

# 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

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

## PARISH OFFICE: Phone: (516) 628-1113

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## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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. . .

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 16</b>
5:00pm	Kevin Breslin +
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>September 17</b>
7:30am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	Nita DeCesare + John Bell + Josephine Cucinella +
11:30am	Herman Bowman +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>September 18</b>
8:30am	John Scelzi +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>September 19</b>
8:30am	Angelo Pascucci +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>September 20</b>
8:30am	Caterina Primeggia +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>September 21</b>
8:30am	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>September 22</b>
8:30am	Anna Furnari +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>September 23</b>
8:30am	Mary & Frank Sherba +
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time / September 17, 2023

#### First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2).

#### Second Reading:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:7-8).

#### Gospel:

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22).

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### The Debt We Owe: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life.

Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see [Proverbs 24:6](#); [Leviticus 16](#)). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see [Luke 6:36](#); [Matthew 5:48](#)). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see [Revelation 5:9](#)). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see [Romans 14:10, 12](#)).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

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



Anna Furnari

by the Henehan family

#### **Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>: 5:00pm—Fr. Maxi

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>: 7:30am— Fr. Joseph

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
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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, Patricia Tini, Valerie Ruckert, David Long.

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!*

Brendan Thorgramson



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

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

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

## Parish Financial Summary

### Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

August 27, 2023: \$7,995.75

September 3, 2023: \$7,008.75

September 10, 2023: \$8,421.75 / Catholic Univ: \$1,516.00

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.

There will be a diocese second collection this weekend for St. Pius X.



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

## Faith Direct

As a parish, we strive to be good stewards of our resources. Many families have moved away from envelopes and are now using *Faith Direct* to fulfill their generous stewardship commitments to our parish and the wider church through electronic donations. We have also found that many are not using their envelopes that we mail out. Help us to reduce our envelope and postage expense and at the same time support St. Gertrude Catholic Church in a secure and convenient way by enrolling with *Faith Direct*.

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

- Visit [faith.direct/NY83](http://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. May God bless your stewardship to our parish community!



Each year, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves thousands of people through a myriad of direct services that help people overcome hardship. We are able to do this through a network of volunteers, and through the generosity of individuals like you. We invite you to help us continue in this community-wide effort to raise funds for, and increase awareness of, poverty on Long Island.

On Saturday, September 30, 2023, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hosting its 15th Annual Friends of the Poor 5K Walk at Cedar Creek Park in Seaford. All funds raised by walkers are used to serve individuals and families in need. In particular, EVERY

DOLLAR we raise here at St. Gertrude's will go to assist those in need in OUR very own St. Gertrude's community. **The Walk for the Poor is our only fundraiser.**

Members of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul here at St. Gertrude's will be at the doors of the Church following each of the masses the weekends of September 16 and September 23, 2023. Please come see us there, become a walker, and/or consider supporting us through a donation to our organization. For your convenience, there are also self-addressed envelopes located in the pews. You can return the envelope by mail or to any of the volunteers after mass.

Also, checks may be mailed to:  
Society of St Vincent de Paul, St. Gertrude Conference  
28 School Street  
Bayville, New York 11709  
Attn: Friends of the Poor Walk

Thank you for your generosity.



Please take a moment to offer a prayer for our parish families at the new statue of the Holy Family at the entrance to the Parish Center. We are most grateful for this generous gift from an anonymous donor from the parish. Our thanks also to Nick Calo from Tony & Nick Landscaping for his gift of installing the statue upon its foundation. May the Lord bless them and all of our parish.



**Preschool News:** We were thrilled to welcome all our students back to school this week! Everyone is busy learning their classroom routines and making new friends. This week

Miss Carmela's 2's made a Welcome to School handprint project, and a school bus project. They are learning about the alphabet, colors, and numbers. Miss Anna's 3's personalized their art smocks with handprints and their first initial. They also made an art project inspired by the book One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, and started an "All About Me" packet. Miss Michelle's 3's made a kissing hand project and a mouse puppet. They also did a special first day of school measuring project and coloring sheet. Miss Meredith's 4's made a classroom friendship tree, and did a first day of school picture, handprint, and survey. They also practiced their cutting and letter recognition skills.



Embracing the Legacy of Service

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.” — St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests

September 16, 2023

Please accept my deepest thanks for your prayers and continued financial support for our senior priests residing at St. Pius X Residence.

