

# 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.



### St. Vincent de Paul:

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

Furniture: 516-746-8250

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

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## PARISH CENTER

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SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

## EASTER SUNDAY

"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the  
crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.  
Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

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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. . .

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 8</b>
8:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 9</b>
6:30am	Sylvester & Nicoletta Della Ratta +
7:30am	Joseph & Ida Barnao +
9:30am	Wayne Wright + Dominick & Catherine Carbone + Liuva Andrade + Roger Willett +
11:30am	Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>April 10</b>
8:30am	DeCesare family +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>April 11</b>
8:30am	Elaine & Bob Coco +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>April 12</b>
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>April 13</b>
8:30am	Alice Kaloustian +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 14</b>
8:30am	Florence Genovese +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 15</b>
8:30am	Harry Tice III + Patricia Mavros + Samuel Serio +
5:00pm	John Carre-Riddell + Patricia Mavros + Giuglo, Giordio, Carmela & Teresa Donnarumma + Gerardo, Ciriaco, Rosaria & Elena Larice +

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

Saturday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> :	5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel
Sunday, April 16 <sup>th</sup> :	7:30am— Msgr. Morrissey
	9:30am — Fr. Gabriel
	11:30am— Msgr. Morrissey



## Easter Sunday / April 9, 2023

### First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41).

### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1).

### Gospel:

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9).

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“When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.” (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it’s simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, “out of whom he had driven seven demons.”

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary’s past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn’t seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don’t. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did. — Father John Muir ©LPI



## 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
Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz	Major James Nicholson	LT Col. Sean Patak
PFC Matthew A. Passero	LT William Hegarty	Sfc. Sean P. Schenck
Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez	LT Sean Riordan	Cpl. Jason Roland
Capt. Thomas E. Rojek	Spc. Chase Tucker	Major Chad Lennon
ENS Patrick Hesse USN	LT Elizabeth Hegarty	Ens. James Figari
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.



Rebecca Browning, Sean Burnett, Michael Coddington, Dean Mihaltses.

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!*



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)

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023: \$ n/a

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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

## Faith Direct

Can't find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using

*Faith Direct* for automated giving to St. Gertrude Catholic Church.

It is secure, convenient and *Faith Direct* will provide you an offertory card to place in the basket during the collections. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

Sign up today by visiting [faith.direct/NY83](https://faith.direct/NY83) or call Faith Direct's Customer Service at 866-507-8757 or text "enroll" to 516-494-7947.

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.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 9, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Every Easter, you and I are reminded of the power of the Paschal Mystery. Commemorating the celebration of the first Eucharist at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary on Good Friday in the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, and celebrating Christ's triumphant conquering of sin and death in the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter is a potent reminder of God's love for us.

During this season of Easter and this time of National Eucharistic Revival, it becomes even clearer to us that the Paschal Mystery is not a mere historical event, but a mystery in which we are privileged to participate every time we celebrate the Mass. In the Easter sequence, we sing: "Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises!" The word, *Eucharist*, which means, *thanksgiving*, implies that every time the Church gathers for the celebration of the Mass, she offers an act of "thankful praise" to the Lord. In this act of offering thanksgiving to God in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we as a priestly people offer the sacrifices of our lives with the offering of the Body and Blood of the Lord, by which our sacrifices take on new value and meaning (see, CCC, §1368).

Love is central to the mission of the Church. The sacrifices that we offer to God each day and in the celebration of the Eucharist are an expression of our love for him and for his people. When Christ appeared to Peter and the apostles on the Sea of Galilee after his Resurrection, he asked Peter: "Do you love me?" As he responds, "yes, Lord" to that three-fold questioning, Christ calls him to mission: "feed my lambs...tend my sheep...feed my sheep" (see John 21:15-19) Like Peter, you and I are faced with that same question from the Lord: "do you love me?" In other words, do we take the contemplative time that our hearts yearn for to renew our love for the Lord? In the offering of our time in prayer we are reminded of the very nature of God's love. Through that experience of true love, we realize that as disciples of Christ, you and I are called to mission: to bring the love of Christ to world; to glorify the Lord by our lives; to extend the Divine Mercy to those who suffer; to let the earth shake with the joy of the Resurrection!

Every human heart is created to love. As we grow deeper in our devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus as a Diocese this June, we ask the Lord to strengthen our hearts to love as Jesus loves and for the zeal to proclaim to those we encounter that "God is Love" (1 John 4:8,16).

