

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

## CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey, Pastor  
Rev. Gabriel Miah, Assoc. Pastor

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Masses

Saturday: 8:30am & 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am (Family Mass), 11:30am

Weekdays: 8:30am

Holy Day: 5:00pm Vigil Mass, 8:30am & 7:30pm

**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: Every other Sat. 9:00am



St. Vincent de Paul (516) 584-4090

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Email: svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com

SVDP store locations:

- 1.) 1425 New York Avenue, Huntington Station
- 2.) 2160 Jericho Twp., Garden City Park
- 3.) 249 Broadway, Bethpage

**PARISH OFFICE:** Phone: (516) 628-1113

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Michele Drago, Bulletin Editor

Email: bulletin@stgerts.org

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Website: www.stgerts.com

## PARISH CENTER

### Preschool:

Tina Mihaltses, Director, Phone: (516) 628-3710

Email: stgertprek@stgerts.org, www.stgertrudesprek.org

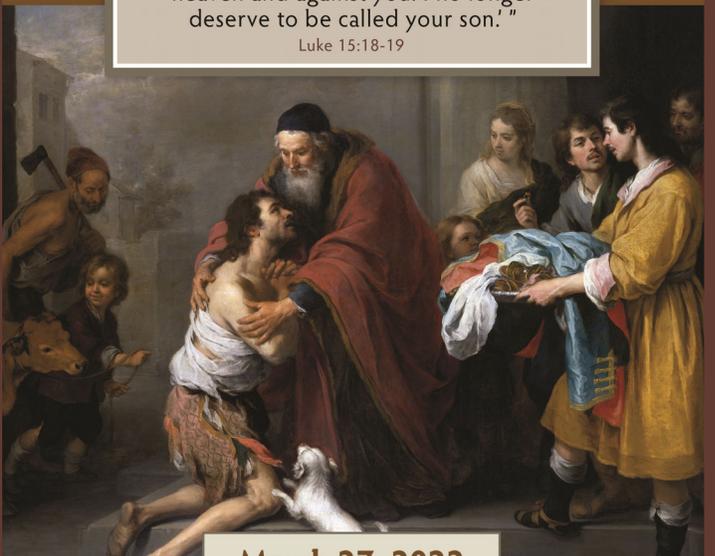
### Religious Education:

Dr. James Sheehan, Director, Phone: (516) 628-2432

Email: faithformation@stgerts.org

Fourth Sunday  
of  
**LENT**

"I shall get up and go to my  
father and I shall say to him,  
'Father, I have sinned against  
heaven and against you. I no longer  
deserve to be called your son.'"  
Luke 15:18-19



**March 27, 2022**

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New to our Parish? We welcome you  
and ask that you please stop into our  
Parish office to register. *The Lord  
told Israel to reach out to newcomers and welcome them  
(Leviticus 19:36).*

## Remembering...

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 26</b>
5:00pm	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 27</b>
7:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	George T. Fulmer, Jr. M.D. + DeCesare family +
11:30am	Anne Greco +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 28</b>
8:30am	Jennie Marretti +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 29</b>
8:30am	Iris L. Husing +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 30</b>
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 31</b>
8:30am	Luke Greco +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 1</b>
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families + Nita DeCesare +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 2</b>
8:30am	Michael McKie +
5:00pm	Herman Eowman +

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** – God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** – Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) *or* Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** – We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** – We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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**Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>: 5:00pm— Fr. Gabriel

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 7:30am - Msgr. Morrissey  
9:30am —Fr. Gabriel  
11:30am— Msgr. Morrissey

### Found Alive Again: Reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's firstborn son (see [Joshua 5:6-7](#); [Exodus 4:22](#); [12:12-13](#)).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

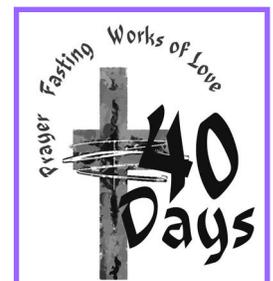
But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

By Dr. Scott Hahn





## 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  
Major Nicholas Lorusso  
Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz  
PFC Matthew A. Passero  
Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez  
Capt. Thomas E. Rojek  
ENS Patrick Hesse USN  
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Sgt. William Trotta, Jr.  
LT Alexander Van Patten USAF  
Airman Bryan Mollitor  
LT Col. Sean Patak  
Sfc. Sean P. Schenck  
Cpl. Jason Roland  
Major Chad Lennon  
Ens. James Figari  
1st LT Dylan Wall

**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.**



Becky Browning, Maureen Sullivan,  
Patricia Mavros, Rosemary D’Antonio.