As our elderly priests enter this stage of their life, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention, and because of you, the St Pius X Residence is there for them.

Each year, we have the opportunity to respond generously and with grateful hearts to the priests who have given a lifetime of service. Even in retirement, our priests continue to make a profound impact on the spiritual and personal lives of Catholics of all ages. During this time of *Eucharistic Revival*, our senior priests continue to live out their vocation as eucharistic missionaries: celebrating Masses in local parishes, and bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound, and to those who are in prison. After a lifetime of sacrifice and service, it is our obligation to proudly bestow compassionate support to these men who have dedicated their vocation to the people of God on Long Island.

St. Pius X provides a life-enriching experience for the men who live there, enabling our dedicated priests to live or recuperate at a facility that gives them the extra care and attention that they need. At the same time, St. Pius X allows them to serve as active, fully engaged members of the community.

Please, take some time to review the enclosed materials. I encourage you to give prayerful consideration of a gift in support of our retired priests living at St. Pius X Residence. As our Holy Father, Pope Francis has emphasized, a community that takes care of the sick and elderly priests is one that is “well-rooted in Jesus.” May I ask that you remember all our priests in your prayers as you and your family are remembered in ours.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre

### Upcoming Events!

- Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>—Catechetical Sunday 9:30am mass & Diocese second collection St. Pius X Enriched living facility.
- Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>—Religious education classes start.
- Knights of Columbus meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, lower Church

- Bishop Andrej, Wed. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm zoom webinar on St. Joseph
- Confirmations, Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>
- Blessing of the animals, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> @1:00pm
- Liturgical Minister Training, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Blood drive and pancake breakfast, Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Bayville Senior Citizens Club Lancaster Trip—Nov. 29-Dec.1



### Banns of Marriage

Nicole Southard  
St. Gertrude, Bayville  
&

David Arthur Meehan  
St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa



### *Welcome Our Newly Baptized*

Jace Adam Aviles

# 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.

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**\$25 for a two parking space spot.**

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**ROSARY GUILD COMMUNION MASS AND LUNCHEON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Friday, Nov. 10th, 2023

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 30	9 A.M. - 12 P.M.	ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL

## OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY, OCT. 1	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
SATURDAY, OCT. 14	10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	11 A.M. - 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, OCT. 15	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.
SATURDAY, OCT. 21	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY, OCT. 22	1 P.M. - 4 P.M.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## 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.



### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



Religious education classes start Monday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. All children must register this week. Call Dr. Sheehan at

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# LECTIO DIVINA

- Lectio
- Meditatio
- Oratio
- Contemplatio



**Join Bishop Andrzej**

For Scripture Reflection Series

**on St. JOSEPH - Part I**

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

at 7:30 pm - ZOOM webinar.

**Bible Study Verses**

**JOSEPH**

**The Man of God**

**Gospel of Matthew 1: 18-25**

The Birth of Jesus

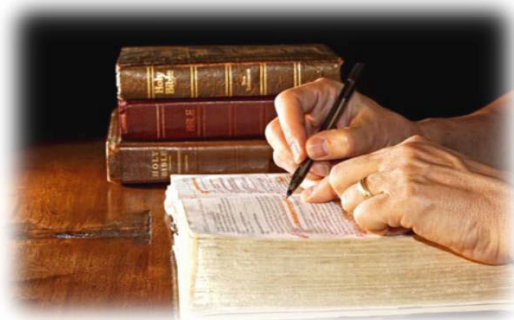
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or call Suzanne at 516-744-6850.





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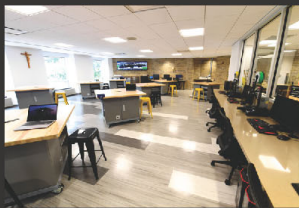
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Nov 29 - Dec 1  
2023



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**Day 2:** Today after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will go to THE AMISH EXPERIENCE attraction. The Amish Country Homestead is a reflection of their commitment to accurately and sensitively portray the Old Order Amish as they live and work in today's world. The Homestead is the home of the fictional Amish family of Daniel and Lizzie Fisher, whom you have gotten to know in the Amish Experience Theater's "Jacob's Choice." Inside the Homestead, learn of Amish traditions and practices, plain clothing and life without electricity. The Fisher One-Room School is attached to the house and filled with authentic desks and furnishings from an actual Amish school. You'll learn the tradition of teaching eight grades in one room. From the pantry stocked full of freshly canned vegetables to the family's plain clothes... from propane-powered lamps to air-compressor driven appliances...the Fisher Family Homestead truly provides insights into the complex riddles of a culture so very different from our own. Then, Sight & Sound Theatres invites you to experience the "MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS" Show. This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wise men—along with their camels! Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres®! Tonight, enjoy Dinner and head back to your hotel.

