joe Buffa
Nora Caruso, Sean Stalker

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)

January 7, 2024 \$7,277.00

January 14, 2024 N/A

The second collection next week is for Church in Need

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), tea, 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 3rd 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!



Robert J. Rooney

The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to his family & friends.

Faith Direct

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You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY83, or text 'enroll' to 516-494-7947 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757 (toll-free).

Thank you!

Check out our website for other information that our printed bulletin cannot accommodate.

Wwww.stgerts.com

Preschool News: The Preschool is fully embracing all things Winter! This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made a cow project. Miss Carmela's 2's worked on the letter L. They also learned about snow and made a snowflake project. Miss Anna's 3's learned about how animals camouflage themselves. They also made a fox, penguin, and wolf craft. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter P and made an "LMNO peas" craft. They also made a craft based on the story The Mitten, and painted winter hats. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter O and continued their science unit by learning how a shell can be dissolved in vinegar. They also made sensory snow and a puffy paint snow scene.



Welcome to
Preschool

Teacher's Assistant Wanted for our preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. We are searching for a patient, charismatic and caring individual to join our staff. 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.



ANGELS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Outreach Program here at St. Gertrude would like to thank each of you who took an angel from the Giving Tree. Your outpouring of generosity brought smiles to 50 children from 22 families, as well as to six homebound seniors. The pantry bulletin board is filled with many thank yous from the children for whom you made Christmas a special time. Thank you so much.

*God's blessings to all of you
in the new year!!!*



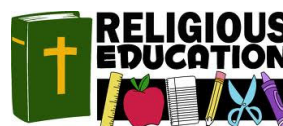
Msgr. Jim Vlaun
Executive Producer
www.religionandrock.com

Tune into Religion & Rock with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Saturdays at 11:00 PM on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and at 11PM on XM Satellite, Channel 117. Next Sunday's theme is Searching for Meaning, don't miss it!

The 2024 Mass book is open. Masses remain at \$20 each and wine & hosts for the week remain at \$50. Cash or check only.



READ AND RETURN!
Please stop by, take a look and borrow a book to READ and just RETURN when you are finished.



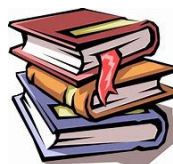
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Do you know of anyone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic? Have you or someone you know wanted to complete the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? Invite them to join a community of adults who are discerning God's call through prayer and discussion as they learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information contact Dr. Sheehan in our Religious Education office at 516-628-2432 or faithformation@stgerts.org.



Rosary Guild News

The Rosary Guild has a new link on the parish website (under Ministries)
See: www.stgerts.org.

Please note: Newsletters will no longer be mailed. Find them on the website, or if you'd like a newsletter emailed directly to your inbox, kindly send an email to stgertruderosaryguild@gmail.com. Thank you!



SOMETHING NEW A SMALL LENDING LIBRARY

Please look for the book cart located in the side vestibule of the church near the new restrooms.

The Christmas Pageant 2023



Thank you to all the children who made the Christmas Pageant a great success. Parents should be proud of their children for their joyful and heartfelt performances! Also a big thank you to all who helped in any way directing, baking, teaching songs, etc., to contribute in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.



2023
CATHOLIC
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*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



**Thank you for your generous support of the
2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal.**

Completing your 2023 pledge ensures that our Parish
will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

To give securely online, please go to:
<https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

***Please remember that all 2023 pledges
must be paid in full by January 31, 2024.***

Thank you!

***This LENT
do something special!
Enrich your marriage!!!***



For 2024
Live your best life in love!
Attend a
WWME Virtual Experience

Thursday evenings 7:00 PM* (EST)
February 8, 15, 22, 29, and
March 7, 14, and 21

Via Zoom

*Each Session lasts @ 2—2.5 hours

Additional info?

Call: 646-642-7463

Email: jimmy.bernice.acevedo@wwme.org

Visit: wwme.org



Scan Code to go directly
to application!



