

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. Joseph Gaspar, Assoc. Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Miah, retired
Rev. Erwin Blasa, visiting priest

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: svdpstgerts@gmail.com

SVDP store locations:

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

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SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a



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	July 22
5:00pm	Mary, Iggy & Paul Perrone +
SUNDAY	July 23
7:30am	Sadie & Anthony Caputo +
9:30am	Jennie Marretti +
11:30am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
MONDAY	July 24
8:30am	Robert DiGiovanni +
TUESDAY	July 25
8:30am	Nita DeCesare +
WEDNESDAY	July 26
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
THURSDAY	July 27
8:30am	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
FRIDAY	July 28
8:30am	Frank Primeggia +
SATURDAY	July 29
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / July 23, 2023

First Reading:

And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. (Wis 12:19).

Psalm:

Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86).

Second Reading:

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. (Rom 8:26).

Gospel:

“Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, ‘First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.’” (Mt 13:30).

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Of Wheat and Weeds: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, July 29th: 5:00pm—Fr. Joseph
Sunday, July 30th: 7:30am— Fr. Erwin
9:30am — Fr. Joseph
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
LT Mary Grace Colluci	Major Janet R. Erazo	1st LT William Trotta, Jr.
2nd LT Glenn Harvey	1st LT Dylan Wall	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	Ens. James Figari	US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon
LT Colonel Terrance Thorgramson	2nd LT James Andrew Baker	

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.

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



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:
UPDATED!!!!

Supplies are either desperately low or out of the following items: Canned black

beans, mayonnaise, bar and hand soap, shampoo & conditioner, paper towels.

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!



Sheila Brown

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
July 16, 2023: \$ 6,721.50

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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

Faith Direct

As summer is here, we recognize that many families in our parish will be traveling for vacations and

other reasons. During this time, we encourage you to consider eGiving to ensure your support for our parish remains consistent even when you're away. By setting up eGiving through our parish's online platform, Faith Direct, you can make a meaningful impact on the ministries you care about most, even while you're away. Your recurring gifts will not only sustain our parish throughout the summer months, but you will help our staff steward God's resources well by reducing our costs for envelopes and paper and spending less staff time processing cash and checks, allowing more time for missions and ministries.

Getting started with eGiving is easy. Here are the ways to sign up:

- Visit faith.direct/NY83
- Call Faith Direct Customer Service at 866-507-8757
- Text "Enroll" to 516-494-7947

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



Dear People of God,

Caring is a gift no one can buy.

It's made up of love that roots in our hearts and creates memories not just for a while but for a lifetime.

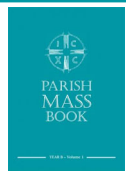
Please accept my heart felt gratitude for your prayers, support and for being so caring, generous and kind.

It was such a pleasure knowing you and working with you.

May God bless you all for all you have done for me.

You will be missed.

Fr. Gabriel Miah



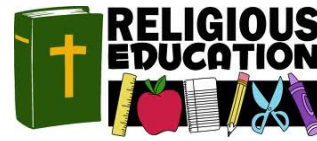
The 2024 Mass book is open. Masses remain at \$20 each and wine & hosts for the week remain at \$50. Cash or check only.

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.



Religious Education is seeking catechists and hall monitors for the 2023-2024 school year. If you feel a call to share your faith with the young people of our Parish, call Dr. Sheehan at the Office of Religious Education at 516-628-2432 or email at faithformation@stgerts.org.



On Sunday 7/30, immediately following the 11:30 am mass, the Knights of Columbus will conduct in the church their brief (30 minute) joining ceremony which exemplifies their principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Our Knights are very pleased that Fr Erwin Blasa has accepted the invitation to join the Knights at this ceremony.

All parishioners and their families are welcome to attend the ceremony and learn more about the Knights of Columbus. Following the ceremony the Knights will offer a reception of coffee, juice and cake in the lower church. Please join us!

If you are a Catholic man age 18 or older that is interested in joining the Knights at this time along with Fr Erwin, please feel free to contact Ed Willie at cell: 516-776-0743 or EJWillie@gmail.com for further information.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great). Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"
1 Peter 4:10

Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

Stewardship is the grateful response of every Christian disciple to share our God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in a way that passionately sets our hearts on fire and touches the lives of others, as we live the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is an excellent way to journey through the Pillars of Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service to express your gratitude to God.

Through the Pillar of Hospitality and Service, many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort and by creating a welcoming environment for all. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports, such as formation classes and parish outreach programs.

Through the Pillar of Prayer and Formation, the Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support as we become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer and evangelization ministries. We may wish to pray for those who support and volunteer for the committee and for those who receive support from the appeal.

The CMA provides an opportunity for stewards to use their treasure to serve more than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral programs. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is Stewardship in action!

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

To learn more about Stewardship, visit: <https://www.stewardshipli.org/>



Check out our website for other information that our printed bulletin cannot accommodate. [Www.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com)

Further information on:

- Rosary for Life every Friday 3:00pm via zoom
- Importance of a Catholic education



Our 2023 CMA goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$25,960.00 to date from 64 donors.

