

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 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 OTHER Saturday 9-12. Please call Ann
Albro @ 516-647-5943 for any questions.



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SVDP store locations:

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

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SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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	April 1
5:00pm	Sam Galasso +
SUNDAY	April 2
7:30am	Living & deceased members of the Rosary Guild
9:30am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30am	Philip Altadonna + Sam Serio + Patricia Mavros +
MONDAY	April 3
8:30am	Rosalie & Jim DiGiovanni +
TUESDAY	April 4
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro & the Sabin & Sobrino families +
WEDNESDAY	April 5
8:30am	Mario Frumiento +
THURSDAY	April 6
8:30am	Morning Prayer
7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's supper
FRIDAY	April 7
8:30am	Morning Prayer
12:00noon	Outdoor Stations of the Cross
3:00pm	Solemn liturgy of the Lord's passion & death
7:30pm	Stations & veneration of the Cross
SATURDAY	April 8
8:30am	Morning Prayer
5:00pm	No Mass Today
8:00pm	Solemn Vigil of our Lord's resurrection For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, April 6 th :	8:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey
Sunday, April 7 th :	6:30am—Msgr. Morrissey
	7:30am - Fr. Gabriel
	9:30am - Fr. Gabriel
	11:30am— Msgr. Morrissey



The Altar Bread and Wine used at our Masses this week are offered loving memory of:

Mario Frumiento

All Is Fulfilled: Scott Hahn Reflects on Passion Sunday

“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see [Matthew 26:56](#)).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see [Isaiah 53:12](#)). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see [Matthew 27:31](#)), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see [Matthew 27:35](#)), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see [Matthew 27:39-44](#)).

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading, “The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see [Romans 5:12-14, 17-19](#); [Ephesians 2:2; 5:6](#)).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see [Matthew 27:54](#)).



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	LCpl Brian Allen	Pfc. Mark Chuisano
LT Mary Grace Colluci	Major Janet R. Erazo	1st LT William Trotta, Jr.
2nd LT Glenn Harvey	LCDR Emily W. Reilly	LT Alexander Van Patten USAF
Major Nicholas Lorusso	Sgt. 5 Jose Marin	Airman Bryan Mollitor
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LT Colonel Terrance Thorgramson	2nd LT James Andrew Baker	1st LT Dylan Wall
US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon		

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.

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
March 26, 2023: \$ 7,428.00

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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



Rebecca Browning, Sean Burnett, Michael Coddington.

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



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

Supplies are either desperately low or out of the following items: Toilet Paper, Baby Wipes, Juice, Parmalat milk.

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!

There will be a Diocese second collection on Thursday, April 7th for the Holy Land:

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!** For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.



Russell Selover

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



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Gertrude,

As the warmer weather of Spring slowly begins to be felt by all of us, I hope you and your families will join with us as enter the holiest of our weeks as Catholic Christians.

The solemn celebrations of the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, remembering the great gift of the Eucharist, where Jesus feeds and nourishes us by His Body and Blood, His crucifixion and death on Good Friday and the joyous celebration of His Resurrection and the gift of new life for all of us at Easter, I'm sure will be a great source of blessings and grace for all of us.

In the past year, I am so happy to say that there has been an increase in those faithful parishioners who have joined with us in worshipping the Lord each Sunday. Your presence helps to build up our faith community for each of us. Let's pray that more and more of our families will join us as together with Jesus Christ, we are privileged to offer the great Sacrifice of the Mass.

Know that I pray for all of you, the parishioners of St. Gertrude's, every day. I look forward to worshipping, praying and celebrating with you on this year's Holy Week. Kindly check the weekly bulletin and our parish website for all of the services and Masses for this Holy Week and Easter.

Thank you for your continued support. As Easter approaches, I thank God for the call to serve as your pastor in this wonderful parish and village. May God bless you and your families with peace, joy, and health throughout and during the great Easter season of Resurrection and new life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey
Pastor

The Veils over sacred images in the Sanctuary - keep our minds on the promise of Easter.