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024
7:00 PM
ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL GYM
Tickets On Sale!

<https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/>

Tickets

General Admission - \$30 in advance (\$35 @ door)
 (children 3 and under do not need a ticket)

Reserved Student- \$50
 Special reserved seating close to the court and free team poster.

Reserved Adult- \$50
 Special reserved seating close to the court and \$5 souvenir gift certificate. (200 max seating)

Courtside Plus Student - \$80 (limited quantity)
Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, a color team photo that is perfect for autographs and a \$5 discount on Wizards replica jersey.

Courtside Plus Adult - \$80 (limited quantity)
Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, and a \$10 souvenir gift certificate for adults.

Courtside Player (Students K-8) - \$155 (10 tickets available)

Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, jersey (picked up at game) souvenir lanyard, color team photo for kids that is perfect for autographs AND the opportunity to play in a 3-minute game with the Harlem Wizards during half-time.

***This is not a drop-off event, K-6 students must be accompanied by an adult.**

We will be selling concessions and Wizards Souvenirs (cash or cc) to help raise money

Our Students are Thriving!

Come and see why other parents in the community chose Catholic Education for their families!

School Tours & Open Houses Happening During Catholic Schools Week in January 2024!



Sun, Jan 28, 2024
Mass at 9:30 am
OPEN HOUSE
10:30 am - 1:00 pm
Jan 29 - Feb 2, 2024
Call for appointment.



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OPEN HOUSE
Sun, Jan 28, 2024
11:30 am - 2:00 pm



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL · Hicksville, NY
www.hfsli.org · (516) 938-3846



OPEN HOUSE
Sat, Jan 27, 2024
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm



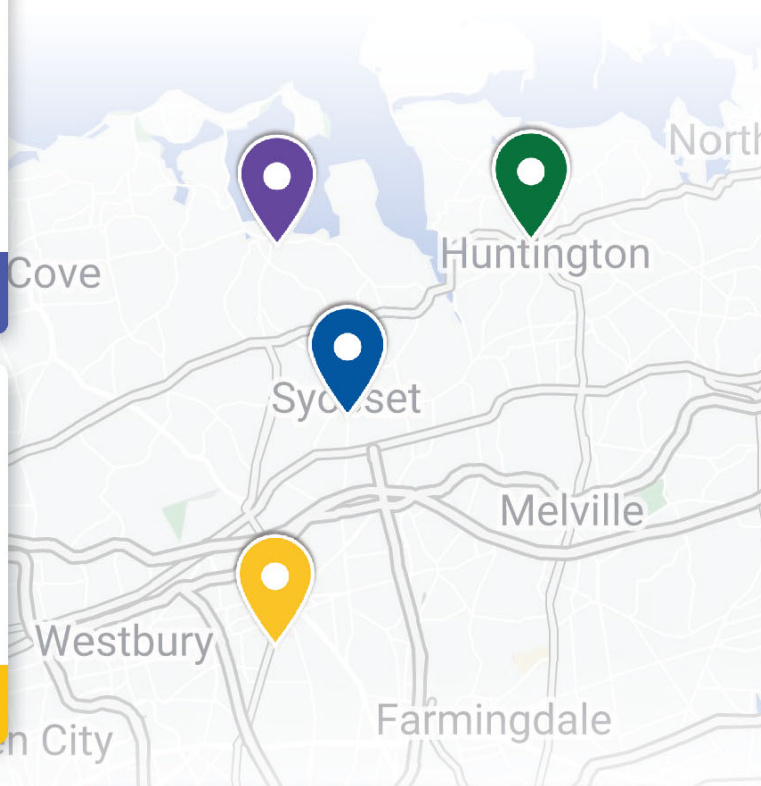
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OPEN HOUSE
Thu, Jan 25, 2024
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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www.stpathunt.org/school · (631) 385-3322



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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 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 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

Bishop McHugh Health Center (Nassau)

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

Bishop McHugh Center (Suffolk)

24 East Main St
Bay Shore, NY 11706
(631) 376-4025



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
January 19-21, 2024
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington**

**To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org**

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

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Join us for our Open House!