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ *John O. Barres*

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

# *Save the Date*

May 13, 2023

5:00pm Mass - Reception to Follow



## 40th Anniversary

of the Ordination of

Monsignor Robert Morrissey

preregister: [saintgertrudes1905@gmail.com](mailto:saintgertrudes1905@gmail.com)

## EASTER FLOWERS 2023—GIVEN IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

Jean Carrieri, Rosa Taranto, Maria Ditommaso, Antonietta Guantarso; Husing, Lemerise, McMahan & Schall families; Carolyn Casino, Michael Casino, Rose Amato, Ignazio Amato; Petrocelli family; Ignatius Notaro, Ida Notaro; deceased family members of Tedaldi, Diaz & Marin, Frances Chabrier, Joan Silaco; mom & dad; Albert L. Walka, Muriel O. Walka; Michael Trama; Nicola Cutrone & family, Alfonso Iannotta, Maureen Sullivan; Regina & Stanslaw Zielinski, Joseph & Josephine Sanseverino, Chester & Mary Tarnowski; Savior A. Casella; Charles A. Savinetti; Florence Genovese, Dr. & Mrs. Frank Genovese, Mary & Mike Meringolo; Pete Wright, Betty Wright; Hafner family, Bathie family, Fitzpatrick family; Madden & O'Hara families; Andrew DeNatale, Mary & Peter DeNatale, Lillian, James & Kevin Kennedy; Anna & Edward Gwisdalla, Antoinette Carbone, John & Carmella Scelzi.

Frank D'Errico, Maria D'Errico, Donato Laurino, Teresa Laurino; Jennie Savinetti, Angelo M. Savinetti, Jennie Stanco, Rocco M. Stanco; Mr/Mrs. William Dannebaum; Joan Imhof; George & Bernadette Saulier Elaine & Bob Coco; Marinus Otto Diepering, Margaret & Rocco Solomito; Edward Minicozzi, Sr., Lucy Schmitt Wright, Mary Jane Kogler, Robert Minicozzi; Harry Tice III, Michael McKie, William Dalton, Margaret Dalton; Ted Janas, Irene Janas, Ed & Kenny Langdon, Frank Sodano; Elizabeth Wright, Peter Wright, Frances Bates, Raymond Bates; Kathy Brown, my beloved daughters; John P. Hogan, John Viteritti, Sr., Brendan Fallon, Patricia Feleppa; Charles & Angie Yula, Rudy & Helen Rode, Dolores & Nicky Noviello; Helen DiLauro, Amilia Zippel, Anthony Tafuro, Peter DiLauro.



**Preschool News:** It was a short week due to the Easter break but a fun one. Miss Wendy's Mommy and Me class made Easter cards for their parents. Miss Carmela's two year old class made Easter eggs. Miss Michelle's three year old class made Peeps. Miss Meredith's class made Easter baskets. All the classes had Easter parties in their rooms and celebrated with their school family and their own families. From our preschool family to yours, may the blessings of the season come upon you.

Parent Paint Night! - our spring fundraiser is Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>—8-10pm. For more information, please contact the preschool at 516-628-3710 or email at: [st.gertprek@stgerts.org](mailto:st.gertprek@stgerts.org).



### THE ROSARY GUILD OF ST. GERTRUDE'S

You are invited to our  
special event on April 13<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto:stgertrudesrosaryguild@gmail.com)



Knights of Columbus sponsored  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
After each Mass in the parish center



The 2024 Mass book will open on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Masses remain at \$20 each and wine & hosts for the week remain at \$50. Cash or check only. The parish office is closed Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.



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!



# PARENT PAINT NIGHT

St. Gertrude's Preschool Spring Fundraiser

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**THURSDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 | 8-10PM**

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

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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](mailto:stgertprek@stgerts.org).



# 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](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org) or  
call Suzanne at 516-744-6850. Please do not contact the parish directly.**

**~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](http://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](mailto:mmcmahon@druc.org)  
Thank you.  
Mary McMahan, LSCW

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Ephesians 5:8-14- "Live as a children of light, for light produces all kinds of goodness and righteousness and truth" Try to live and learn what is pleasing to the Lord. God will shed light into your relationship. Have faith and Allow the Holy Spirit to transform your relationship. Apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience: Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Others are found on web site Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

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# 2023

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*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



Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

128 Cherry Lane  
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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

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MOMMAS House is proud to present our fourth annual **Book and Author Luncheon** on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**April 21-23**

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**Visit our web site at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://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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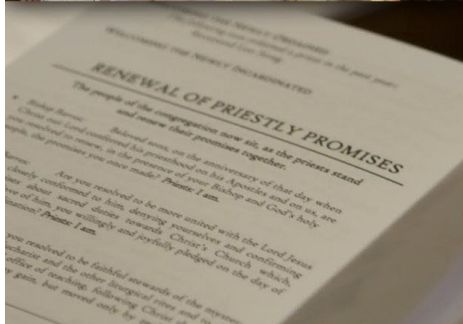


April 4, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.



