

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 Day: 5:00pm Vigil Mass, 8:30am & 7:30pm

Rosary every morning after 8:30am Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
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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
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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: Every other Sat. 9:00am
12:00pm



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- 3.) 249 Broadway, Bethpage

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THIRD Sunday OF *Advent*

Whoever has two cloaks should share
with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11



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 11
5:00pm	Thomas Hayden +
SUNDAY	December 12
7:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	Rosetta & Robert Parente +
11:30am	Robert Taylor +
MONDAY	December 13
8:30am	Dominick & Catherine Carbone +
TUESDAY	December 14
8:30am	Alexander Artesani +
WEDNESDAY	December 15
8:30am	DeCesare family +
THURSDAY	December 16
8:30am	Juliette McMahan +
FRIDAY	December 17
8:30am	Robert DiGiovanni +
	Luke & Anne Greco +
	Eva Maniscalco +
	Steve Titus (L)
SATURDAY	December 18
8:30am	Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family +
5:00pm	Frank Finnerty +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm – Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading – Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel – John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, December 18th: 5:00pm- Fr. Gabriel

Sunday, December 19th: 7:30am- Msgr. Morrissey

9:30am- Fr. Gabriel

11:30am- Msgr. Morrissey

What Do We Do? Reflection on the Third Sunday of Advent.

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?"

The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see [Luke 3:3](#); [5:32](#); [24:47](#)).

"Repentance" translates a Greek word, *metanoia* (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning"—away from sin (see [Ezekiel 3:19](#); [18:30](#)) and toward God (see [Sirach 17:20-21](#); [Hosea 6:1](#)).

This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" (see [Luke 3:8](#)). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice.

In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath (see [Luke 3:7-9](#)) but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us.

In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare [Luke 1:28-31](#)). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior."

She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

By Dr. Scott Hahn





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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2nd LT Glenn Harvey
Major Nicholas Lorusso
Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz
PFC Matthew A. Passero
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Capt. Thomas E. Rojek
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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.



Becky Browning, Melissa Buffa,
Carl DiGiovanni, Maureen Sullivan,
George Willet

Call the Parish office to add a relative to our prayer list. Names will remain for 6 weeks.



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

Jelly, soup—both regular & low sodium, pasta sauce in jars, white rice—1 or 2 lb. bags, baby wipes, baby diapers sizes 5 & 6.

Supplies are either desperately low or out of the above items.

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. 9 Mountain Ave, Bayville. 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 office will be closed on Fridays until further notice. Our office hours are Monday to Thursday from 9:00am-4:00pm. Should you require any assistance beyond these hours, please call the rectory to set up an appointment at (516)628-1113. Thank you.

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
December 5, 2021: \$ 7,837.25*

*Our weekly collection budget is \$7,200.00.

There will be a Diocese second collection this weekend, Dec. 11th & 12th for Religious Retirement.



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



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal for St. Gertrude's: Goal: \$55,000.

Pledges to date: \$34,640.00 (98 pledges)
62.98% of our parish goal.

If we meet our goal of \$55,000 then our Parish will receive 20% back (\$11,000). For any amounts over the \$55k raised, we get back 80%!!!!



The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to the families and friends of those in our parish who have died.

A Charles Dickens
“Christmas Carol”
An in-depth reflection
looking at the
psychological, historical,
spiritual and social
background and impact of
this wonderful Christmas
narrative.

8:00pm in the Church
Wednesday, December 15th
Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream
(Fr. Regan’s
Church)



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2021

Friday, December 24th:

4:00pm

5:30pm

11:30pm—Carols followed by

12:00am (midnight)

Saturday, December 25th:

7:30am

9:30am

11:30am

Note: There will be no 5:00pm mass on
Christmas day Saturday, December 25th as well
as no confessions that day.



Confessions will be held:

Tuesday, December 14th -

7:30pm-8:30pm

Tuesday, December 21st 3:00pm—5:00pm

Saturday, January 1st - 4:00pm-4:45pm

Please wear a mask if not vaccinated. Thank
you.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
is Back!**

**2021 PAGEANT: Wednesday, December 22nd
@ 7pm**



Please contact Dr. James Sheehan for any information at: faithformation@stgerets.org or
(516) 628-2432



Preschool News: The excitement is starting to build as our favorite time of year is approaching, Christmas! Although the week was shorter due to the holiday, all the classes were working hard to get their Christmas projects done. Miss Carmela’s two year old class made reindeer ornaments and Christmas handprint ornaments. Miss Michelle’s three year old class made reindeer and kings, they worked on the letter K. Miss Wendy’s threes made Nativity Scenes and Christmas ornaments, they worked on the letter K and had Polar Express Day. Miss Janice’s four year old class made Christmas gifts and decorated gingerbread cookies and also had Polar Express Day; they studied the letter I. Miss Meredith’s fours made Advent wreaths and gingerbread men, they also had Polar Express Day and studied the letter H.

ANGELS FOR CHRISTMAS - OUR GIVING TREE!



Caring and sharing is a joyful part of Christmas where we continue our St. Gertrude's tradition demonstrating the overwhelming generosity of our parish family. Through the years, parishioners have provided generous donations of new clothing, new toys, etc. for our needy children here at St Gertrude's - through St. Gertrude's Outreach Program, which serves children of all ages.



The Giving Tree is set up in the back of the Church with ANGELS identifying the children by age, gender, size, and asking for a toy and a book. We want to encourage the children to read!

