

# 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

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am–4:00pm  
(or by appointment).

Fax: (516) 628-9032

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

## 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.



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Email: [faithformation@stgerts.org](mailto:faithformation@stgerts.org)



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>October 7</b>
5:00pm	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>October 8</b>
7:30am	Linda Mary Firreillo +
9:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30am	Gregory McMahan +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>October 9</b>
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>October 10</b>
8:30am	Angela Chimienti +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>October 11</b>
8:30am	Robert DiGiovanni +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>October 12</b>
8:30am	Patricia Timi +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>October 13</b>
8:30am	Rebecca Hafner +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>October 14</b>
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 8, 2023

### First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

### Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

### Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

### Gospel:

“What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” They answered him, “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants.” (Mt 21:41)

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## Living on the Vine: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see [John 15:1-8](#)), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see [Philippians 1:11](#)) and to be the “first fruits” of a new creation (see [James 1:18](#)).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

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

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm — Fr. Joseph

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>: 7:30am — Fr. Joseph

9:30am — Msgr. Morrissey

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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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 Stalker, Sean Burnett, Michael Coddington, Francesca Lattuga, 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, toothpaste, 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!*



Zachary McLaughlin

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.

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## Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

October 1, 2023: \$7,804.50 Respect Life: \$2,652

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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

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Our 2023 CMA goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$33,697.00 to date from 71 donors (59.7%). Thank you!!!

Dear Parishioners:

May I take this opportunity to give you a few updates about our parish staff.

Last Sunday we said good by to Fr. Maxi who will be returning to Ghana to begin a new semester at the University of Accra where he is a professor. I want to thank Fr. Maxi for the wonderful gift of his priestly ministry that he offered to all of us this summer. I know I look forward to his return next summer.

Our beloved parish secretary, Marie Levchuck, has retired. Marie has been the secretary here at St. Gertrude's for over 27 years. We thank her for the way she has gone above and beyond to serve the parish and its parishioners. Marie's strong commitment to her faith, to her country and to her Italian heritage is well known. May the good Lord bless her with good health, contentment and peace in her retirement.

We also welcome Donna Rogers who has joined us at St. Gertrude's as Secretary/Bulletin Editor. Donna comes to us after a successful career as a freelance writer and magazine editor. Donna joins Michele Drago, our Office Manager and Fran Conte our Business Manager together with Dr. James Sheehan, Director of Pastoral Formation/Pastoral Associate, and Meredith Brosnan, Director of our Pre-school.

Together with Fr. Joseph and myself, may we as a parish staff continue to serve the pastoral, educational, ministerial and sacramental needs of all our parishioners.

May God bless all of us as we work together to proclaim Jesus Christ.

Msgr. Morrissey  
Pastor



**Preschool News:** The preschool had a special visit from the Bayville Fire Company this week! We learned all about the special equipment that firefighters use and how to keep ourselves safe in the event of an emergency. Our Mommy and Me class also began this week. Miss Anna's Mommy and Me's made a handprint pumpkin craft and an acorn themed color mixing bag. Miss Carmela's 2's learned about the parts of the body and made a C is for cat craft. Miss Anna's 3's made a fire hydrant q-tip painting, a fire truck and a salt painted bat. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter C. They made an orange themed Halloween book, and a C is for Cat project. They also practiced their cutting skills by making a candy corn project. Miss Meredith's 4's used stencils to paint fall leaves and a pumpkin patch. They also worked on the letter C, made a firefighter craft, drew a picture of a member of their family, and created bubble painted monsters.

**Teacher's Assistant Wanted** for a church-affiliated preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. We are searching for a patient, charismatic and caring individual to join our staff. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:15-12. Responsibilities include assisting the head teacher in all school functions and activities, and working collaboratively with staff. High School Diploma or equivalent required. Experience working with young children in an early childhood setting preferred. Please email resume to Ms. Meredith Brosnan, Director at [stgertprek@stgerts.org](mailto:stgertprek@stgerts.org).



