

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

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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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all
your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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New to our Parish? We welcome you
and ask that you please call or stop
into our Parish office to register. *The*

*Lord told Israel to reach out to newcomers and welcome
them (Leviticus 19:36).*

Remembering . . .

SATURDAY	October 28
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
SUNDAY	October 29
7:30am	Mario Frumiento + Alfred Carfora +
9:30am	Brendan Thorgramson +
11:30am	Zachary McLaughlin + Carmine Leonardo + Jeanette Heaney +
MONDAY	October 30
8:30am	Altimari and Galazzo Families +
TUESDAY	October 31
8:30am	Vito Lepore + Alfred Carfora +
5:00 pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
WEDNESDAY	November 1
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
7:00 pm	Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family
THURSDAY	November 2
8:30am	DeCesare Family +
7:30pm	Commemorating St. Gertrude faithful departed throughout the year
FRIDAY	November 3
8:30am	Mastroberardino and Carozza families +
SATURDAY	November 4
8:30am	Altimari and Galazzo families +
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / October 29, 2023

First Reading:

“You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.” (Ex 22:21-23)

Second Reading:

For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Gospel:

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” (Mt 22:37)

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Love Commanded: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfill it (see [Matthew 5:17](#)). And in today’s Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbor—is the fulfillment of the whole of the law (see [Romans 13:8-10](#)).

Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible’s first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law (see [Deuteronomy 6:5](#); [Leviticus 19:18](#)).

He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments (see [Exodus 32:15-16](#)). The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can’t love God, whom we can’t see, if we don’t love our neighbor, whom we can (see [1 John 4:20-22](#)).

But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God—loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today’s First Reading.

We love because He first loved us (see [1 John 4:19](#)). As we sing in today’s Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today’s Epistle—laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise (see [John 15:12-13](#); [Hebrews 13:15](#)).

Presider’s Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, November 4th: 5:00pm – Msgr. Morrissey
Sunday, November 5th: 7:30am – Fr. Joseph
9:30am – Msgr. Morrissey
11:30am – Fr. Joseph



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

LT Mary Grace Colluci

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LT Colonel Nicholas Lo Russo

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PFC Matthew A. Passero

Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez

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LT Col. Sean Patak

Sfc. Sean P. Schenck

Cpl. Jason Roland

Major Chad Lennon

US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon

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.

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

October 15, 2023: \$ N/A

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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



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!



Thank You!!

FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

St. Vincent de Paul members here at St. Gertrude's want to thank all of you who supported us for this year's Walk for the Poor held in September. The Walk was a huge success! Because of your generosity, we raised over \$5,000, of which every dollar will help those in need in our community.



Alfred Carfora

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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**In Honor of Your Patriotic Service
All Veterans Are Cordially Invited to a
Veteran's Appreciation Dinner**

Saturday Nov. 4, 6 pm

St. Dominic Church, Social Room, Oyster Bay

**Veterans are welcome to bring a spouse or guest
RSVP by 10/31 to Lynn McDonnell, 516-375-9552,
lmcdonnell4567@gmail.com**

REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.



We lovingly remember all those from our Parish who have died this year. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Wednesday, November 2, 2023 @ 7:30pm

Maureen Albrio

Paul Allocca

Sheila Brown

John Burke

Giacomo "Jack" Caputo

Alfred Carfora

Frances Chabrier

Rosemary W. Clarke

Vincent Daniello

Gloria Donnigi

Frances Faraco

Sam Galasso

Ann Marie Gardie

Florence Genovese

Frank J. Genovese, Jr.

Jean Greco

Joseph John Grella

Serard Kellen

James Alfred Jarman

Vincent LeDonne

Patricia Madros

Zachary Adam McLaughlin

Richard Mabel

Ellen O'Connell

James O'Donnell

Louis Savinetti

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Brendan O. Thorgramson

Patricia R. Tini

John Wallace

Gordon Willett

Roger Willett



ALL SAINTS DAY
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All Saints Day Masses:

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, October 31st—5:00pm
Wednesday, November 1st—8:30am & 7:00pm

The parish office will be closed on
Wednesday, November 1st

All Soul's Day Masses:

Thursday, November 2nd:
8:30am & 7:30pm



Banns of Marriage

Alice Josephine Hollmuller
St. Gertrude, Bayville
&

Edward V. Corrigan
St. Raphael, East Meadow

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Tricia Ann Presta
St. Dominic, Oyster Bay

&
John Whitehead
St. Gertrude, Bayville

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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Order your Thanksgiving pies today!