About Raynham Hall Museum and The Culper Spy Ring

Raynham Hall Museum is a historic house museum located in **Oyster Bay**. It was owned by the Townsend family whose son, Robert, was a central member of General George Washington's Culper Spy Ring. The spy ring, conceived and operated by Washington, was an indispensable part of winning the war against the better financed and more numerous British forces. Robert Townsend was code named "Samuel Culper, Jr." and posed as a Loyalist in Manhattan while gathering information on British troop movements. The Culper Spy Ring is cited as a forerunner of today's Central Intelligence Agency.

Tiny Worlds, Grand Narratives: "History in Miniature" Exhibit Opens July 4th at Raynham Hall Museum

Miniatures have captivated people for thousands of years. History in Miniature examines dioramas and miniatures, investigating our fascination with small-scale creations. The exhibit explores the artistic process and skills involved in creating miniatures and the emotional responses they inspire. Visitors will take a journey across time and place from ancient civilizations to modern eras.

The exhibit is drawn from the collection of Richard Schuster, treasurer of the Board of Raynham Hall Museum. Schuster has collected, researched, and painted historical miniatures for over 60 years, and has amassed a collection of over 30,000 figures and scenics.

The exhibit features an opportunity for hands-on engagement with miniatures. Follow Raynham Hall Museum on Facebook and Instagram, check the website at www.raynhamhallmuseum.org, or call 516-922-6808 for more information and related programs.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023 AT 10 AM - 11 AM

Workshop: The Practical Herb Gardener—Raynham Hall Museum
20 W Main Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Nothing beats the flavor of herbs plucked fresh from a garden and used in your cooking! Join educator Mike Goudket for a one-hour walk through the Raynham Hall Museum herb garden and get a historic perspective on herb cultivation on Long Island. This guided tour will look at the use of herbs in historic and simple contemporary cooking, seed starting, and how to grow herbs successfully in challenging suburban environments. Goudket designed the Raynham Hall herb garden based on his work at Old Bethpage Village Restoration and has maintained a home herb garden for over 25 years. Limited to 8 participants. Wear gardening clothes and bring gloves, and a pencil and paper to take notes. All materials will be supplied for seed starting. Cost: \$30 general public / \$25 museum members. For tickets, visit: <https://raynhamhallmuseum.org/upcoming-events/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matt 13:31-32: Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree. The birds of the air come and make their nests in its branches." Have faith and you can make your relationship strong. Come and rest in its branches. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where the faith of a mustard seed will grow. The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT

August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont

September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

October 20-22, 2023 in Vermont

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/>.

TACHS EXAM

PREP COURSE

TEST DATE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

- ✓ Course dates: Saturdays 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/21, 10/28
- ✓ Time: 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ Location: St. Dominic High School, Marian Hall
- ✓ Taught by St. Dominic High School Faculty
- ✓ Textbook included

REGISTER ONLINE AT [HS.STDOMS.ORG](https://hs.stdoms.org) (UNDER LATEST NEWS)

Students accepted on a first come - first serve basis.
There will be no refunds once the course begins.

Course Fee
\$275
Textbook included



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PRESS RELEASE

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY (NYC) - REUNION 2023

New York NY, July 12, 2023: The annual Reunion of the St. Michael Academy Alumnae Association (NYC) will be held this year at 12 Noon on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Connolly's Pub and Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, New York City. It is open to ALL Alumnae but especially honors the Golden Anniversary Class of 1973 and the Silver Anniversary Class of 1998.

For further information and reservations please consult the website at: https://www.saintmichaelacademy.com/index.php/Events/eview/annual_reunion or by email at: smaanyc@gmail.com or call: **516-437-6958**. The cost is \$75 for the luncheon before August 31, 2023, \$85 thereafter. Cash bar. ALL SMA Alumnae from all years are always welcome to attend.

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We look forward to welcoming you for a tour to learn more about our Catholic faith community, academic, athletic, and extracurricular offerings!



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~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@drvc.org
Thank you.
Mary McMahon, LSCW

DID YOU KNOW?

**Planned Gifts of IRAs are not the best assets for family members to inherit?
WHY? Heirs will pay taxes on these financial instruments.**



On the other hand, IRAs are good assets to give to the Church or other charity when doing your estate planning since they will not pay a tax on retirement assets they inherit.

Making a planned gift of a retirement asset reduces the tax burden on a family. In addition, making a planned gift of an IRA is easy and affordable. All it takes is to update a beneficiary designation with a donor's bank or investment company.

For more information on tax-wise planned gifts, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

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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"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



JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

Click here for link

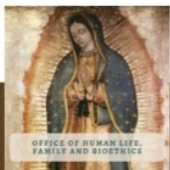
Meeting ID: 856 4708 7922

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Email dcrean@drvc.org

if you would like the link
sent to you each month.



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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!

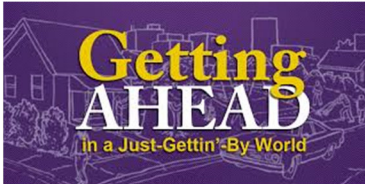
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Resources Available

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>.



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