Call the Parish office to add a relative to our prayer list. Names will remain for 6 weeks.



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

**Canned chicken, milk boxed (Parmalat) or powder, juice, bar soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, size 6 disposable diapers, baby wipes, laundry detergent, dish detergent, paper towels and toilet paper.**

Supplies are either desperately low or out of the above items. 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 OTHER 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!*



The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to the families and friends of those in our parish who have died.

## Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)  
March 20, 2022: \$ 6,348.50\*

\*Our weekly collection budget is \$7,200.00.

There will be a Diocese second collection this weekend March 26<sup>th</sup> & March 27<sup>th</sup> for Catholic Relief Services.



Thank you all for your prayerful and generous support of our parish family.

This weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).



We thank all those who contributed to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our Goal was \$55,000 and we achieved \$35,320.00 (64.76% of our parish goal).

Our 2022 goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$17,335.00 to date (31.23% of our goal). Once again, many thanks to all our parishioners for your donations.

## PRAYER VIGIL FOR UKRAINE

St. Gertrude's Parish and the Village Church of Bayville will join together to provide an opportunity for all member of our community and beyond, regardless of religious affiliation, to share in a time of prayer for the people of Ukraine.

Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

The prayer procession will be at the Village Church parking lot and process to the front lawn of St. Gertrude Church and then return to the prayer garden of the Village Church. Those unable to walk with us will be given the opportunity to remain and pray at The Village Church. In case of inclement weather, instructions will be given at The Village Church.



Stations of the Cross  
Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:30pm  
in our Church during Lent.



Please call the Parish office at 516-628-1113 to request your 2021 Church contributions to St. Gertrude. Thank you!



*Welcome Our Newly  
Baptized*

Keegan Joseph Diaz

### Faith Direct

This is a time of year when many of us focus on getting organized and “decluttering” our surroundings – why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for St. Gertrude and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time to stop using checks and envelopes, by switching to eGiving – you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts help give our parish a steady, consistent offertory that strengthens the programs, services, and ministries we lead for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NY83](http://faith.direct/NY83), or text ‘Enroll’ to 516-494-7947 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



**Can't make it to Church and want the bulletin?** If that happens, please search for our bulletin on line at:

1. [www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx](http://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx)
- or
2. [www.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com) (under the About us tab)

You can also call the office to be placed on an email list for automatic bulletin delivery each week. Thank you and appreciate your understanding.



**Preschool News:** The preschool welcomed the first week of spring with a flurry of projects dedicated to the beauty of the season. Miss Carmela's two year old class made cherry trees and shape collages, they worked on the letter V. Miss Michelle's three year old class made vases with flowers and made Cat In the Hat hats, they worked on the letter V. Miss Wendy's threes made flowers and studied parts of a flower, they also worked on the letter W. Miss Janice's four year old class made rainbows and flowers and studied the letter U. Miss Meredith's fours made spring trees and stamped tulip art, they studied the letter T.

PRAYER  
FASTING  
ALMSGIVING

We've missed you.  
Come home  
at Easter.



RECONCILIATION  
MONDAY

**April 11**

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

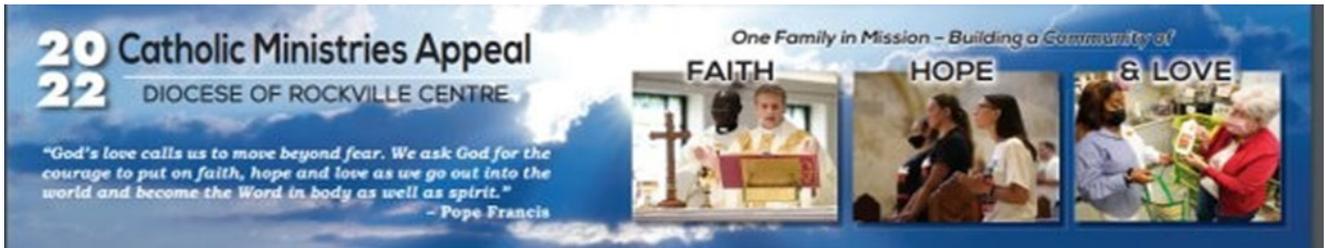
Visit a Catholic church near you during our extended Confession hours. To find a church and continue your Lenten journey, visit:

