### 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

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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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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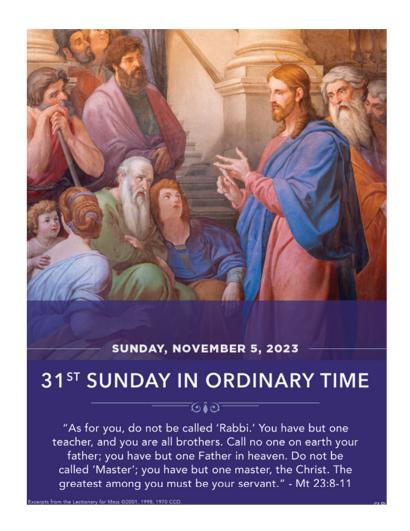
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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Website: www.stgerts.com





New to our Parish? We welcome you A representation of the state o

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

### Remembering...

SATURDAY November 4

5:00pm For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

SUNDAY November 5

7:30am Rosary Guild living and deceased

members

9:30am Patricia Tini +

11:30am Zachary McLaughlin +

Fr. John Fee +

MONDAY November 6

8:30am Souls in Purgatory +

TUESDAY November 7

8:30am Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro,

Sabin & Sobrino families +

**WEDNESDAY** November 8 8:30am Rita Brexel +

THURSDAY November 9

8:30am Dr. Francis X. Moore +

FRIDAY November 10

8:30am Lance Cpl. John L. Schaefer, Jr. +

SATURDAY November 11

8:30am Charles R. Lauretano + 5:00pm William Dannebaum +

### 31tst Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 2023

### First Reading:

You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction. (Mal 2:8)

### Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

### **Second Reading:**

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

### Gospel:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3)

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Daylight Savings Time Saturday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Fall back 1 hour!

## <u>Calling the Fathers: Scott Hahn Reflects on</u> the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Though they were Moses' successors, the Pharisees and scribes exalted themselves, making their mastery of the law a badge of social privilege. Worse, they had lorded the law over the people (see Matthew 20:25). Like the priests Malachi condemns in today's First Reading, they caused many to falter and be closed off from God.

In a word, Israel's leaders failed to be good spiritual fathers of God's people. Moses was a humble father figure, preaching the law but also practicing it—interceding and begging God's mercy and forgiveness of the people's sins (see Exodus 32:9-14; Psalm 90). And Jesus reminds us today that all fatherhood—in the family or in the people of God—comes from the Father in heaven (see Ephesians 3:15).

He doesn't mean we're to literally call no man "father." He Himself referred to Israel's founding fathers (see <u>John 7:22</u>); the Apostles taught about natural fatherhood (see <u>Hebrews 12:7-11</u>), and described themselves as spiritual fathers (see <u>1</u> Corinthians 4:14-16).

The fatherhood of the Apostles and their successors, the Church's priests and bishops, is a spiritual paternity given to raise us as God's children. Our fathers give us new life in Baptism and feed us the spiritual milk of the Gospel and the Eucharist (see 1 Peter 2:2-3). That's why Paul, in today's Epistle, can also compare himself to a nursing mother.

God's fatherhood likewise transcends all human notions of fatherhood and motherhood. Perhaps that's why the Psalm chosen for today includes one of the rare biblical images of God's maternal care (see <u>Isaiah 66:13</u>).

His only Son has shown us the Father (see <u>John 14:9</u>) coming to gather His children as a hen gathers her young (see <u>Matthew 23:37</u>). We're all brothers and sisters, our Lord tells us today. And all of us—even our spiritual fathers—are to trust in Him, humbly, like children on our mothers' laps.

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm — Fr. Joseph Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>: 7:30am — Msgr. Morrissey

> 9:30am — Fr. Joseph 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 Iesus, our Lord and Savior, Amen"

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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.

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!



### **Dorothy Lundy**

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

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 22, 2023: \$ 7,093.50 October 29, 2023 \$ 5,815.50 World Missions: \$ 1,960.00

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



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### **Rosary Guild News**

**The Communion Mass and Luncheon on October 7** was very well attended. The weather did not dampen our spirits and a prayerful and wonderful time was had by all.

Father Joseph celebrated the Mass and spoke about the importance of honoring and praying to the Blessed Mother in his homily. He also attended the luncheon as our guest speaker. Many thanks to Father Joseph for taking the time to join us!

Thursday, November 16t – St. Gertrude's Feast Day- 8:30 am Mass – Hospitality following Mass will be provided by the Guild. Please join us.

The Rosary Guild has a new link on the parish website (under Ministries). Take a look at: www.stgerts.org.

