

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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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” - Mt 16:24b-25

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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	September 2
5:00pm	Owen & Rosemary Clarke +
SUNDAY	September 3
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30am	Altimari & Galazzo families +
MONDAY	September 4
8:30am	DeCesare family +
TUESDAY	September 5
8:30am	Anthony Verga +
WEDNESDAY	September 6
8:30am	Antonio Carbone +
THURSDAY	September 7
8:30am	Edward Gwisdalla +
FRIDAY	September 8
8:30am	John P. Hogan + Dominick & Catherine Carbone +
SATURDAY	September 9
8:30am	Special intention Rebecca Browning +
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / September 3, 2023

First Reading:

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. (Jer 20:8).

Second Reading:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. (Rom 12:1).

Gospel:

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Mt 16:24-25).

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For Your Life: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God’s call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see [Jeremiah 20:11-12](#)) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see [Hebrews 12:5-7](#)).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today’s Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel’s sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God’s kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today’s Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see [Hebrews 10:3-11](#); [Psalm 50:14, 23](#)).

Peter doesn’t yet get this in today’s Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see [1 Corinthians 1:23](#)). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God’s plan.

That’s how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see [Hebrews 13:15](#)). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.



The Altar Bread and Wine used at our Masses this week are offered loving memory of:

Mario Frumiento

Presider’s Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, September 9th: 5:00pm—Fr. Maxi

Sunday, September 10th: 7:30am— Msgr Morrissey

9:30am — Fr. Maxi

11:30am— Msgr. Morrissey



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, Francesca Lattuga.

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: Cereal, rice (1 lb. bags), Parmalat milk, flour, sugar, coffee (decaf & regular), tea, mayonnaise, bar and hand soap, shampoo & conditioner, paper towels, deodorant.

Donations to be placed in back of church under choir loft.

Pantry hours are every Friday from 8:30am–9:30am in the lower Church.

United Methodist Church Outreach. Food pantry opened every OTHER Saturday 9-12. Please call Ann Albro @ 516-647-5943 for any questions.

Just a friendly reminder to please be aware of food expiration dates. Thank you!



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

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

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
August 27, 2023: \$ N/A

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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

The Catholic University of America Collection

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Support the collection at: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org.

Liturgical Minister Training- Fall 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

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.

A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., Sept. 23 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Sat., Sept. 30 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
(please arrive by 8:30 am for either training)

Training in ENGLISH:

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Tuesday, Oct. 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.
(You may register for only one of these trainings this evening. Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Additional training opportunities in English will be coming soon.

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. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

Upcoming Events!

- Monday, September 4th—office closed in celebration of Labor Day
- Thursday, September 7th—Rosary Guild Meeting 7:00pm, Bingo night—join in!
- Saturday, September 9th—Confirmation retreat, 9-12—Parish Center
- Sunday, September 10th—9:30am mass— Blessing of the backpacks and Diocese second collection—Catholic Universities
- Wednesday, September 13th—Knights of Columbus meeting 7:30pm
- Sunday, September 17th—Catechetical Sunday 9:30am mass & Diocese second collection St. Pius X Enriched living facility, 1:00pm baptisms
- Monday, September 18th—religious education classes start

St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild Sponsored Community



Yard Sale

In the St. Gertrude's Church Parking Lot, Bayville
Saturday

October 14, 2023

9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Rain date October 21, 2023

The Guild will provide the space, the permit, and the advertising.
You provide setup tables and takeaway.

\$25 for a two parking space spot.

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or call: 516-459-6218. We will confirm.

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**ROSARY GUILD COMMUNION MASS AND LUNCHEON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH 11:00 a.m. MASS
LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW AT: THE VIEW, GLEN COVE
GUEST SPEAKER: TBD**

Please join the Rosary Guild for a Communion Mass and Luncheon on Saturday October 7th at 11:00am. Mass will be celebrated at St. Gertrude's Church. Luncheon to follow at The View, Glen Cove Golf Course. All are welcome.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$45. *RSVP: Pat O'Donnell, 628-1340.*

Payment may be dropped off at St. Gertrude's Rectory, or mailed to: St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild, 28 School Street, Bayville NY 11709.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th in recognition of Labor Day. We wish all our parish family a safe and happy time.



ROSARY GUILD OF ST. GERTRUDE

Thursday, September 7th meeting
Parish Center
7:00pm



Bring in your school supplies/ back pack for a blessing on Sunday, September 10th at the 9:30am Mass. We wish all our school age children and their families a blessed school year!