You may wonder that it seems strange that during the most sacred time of the year Catholics cover everything that is beautiful in their churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Catholic Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. In the *Roman Missal* we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the fifth Sunday of Lent may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." This year we have covered the images within the sanctuary.

When we walk into Church and notice everything is covered in the sanctuary, we immediately know that something is different. These past two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready.

The Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday.

The veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.



April 2nd is Palm Sunday. The beginning of our Holy Week. Masses follow our regular schedule.



Thursday, April 6th—Holy Thursday: (Parish office closes at 12:00pm)

8:30am—Morning Prayer

7:30pm— Mass of the Lord's Supper

9:00pm until midnight—Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Friday, April 7th—Good Friday:

8:30am—Morning Prayer

12 noon—Outdoor Stations of the Cross

3:00pm—Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Death

7:30pm—Stations & Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 8th—Holy Saturday: 8:30am Morning Prayer

NO 5:00pm Mass

8:00pm—Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection

Sunday, April 9th—Easter:

6:30am—Beach Mass

7:30am—Mass

9:30am— Mass

11:30am—Mass

Confessions: Monday, April 3rd: 2-4 & 6-9 & Saturday, April 8th: 10:30am—11:30am



Bishop Barres has re-issued last year's Pastoral Letter on Holy Week entitled, *The Great Week: A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week*. This resource may be accessed at its own webpage: www.thegreatweek.com.



THE ROSARY GUILD OF ST. GERTRUDE'S

You are invited to our
special event on April 13th in the Parish Center at 7:30 p.m.

As part of the monthly meeting, The Rosary Guild of Saint Gertrude will be viewing the first half of the award winning movie, *Mary of Nazareth*. This is a film high-lighting the Mother of Christ and captures the essence of Mary's profound faith and trust in God. The second half of the film will be viewed at the meeting to be held on May 4th.

We welcome all parishioners who have a devotion to Mary to join us as our guests. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP is not required but will be appreciated for planning purposes.

stgertrudesrosaryguild@gmail.com



Preschool News: The preschoolers were hopping with excitement as they made preparations for Easter and the Easter bunny. Miss Wendy's Mommy and Me class decorated eggs and built bunnies. Miss Carmela's two year old class made carrot footprints and lambs, they worked on the letter V. Miss Michelle's three year old class made marble eggs and bunny unicorns, they worked on the letter X and made xylophones. Miss Meredith's four year old class made Easter gifts and cards for their families, they also made bunny hats and studied the letter V.



PARENT PAINT NIGHT

St. Gertrude's Preschool Spring Fundraiser

THURSDAY APRIL 20TH, 2023 | 8-10PM

ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH CENTER
28 SCHOOL STREET
BAYVILLE, NY 11709

Join us for an evening of painting and fun with PAINTopia Parties!

Go home with your very own masterpiece of a beautiful Bayville sunset, all while enjoying a night out with friends.

Wine & Cheese

50/50 Raffle & Raffle Gift Baskets

Please purchase tickets ahead of time to ensure we have enough supplies for everyone.

\$65 in advance/ \$70 at the door

To purchase tickets, or for any questions, call us at 516-628-3710 or email at stgertprek@stgerts.org.

~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.

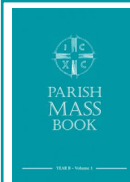
If you have any questions, please send me an email: mmcmahon@druc.org
Thank you.
Mary McMahon, LSCW

Faith Direct

As we approach Easter, we focus our daily activities on growing closer to Christ through an increase in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May this extend into our lives beyond this liturgical season. Signing up with *Faith Direct* is a great way to focus on almsgiving throughout the year. It is a secure and convenient way to make a conscious decision about your financial support of our many wonderful ministries.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY83, or text 'Enroll' to 516-494-7947 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757. You'll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



The 2024 Mass book will open on Tuesday, April 11th. Masses remain at \$20 each and wine & hosts for the week remain at \$50. Cash or check only.

