THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE 28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

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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

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



<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u> Email: svdpstgerts@gmail.com Furniture: (516) 746-8250

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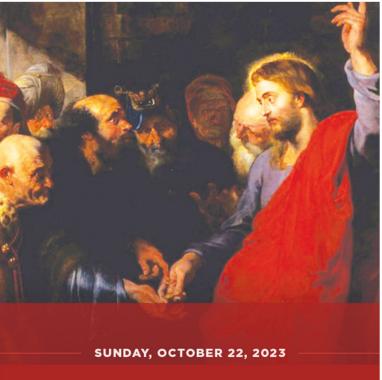
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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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	October 21
5:00pm	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
SUNDAY	October 22
7:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro Sabin & Sobrino families +
9:30am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30am	Zachary McLaughlin + Agostino and Concetta Gallo + Mary Minicozzi + Ellen O'Connell +
MONDAY	October 23
8:30am	John P. Hogan +
TUESDAY	October 24
8:30am	Jeanne Ryan +
WEDNESDAY	October 25
8:30am	Kathleen Roland +
THURSDAY	October 26
8:30am	Teresa Dogherty +
FRIDAY	October 27
8:30am	Joseph and Grace Pascucci + Catherine and Ralph Pugliese +
SATURDAY	October 28
8:30am	Dominick and Catherine Carbone +
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 22, 2023

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1) <u>Psalm:</u> Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96) <u>Second Reading:</u>

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel:

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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<u>Caesar and the King: Scott Hahn Reflects</u> <u>on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday</u> <u>in Ordinary Time</u>

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1).

In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1-4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see <u>Romans 9:17</u>). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see <u>2 Maccabees 6:7-16</u>).

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14) – working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as to-day's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws – unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see <u>Acts 5:29</u>).

But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see <u>Genesis</u> <u>1:27</u>). We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see <u>Romans 12:1–2</u>).

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see <u>1 Timothy 2:1–2</u>) — until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)Saturday, October 28nd: 5:00pm - Fr. JosephSunday, October 29rd: 7:30am - Msgr. Morrissey9:30am - Fr. Joseph11:30am - 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"

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LT Colonel Terrance Thorgramson 2nd LT James Andrew Baker Lt. Kevin Valsecchi 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, Valerie Ruckert, David Long, Sean Stalker, Mary Lou Fusillo,

Anthony Varrichio.

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.

<u>United Methodist Church Outreach</u>. 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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct) October 15, 2023: \$7,341.50

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.

The second collection this weekend is for World Missions.



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Preschool News: What a fun week we had! On Tuesday the Preschool went on its annual pumpkin farm trip. We visited Heritage Farm and Garden in Muttontown and enjoyed their corn maze, and photo displays. We also got to visit some farm animals while there! This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made a fluffy ghost with cotton balls and worked on a fall sensory book. Miss Carmela's



2's worked on a letter E collage and made glitter ghosts. Miss Anna's 3's carved pumpkins and made a parts of a pumpkin worksheet. They also made some tasty pumpkin waffles. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter E and squares. They made pumpkins based on the book Spookly The Square Pumpkin, as well as a five little pumpkins craft and an E is for Elmo craft. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter E, and continued to learn about the anatomy of pumpkins. They practiced patterns by making a witch hat, and also created a mummy craft. We are running a Fall photo shoot fundraiser to help benefit our Preschool programs! Raffle tickets are only \$25 each. For more information, please contact us at (516) 628-3710.



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.



Banns of Marriage Alice Josephine Hollmuller St. Gertrude, Bayville & Edward V. Corrigan St. Raphael, East Meadow

Tricia Ann Presta St. Dominic, Oyster Bay & John Whitehead St. Gertrude, Bayville

As we pray urgently for peace we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events.

