

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. Maxi Ofori, 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, AUGUST 13, 2023

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD



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	August 12
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
SUNDAY	August 13
7:30am	Antonia Marie Hili +
9:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
11:30am	Patricia Mavros +
MONDAY	August 14
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00pm	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
TUESDAY	August 15
8:30am	Susan & Peter Diglio +
7:30pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
WEDNESDAY	August 16
8:30am	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
THURSDAY	August 17
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
FRIDAY	August 18
8:30am	Dominick & Catherine Carbone +
SATURDAY	August 19
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00pm	Noel Murphy +

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time / August 13, 2023

First Reading: Then the LORD said to him, “Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by.” (1 Kgs 19:11).

Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, (Rom 9:1-3).

Gospel: Peter said to him in reply, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. (Mt 14:28-29).

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Sinking Fear: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will?

God commands Elijah in today’s First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him.

In each case, the Lord makes Himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10–15; Exodus 19:17–19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18–23).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today’s Gospel is a revelation of Jesus’ divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalms 89:9–10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—“It is I”—are those God used to identify Himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10).

Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.

Yet, we should know, as we sing in today’s Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today’s Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel.

We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps—save us whenever we begin to sink.

Presider’s Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, August 19th: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, August 20th: 7:30am—Fr. Maxi

9:30am — Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am— Fr. Maxi



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
LT Colonel Nicholas Lo Russo	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.



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 AGAIN!!!!

Supplies are either desperately low or out of the following items: **Canned black beans & other varieties, deodorant, Parmalat milk, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, 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.



Rebecca Browning

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
August 6, 2023: \$ 7,674.50

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.

Check out our website for other information that our printed bulletin cannot accommodate.

[Www.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com)



Saturday, September 30, 2023, 8:30am – 1pm

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island

Friends of the Poor Walk

Cedar Creek Park

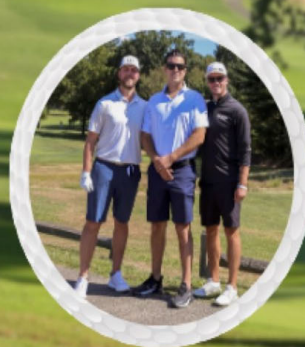
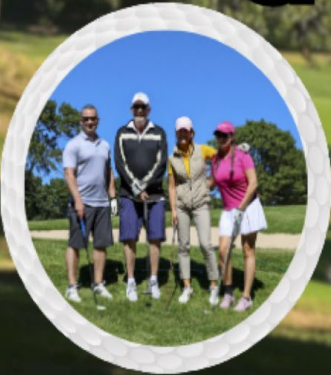
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“This major fundraising event includes our Parish Conferences coming together to raise money for the work they do to help people in their conferences. Be it our Uplift Program which helps cover bills for an extended period, our Family Assistance Program which helps with a one-time large bill, food for our pantries, furniture and clothing for neighbors in need, our conferences helped raise over \$250,000 last year to support their efforts” For more information, please visit: <https://svdpli.org>

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School

2023 GOLF CLASSIC



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Bethpage State Park Golf Course



***Scan here for more information!
Golf Packages & Sponsorships Available***

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jessica Vespa @ 631-587-8000 x162



Because no marriage is beyond hope...

A marriage-saving program here in the New York/Metropolitan Area.

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
September 8-10, 2023
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary,
Huntington**

**To register or for more information:
1-800-470-2230
HelpOurMarriage.org**

Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges

It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.



Our parish office will be closed Tuesday, August 15th in recognition of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day of obligation this year). Masses held at 5:00pm—Monday, August 14th and 8:30am & 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 15th.

THE FATHER MYCHAL JUDGE

911

WALK OF REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER 10th, 2023

We honor the memory of those lost on 911, we trace the footsteps of
Father Mychal Judge in the spirit of prayer and remembrance.

8:00am - Mass: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st St, Main Church)

9:00am - Rosary: St. Francis of Assisi RC Church (31st St, Outside)

9:30am - Walk Begins: E1/L24 FDNY (31st St. & 7th Ave)

~12:00pm - Walk Concludes at St. Peters RC Church (Barclay St)

8:00am Mass is the regularly scheduled St. Francis Mass

Websites: (StFrancisNYC.org) (SpCOlr.org)

All are invited to walk down 7th Avenue the route that Father Mychal
and so many others traveled on that fateful day.

FDNY, NYPD, PAPD will be honored as we pray and remember.