St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild 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,

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

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

Preschool News: All the children are getting so excited for Halloween! This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made sponge painted apples in a basket, worked on the beginning of the alphabet and made bunny party hats. Miss Carmela's 2's worked on the letter F and made a bat using construction paper and glitter. They also created an F is for Fox craft and made a squirrel with fall leaves. Miss Anna's 3's made a fork printed bear. They also created a jack-o-lantern bean shaker and a crawling spider. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter F and made an F is for Frankenstein project. They also made monster puppets, some spiderweb artwork, and made jack-o-lanterns using tissue paper and bottles. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter F, made a paper plate spider craft, and played a dice game to create a monster. They also worked on story sequencing, and retelling, and made a Frankenstein sun catcher craft. Our Fall fundraiser is running until November 1st. Please help to support our Preschool programs and enter to win a 30-minute photo shoot. Tickets are available for purchase at the preschool office or via Venmo @StGertrudesPreschool. \$25 each or 5 for \$100. If purchasing via Venmo please make sure to enter your name and phone number in the subject line so that we can contact you.



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.

ROSARY GUILD OF SAINT GERTRUDE **THANKSGIVING PIE SALE ORDER FORM**

ORDER YOUR DELICIOUS PIES, HOMEMADE FOR YOU AT WHITE POST FARMS.

Pies must be pre-ordered and prepaid by Wednesday, November 8th
Pickup will be at the Parish Center on Tuesday 11/21, 4 PM - 6 PM and
Wednesday 11/22, 10 AM -12 PM

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.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

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Peach Raspberry Crumb		
Blueberry		
Blueberry Crumb		
Pumpkin		
Pecan		
Dark Chocolate Pecan		
TOTAL		

Questions? Email: stgertrudesrosaryguild@gmail.com or call 516-459-6218

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***November 6th & 7th
2023***

***Monday & Tuesday
evening***

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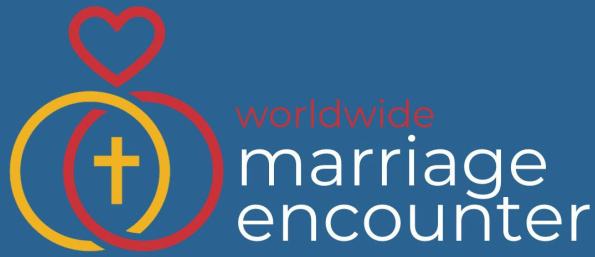
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November 10-12

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click apply and search by zip code or address

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – "The Greatest Commandment is to Love."

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Share your love with your spouse by attending 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://wwmenyli.org/>.



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Tours are offered weekdays during and after school. Scan the QR code or visit www.chaminade-hs.org/admissions to sign up!



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| 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

Registration: bmalone@icseminary.edu, or, 631 423-0483 x 102
www.icseminary.edu

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, 2-5 pm

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



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

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
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- Thought of leaving or divorce?
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Retrouvaille can help.

**Our Next Weekend is
November 3-5, 2023
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Huntington**

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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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(Wed - Fri)
Nov 29 - Dec 1
2023



"MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS" Show at Sight & Sound® Millennium Theatre®



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Experience the Amish lifestyle



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.

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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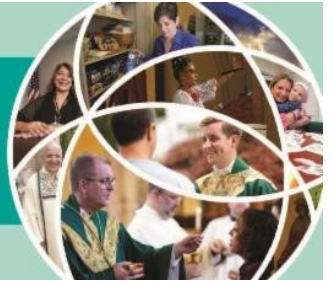
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“Each one will be like a **shelter** from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.” (Isaiah 4:6)

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.*

May God bless you and your loved ones.



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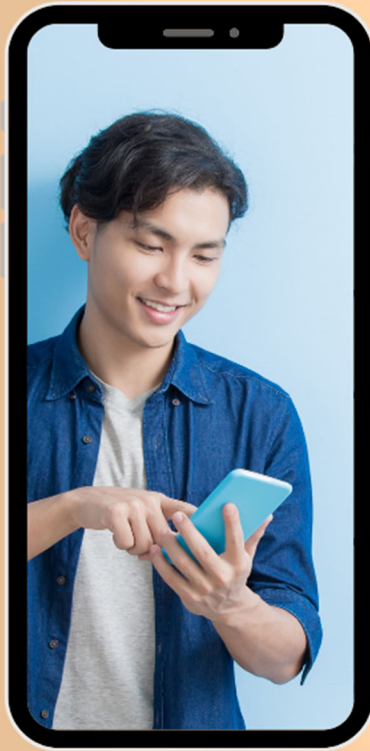
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1

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2

Monitor technology use (trust but verify)

3

Set and enforce boundaries for utilization of social media and tech

4

Educate yourself on the latest trends and potential risks

5

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



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For more information on tax-wise planned gifts, contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

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~A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE~

During a review of the Virtus report for St. Gertrude's, it was noted many Virtus accounts require updating. If you receive an e-mail from Virtus instructing you to log into your Virtus account, IT IS LEGITIMATE - THIS IS NOT A SCAM!!!