REMINDER: ORDER YOUR DELICIOUS PIES FROM WHITE POST FARMS FOR THANKSGIVING TODAY! DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS NOVEMBER 8TH. Order form and details can be found both within this bulletin and online.

**Preschool News:** The Preschool had a spooky, scary, and spectacular week! On Tuesday we hosted our annual Halloween Costume Parade and class parties. A wonderful time was had by all! On Wednesday, the school was closed in observance of All Saints Day.



This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made ghost puppets and pumpkin pie slices. They also continued to learn the alphabet. Miss Carmela's 2's worked on Halloween

themed coloring sheets and created a turkey handprint placemat. Miss Anna's 3's made puff painted pumpkins and a shape scarecrow puppet. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter G. They learned about story sequencing and created a G is for Goldfish craft. Miss Meredith's 4's visited the Village Hall on Halloween to meet the Mayor. They also worked on the letter G, made an acorn craft, and took a nature walk to collect leaves for a Thanksgiving themed project.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fall Fundraiser! We appreciate your support.

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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.

### Catholic Faith Network Awards of Excellence

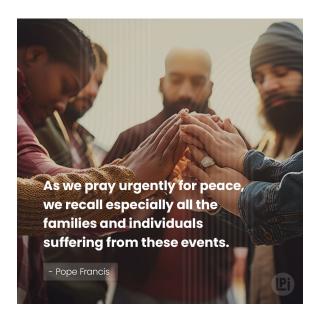
The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will host the CFN Award of Excellence Luncheon on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at the Garden City Hotel. This year's honorees include:

Bishop Richard Henning, Religious Leader;

Dr. Peter Kilpatrick, Catholic Higher Education Leader; and Frank and Lori DeLucia, Business Leaders.

Bob and Diane Pape will serve as Co-Chairs for the event.

For more information, please visit www.cfnawards.org.





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John Whitehead

St. Gertrude, Bayville



St. Anthony's High School Honor Roll Academic Year 2022-2023

Lucia Connolly

# VETERANS DAY DINNER/DANCE



## Fri., November 10th, 2023

7 PM to 12 Midnight

Soundview Caterers

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	Quantity	Cost (\$25 per pie)
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Blueberry Crumb		
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Pecan		
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TOTAL		

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## Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time "Share the Gospel and share your very selves as well."

Thessalonians 2:8-9: "With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. As a couple, you can proclaim the Gospel of God and <u>share</u> your very selves with one another. Attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter can make your marriage even better. 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)
- January 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY
- 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 <a href="https://wwmenyli.org/">https://wwmenyli.org/</a>.





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Oct 29 The Holy Eucharist

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For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Vito <u>516-516-503-5415</u> or Janet <u>516-579-4016</u>



Our 2023 CMA goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$33,131.00 to date from 71 donors (59.7%). Thank you!!!



The 2024 Mass book is open. Masses remain at \$20 each and wine & hosts for the week remain at \$50. Cash or check only.

Do you know of anyone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic? Have you or someone you know wanted to complete the first sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation? Invite them to join a community of adults who are discerning God's call through prayer and discussion as they learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information contact Dr. Sheehan in our Religious Education office at 516-628-2432 or faithformation@stgerts.org.

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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."

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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 <a href="mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org">bkilarjian@drvc.org</a> 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: <a href="www.virtus.org">www.virtus.org</a> 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: <a href="mailto:mmcmahon@drvc.org">mmcmahon@drvc.org</a>
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!

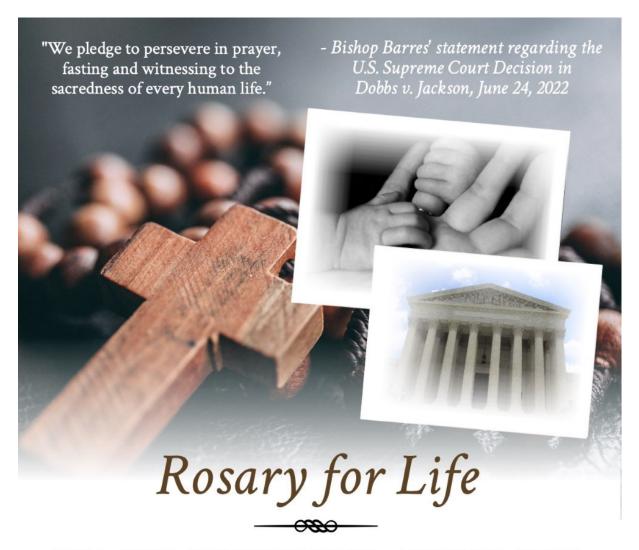
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## As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

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 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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