Check out our website for further information on:

- The Chrism Mass—4/4
- Life Enrichment Ctr. Motown Madness—4/19
- Retrouvaille Marriage program—4/21-23
- Liturgical Catechesis w/Bishop Andrezej
- Liturgical Ministry Training sign up information
- Catholic schools/information

And other information that our printed bulletin cannot accommodate. The on-line version of the bulletin will always offer more information/additional events.

Wwww.stgerts.com

Spring 2023
Liturgical Catechesis



EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
THE MASS - STEP BY STEP
LITURGY EXPLAINED

Join

BISHOP ANDRZEJ

this Spring at these in-person presentations.
All are welcome! Registration is **REQUIRED**.

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Mass Introductory Rites Explained
St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Liturgy of the Word Explained
St. Paul the Apostle, Brookville

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Liturgy of the Eucharist Explained
Curé of Ars, Merrick

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Mass Concluding Rites Explained
Curé of Ars, Merrick



All sessions begin at **7:30 pm** and take place in the Church.

St. Paul the Apostle
2534 Cedar Swamp Road
Brookville, NY 11545

Curé of Ars
2323 Merrick Avenue
Merrick, NY 11566

Advance registration is required. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.

**Send your email to: westernvicariate@drvc.org or
call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Please do not contact the parish directly.**



Dear parishioners, in talking to folks here in the parish it has been mentioned that many people who were once very active supporters and worshipers at St. Gertrude's have not been able to participate in the life of the parish because of age and/or infirmity. The Diocese of Rockville Centre is offering training sessions this spring for those who would like to share in the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We are specifically looking for those who would be willing to visit the sick or elderly homebound and offer them the gift of Holy Communion. A number of our parishioners already volunteer. Would you please consider committing to this ministry? There is a great need. Thank you and God bless you. Msgr. Morrissey

Updated March 21, 2023

Liturgical Minister Training ~ Spring 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training.

Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Tuesday, April 25 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors

Saturday, May 6 - Christ the King / Commack - Pastoral Center Gym; 9 am - noon.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A *

Saturday, June 3 - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville - Lower Level; 9 am - noon.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Part A AND Lectors*

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B

Presented in conjunction with Catholic Health:

Tuesday, May 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday, May 6 - Christ the King / Commack - Pastoral Center Gym; 1:00 - 4:00 pm. *

Saturday, June 3 - St. Paul the Apostle / Brookville - Lower Level; 1:00 - 4:00 pm.*

*We are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1pm Part B session. Only those pre-registered for part B will be allowed to stay for this second session.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. You cannot attend BOTH EMHC Part A AND Lector training on the same day - you must choose one or the other.

Thank you for your interest!

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2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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



"With Him we are never alone, even at difficult moments, even when our life's journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them!"

-Pope Francis

Catholic Charities Outreach Programs journey with all who come through their doors.

Maria Ryan is the Director of the Parish Social Ministry (PSM) at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport, where she oversees 15 vibrant ministries. She introduced us to Sarah and her daughter, Belle.

"Shortly after we moved into the area, our daughter Belle was diagnosed with cancer. Out of sheer desperation I called our church to ask if Father could anoint her and that's when I met Maria Ryan. Maria has taken us under her wing in more ways than we could ever imagine. It's been over a year and she checks in with us just about every day. The church has helped us spiritually, emotionally, and financially. My husband had to quit work to help us with care for Belle. The parish has helped us to stay afloat by helping with medical bills and travel expenses incurred traveling into the city for Belle's treatment." shared Sarah



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Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Thank You!



Our 2023 goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$13,755 to date from 41 donors.

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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Life Enrichment Center

Invites you to join us at the Center
April 19th



MOTOWN MADNESS

6:30 pm til
9:30 pm

Dance to the legendary sounds of the 60's
Featuring Louis DePrete and his Motown Horns



Soul Food Dinner
& Beverages

\$100 per person & \$75 under 40

Mail In or Call Sue - 516-922-1770 for reservations

MOMMAS House is proud to present our fourth annual **Book and Author Luncheon** on Saturday April 29th from 12-3pm at The Muttontown Club in East Norwich, NY.