- Pope Francis

Breast Cancer Awareness Month BBCOOD DRRNE

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: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/309133 or contact Ed Willie at C 516-776-0743 or EJWillie@gmail.com or Scan the QR code below



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Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are optional for donors and staff. For full list of COVID-19 safety protocols, please visit nybc.org/coronavirus.

16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need a doctor's note.



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<u>St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild</u> is delighted to offer a variety of delicious pies, homemade for you at White Post Farms. You can cross pie baking off your long holiday list and treat your family and guests to fabulous pies they will surely enjoy.

\$25 for all varieties. Pies must be pre-ordered and

prepaid by Wednesday, November 8th.

Pickup will be at the Parish Center on Tuesday. 11/21.

<u>4 pm - 6 pm, and Wednesday, 11/22, 10 am - 12 pm.</u>

Order forms are available in the church bulletin. You may also request one by email: <u>stgertrudesrosaryguild@gmail.com</u>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "You are loved by God. God has chosen you."

1 Thessalonians:2-3 "We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ." God 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: November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary) February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Kevin & Regina Hickson at 631-486-8607 or https://www.neyli.org/.



"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.drvclife.org

ROSARY GUILD OF SAINT GERTRUDE THANKSGIVING PIE SALE ORDER FORM

ORDER YOUR DELICIOUS PIES, HOMEMADE FOR YOU AT WHITE POST FARMS. <u>Pies must be pre-ordered and prepaid by Wednesday, November 8th</u> <u>Pickup will be at the Parish Center on Tuesday 11/21, 4 PM - 6 PM and</u> <u>Wednesday 11/22, 10 AM -12 PM</u>

Please complete the order form below. Payment may be made by cash or check (payable to Saint Gertrude's Rosary Guild). Please place your order form and payment in an envelope and mark it Rosary Guild. Orders may be placed in the collection basket at Mass, dropped off at The Parish Office, or mailed to: Saint Gertrude's Parish Office, 28 School St., Bayville NY 11709, att: Rosary Guild.

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42+ ounce pies are a great value priced at <u>\$25 for all varieties.</u>				
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Pecan				
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Questions? Email: <u>stgertrudesrosaryguild@gmail.com</u> or call 516-459-6218

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) Hicksville, NY 11801 (516) 931-0056 www.stignatiushicksville.org

Chamber of Commerce News

The new Hidden Harbor restaurant is slated to open Halloween weekend. Stay Tuned! <u>West Harbor new additions on NYS Grants:</u> 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

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VETERANS DAY DINNER/DANCE

Fri., November 10th, 2023 7 PM to 12 Midnight Soundview Caterers 45 Bayville Ave., Bayville, NY

This event is open to everyone. Space is limited and early reservations are suggested. Ticket Donations are \$100 per person. Gentlemen: Jackets and Ties please.

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Rich 516-628-1993 or Pete 516-628-2512

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(AA)	Matthew's Monster Dash 5k (9:45am)	(AA)
and a	Goblin's Fun Run (9:00am)	
	Trunk or Treat (11:30am) & Toy Drive	(Charles and a state of the st
	To benefit Children with Cancer	
	Saturday, October 28	
	Centre Island Beach Bayville, New York 11709	
	Pre-registration: 35.00 free T-shirt for the first 100 to register by Oct 15 . Day of Race: \$40.00 registration begins at 7:30am	
	Kids Fun Run: \$10.00, \$15.00 day of race. All receive awards. Trunk or treat: Free for kids	
	By mail, checks payable to: Matthew Fetzer Foundation 19 University Rd, Bayville New York 11709	
	https://events.elitefeats.com/23matthewspumpkin	
	All pre-registrations receive 1 free TV Raffle Ticket	
	Post-race: Awards, refreshments, 50/50, RAFFLES & TRUNK OR TREAT 5k Medals: Top Male and Female overall, Top three Male and Female in each of the following age groups:	
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	***Start and finish: Centre Island Beach (flat 5k elevation 4ft- 8ft)Race Management elitefeats.com ***	
	Matthew's Monster Dash 5k/Goblin's Fun Run/Trunk or Treat 10/28	
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	EMAIL: PHONE# 5k Fun Run Trunk or Treat	
	Undersigned does hereby acknowledge that he/she is aware of the risks are running a race of 5k &/or Fun Run &/or Trunk or Treat is willing to accept said risk and here by represents and warrants that he/she is in good physical condition and has sufficiently trained for the competition of the run. I hereby release the County of Nassau, Village of Bayville, Centre Island Beach, Oak Neck Athletic Council, Matthew Fetzer Foundation, and all persons involved in hosting the Monster Dash 5k &/or Goblin's Fun Run on October 28, 2023 from any & all injury that I may sustain	
	as a result of my physical condition & from all falls and or any injury I sustain. I hereby grant permission to use any use video, photographs, recordings or any other record of this event for any purpose whatsoever.	
	Signature (parent if under18)Date	
	Please donate a NEW TOY or GIFT CARD for a Child battling Cancer*	
(AIA)	More info contact Ann Fetzer 516-695-5137	(AA)