SUNDAY · JAN 28, 2024

10:30am - 1:00pm

The Open House at St. Dominic is an ideal opportunity to speak with our families, students, administration, and clergy. We invite you to learn all about how this unique, supportive community challenges students every day to be the best version of themselves—spiritually, academically, athletically, and socially. All are welcome!

“One Journey Through Faith and Education”

Why Choose St. Dominic School?

- In 1924, under the auspices of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (Scranton, PA), St. Dominic opened its doors. For almost 100 years, St. Dominic Elementary School has been providing the children of Long Island with a rigorous, academic education inextricably rooted in strong Catholic faith-based values. Education at St. Dominic fulfills the critical role in the development of the children both morally and spiritually.
- St. Dominic is a close-knit, caring community which fosters a strong partnership between parents and faculty which is the key element in the academic development of the whole child.
- Our professional, highly qualified faculty is dedicated to each individual child's academic success. Their commitment to Catholic education is a true example of service.
- St. Dominic offers various athletic and academic enrichment programs that augment the robust, educational experience.
- St. Dominic has provided each child with a safe and supportive environment which allows them to see how God's love surrounds them every day. At St. Dominic, each child is inspired to become an instrument of God within their community by helping them understand the perpetual commitment to the service of others.




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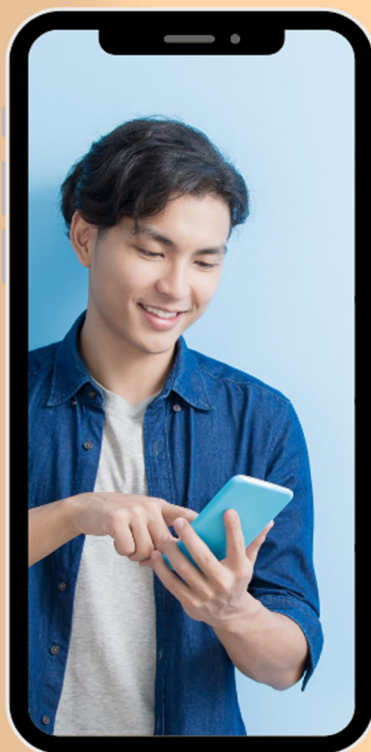
**Planned Gifts of IRAs are not the best assets for family members to inherit?
WHY? Heirs will pay taxes on these financial instruments.**

On the other hand, IRAs are good assets to give to the Church or other charity when doing your estate planning since they will not pay a tax on retirement assets they inherit.

Making a planned gift of a retirement asset reduces the tax burden on a family. In addition, making a planned gift of an IRA is easy and affordable. All it takes is to update a beneficiary designation with a donor's bank or investment company.

For more information on tax-wise planned gifts, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



1

Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions

2

Monitor technology use (trust but verify)

3

Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech

4

Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks

5

Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online



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~A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE~

During a review of the Virtus report for St. Gertrude's, it was noted many Virtus accounts require updating. If you receive an e-mail from Virtus instructing you to log into your Virtus account, IT IS LEGITIMATE - THIS IS NOT A SCAM!!!

If you remain active in ministry **and** it has been five years (or more) since your prior background screening was performed; it is time to be rescreened. Please log into your Virtus account: www.virtus.org If you forgot your user ID and password, Virtus will provide instructions.

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

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.