Please join us for the first meeting of the new season. BINGO for cash prizes! We will introduce our new board members & discuss upcoming events.

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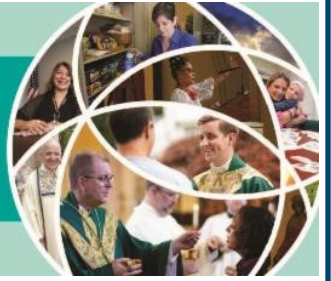


2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Each year Americans celebrate Labor Day as a national holiday to honor working people. For Catholics, it is also an opportunity to recall the traditional teaching of the Church on dignity of work and the rights of workers. As Pope Francis pointed out, *"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. . . It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own Nation."*



This Labor Day, the economic facts are stark, and the human costs are real, especially for the poor, who may be unemployed or underemployed, the struggle to support their families is a daily battle. Please consider supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal which supports the programs and services that assist families and individuals struggling in our communities.

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



Our 2023 CMA goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$33,081.00 to date from 70 donors (59.61%). Thank you!!!



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2023



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By Most Rev. John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre

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To read the letter, you can:

1. Direct them to our parish website: www.stgerts.com
2. Visit the Diocesan website - www.drvc.org (on the home page, scroll down to "Advice for College Students from Bishop Barres [Click Here to Read](#)")
3. Enter this link into your computer: [Final LETTER2STUDENTS 08 01 2020.pdf \(drvc.org\)](#)
(note the underscores between words)



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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Long Island
Friends of the Poor Walk
Cedar Creek Park
Seaford, NY



"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>

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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
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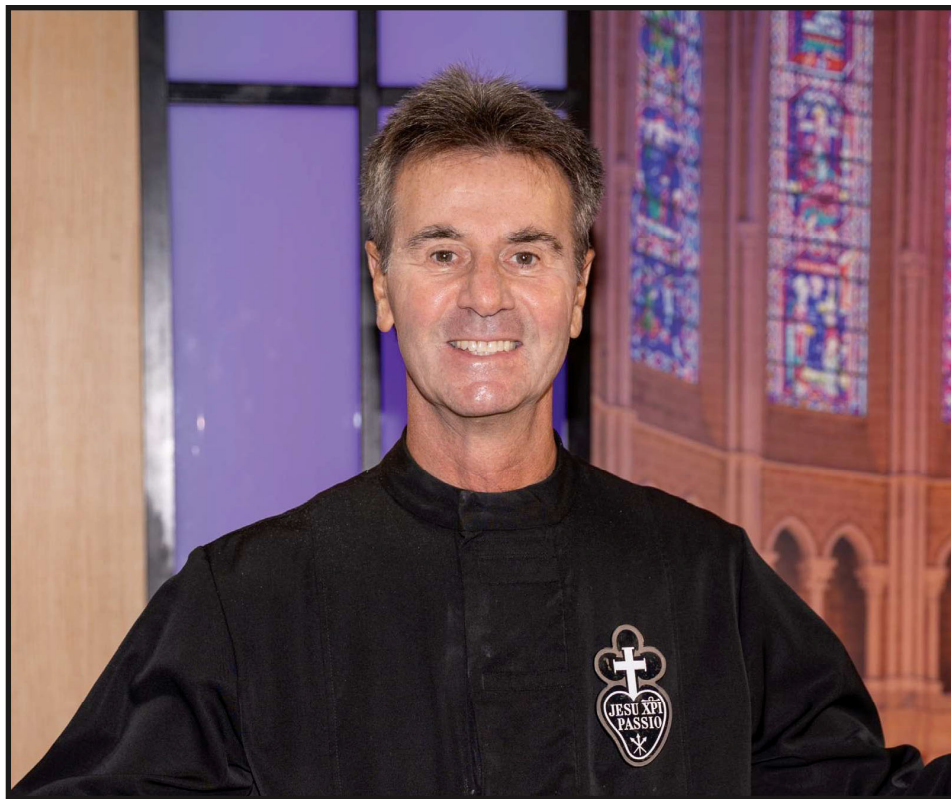
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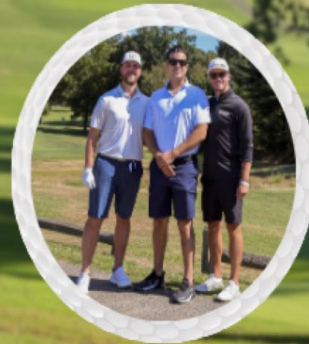
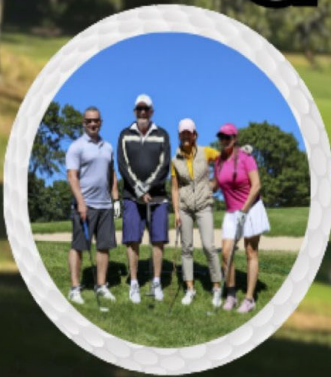
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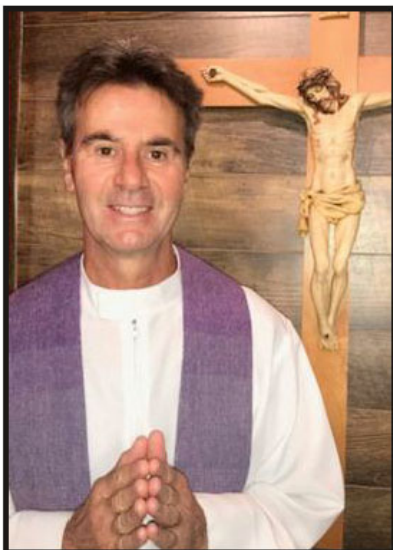
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TEST DATE