If you remain active in ministry **and** it has been five years (or more) since your prior background screening was performed; it is time to be rescreened. Please log into your Virtus account: www.virtus.org If you forgot your user ID and password, Virtus will provide instructions.

After logging into your account, you will be prompted to electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Codes of Conduct and complete the background screening application. Please follow all the instructions on the application and hit the submit button when completed.

During the pandemic shutdown, the Diocese established the on-line background screening process to facilitate remote screening. The company providing the screening is Sterling Solutions. During the application process, you will be creating an account with Sterling and will have access to your screening report when completed. The Diocese does not screen your financial information-the Fair Credit Reporting Act is the name of the legislation protecting your rights as a consumer. Unfortunately, this is poor choice for the title of the legislation, as many believe we have access to your financial information-we do not!.

Finally, if you are active in a ministry with children/youth: Catechist, Coach, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Ministry; you are required to participate in on-going Virtus training. To facilitate this, the Diocese has made available monthly articles you are required to read. These bulletins/articles are attached to your Virtus account, you will receive a monthly email reminder to log into your account and complete the article. When completed, please answer the question and hit submit. Your account will be credited with completion of this requirement. Each article contains useful information pertinent to today's children and youth.

If you have any questions, please send me an email: mmcmahon@druc.org

Thank you.

Mary McMahon, LSCW

Why Catholic Education?

We nourish the mind and spirit of every child. A creative academic program and powerful spiritual guidance are the heart of every day at Long Island Catholic Schools. Our commitment to strong, individualized instruction, enhanced by advanced learning technologies, ensures that all children receive the personalized attention that builds knowledge and self-esteem in addition to the skills and study habits that prepare them for the academic challenges ahead. Daily teachings of faith bring spiritual values to life and foster in children an active and humane concern for others.

Early Childhood Program—Nursery (age 3) and Pre-K (age 4)

We guide children on the path to more fulfilling lives. Our academic rigor, emphasis on spiritual values, along with our commitment to extracurricular growth opportunities, all combine to give children the knowledge, skills, and confidence to go farther. The result? Higher performance in the classroom and on recognized standardized tests and an exceptionally high rate of college admissions. More important, our students become well-rounded individuals who go on to lead successful personal and professional lives and who become active, caring members of the community.

Catholic Elementary School Education

An elementary education at a Catholic school engages children at an important formative time in their lives. They are learning information, but it is much more than that. They are learning about themselves, about their place and purpose in the world, and about their obligations to others. Catholic school stands out as a place that addresses all of the relevant aspects of a young person's life. A Catholic school's broad charter allows us to 'educate the whole person', in mind, in body and in spirit. It is a difference that creates an advantage for their entire life.

Catholic Middle School Education

Grades 6,7, and 8 can be difficult but rewarding years for students. Through our schools, we encourage authentic growth: leadership, academics, faith, contributing to their parish, and exploring sports and extracurricular activities. Taking the reins of leadership! The move from elementary school to middle school marks the beginning of a new set of expectations and a new world of opportunities. Challenging academic curriculum, inspired Catholic teachings, and an array of new after-school activities give each student the intellectual, spiritual and social preparation needed for greater achievement in high school, college and beyond.

Catholic High Schools of Long Island

It's the education of a lifetime. Nine Catholic high schools on Long Island present their own unique opportunity for students to explore a faith-based education that challenges, inspires, and prepares them for college, careers, and life. The total experience makes the difference in a Catholic education. Families are strongly encouraged to attend Open House programs held at each Long Island Catholic school to learn first-hand about programs, facilities, faculties, activities, and the character of each institution. If you cannot attend an Open House, please contact a school directly. All of the high schools located on Long Island use the Catholic High Schools Entrance Examination for admission into 9th grade. Rigorous academic learning is reinforced at each of Long Island's Catholic high schools with engaging extra-curricular activities and a strong foundation in faith. These high schools offer a wide range of exciting choices for families considering a Catholic education. Guided by talented and dedicated religious and lay teachers, a Catholic education helps each student to test abilities, add skills, build confidence, and develop his or her understanding of faith. Start your journey now!

To find out more, go to: <https://drvcschools.org> or on our website: *Choosing a Catholic School* brochure.

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