The MATTHEW FETZER FOUNDATION will be hosting a family friendly TRUNK OR TREAT event. Filled with treats, raffles, best decorated vehicle contest, and fun. If you are interested in participating by bringing a trunk decorated, please fill out registration form.

Important information and guidelines for participating vehicles:

**Completed registration form.

**Please remember this is a family friendly event & costumes are encouraged!

**Themes cannot be inappropriate!

**Vehicle participants will provide their own goodies to hand out. Individually wrapped, nut free candy and non candy alternates are acceptable.

**All cars must be checked in by 11am:

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Matthew Fetzer Foundation

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Trunk or Treat theme:	Signature	

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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, Biano, 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/.



Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on November 4 & 5, 2023.

Visit longisland.engagedencounter.com for information and registration.



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Day 3: After enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will head to KITCHEN KETTLE VILLAGE – a charming marketplace of shops and restaurants. Then, you'll depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great shows you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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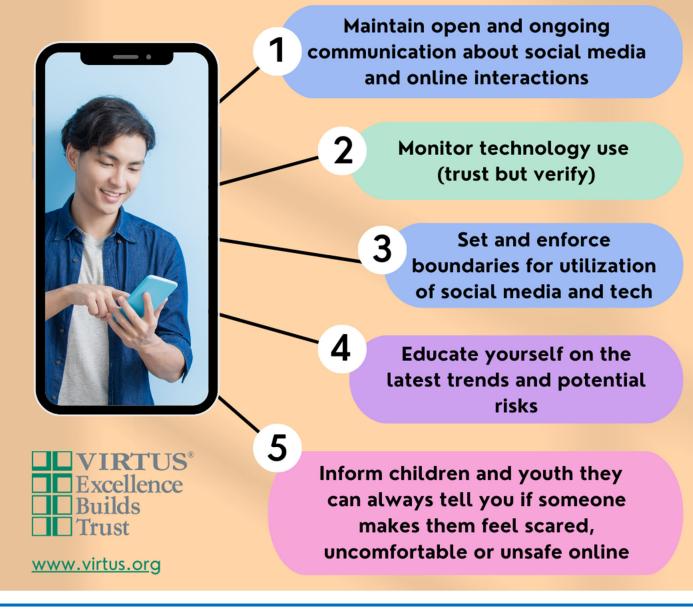
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Making a planned gift of a retirement asset reduces the tax burden on a family. In addition, making a planned gift of an IRA is easy and affordable. All it takes is to update a beneficiary designation with a donor's bank or investment company.

For more information on tax-wise planned gifts, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at <u>bkilarjian@drvc.org</u> 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 you Virtus account: <u>www.virtus.org</u> 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: <u>mmcmahon@drvc.org</u> 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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"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life." - Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022

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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!

PLEASE CALL BARBARA KILARJIAN AT 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org for more information.



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 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

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