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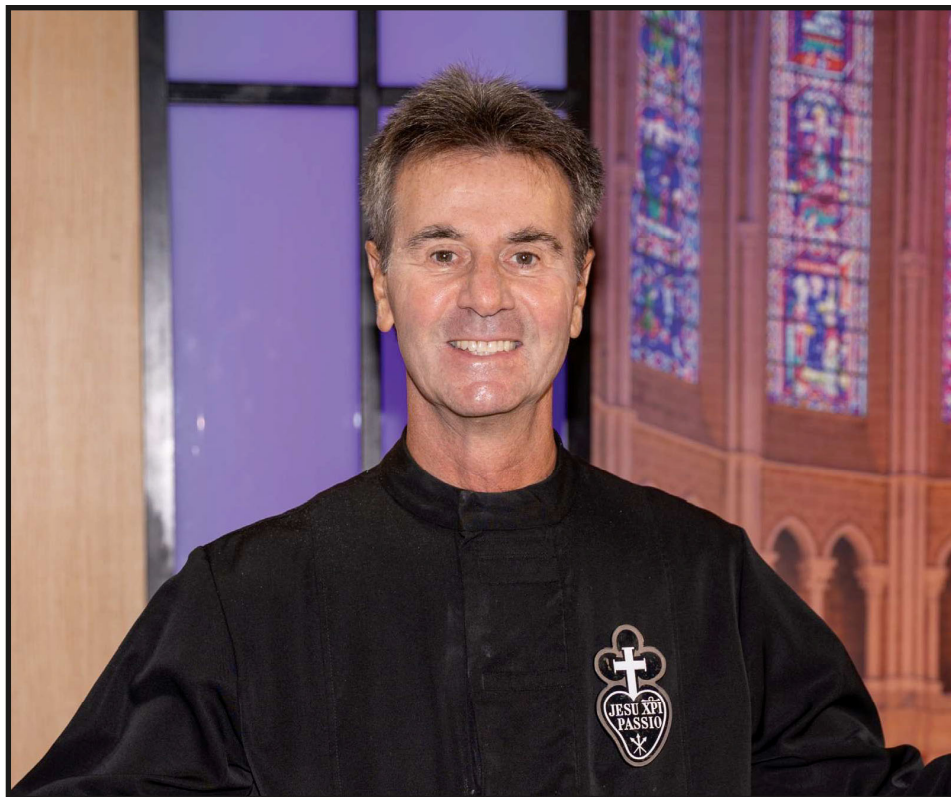
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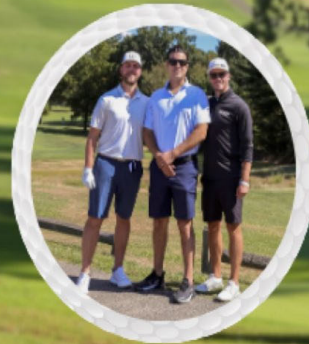
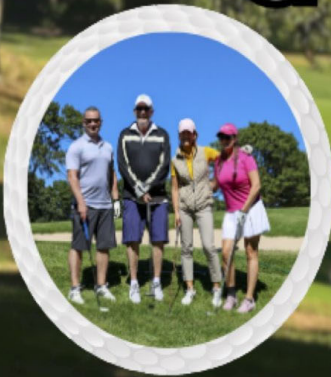
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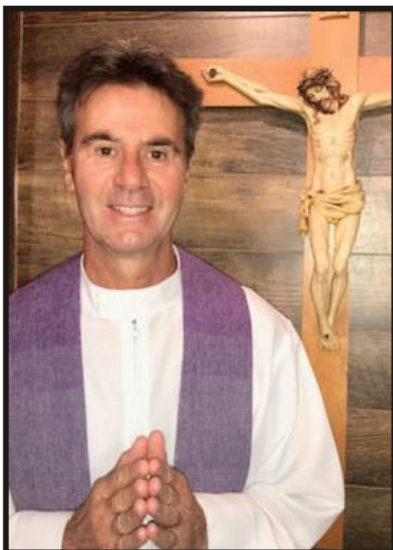
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WORDS OF ADVICE FOR COLLEGE  
STUDENTS STRIVING FOR HOLINESS

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

Please offer this letter to family members and friends departing for college this Fall.

