

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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SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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Email: svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com

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

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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 29
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
SUNDAY	April 30
7:30am	Phyllis Collins + Ann Marie Garvie + Caroline & Jerry Attracento +
9:30am	Linda McDonald-Nibert (L)
11:30am	Ann May + James Duhig +
MONDAY	May 1
8:30am	DeCesare family +
TUESDAY	May 2
8:30am	Mario Dammacco +
WEDNESDAY	May 3
8:30am	Aurelia Estevez de Arzeno +
THURSDAY	May 4
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
FRIDAY	May 5
8:30am	1Sgt. Martin J. Wenzel + Sgt. Philip Byrne +
SATURDAY	May 6
8:30am	Samuel Serio +
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

4th Sunday of Easter / April 30, 2023

First Reading:

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, his Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:36).

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23) or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. (1 Pt 2:25).

Gospel:

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (Jn 10:9).

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What Are We To Do? Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Easter

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion.

By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading.

He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see [Psalms 110:1, 3; 132:10-11; Acts 2:34](#)). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see [Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23; 37:24](#)).

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see [Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16-17](#)). He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried.

We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, May 6th: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, May 7th: 7:30am—Fr. Gabriel

9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am—Fr. Gabriel



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
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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, Joseph Hafner.

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

April 23, 2023: \$ 6,194.50

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

Supplies are either desperately low or out of the following items: paper towels, cereal, jarred pasta sauce, strawberry

& grape jelly, ketchup, mustard, Parmalat milk(boxed).

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 2nd collection next weekend for Catholic Elementary Schools.

Faith Direct

Christ is risen! As His disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of Christ's Resurrection. The fruitful ministries at our parish are examples of how many of you have answered, and continue to answer, that call. To ensure such work can continue requires not only gifts of time, but also of financial help. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through Faith Direct.

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



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

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.



**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY
FLOWER SALE
SATURDAY, MAY 13th
IN THE PARISH
CENTER**

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The Rosary Guild will be hosting the Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale on Saturday, May 13th in the Parish Center from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

We are happy to report that the absolutely beautiful flowers from White Post Farms will be available to you at *great prices* once again this year. A variety of flats and hanging baskets will be offered. Arrive early for the best selection. We had a great turnout last year and look forward to a successful sale again this year!



Preschool News: Spring has sprung at the preschool, with flower projects blooming, in perfect timing for our next big holiday, Mother's Day. Miss Wendy's Mommy & Me class made flower handprints and butterflies. Miss Carmela's two year old class made Mother's Day flower plates and Mother's Day gifts. Miss Michelle's three year old class made flower books and life cycle of a flower projects, they worked on the letter Z. Miss Meredith's four year old class made five senses books and caterpillars, they studied the letter X. This week we brought back our theater trip for the threes and fours to see Seussical the Musical in Northport. We had front section seats and the children really had an immersive experience watching the play so closely.



**Pro Life Cause
Help Us Help
Others...**



In honor of Mother's Day, the Bassinet will be in the rear of the church through the month of May to accept your donations of new baby items for The Life Center of Long Island-Hempstead

For information:
Paula Kenny 922-1959

**SOMETHING NEW
A SMALL LENDING LIBRARY**

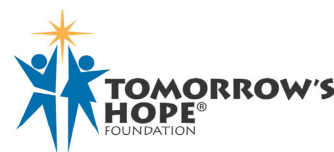
Please look for the book cart located in the side vestibule of the church near the new restrooms
READ AND RETURN!

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

**Invest in the Future
of Our Church!**

Create scholarships for students to attend our Catholic Elementary Schools!

100% of your parish's collection goes to scholarships for students throughout Long Island attending our Catholic schools!



**Give to the Second Collection during Mass:
Saturday, May 6th | Sunday, May 7th**



URGENT NEED BLOOD DRIVE

St. Gertrude, Parish Center

28 School Street, Bayville

Sunday, April 30th, 8am – 2pm

with **FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**
hosted by the Knights of Columbus

For more information, or to make an appointment:

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16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need a doctor's note.