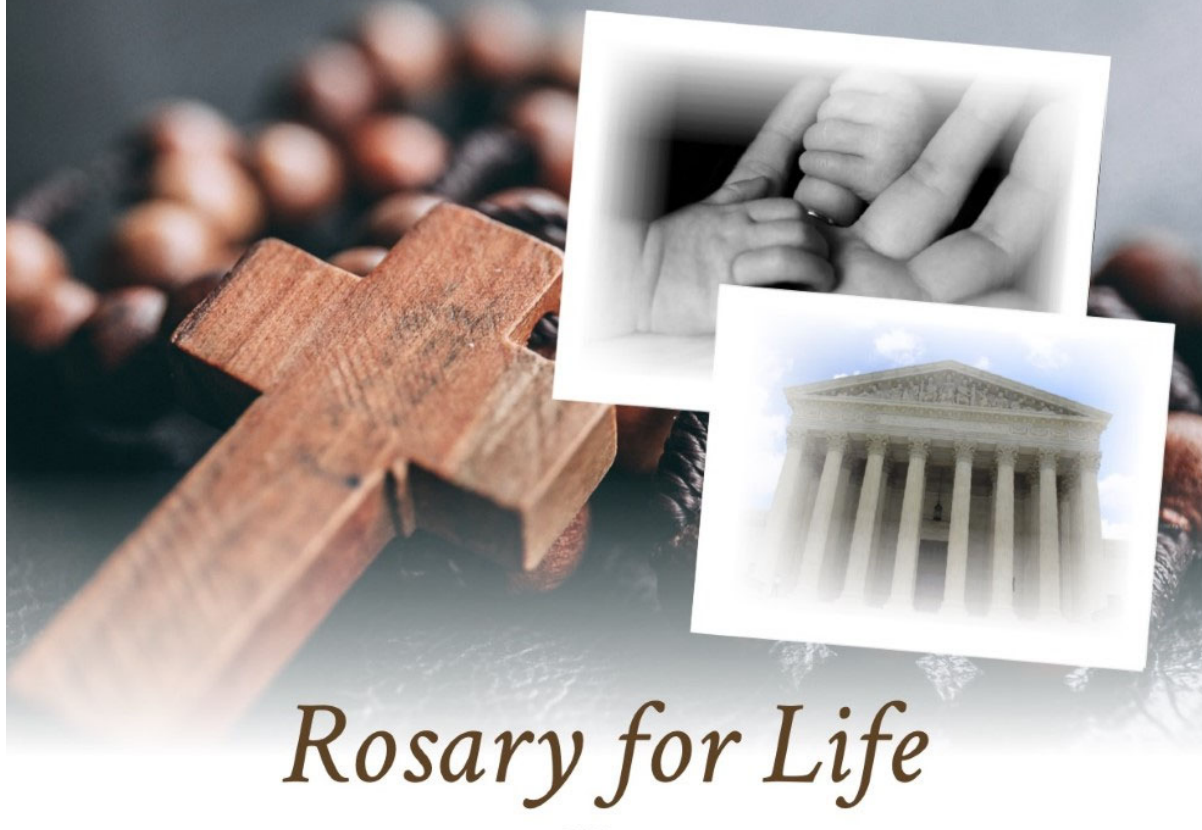
DRVC Department of Education

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Hicksville, NY 11801
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"We pledge to persevere in prayer,
fasting and witnessing to the
sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the
U.S. Supreme Court Decision in
Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022



Rosary for Life



JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

Click here for link

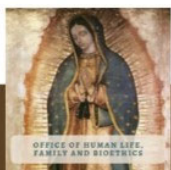
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The principle of Stewardship is frequently discussed in Catholic circles, both among the laity and Church leadership. Stewardship is based in scripture and in Church traditions. Stewardship flows from our gratitude to God for the gifts, with which 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!

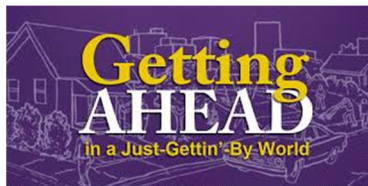
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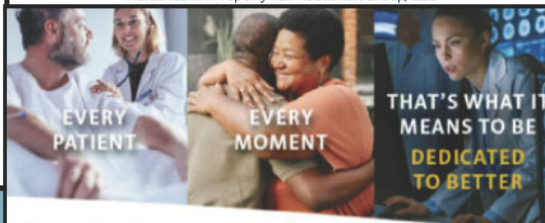
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