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
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SEPTEMBER

DAY OF PRAYER

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

*Through the Lens
of the Cross:
A Window or a Wall?*

Presented by Sr. Karen Cavanagh, CSJ

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for a day of recollection,
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The day will run from 9:30 AM – 3 PM.
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Mass and an opportunity for the
Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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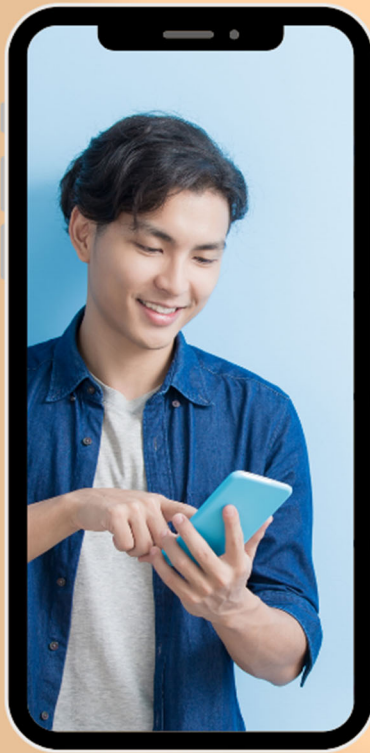
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1

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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



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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.



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AFTER ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES

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Court Queen of Angels #869, here at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, is joining with Catholic Daughter Courts throughout New York State for *The Thank You Project* – a letter and notecard writing event to acknowledge our active duty men and women in the Military.

Won't you join us in thanking a serviceman or servicewoman?



3 WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

1. Stop by our tables at the priests' garage after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, September 30th or any Mass on Sunday, October 1st. Write a quick note – we will supply the paper, cards, pens and markers. You may also drop off cards you have already prepared.
2. Drop your cards any time in the box located in the church.
3. Mail or drop off your cards, marked "Catholic Daughters Thank You Project" to the rectory office (St. Ignatius Loyola, 129 Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801) no later than October 22nd.

Please note: cards or letters only (no envelopes needed). Religious, snack food or other items, or monetary donations cannot be accepted. Children's cards should be drawn or written only – no glued items, stickers or glitter. Crayons or markers are best!

We will bundle all of our good wishes and will arrange to have them forwarded around the country and overseas throughout the year to our active duty military personnel.

SUGGESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

Address your card "Dear Friend" or "Dear Service Member". Be positive! Write a note of encouragement or tell them your hobbies or what life is like in your town. You do not need to sign your full name or provide an address. Please refrain from political statements and inappropriate topics or lengthy religious discussions, but you may certainly say you are praying for them. Please do not be holiday specific as cards will be sent throughout the year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

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.

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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@druc.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

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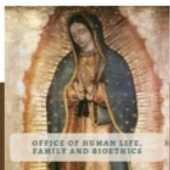
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As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

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!

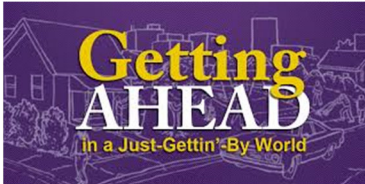
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