Oct 1	Jesus & Jewish Roots of the Eucharist	Fr. Steve Pietrowski
Oct 15	St. Thomas Aquinas	Dcn Michael Hoonhout
Oct 29	The Holy Eucharist	Fr. John Cush, S.T.D.
Nov 19	"Ecclesia de Eucharistia"	Bishop Andrzej

**\$20 per Session – Advance Registration Encouraged**

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# St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild Sponsored



In the St. Gertrude's Church  
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**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.**

To reserve your spot email: [stgertrudesrosaryguild@gmail.com](mailto:stgertrudesrosaryguild@gmail.com)  
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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Friday, Nov. 10th, 2023

American Legion Robert H. Spittel Post 1285

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**respect life**  
*month*

OCTOBER 2023



*“Let us remember that life is a gift from  
God! It is always sacred and inviolable,  
and we cannot silence the voice of  
conscience.”*

– Pope Francis

October is Respect Life month. As faithful Catholics we are aware that respecting life is a constant pursuit. May we always consider more deeply that every human life is valuable and reflect on how we can build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death.

For further information: [www.drvc.life.org](http://www.drvc.life.org)

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

# BLOOD DRIVE

## St. Gertrude, Parish Center

28 School Street, Bayville

### Sunday, October 22, 2023

### 8:00 am – 2:00 pm

with **FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
hosted by the Knights of Columbus

For more information, or to make an appointment:

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## OCTOBER 2023

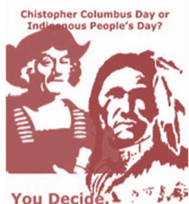
SUNDAY, OCT. 1	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
SATURDAY, OCT. 14	10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	11 A.M. - 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, OCT. 15	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.
SATURDAY, OCT. 21	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	HOLY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

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Indigenous People's Day  
Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>



Knights of Columbus  
Meeting  
Wednesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m. in the lower  
church

*"We honor and pray for ALL Long Island health care workers in every hospital  
and in every health care facility on Long Island." — Bishop Barres*

# Mass for Health Care Professionals

at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre

11:00 a.m.  Sunday, October 15, 2023



*Celebrant:* Most Rev. John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



*Homilist:* Fr. Kevin Creagh, C.M.,  
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Mission Integration, Catholic Health

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# Eucharistic Miracles of the World



*"The Eucharist is my Highway to Heaven  
To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan."  
—Blessed Carlo Acutis 1991-2006*

Exhibit at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish,  
Hicksville

Saturday, October 21  
& Sunday, October 22, 2023  
3:00 pm — 9:00 pm Saturday  
8:00 am — 5:00 pm Sunday

*All are welcome!*

As part of a National Eucharistic Revival, Catholics are invited to foster Eucharistic devotion within their local parishes. We are excited to host this International Exhibition of Miracles of the Eucharist Across the World, devised and planned by Blessed Carlo Acutis.

*Come and learn about the Real Presence  
of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist!*

The exhibition will be held in Msgr. Tarrant Hall (handicap accessible). Please enter through the doors on East Nicholai Street.



St. Ignatius Loyola Parish  
129 Broadway (Route 107)  
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(516) 931-0056 [www.stignatiushicksville.org](http://www.stignatiushicksville.org)

## Chamber of Commerce News

The new Hidden Harbor restaurant is slated to open Halloween weekend. Stay Tuned!

West Harbor new additions on NYS Grants: Updated Concession Stand, New Basketball Court, New Playground, Pickleball Courts, New Scoreboard for Baseball Fields

“Bark-tober” Festival on the Village Greens 10/29 (time to be announced)

**\*\*BRIDGE CLOSURE THIS FALL\*\*** Last week of October through November. FULL CLOSURE



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

Join us for an evening of culinary delights, savory wine tastings, and an all-new Oktoberfest Beer Garden on October 21st, from 6 PM to 9 PM.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the **Denise Miles Scholarship Fund**, which was established to honor Denise's legacy by providing financial assistance to deserving students in our community seeking a Marianist, Catholic education of the heart and mind.

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November 3-5, 2023  
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It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

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## 3 Days 2 Nights

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(Wed - Fri)  
Nov 29 - Dec 1  
2023



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"THE FIRST NOEL" Show at  
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Theatre



Experience the Amish  
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Enjoy a Taste of Local Jams

## Departure: Bayville, NY @ 8 am

**Day 1:** Board your spacious, restroom and video equipped Motorcoach and set off for Lancaster in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. This afternoon, you will head to Lancaster's famous American Music Theatre for the all-new "THE FIRST NOEL" show. Hear some of your favorite sacred and secular holiday songs and the outstanding musical arrangements of the AMT Orchestra. This will be an unforgettable experience that's bound to leave you in the holiday spirit. Tonight, enjoy Dinner before checking into your hotel for a 2 night stay.