This year's author is Janet Werner who will present her book "A Pear in an Apple Tree: A Journey with Multiple Sclerosis" Tickets are \$80.00 per person and include a delicious lunch, Raffle Prizes and a time to celebrate women who triumph, despite the obstacles. All proceeds will benefit young homeless mothers and their babies living at MOMMAS House. The residents of MOMMAS House have faced many obstacles but find hope and opportunity at this home. Bring your Book Club.

For more information, visit mommashouse.org, email: info@mommashouse.org or call 516-781-8637.



Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, lonely, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Maybe you don't know how to change the situation or how to communicate with your spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples transform their marriages and fall in love again.

Our Next Weekend is

April 21-23

at the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

**Visit our web site at HelpOurMarriage.org
or call 800-470-2230 for more information.**

April 2, 2023, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

What's your car? Let's say it's a fancy silver Toyota. Now imagine you're having lunch in a restaurant and suddenly see two men outside attempting to steal it. You run outside and confront them. They respond, "The master has need of it." How do you respond? Would you just let them take it, and leave you without a car? I don't think I would.

Yet that is precisely what the owners of the colt on Palm Sunday do. Stunningly, and perhaps a little comically, Jesus instructs two of his disciples to commandeer a colt for him to ride. And when they hear the disciples say, "The master has need of it," they let them take it. Of course, Jesus knew they'd let it go. He gave them the grace to let go of what is rightfully theirs. The result? That colt became perhaps the most famous and important animal ever. The beast plays a role in the redemption of the world.

As Holy Week begins, Jesus perhaps will send people to you to ask for something valuable to you. Perhaps it's your car. More likely it's something like your attention, time, or energy. It's natural to resist at first. We've got things to do, after all. But if the interruption is from Jesus himself, listen to that voice which calmly says, "The master has need of it." And simply let it go. You'll be amazed what the master will do with it. – Father John Muir ©LPi



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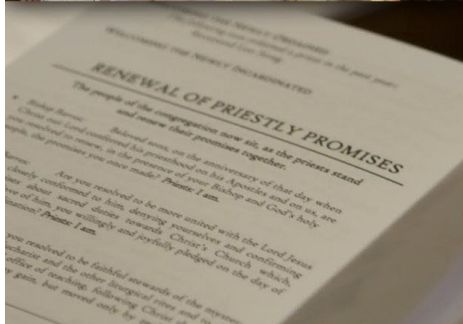


April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.



St. Agnes Cathedral

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre



During the Chrism Mass, Bishop John Barres will consecrate the Oil of Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. These holy oils will be used throughout our Diocese during the coming year in celebration of the Sacraments. Priests of the Diocese will also renew their call to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ.



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Address _____

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Address (if different than child's) _____

Phone(s) (H) _____ (C) _____ E-Mail _____

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Phone(s) (H) _____ (C) _____ E-Mail _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT IN FULL BY MAY 25TH. A LIST OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND EMERGENCY/PHOTO INFORMATION FORMS FOR NEW CHILDREN MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY MAY 25TH.

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“Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future”

Total Pledged	\$1,185,243
Paid to Date	\$1,122,346
Balance Due	\$ 62,897
% of Pledges Paid	95%
# of Gifts	306
Average Gift	\$ 3,873

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 and click on the e-giving link to begin. Please remember to select the Capital Campaign as your payment option.

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Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!

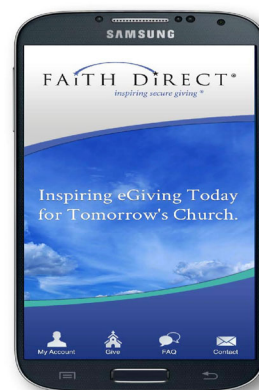
Pledge reminders are mailed on the 1st of each month, if you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White (Parish Development) at 516-607-3635.