## St. Agnes Cathedral

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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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REGISTRATION FORM 2023**

**June 12 - June 23, 2023**

**Monday – Friday**

**9:15 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Tuition - \$275**

**\*\*PAYMENT IN FULL DUE BY MAY 25, 2023\*\***

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age Now: \_\_\_ Yrs \_\_\_ Months

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Any concerns: Medical/Allergies/Other (please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than child's) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different than child's) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mother/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Father/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# ST. GERTRUDE'S PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM



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# St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update

*"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](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!**

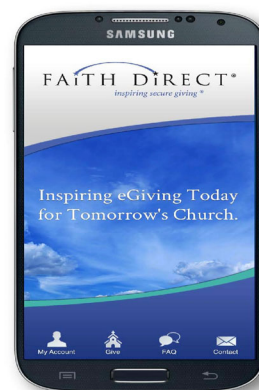
Pledge reminders are mailed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, if you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White (Parish Development) at 516-607-3635.



Tune into "*Religion and Rock*" with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am-8:00am on WBAB 102.3fm or 95.3 on Long Island's East End.

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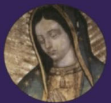
# *Rachel's Vineyard Retreat*

**your story is confidential**

*Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional and/or spiritual pain of an abortion. God's mercy awaits you. Come receive His healing.*

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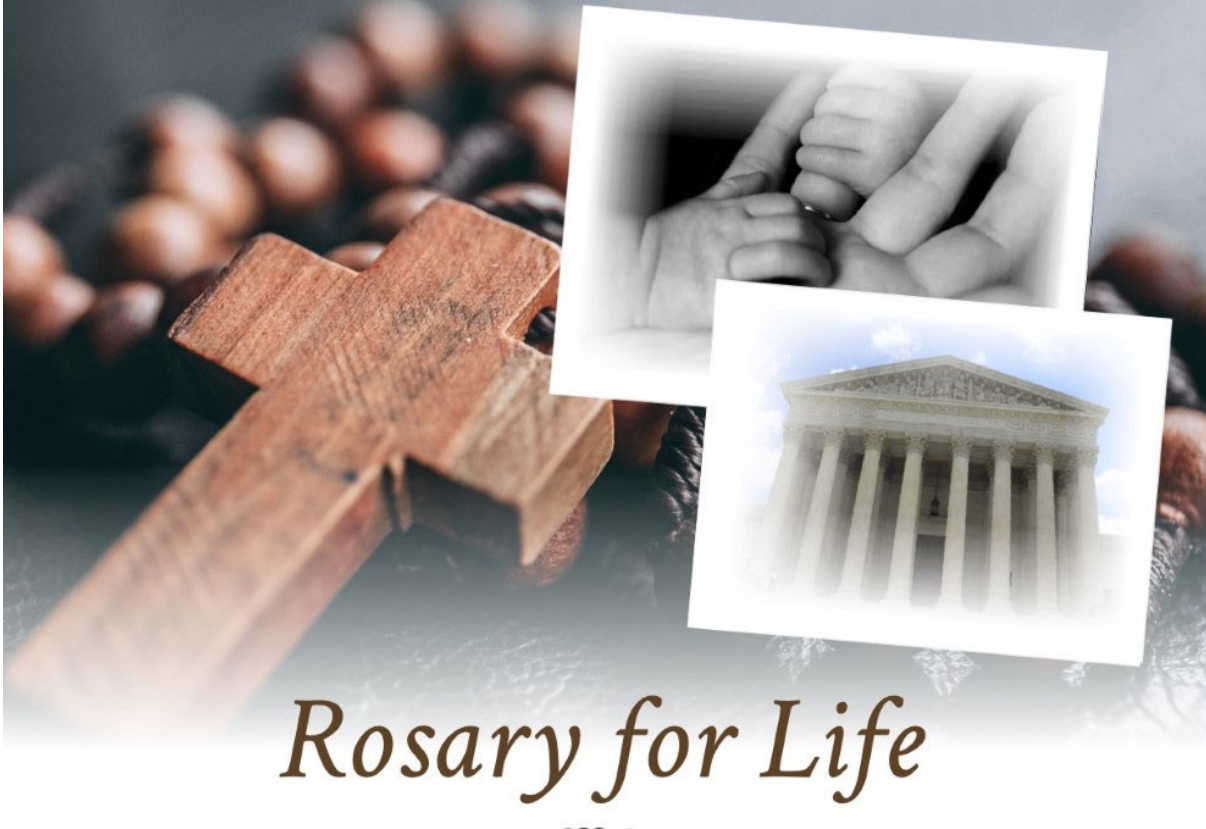
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"We pledge to persevere in prayer,  
fasting and witnessing to the  
sacredness of every human life."

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



## Rosary for Life



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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!

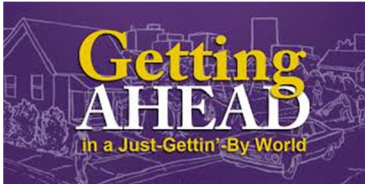
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# Resources Available

## 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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