

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

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Well done, my good and faithful servant." — Mt 25:21

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CLP



St. Vincent de Paul:

Email: svdpstgerts@gmail.com

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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 18
5:00 pm	Olympia Cutrone +
SUNDAY	November 19
7:30am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	Gerard Hellen + Liuva and German Andrade +
11:30am	George and Bernadette Saulnier +
MONDAY	November 20
8:30am	Zachary McLaughlin +
TUESDAY	November 21
8:30am	Vincent LeDonne, Jr. +
WEDNESDAY	November 22
8:30am	Cecilia Brown
THURSDAY	November 23
9:00am	Zachary McLaughlin + Michael McKie +
FRIDAY	November 24
8:30am	Zachary McLaughlin +
SATURDAY	November 25
8:30am	John Howes +
5:00pm	John Wallace +

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our possession. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 19 2023

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

“Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.” (Mt 25:21)

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NOTE: Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 9:00 am

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, November 25th: 5:00pm — Fr. Joseph

Sunday, November 26th: 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 Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa

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Major Chad Lennon

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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!



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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

November 12, 2023: \$ N/A

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.

This weekend, Nov. 18th & 19th, will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.



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.

Our parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd in celebration of Thanksgiving. We wish you a blessed day!



**Thanksgiving Pie Pickup will be
at the Parish Center on
Tuesday 11/21 4 pm - 6 pm and
Wednesday, 11/22, 10 am - 12 pm**

**Thank You!
Happy Thanksgiving!!!**

In all things
GIVE *thanks!*



Our Thanksgiving Mass will be held at 9:00am on Thursday 23rd. We wish all our parishioners and their families a happy and blessed thanksgiving.

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.

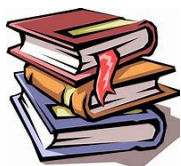


Please join us as we celebrate the Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at the Village Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 19th at 7:00pm



Welcome to
Preschool

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.



SOMETHING NEW A SMALL LENDING LIBRARY

Please look for the book cart located in the side vestibule of the church near the new restrooms.
READ AND RETURN!

Please stop by, take a look and borrow a book to **READ** and just **RETURN** when you are finished.



Our 2023 CMA goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$34,431.00 to date from 73 donors (62.04%). Thank you!!!



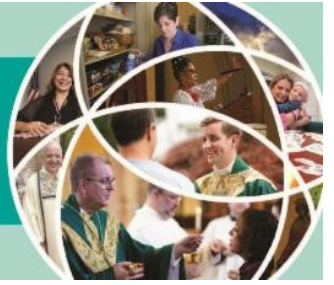
See our website for further info. that cannot be printed in our bulletin at: www.stgerts.com.

2023

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Communion, Participation and Mission*



***"Bearers of gratitude make the world a better place."
Pope Francis***

As we all begin to prepare for Thanksgiving and we express our gratitude for God's blessings upon us, let us remember those who are struggling to put food on their families' table each day, let alone a special holiday meal.



Our local PSM work diligently to ensure that families who are in need can bring their families together to be nourished every day and to celebrate a special day Thanksgiving, offering baskets of food and turkey. PSM are also a source of comfort and spiritual strength.

Parish Social Ministry Outreach at Saint Catherine of Sienna Church encompasses a variety of ways in reaching out to those in need, the marginalized and so many others through different programs and services available throughout the year. In addition, this ministry provides information and guidance on issues of social justice guided by Catholic Teachings.

"What the Lord calls us to - is to reach out and help one another. It's something I learned as a child - it's something I taught my children and

now my grandchildren." Shared Maureen Miedreich, Social Outreach Coordinator



PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO THE 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal!

Every Gift Makes a Difference in the Lives of Others.

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City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

EMAIL: _____

Pledge	\$ _____
Down Payment	\$ _____
Balance	\$ _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time “Give Your Heart to Your Spouse.”

Proverbs 31: 1-12. “When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.” Give your heart to your spouse. Give your spouse good things. Love your spouse always. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. 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/>.

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You can sign up online at faith.direct/NY83, or text ‘enroll’ to 516-494-7947 or call Faith Direct customer service at 866-507-8757 (toll-free). **Thank you!**

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.

The Annual St. Gertrude's Parish **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Is Back!

2023 PAGEANT: Friday, December 22ST at 7pm

WANTED: Children grades 1-6 to act as:



*Angels
Shepherds
Innkeepers
Wise Men
Narrators and
more!*



Rehearsals: Mondays

11/20 @ 6:00 pm (4th - 6th graders only)

11/27 @ 6:00 pm (1st - 6th graders)

12/4 @ 6:00 pm (1st - 6th graders)

12/12 @ 6:00 pm (1st - 6th graders)

12/18 @ 6:00 pm (1st - 6th graders)

Pageant: Friday 12/22 @ 7:00pm

Please contact Dr. Sheehan to participate or help in the production at:

faithformation@stgerts.org or (516) 628-2432.

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Nov 29 - Dec 1
2023



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Theatre



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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Christmas Bazaar

**Friday, November 17th from 6pm to 9pm
Saturday, November 18th from 10am to 3pm**

Holiday Decorations new and gently used!

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and after school. Scan the QR code or visit
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Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island

Including widows, widowers and singles, a social organization for single persons

New Member Orientation Meeting
Tuesday November 21st at 7:00PM
St. Frances Club
1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793
(Parking in the rear of building)

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)



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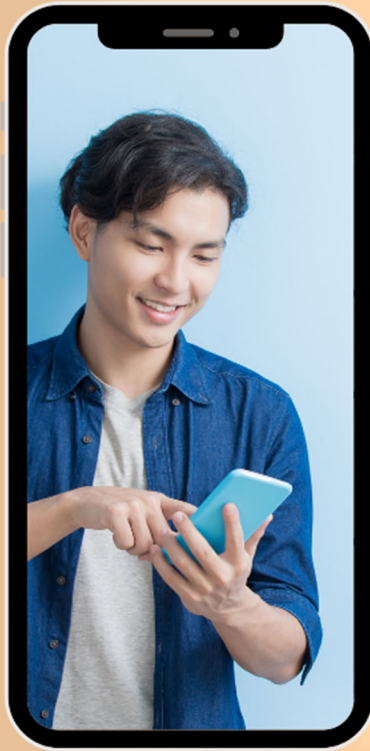
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5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



1

Maintain open and ongoing communication about social media and online interactions

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



www.virtus.org



DID YOU KNOW?

Planned Gifts of IRAs are not the best assets for family members to inherit? WHY? Heirs will pay taxes on these financial instruments.

On the other hand, IRAs are good assets to give to the Church or other charity when doing your estate planning since they will not pay a tax on retirement assets they inherit.

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 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.

DRVC Department of Education

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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



Rosary for Life



JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

Click here for link

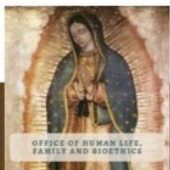
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As You Plan Your Future, Please Consider a Legacy Gift to Our Parish

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!

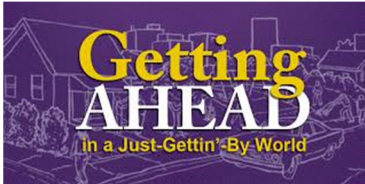
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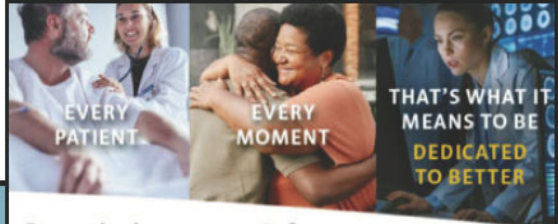


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