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ST. GERTRUDE'S ROSARY GUILD

Annual Plant Sale



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May 13, 2023

9 am – 3 pm

St. Gertrude's Parish Center
on School St. in Bayville,
New York

This event is now in its 36th year and is eagerly anticipated annually by communities near and far. Come and see our offerings in time for Mother's Day. In addition, this year we will have vegetables and herbs.

Save time, gas and aggravation, check out this Plant Sale

– You will be satisfied.

Please Join Us!
40th Anniversary
of the Ordination of
Monsignor Robert Morrissey



May 13, 2023

St. Gertrude's Church

5:00pm Mass

Reception to Follow in Parish Center

RSVP: saintgertrudes1905@gmail.com

Friendly Reminder: In order to better prepare us for adequate food and drink, please RSVP for Monsignor's anniversary celebration (saintgertrudes1905@gmail.com) however, all are welcome regardless.



2023

He is Risen! Alleluia! I pray you and your loved ones know the peace of our Risen Lord in these weeks of Easter!

Last Easter, Pope Francis has said, "*The Risen Lord is also the Crucified One ... In his glorious body He bears indelible wounds: wounds that have become windows of hope.*" During these difficult times and global unrest, peace and hope must be in the forefront of our being.

This year's Catholic Ministries Appeal theme – *Journeying Together in Communion, Participation and Mission*, answers our Holy Father's invitation to journey with one another and show love to those in need. Your commitment to the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to serve more than 600,000 people each year by supporting formation programs that prepare our priests, deacons and lay leaders; training our religious education catechists and adult faith formation leaders who educate our youth and parish families; providing food and housing programs that serve our seniors, disadvantaged families, and people with special needs, those struggling with substance abuse; and promoting the sanctity of life at all stages. Working together, we are all enriching the lives of all of Long Island.

Please remember that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal and reaching out to those need. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by the Appeal.

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my prayers and Masses. May you and they know the love of our Risen Lord!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Our 2023 goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$19,185.00 to date from 46 donors.

July 7-9, 2023

Huntington, NY

**If regret over a past abortion is
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www.rachelsvineyard.org



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. Please call the rectory office for dates or check in our bulletin on our website for further information.

Thank you and God bless you.

Msgr. Morrissey

ST. GERTRUDE'S PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM



June 12th, 2023 – June 23rd

Monday – Friday 9:15 AM – 12:00PM

Ages 2-5

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ST. GERTRUDE'S PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM 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 25TH. A LIST OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND EMERGENCY/PHOTO INFORMATION FORMS FOR NEW CHILDREN MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY MAY 25TH.

Mother/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Father/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____



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!



The SHAdvantage



Are you ready to be a SHA Girl?

**Explore SHA:
Spring Open House**

**Saturday, April 29th
10am-12pm**

or

**Thursday, May 4th
6pm-8pm**

6th, 7th and 8th Grade Girls and their parents choose from 15-minute workshops on topics such as:

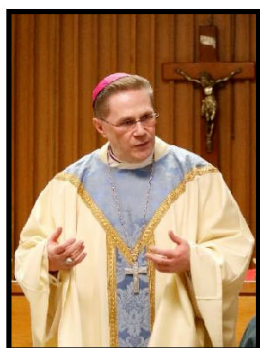
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- **College Prep Starts Now**
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Spring 2023 Liturgical Catechesis



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.**

~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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - I Am The GATE.

John 10: 7-10: "I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. I have come in order that you might have life-life in all its fullness." Enter that Gate by bringing your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There you will find the green pasture, and Jesus will give your relationship new life-life in all its fullness.

June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 and September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

August 11-13, 2023 in CT

October 20-22, 2023 in VT

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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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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OUR MISSION is to ensure the excellence as well as the continuance of Catholic elementary school on Long Island, by increasing awareness and by providing scholarships and program funding for the needs of students and schools.