To read the letter, you can:

1. Direct them to our parish website: [www.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com)
2. Visit the Diocesan website - [www.drvc.org](http://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)



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SEMINARY COMMUNION BREAKFAST – SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

The Friends of the Seminary invite you to their Annual Communion Breakfast

On Sunday, September 24, 2023. Mass at 10 am followed by brunch and presentation by Fr. Matthew Browne, Director, Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Reservations required (\$60 per guest). Information/reservations, Seminary Development Office, [bmalone@icseminary.edu](mailto:bmalone@icseminary.edu), (631)423-0483 x 102, [www.icseminary.edu/events](http://www.icseminary.edu/events).



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS INVITES YOU TO TAKE PART IN

# THE THANK YOU PROJECT

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 2023  
AFTER ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES

Showing our appreciation  
for military personnel  
who currently serve our country.

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.*

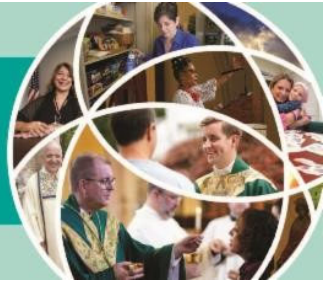
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# 2023

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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### You can make a difference in the lives of those around us by making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal

#### Every Gift Counts!

**A gift of \$25** may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

**A gift of \$50** from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill in a cold winter month for a family in need.

**A gift of \$100** may help care for a new Mom get the guidance she needs through Regina Maternity Management Services.

**A gift of \$250** may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.

**A gift of \$1,000** may help support a Seminarian's education.

Because of you, every year we serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island Community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve the community. With your support, Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation.

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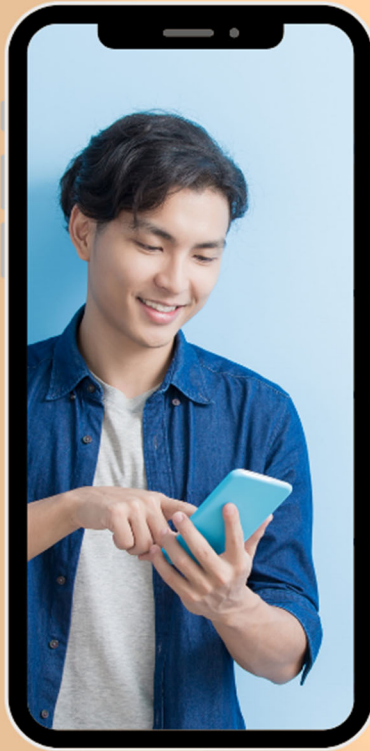
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# 5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



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](http://www.virtus.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](mailto: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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**~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](http://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](mailto: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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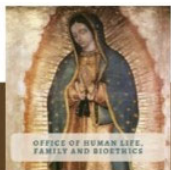
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## *As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish*

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!

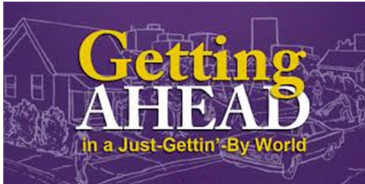
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# Resources Available

## 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>.



### “Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North  
We all know how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul regularly provides charitable assistance to neighbors in need. Beginning with the home visit, Vincentians perform numerous good deeds, many of which involve financial assistance (rent & utility bills), immediate needs assistance (food, furniture, etc.) and also counseling.

However, the challenges facing those in poverty are ever more acute today. The “Getting AHEAD” program, offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul across the country, is one approach to help these neighbors rise above the “tyranny of the moment” or crisis mode in which they are too often bound. It also answers the questions raised by many Vincentians: “What more can I do for my neighbor beyond the traditional home visit?” and “Is there a structured process I can become involved with that would make a difference?” If you are interested in joining, please email: [svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com](mailto:svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com)

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