**Archdiocese of New York**  
[ArchNY.org/Lent](http://ArchNY.org/Lent)

**Diocese of Brooklyn**  
[DioceseofBrooklyn.org/Lent2022](http://DioceseofBrooklyn.org/Lent2022)

**Diocese of Rockville Centre**  
[drvc.org](http://drvc.org)

St. Gertrude's Church will participate in the annual Diocesan Day of Confession on **Monday, April 11 (Holy Week)**. The hours that the Sacrament of Penance will be available in every Catholic Church on that day are **2:00 PM - 4:00 PM** and **6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**.



***"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the word in body as well as spirit."***

- Pope Francis

**During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray ...**

**Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports The Diocesan Office of Faith Formation.** This Office provides programs that help our young people to deepen and build their prayer experience throughout their life. They provide Workshops and resources designed to support Marriage Ministry, Parenting and Family Life, Religious Education, Sacramental Prep and Multicultural Initiatives, giving our diocesan family the tools to bolster parish ministry and further develop missionary disciples.



**Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!**

Make checks payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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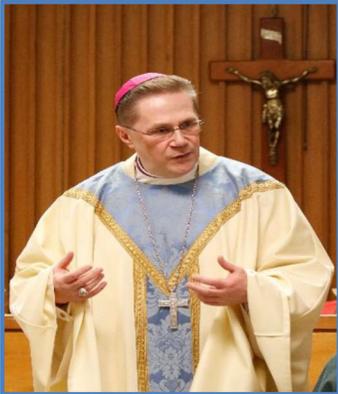
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To donate, you can also visit [drvc.org/CMA](http://drvc.org/CMA) or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296 Thank You!



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for Liturgical Catechesis  
**SYNOD on SYNODALITY**  
Journeying Together  
Communion + Participation + Mission

This lecture will be presented via **ZOOM**

All are Invited to Participate.

**Tuesday, March 15**

Communion

**Monday, April 25**

Participation

**Wednesday, May 18**

Evangelization

**All at 7:30 pm**

To receive the ZOOM link, please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org). If you previously registered for prior ZOOM calls, there is NO need to register again – you will automatically receive the ZOOM link via email.



"The Synod calls the People of God, in all their diversity, to embark on a journey together toward a common mission to witness to the love of God at work in the world."

Synod Preparatory Document



**Gather. Pray. Listen.**

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Let's Journey Together!



**CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK**

Catholic Faith Network (CFN) is a 24/7 national network that provides comprehensive Catholic, informative and spiritual programming. CFN is at the service of the Word, the Church, the Bishops and the Encounter of Faith and Culture.

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[www.CFNtv.org](http://www.CFNtv.org)

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Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island  
Including widows, widowers and singles.

A social organization for single persons. New  
Member Orientation Meeting

Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM  
St. Francis Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue  
Wantagh, NY 11793

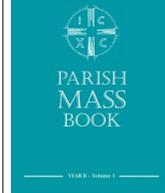
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Non-denominational. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues  
\$30. Refreshments following the meeting.  
Proof of vaccination or a recent negative test  
required.

For further information, please call also to verify  
there will be a meeting -Angel at 631-574-0368 or  
Janet [516-579-4016](tel:516-579-4016)

## MASS INTENTIONS



One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Please consider offering a Mass. Masses can be said for a departed love one, a special intention or in thanksgiving, for a friend who is living & suffering, for a celebration, for prayers that have been answered, for someone you know who can benefit from the spiritual graces that comes with having a Mass said on their behalf.

If your loved one's date is not available, you can offer the wine & hosts in memory of your loved one for the week which will cover that particular date that you wish to pray for them. We know how important it is to remember your loved one on their day and we are trying to help insure that they are remembered and prayed for if not on their day then at least for the week.

Masses remain at \$20 each or \$50 for the wine & hosts celebrated for the week.

Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love. Call or stop in the Parish office at (516)628-1113.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter -

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm.

