

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

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Religious Education:

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

Email: faithformation@stgerts.org



SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there
were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a
place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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	May 6
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
SUNDAY	May 7
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	Craig J. Wieland +
11:30am	Philip Altadonna + Sam Galasso + Russell Selover +
MONDAY	May 8
8:30am	Sohrab M. Kheradi +
TUESDAY	May 9
8:30am	Florence Genovese +
WEDNESDAY	May 10
8:30am	Elinor May +
THURSDAY	May 11
8:30am	Manuela Ortega de Arzeno +
FRIDAY	May 12
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
SATURDAY	May 13
8:30am	Angelo Carozza + Strivelli family
5:00pm	Mother's Day Intentions

5th Sunday of Easter / May 7, 2023

First Reading: So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4).

Second Reading: You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9).

Gospel: Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father." (Jn 14:6-7).

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, May 13th: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel
Sunday, May 14th: 7:30am— Msgr. Morrissey
9:30am — Fr. Gabriel
11:30am— Msgr. Morrissey

Building His House: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house.

His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:1).

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20) and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).



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”

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| LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa | LCpl Brian Allen | Pfc. Mark Chuisano |
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| Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz | Major James Nicholson | LT Col. Sean Patak |
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| 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: 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!



Joseph Hafner

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
April 30, 2023: \$ 9,384.50

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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

There will be a 2nd collection this 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.

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.



Religious Education classes for the 2022-2023 year have now come to an end. Msgr. Morrissey and Dr. Sheehan would like to publicly thank our parishioners who have given of their time, talents, and treasure to help educate our young people in their Catholic Faith. Please keep these special people in your prayers. Our devoted Catechists this year were:

Lisa Belinsky, Beth Berglund, Dominick Bianco, Ann Marie Bianco, Nina Brogan, Dale Carpenzano, Nora Caruso, Joanne Caceres, Lois Guijarro, Amy Hartnett, Rose Iorio, Paula Kenny, Maureen Lewicky, Kiera Liantonio, Mickey Madden, Mary Ellen McKie, Hope McQuiston, Suzanne Minutoli, Anna Nicoletta, Patricia O'Donnell, Nancy Oxer, Terri Perri, Victor Sackett, Dina Scognamiglio, Doreen Schieferstein, Dr. Lillian Tanguay, Jillian Terrana, Irene Tarnowski, Roseanna Varrichio, Erika Viscovich.



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



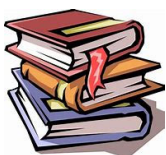
Preschool News: Thoughts of mommies were on everyone's minds as that important holiday gets closer.

Miss Wendy's Mommy and Me class made Mother's Day gifts and cards. Miss Carmela's two year old class made flower gardens and cherry tree projects, they worked on the letter W. Miss Michelle's three year old class made Mother's Day gifts and butterflies. Miss Meredith's four year old class also made caterpillars and a Mother's Day project, they studied the letter Y. Our three and four year old classes were paid a visit by the Volunteers For Wildlife, who brought along some of their friends. The children got to meet and learn about their rescued animals like turtles, opossums and birds of prey. Applications for our scholarships for the 2023 - 24 school year are now available at our office; the deadline to return the forms is the end of May, May 31st.

Check out our website for further information on:

- Liturgical Catechesis w/Bishop Andrezej
- Liturgical Ministry Training sign up info.
- Catholic schools/information
- Virtus program
- Preschool summer program
- Worldwide Marriage Encounter

And other information that our printed bulletin cannot accommodate. The on-line version of the bulletin will always offer more information/ additional events. [Wwww.stgertrudes.com](http://www.stgertrudes.com)



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

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.

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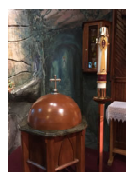


FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. NORMA STAFFORD, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS AT EXT. 1084 OR NSTAFFORD@SAINTMARYSMANHASSET.ORG



Our Lady of Mercy—2022-2023
Academic Excellence, Third Quarter

Emily Costello—Principal's List
Mollie Murray—Principal's List
Madalena Peterson—Principal's List
Antonia Vitale—Principal's List



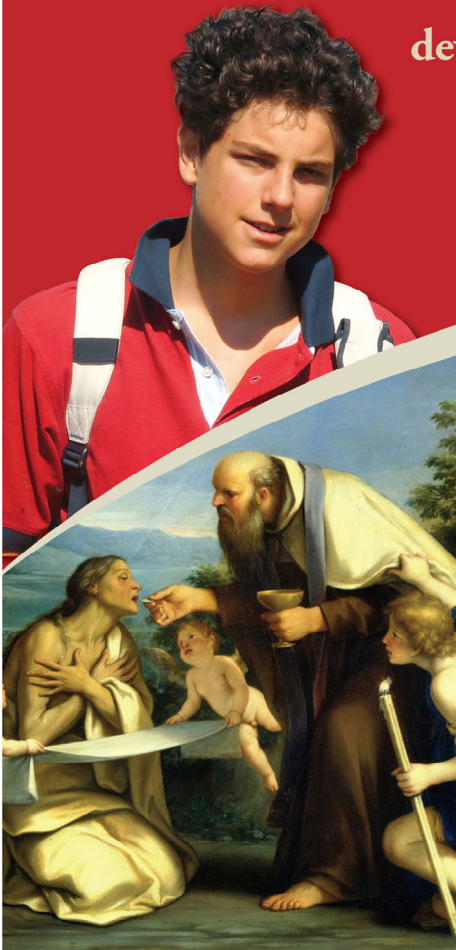
Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Sophia Michelle DiLollo

St. Dominic's Catholic Church, Oyster Bay
invites parishioners and friends to an exhibit of

THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

developed by The Servant of God,
Blessed Carlo Acutis.



SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 • 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 • 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: St. Dominic's High School, Msgr. Collins Sports Center • 97 Anstice Street, Oyster Bay

Come and learn about the extraordinary life of our newest beatified teen and his devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, based on the website he developed with his computer talents.

Exhibit hosted by St. Dominic's Ladies Bible Study and Knights of Columbus Council #1206, Oyster Bay

Free Daily Raffles of the 360-page book "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World" to all who attend the Exhibit!

2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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



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,

Our 2023 goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$19,705.00 to date from 47 donors.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

COME VISIT US!

Tours are offered weekdays during
and after school. Scan the QR code or visit
www.chaminade-hs.org/admissions to sign up!



SAVE THE DATE:

The St. Gertrude's
Feast of St. Anthony is
scheduled to begin on:
Thursday, June 8th—thru
Sunday, June 11th

Pay one Price daily advanced discounted
tickets: www.newtonshows.com.

Saturday, June 10th at 5:00pm Mass on the
beach (weather permitting).

Tomorrow's Hope Foundation Gala Tomorrow's Hope Foundation will host its 18th Annual Stars for Students Gala on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m. at RXR Plaza in Uniondale. Proceeds from the event will help provide tuition assistance to students in need attending Long Island's Catholic elementary schools. The Stars for Students Gala is the Foundation's signature event in celebration of Catholic elementary education on Long Island and its champions. This year, Tomorrow's Hope is honoring Michael Maturo, President of RXR, Crisler Quick, President & Founder of The Finance Department and the Honorable Peter Quick, Mayor of Mill Neck for their steadfast support of the Tomorrow's Hope mission. Please consider supporting the Tomorrow's Hope Gala by purchasing a sponsorship or ticket to attend the event by scanning the QR code below or visiting the website at www.tomorrowshopefoundation.org. Today's Children are Tomorrow's Hope.



Is God Calling You To Serve As A DEACON?

By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to holiness – the lay faithful as well as Bishops, priests, and deacons.

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way? If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 60, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an Evening of Prayer and Discernment with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question. There is no cost to the evening – just your time and openness.

COME PREPARED

to LISTEN to PRAY to REFLECT to DISCERN where God is calling you!

Meetings are being offered conveniently at four locations in our diocese.

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 23 – Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park, 2 Floral Parkway
7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 25 – Our Lady of Lourdes, Massapequa Park, 855 Carmans Road
7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31 – St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street

with a Sunday Morning option,

FOLLOWING THE 11:00 AM MASS, to be held at

12:00 p.m., Sunday, June 4 – St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport, 20 Cheshire Place



RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179
or by email to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.

ST. GERTRUDE'S PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM



June 12th, 2023 – June 23rd

Monday – Friday 9:15 AM – 12:00PM

Ages 2-5

Registration Now Open!

For further information, call us at 516.628.3710 or visit our website at

www.stgertrudesprek.org

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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 _____



July 7-9, 2023

Huntington, NY

If regret over a past abortion is
part of your life, you are not alone.

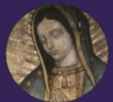
We care. We can help.

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.

Retreat Fee= \$250
Limited Space. Call now.



DIOCESE of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Office of Human Life,
Family and Bioethics

Contact:

Donna Crean • 516-287-8748 • dcrean@drvc.org
www.drvc.life.org/projectrachel
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 worshippers 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

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!

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 McMahan, 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

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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/>.

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.

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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.

OUR GOAL is to give more children the opportunity to enjoy the advantages of a Catholic elementary school education, regardless of economic status.

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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

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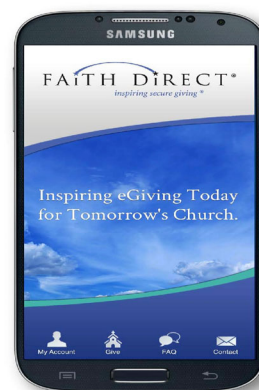
Pledge reminders are mailed on the 1st of each month, if you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White (Parish Development) at 516-607-3635.



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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!

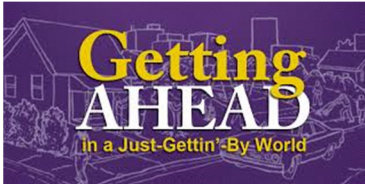
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Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Depression, Divorce Mediation and Domestic Violence, are available to our parishioners at 147 other parishes. This program, 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-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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