911WalkOfRemembrance@gmail.com • www.911WalkOfRemembrance.com
646.856.WALK

2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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



"Only by loving, serving others, can people come to know God."
Pope Francis



Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Parish Outreach and Catholic Charities Programs serve people in our community by providing food, clothing, shelter, counseling and care. And most importantly, it lets those we serve know that God loves them and is with them during the difficult times in their lives.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal! Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

Parish: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

Pledge \$ _____

Down Payment \$ _____

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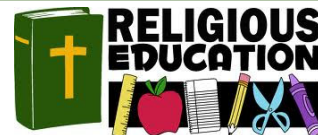
Catholic Ministries Appeal, Diocese of Rockville Centre, P.O. Box 4000, Rockville Centre, New York 11571 catholicministriesappeal.org



Our 2023 CMA goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$28,460.00 to date from 66 donors. Thank you!!!



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



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.

**BACK
BY
POPULAR
DEMAND**

FALL CLEANING?

Do you have treasures at home that
someone else may want or need?
Consider donating them to the

St. Thomas Tag Sale!

Attend one of our scheduled donation days
in the

Msgr. Smith Auditorium
24 Westminster Road
West Hempstead, NY

Donation Days:

- **Monday, Sept. 11: 5 pm - 8 pm**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 12: 9 am - 12 pm**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 13: 5 pm - 8 pm**

Donation Possibilities:

- "Hard" furniture pieces and home décor
- Office equipment
- Lamps
- Small appliances
- Kitchen supplies
- Gardening tools
- Sports equipment
- Jewelry
- And much more!

Tag Sale
Fri & Sat
September
15 & 16

We cannot accept "soft" furniture and linens, mattresses, rugs, dolls, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, computers, TVs, VHS tapes, car or booster seats, artificial Christmas trees, paint or other toxic chemicals, and foods or liquids.

*Thank you for helping to ensure that
this event is a huge success!*

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL REGINA TODD (516) 509-3971

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time-"Stand on the mountain before the Lord."

1 Kings 19:11: "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by."

Matt 14:27: Jesus spoke and said "Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid. Take shelter in the Lord. The Lord is always with you. He will shelter you and sustain you in your marriage. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. He will guide you in your relationship. The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT

August 25-27, 2023 in Derby Line, Vermont

September 22-24, 2023 in Huntington, NY

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://www.menyli.org/>.



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.



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you?

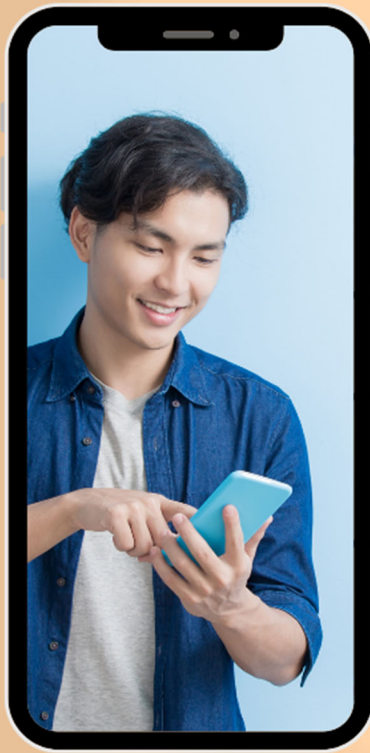
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www.drvcvocations.org

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5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



1

Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions

2

Monitor technology use (trust but verify)

3

Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech

4

Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks

5

Inform children and youth they can always tell you if someone makes them feel scared, uncomfortable or unsafe online



www.virtus.org

PRESS RELEASE

ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY (NYC) - REUNION 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: smaaanyc@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.

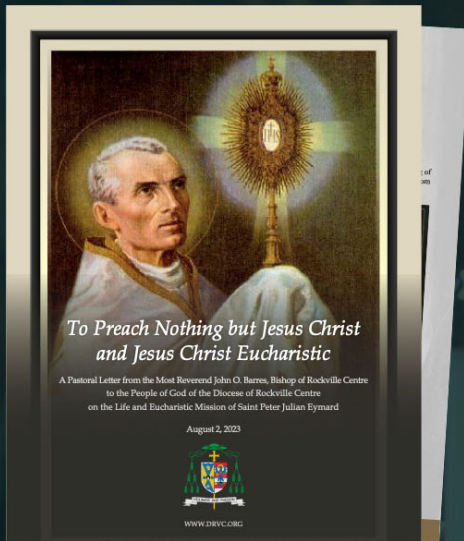


New Pastoral Letter

Bishop John O. Barres

*To Preach Nothing
but Jesus Christ and
Jesus Christ Eucharistic*

on the Life and Eucharistic Mission
of Saint Peter Julian Eymard



**Available online beginning
July 31, 2023 at www.drvc.org**



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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/>

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

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

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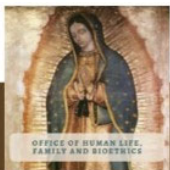
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As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

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!

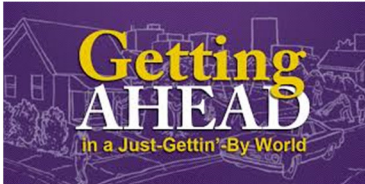
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“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

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