**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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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time- "My God will supply whatever you need."

Phillipians 4:13 and 19 "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me. My God will fully supply whatever you need." Make your requests known to God and he will bless your marriage and your life. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

October 20-22, 2023 in Barre, Vermont (St. Monica/St. Michael)

November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary)

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 Kevin & Regina Hickson at 631-486-8607 or <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

## The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Host Autumn Evening Event

The Sisters of St. Dominic will host their Autumn Evening Event on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, NY.

This year we are proud to honor Robert Walker, Esq., Trial Attorney & Partner — Gallagher, Walker, Bianco, Plastaras, LLP and Sister Lenore Toscano, OP, Educator and Former Executive Director of The Opening Word Program.

Proceeds from the event help the Ministry Support Fund, which provides funding to many of the Sisters' ministries caring for those most in need here, in Puerto Rico, and in El Salvador.

For more information about event tickets, 50/50 raffle or sponsorship opportunities, please contact The Office of Advancement at (631) 842-6000 x 246 or visit: <https://sistersofstdominic.org/2023autumnevening/>.

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# 2023

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October 2023

As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spiritual growth and expansion of our faith, especially as we approach the culmination of our liturgical year. I pray that you and your loved ones are well and that you have a blessed holiday season with them. I would like to express my gratitude to you and your fellow parishioners for the prayers and support that have been offered on behalf of our parish.

It is evident that when we come together as a parish, we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. This holds true for our diocese as well; when our Parishes come together as *One Family* we sow the seeds of the love of our faith with others and journey with those in need.

Long Island is known for its quality of life; it is hard to believe that there are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses. Although inflation has eased a bit, the rising prices of food, gas at the pump, utilities, and of course housing continue to negatively impact a family’s budget.

Support for those in need is crucial for many families, especially our senior community. Our Long Island community has had a 25% to 30% increase in the senior demographic, leading to an increase of 65% of these seniors living in poverty. Your donation allows Catholic Charities to provide affordable safe housing to senior citizens, operating 16 housing facilities in Nassau and Suffolk counties, totaling more than 1,329 units.

Additionally, it ensures the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of residents. Housing programs are also available for those with developmental disabilities and our veterans in need. Through our Parish Social Ministry programs, we bring food and hope during these challenging times. I would like to share a comment from a senior and resident of Bishop Ryan Village, Hampton Bays with you:

*“My neighbors and I often say that we are tremendously relieved to have dignified, affordable housing and are very grateful to this ministry of the Church assisting us in our time need.”*

Your gift to the CMA also provides funding to educate our seminarians and provide faith formation to our young people and lay leaders, more than 600,000 are served each year. If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift. *Please know that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal and every gift makes a difference in the lives of others no matter the amount.*

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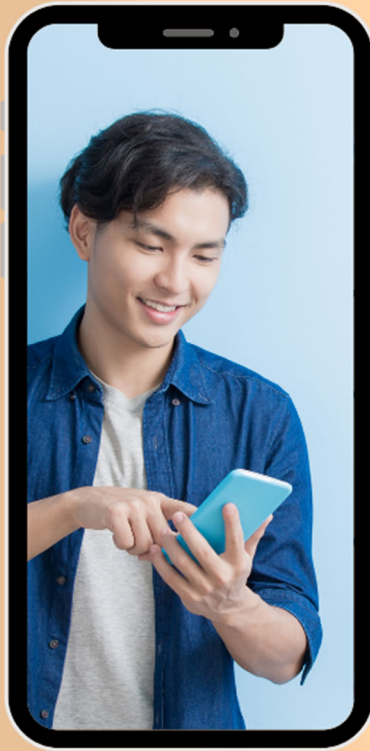
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2

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3

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4

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5

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**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.

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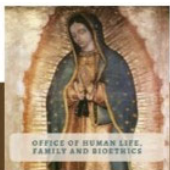
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## *As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish*

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!

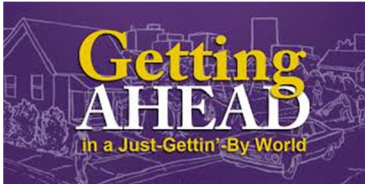
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# Resources Available

## 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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