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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 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!

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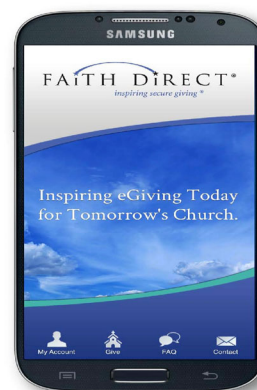
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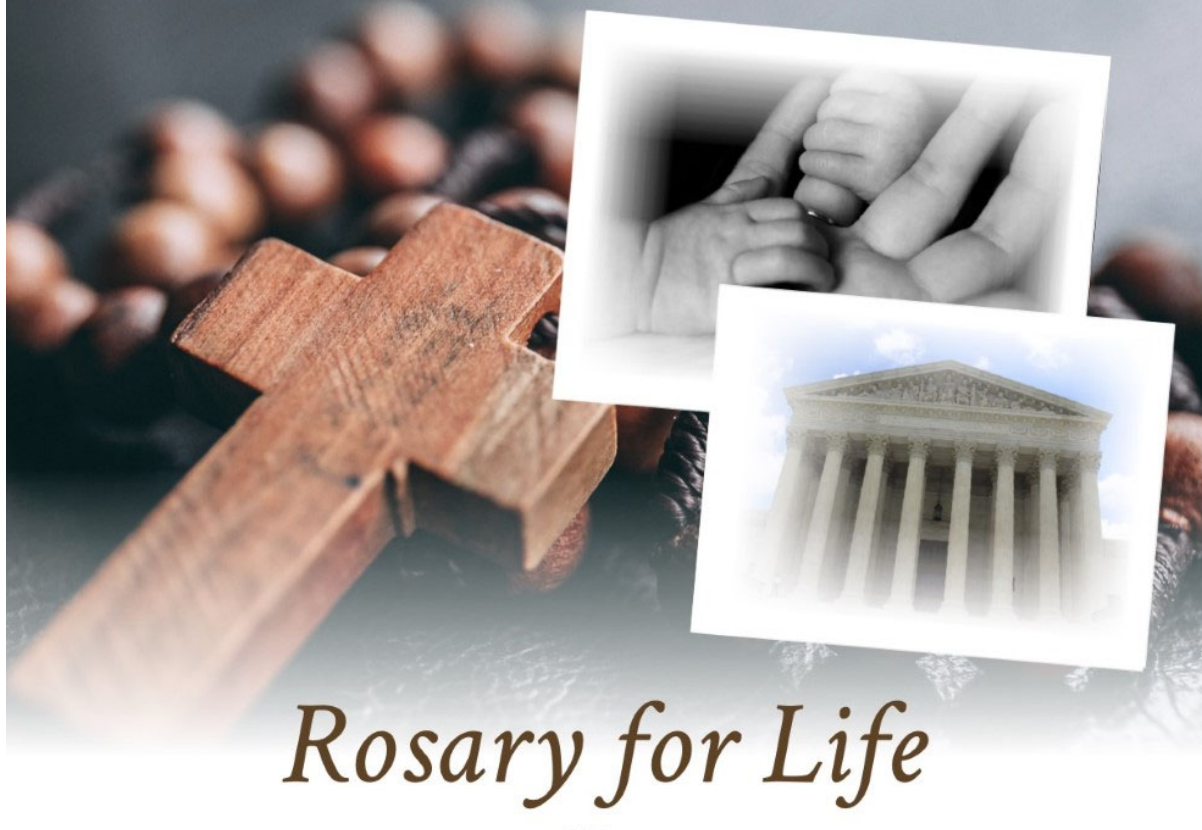
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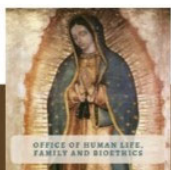
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As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

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!

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

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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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