

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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(or by appointment)

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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	November 11
5:00 pm	William Dannebaum +
SUNDAY	November 12
7:30am	Alfred Carfora + Dan Cassano +
9:30am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30am	Zachary McLaughlin +
MONDAY	November 13
8:30am	Arthur Adamo +
TUESDAY	November 14
8:30am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
WEDNESDAY	November 15
8:30am	Zachary McLaughlin +
THURSDAY	November 16
8:30am	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
FRIDAY	November 17
8:30am	Nita DeCesare +
SATURDAY	November 18
8:30am	Anna Gwisdalla +
5:00pm	Olympia Cutrone +

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 12, 2023

First Reading:

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. (Wis 6:12)

Second Reading:

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thes 4:14)

Gospel:

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Mt 25:13)

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

Nicole M. Tedaldi, 20th Anniversary

by Millie Tedaldi

Members of the Wedding: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see [Mark 2:19](#)). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join Himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see [Hosea 2:16-20](#)). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see [2 Corinthians 11:2](#); [Ephesians 5:25-27](#)) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see [Revelation 19:7-9](#); [21:1-4](#)).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour. We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God—virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see [1 Kings 17:16](#)).

We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see [Proverbs 8:12-21](#), [35](#); [9:1-6](#)), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, November 18th: 5:00pm — Msgr. Morrissey
Sunday, November 19th: 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

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2nd LT Glenn Harvey

LT Colonel Nicholas Lo Russo

Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz

PFC Matthew A. Passero

Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez

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ENS Patrick Hesse USN

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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, 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!



Ralph T. Manzi

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)

November 5, 2023: \$ 7,253.50

All Saints Day Collection: \$1,655.00

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.

This weekend, Nov. 11th & 12th will be a second collection for our Catholic Ministries Appeal. Next weekend, Nov. 18th & 19th will be a second collection for CCHD.



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



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.



Refurbishing Project of Sacred Heart/Holy Family Shrine

A special thank you to Eagle Scout Brendan Murray

Dear parishioners of St. Gertrude,

I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for helping me complete my Boy Scout Eagle Project, the beautification of the Holy Family Shrine.



I had a tremendous amount of support from the car washing fundraiser to physical labor digging trenches for the irrigation and lighting, digging holes for new plants and the hauling of mulch. I would not have accomplished this task without your help.

I am proud to say we did a great job. I hope everyone has been able to take some time, reflect and enjoy the peace of the Holy Family Shrine Garden.

God bless you and our parish of St. Gertrude.

Brendan Murray, Eagle Scout Troop 253



Preschool News: This week our classes began gearing up for Thanksgiving. We had a shorter week due to Election Day and Veterans Day. All of us at St. Gertrude's Preschool are incredibly grateful to those who have served in our armed forces. This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class read Where is Little Fish and played with a fish themed sensory bag. Miss Carmela's 2's made a sponge painted turkey and corn on the cob craft. Miss Anna's 3's made an N is for Narwhal craft and a polka dot sock craft. Miss Michelle's 3's learned about the letter H. They began to make a scarecrow table topper craft, and Thanksgiving placemats. They also made an H is for hair craft. Miss Meredith's 4's also learned about the letter H. They made a scarecrow lacing craft and created a gratitude jar.



Teacher's Assistant Wanted for our 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 News



Thursday, November 16th – 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.

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blessed

Please join us as we celebrate
the Annual Thanksgiving
Ecumenical Service
at the
Village Methodist Church
on
Sunday, Nov. 19th at 7:00pm



This weekend, November 11th & 12th there will be a Diocese second collection for the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our goal remains at \$55,000. We have received \$34,431.00 to date from 73 parishioners. We are close but still \$20,569.00 away from our goal. Completing our goal ensures that our parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.