We also have some in-person experiences for those interested. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

The Parish office will be closed on Fridays until further notice. Our office hours are Monday to Thursday from 9:00am-4:00pm. Should you require any assistance beyond these hours, please call the rectory to set up an appointment at (516)628-1113. Thank you.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
**GOLDEN WEDDING  
ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years**

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The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who have celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage between 2020 and 2022 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

**Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

Church of Christ the King, Commack  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Richard G. Henning

**Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.**

Church of St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays  
Celebrant: Most Reverend John O. Barres

**Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 3:30 p.m.**

Church of St. James, Seaford  
Celebrant: Most Reverend Luis Romero

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**Register online at [drvc-faith.org](http://drvc-faith.org)**

Registration must be received by Friday, April 22, 2022

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at  
(516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at [LRobustelli@drvc.org](mailto:LRobustelli@drvc.org)



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Www.bayvillechamberofcommerce.com

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Please see their website or email them for their 2022 membership/"Friends of the Chamber" associate membership application.

***Retrouvaille Weekend - You Can Help Heal Your Marriage***

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationships.

Primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love.

For confidential information about the Retrouvaille program, or to register for the upcoming weekend that begins on Friday, May 13th, please visit our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) or call 1-800-470-2230 and you will be connected directly and confidentially to a couple from Long Island/Metro Retrouvaille who can help. Location: Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743



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## *As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish*

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!

**PLEASE CALL BARBARA KILARJIAN  
AT 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at  
[bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org) for more information.**



**Save the Dates!**

**With Organ & Voice: Special Music Events at the Cathedral: 2022 Season**

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre New York

Michael L. Bower, Director of Music, Maura Goodwin, Associate Director of Music

Sunday, March 20, 2022

*10:45 Investiture Ceremony, 11:00 AM Mass—Choir of Men and Boys*

March/April

*7:30 PM Solemn Sung Vespers on Lenten Sunday Evenings -4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Evening (Laetare Sunday) with Choir*

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 PM—7:30 PM Tenebrae Service

Friday, April 29, 7:30 PM—Hofstra Chamber Choirs in Concert

Friday, May 13, 7:30 PM

*Guest Organ Recitalist: Peter Richard Conte, Grand Court Organist, from Wannamaker's Store, Philadelphia, PA*

Sunday, June 5, 7:30 PM

*The South Shore Symphony- Saint Saens "Symphony No. 3" (The Organ Symphony)*

Sunday, June 26, 7:30 PM

*Choir Festival Concert in the Cathedral—Cathedral Choirs, and Guest Choir Singers*

**St. Gertrude  
Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update  
"Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future"**

<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$1,161,332</b>
<b>Paid to Date</b>	<b>\$1,044,476</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$ 116,856</b>
<b>% of Pledges Paid</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b># of Gifts</b>	<b>302</b>
<b>Average Gift</b>	<b>\$ 3,845</b>

**Making your pledge or payments by Credit or Debit card is  
easy and convenient**

Making your one time gift or recurring pledge payments is easy, simply log onto the parish web-site at [www.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com) and click on the e-giving link to begin. Please remember to select the Capital Campaign as your payment option.

**All Pledges & One-time Gifts are welcomed very much appreciated!**

**Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!**

Pledge reminders are mailed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, if you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White (Parish Development) at 516-607-3635.

# Resources Available

## FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Depression, Divorce Mediation and Domestic Violence, are available to our parishioners at 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. We are currently looking for licensed therapists in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center at (631) 243-2503 or go to our website at: <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.



### “Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’ By World”

An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North

We all know how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul regularly provides charitable assistance to neighbors in need. Beginning with the home visit, Vincentians perform numerous good deeds, many of which involve financial assistance (rent & utility bills), immediate needs assistance (food, furniture, etc.) and also counseling.

However, the challenges facing those in poverty are ever more acute today. The “Getting AHEAD” program, offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul across the country, is one approach to help these neighbors rise above the “tyranny of the moment” or crisis mode in which they are too often bound. It also answers the questions raised by many Vincentians: “What more can I do for my neighbor beyond the traditional home visit?” and “Is there a structured process I can become involved with that would make a difference?” If you are interested in joining, please email: [svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com](mailto:svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com)

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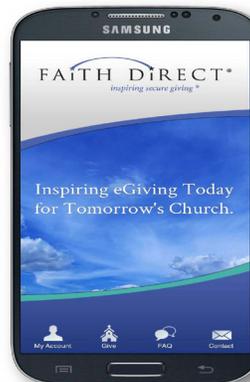
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