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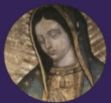
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your story is confidential

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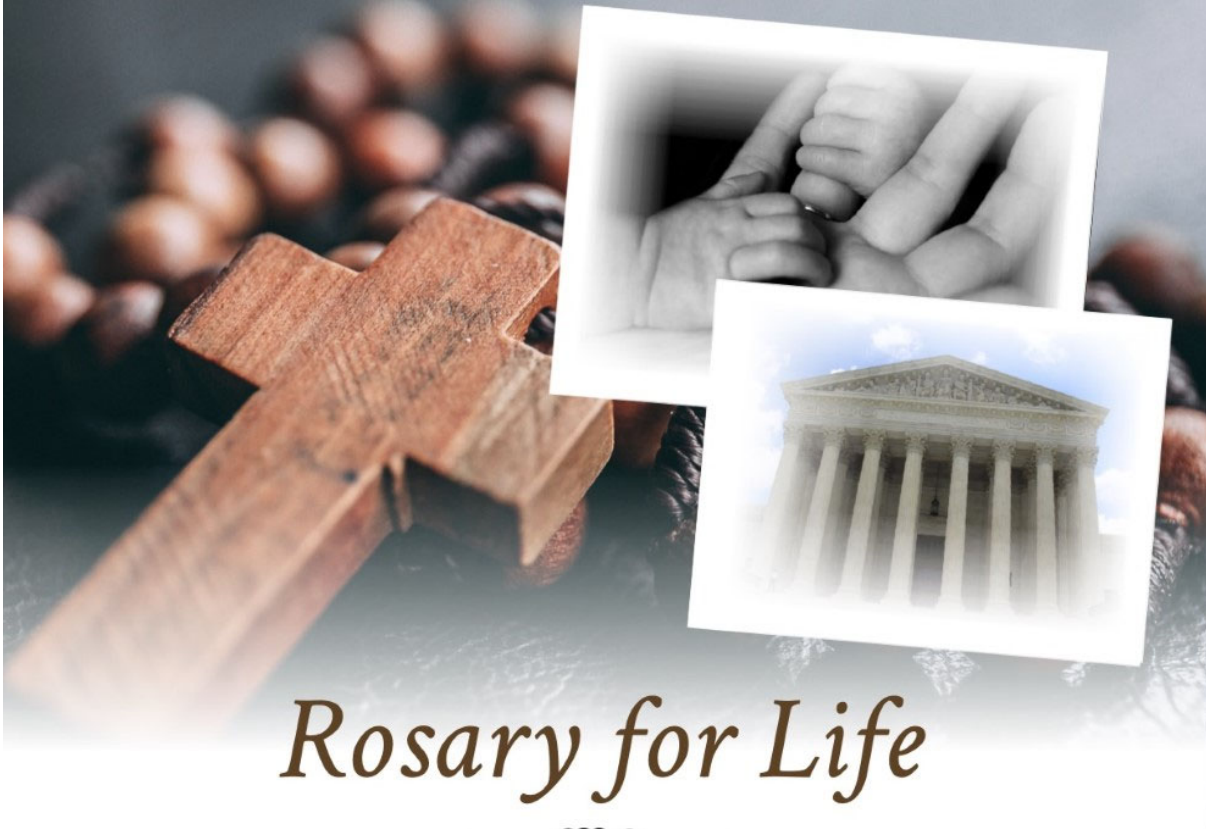
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- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the
U.S. Supreme Court Decision in
Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022



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For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Terry at 516-650-5528 or Janet 516-579-4016

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!

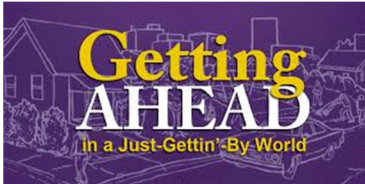
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“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

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

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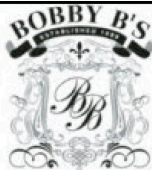
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