Mary Oрпи, Lisa Silvestri, Alfred Carfora, Donald Santorsiero, Jack Caputo, John A. Celauro, Rose Celauro, Frank R. Celauro, Francesco Celauro, Louise Garretto, Rose Garretto, Those in my heart and the souls in purgatory, Robert Simmons, Kenneth Cery, Josephine Sanneli, Frank Slde, Nick Slade, Monie Bolan, Thomas Bolan, Sean Bolan, Msgr. Contiley, Mr. Grieco, M/M Sueig, M/M Engelhart, Glen Isold, M/M Syn & her daughter in law, Mary & Herb

McMahom, Alice & Peter Connolly, Sergio Franz, M/M Leonardo Franz, M/M Mattia Pinzana, Mary Wolchik, Alexander Wolchik, Catherine Sturges, William Sturges, Wayne Sturges, Richard Reynolds, Lorraine Reynolds, Jerry & Caroline Attraente, John & Nancy Corallo, Emmanuel & Lucy Corallo, Joseph & Lena Dimini, Sr., Joe & Millie Cerami, Anthony & Susan Faga, Thomas & Annie LaSpada, Lena Dimino, Constance Guerra, Joseph Guerra, John W Maron, Eleanor Fox, Erika Wick, Irene Damiani, Howard Goldstein, Lori Goldstein, Nicole Cuminale, Eric Lindermann, Mary & Joseph Lemma, Anthony Gallo, Pasqualina & Frank Lemma, Franca & Georgio Frignani, Rosana & Pasquale Borghese, Margaret & Vincent Saraco, Christin Gallo, Frank Borghese, Elizabeth Gallo, Verbil & Goldgraben families.

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Catholic Faith Network Awards of Excellence

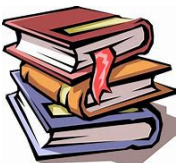
The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will host the CFN Award of Excellence Luncheon on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at the Garden City Hotel. This year's honorees include:

- *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.

**ST. GERTRUDE'S PARISH
STATEMENT OF POSITION
FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023**

	ACTUAL <u>2023</u>
ASSETS	
Checking Accounts	\$ 117,718
Savings Accounts	202,703
Campaign Savings Account	69,768
Other Current Assets	12,208
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 402,397
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 26,663
Program Fees Collected in Advance	33,446
Deferred Revenue	10,000
Uncelebrated Mass Intentions	20,755
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 90,864
NET ASSETS	
Unappropriated General Net Assets	\$ 241,766
Temporarily Restricted Net Asset	69,768
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 311,533



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

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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New Member Orientation Meeting
Tuesday November 21st at 7:00PM
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Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting.

For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting.
Vito [516-516-503-5415](tel:516-516-503-5415) or Janet [516-579-4016](tel:516-579-4016)



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time "Wisdom 6: 12-16."

"Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Be wise! Love your spouse always. Make a decision to love. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There are also Marriage Encounter Enrichments which are a one-day event. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary)
February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

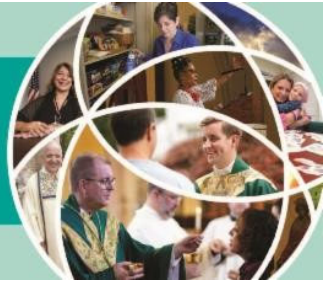
Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply,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

2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



“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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~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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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!

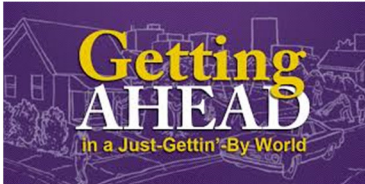
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“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North
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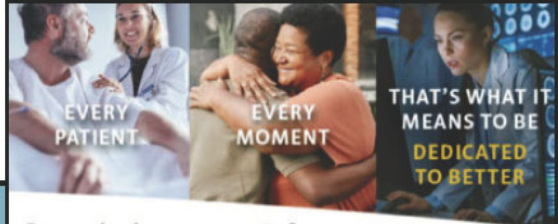


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