

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. Gabriel Miah, Assoc. Pastor

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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.



St. Vincent de Paul (516) 229-1796

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SVDP store locations:

- 1.) 1425 New York Avenue, Huntington Station
- 2.) 2160 Jericho Twp., Garden City Park
- 3.) 249 Broadway, Bethpage

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Dr. James Sheehan, Director, Phone: (516) 628-2432

Email: faithformation@stgerts.org

THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 11, 2022

“Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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New to our Parish? We welcome you
and ask that you please stop into our
Parish office to register. *The Lord*
told Israel to reach out to newcomers and welcome them
(Leviticus 19:36).

Remembering. . .

SATURDAY	December 10
5:00pm	Frank Finnerty + Dean Serio + Steven Skrynecki + Anna Furnari +
SUNDAY	December 11
7:30am	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	Joan Imhof + Margaret DeLuca + Dean Serio + Roselle Cooney + Gordon Willett +
11:30am	Dominick & Catherine Carbone +
MONDAY	December 12
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
TUESDAY	December 13
8:30am	Nita DeCesare +
WEDNESDAY	December 14
8:30am	Alexander Artesani +
THURSDAY	December 15
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
FRIDAY	December 16
8:30am	Margery Ann Armstrong +
SATURDAY	December 17
8:30am	Juliette McMahan +
5:00pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)
Saturday, December 17th: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey
Sunday, December 18th 7:30am - Fr. Gabriel
9:30am — Msgr. Morrissey
11:30am— Fr. Gabriel

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

Here is Your God: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

John questions Jesus from prison in today's Gospel—for his disciples' sake and for ours.

He knows that Jesus is doing "the works of the Messiah," foretold in today's First Reading and Psalm. But John wants his disciples—and us—to know that the Judge is at the gate, that in Jesus our God has come to save us.

The Liturgy of Advent takes us out into the desert to see and hear the marvelous works and words of God—the lame leaping like a stag, the dead raised, the good news preached to the poor (see [Isaiah 29:18-20](#); [61:1-2](#)).

The Liturgy does this to give us courage, to strengthen our feeble hands and make firm our weak knees. Our hearts can easily become frightened and weighed down by the hardships we face. We can lose patience in our sufferings as we await the coming of the Lord.

As James advises in today's Epistle, we should take as our example the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Jesus also points us to a prophet—holding up John as a model. John knew that life was more than food, the body more than clothing. He sought the kingdom of God first, confident that God would provide (see [Matthew 6:25-34](#)). John did not complain. He did not lose faith. Even in chains in his prison cell, he was still sending his disciples—and us—to our Savior.

We come to Him again now in the Eucharist. Already He has caused the desert to bloom, the burning sands to become springs of living water. He has opened our ears to hear the words of the sacred book, freed our tongue to fill the air with songs of thanksgiving (see [Isaiah 30:18](#)).

Once bowed down, captives to sin and death, we have been ransomed and returned to His Kingdom, crowned with everlasting joy. Raised up, we now stand before His altar to meet the One who is to come: "Here is your God."





Those serving in our military:

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen”

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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.



Beth Roland, Rebecca Browning, Dean Mihaltses, Terri Willett, Nancy Burgie

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: Juices, pasta, pasta sauce, cereal. Additional items needed:

Ketchup, mustard, white rice, flour, sugar, salt, pepper, mayonnaise, diapers in size 5 & 6, baby wipes, snacks, whole milk -Parmalat brand.

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!



Frances Chabrier

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
December 4, 2022: 7,292.00

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,200.00.

There will be a Diocese 2nd collection this weekend, Dec. 10th & 11th for Religious Retirement.



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

Faith Direct

We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer,

smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

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).



Can't make it to Church and want the bulletin?

If that happens, please search for our bulletin on line at:

1. www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx or
2. www.stgerts.com (under the About us tab).

You can also call the office to be placed on an email list for automatic bulletin delivery each week.



ANGELS FOR CHRISTMAS - OUR GIVING TREE!



Thank you to all of you that participated in our Giving Tree. Please see the following details below:



IMPORTANT: DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT.

If you can send some wrapping paper with the gift, that would be great.

IMPORTANT: THE ANGEL MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE GIFT

This will ensure the right gift goes to the right child.

The gift must be placed under the tree **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 16th.**



Thank you for your generosity!

Have a Blessed Christmas!



For further information, please email: cyndyergen@gmail.com

The Annual St. Gertrude's Parish
2022 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Wednesday, December 21ST at 7pm



COFFEE with JESUS

Advent Reflections

From the comfort of your home,
with a cup of coffee and ZOOM connection,
join **Bishop Andrzej** at 10:00 am
on Friday mornings during the Advent Season:

December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022

for Advent Scripture Reflections

...WORD made FLESH...

This is a great opportunity to prepare and
nourish your mind, spirit and heart
in anticipation of Christmas.



To register for **Coffee with Jesus**

please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or

email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

Once you are registered, you will receive the
ZOOM information prior to each session.



CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Saint Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing; God only is changeless.
Patience gains all things. Who has God wants
nothing. God alone suffices.

—Saint Teresa of Ávila



There are two Altar Server training/
refresher classes held on:

Saturday, December 10th at 12:00pm

Saturday, December 17th at 12:00pm

Please meet in the Church on both days.

Contact Dr. Sheehan in the Religious Education
Office at 516-628-2432 to respond or
email: faithformation@stgerts.org.



Preschool News: A short week but a busy one due to the holiday. Miss Carmela's two year old class made reindeer ornaments and Christmas handprints. Miss Michelle's three year old class made star ornaments and a three kings project. Miss Janice's four year old class made gingerbread cookies and gift tags, they studied the letter I. Miss Meredith's fours made a Santa ornament and a baby Jesus ornament, they studied the letter H. Dr. Lipman the dentist, came to visit with us to teach us what a dentist does and to teach us how to keep our teeth healthy.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. GERTRUDE'S

Christmas Schedule:

Tuesday, December 20th – Confessions 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 21st – Christmas Pageant – 7:00 pm – Parish Center

Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24th: 4:00pm, 5:30pm, Midnight (carols begins at 11:30pm)

Christmas Day Mass Schedule
(follows Sunday schedule)

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

With our prayers and best wishes for a blessed Christmas
and a healthy, peace-filled New Year.

The Parish Church of St. Gertrude

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Advent is upon us. We light the season with hope, love, joy, and peace while we await the coming of our Lord! It's a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's arrival and reflect on how we serve Him.

The parish ministries you support help us to spread Christ's love in our community and share His mercy with those in need. *Your generous gifts to St. Gertrude's are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your faithful support!*

To sustain these works, I'd like to ask you to consider taking the next step in your stewardship by embracing eGiving.

We partner with Faith Direct for a secure eGiving option that lets you support the ministries you care about, even if you can't attend Mass. eGiving is a safe, simple solution. It allows you to remain consistent in your giving while helping us be more accurate in our budget forecasting as well. When you choose a recurring monthly gift, you provide our parish consistent support that lets us better plan and budget for programs that allow us to build God's kingdom throughout our community.

Please, prayerfully consider eGiving as a way for you to make sure that your faithful support will always make a difference for St. Gertrude's. It is easy to do. **Enroll today** by filling out a secure online enrollment form. You can also call Faith Direct toll-free at 866-507-8757 to speak with someone directly.

For those already enrolled, I want to thank you for your participation in the Faith Direct electronic giving program! I would humbly ask that you consider increasing your pledge by logging into your account or simply blessing the church with a Christmas gift.

Thank you for being part of St. Gertrude's and may God bless your generosity.

In Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Robert Morrissey





***Sugar & Spice
Cookie Sale***

**Homemade
Holiday Cookie
Sale**

**Thursday December 15th
and Friday December 16th
10:30am until 3:30pm**

**The Life Enrichment Center
45 E. Main Street
Oyster Bay, NY 11771
516-922-1770**

Are You Being Called to Serve as a Deacon?

By virtue of Baptism, we are called to holiness—the lay faithful as well as bishops, priests, and deacons.

But have you felt called to serve in a much deeper and committed way?

If you are a man between the ages of 30 and 59, who feels that you are being called to ordained ministry as a deacon in the Church, you are invited to come for an **Evening of Prayer and Discernment** with other men of faith to discuss and explore that very question.

There is no cost to the evening—just your time and openness.

COME TO ANY ONE OF THESE MEETINGS -

**PREPARED - to LISTEN, to PRAY, to REFLECT,
to DISCERN where God is calling you!**

EVENINGS are being offered conveniently at **THREE LOCATIONS.**

7:00PM, Tuesday, January 10—*St. Joseph Ronkonkoma, 45 Church Street*

7:00PM, Wednesday, January 11—*Maria Regina Seaford, 3945 Jerusalem Avenue*

7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

with an **EARLY WEEKEND OPTION** to be held at

1:00PM, Sunday, January 15 —*St. John the Evangelist Center Moriches, 25 Ocean Avenue*

RSVP by Friday, January 6th, to 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or by email to diaconateformation@drvc.org

We thank you and look forward to being with you.



Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

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To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank You!



Our 2022 goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$35,275. to date (63.56% of our goal) from 78 donors. Once again, many thanks for your donations.

Christmas at the Seminary

**Friday
December
16th**



**Main
Chapel
7pm**

Join us for an evening of Christmas Cheer!

A selection of sacred and contemporary Christmas Music featuring special performances by
Fr. Joe Catafago ♦ Fr. Ed Sheridan ♦ St. Anthony H.S. Pipe Band ♦ Trinity Regional School Senior Chorus
The Schubart Family ♦ Nina Baumann ♦ Phoon Yu ♦ and Others!

Reception to follow in the Refectory



Reservations required

Adults \$50

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Seminary Development Office

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St. Gertrude

Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update

“Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future”

Total Pledged	\$1,174,420
Paid to Date	\$1,100,947
Balance Due	\$ 73,473
% of Pledges Paid	94%
# of Gifts	306
Average Gift	\$ 3,838

Making your pledge or payments by Credit or Debit card is easy and convenient

Making your one time gift or recurring pledge payments is easy, simply log onto the parish web-site at www.stgerts.com and click on the e-giving link to begin. Please remember to select the Capital Campaign as your payment option.

All Pledges & One-time Gifts are welcomed very much appreciated!

Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!

Pledge reminders are mailed on the 1st of each month, if you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White (Parish Development) at 516-607-3635.

"We pledge to persevere in prayer,
fasting and witnessing to the
sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the
U.S. Supreme Court Decision in
Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022



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if you would like the 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!

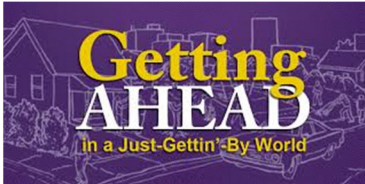
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Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Depression, Divorce Mediation and Domestic Violence, are available to our parishioners at 147 other parishes. This program, 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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The Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay

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What's the best kept secret in Oyster Bay?

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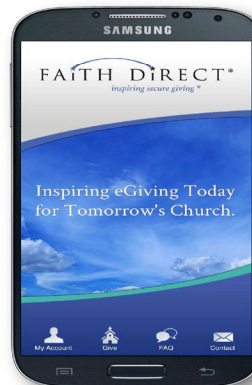
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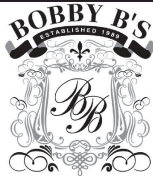
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