Please take an angel and return it with a gift for the child. The gift **MUST BE WRAPPED** and **MUST HAVE THE ANGEL AFFIXED TO THE GIFT** in order to ensure the right gift goes to the right child.

Please attach the ANGEL to the gift!

The gift must be placed under the tree NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14.

Thank you for your generosity! Have a Blessed Christmas!

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



Bells for Christmas-on Giving Tree



In addition to the angels on the Giving Tree in the back of the church, please also take a bell for the UCP in Bayville. They will be marked male and female. This year they are asking for hats and gloves . Please leave donations under tree with bell attached.



The Rosarians will wrap these gifts. Thank you.

Please contact Rosemary D'Antonio with any questions. 840-0352.



St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update *"Preserve Our Past - Envision our Future"*

Total Pledged	\$1,136,909
Paid to Date	\$ 972,199
Balance Due	\$ 164,710
% of Pledges Paid	86%
# of Gifts	296
Average Gift	\$ 3,840

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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.



St. Gertrude's CYO - Girls High School Class A Long Island Basketball Champions!

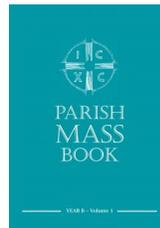
Congratulations to the St. Gertrude's Girls CYO High School Team for winning the 2021 Long Island Basketball Championship!

The girls finished the season with a perfect 10-0 record on the court in the highest CYO Division on Long island! All of the players on the roster attend and play basketball for Locust Valley High School, and for many of the girls this is their 2nd CYO Long Island Championship in the past 3 seasons!

This year's Championship Roster includes Seniors Lindsay Hogan *, Amber Linden *, Giavanna Vilella and Bitty Gresalfi; Juniors Payton Tini* and Olivia Deltato; Sophomore Reily Roberts; Freshman Katie Nabet; and 8th grader Kaitlyn O'Brien. (* Captains); and Coaches Ed Tini & Cookie Tini, and CYO Coordinator Tim



MASS INTENTIONS



One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Please consider offering a Mass. Masses can be said for a departed love one, a special intention or in thanksgiving, for a friend who is living & suffering, for a celebration, for prayers that have been answered, for someone you know who can benefit from the spiritual graces that comes with having a Mass said on their behalf.

If your loved one's date is not available, you can offer the wine & hosts in memory of your loved one for the week which will cover that particular date that you wish to pray for them. We know how important it is to remember your loved one on their day and we are trying to help insure that they are remembered and prayed for if not on their day then at least for the week.

Masses remain at \$20 each or \$50 for the wine & hosts celebrated for the week. The 2022 is open.

Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love. Call or stop in the Parish office at (516)628-1113. Please wear a mask in our office if you are not vaccinated.

Faith Direct

eGiving is a great stewardship habit - it streamlines your giving and lets you do even

more to help St. Gertrude grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. Why not make the switch today? You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts were a lifeline during COVID-19 and sustained our parish throughout the year. They provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting Faith.Direct/NY83, or text 'Enroll' to 516-494-7947. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Support Our Religious. Our second collection this weekend, Dec. 11th & 12th is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. **Please be generous.**



Grab Bag— Spend \$5.00 and get a Surprise Gift!!



Bags will be sold after the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, December 18th as well as after all Masses on Sunday, December 19th. Please participate in this fun event to support our Rosary Guild. Thank you!



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December

7:30 PM Solemn Sung Vespers on Advent Sunday Evenings

3rd Sunday Evening (Gaudete Sunday) with Choir

Wednesday-Friday, January 19-21, 2022, 7:30 PM

Commemoration of The Solemnity of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Principal Patroness of the Diocese and Titular Patroness of the Cathedral

Wednesday, January 19: Concert

Thursday, January 20: Solemn First Vespers of the Solemnity

Friday, January 21: Solemn Mass

Sunday, March 20, 2022

10:45 Investiture Ceremony, 11:00 AM Mass—Choir of Men and Boys

March/April

7:30 PM Solemn Sung Vespers on Lenten Sunday Evenings -4th Sunday Evening (Laetare Sunday) with Choir

Wednesday, April 13, 7:30 PM—***7:30 PM Tenebrae Service***

Friday, April 29, 7:30 PM—***Hofstra Chamber Choirs in Concert***

Friday, May 13, 7:30 PM

Guest Organ Recitalist: Peter Richard Conte, Grand Court Organist, from Wannamaker's Store, Philadelphia, PA

Sunday, June 5, 7:30 PM

The South Shore Symphony- Saint Saens "Symphony No. 3" (The Organ Symphony)

Sunday, June 26, 7:30 PM

Choir Festival Concert in the Cathedral—Cathedral Choirs, and Guest Choir Singers

Travel Team!

Thursday Evening, December 16, 7:30 PM

Christmas Concert-New St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC - Cathedral Choirs

Enrich your Advent devotion! Join the Friends of the Seminary for a Celebration of Mary at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, on Saturday, December 11th. Journey to the heart of Mary through Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts. Program includes Mass celebrated by Msgr. Steven Camp (Seminary Rector) and presentations by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski; Bro. Timothy Driscoll, SM (Kellenberg Memorial High School); Theresa Bissex Volpe. Advance registration required. \$50 per guest. Contact Seminary Development Office: (631) 423-0483 x 102, bmalone@icseminary.edu, or, Seminary website - www.icseminary.edu

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tracey.o'reilly@chsli.org

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This group is a safe place to discuss the challenges and stresses of caregiving for those who are providing support for a loved one. It is an opportunity to share your feelings, seek support and find strength and encouragement with others who are going through similar experiences.



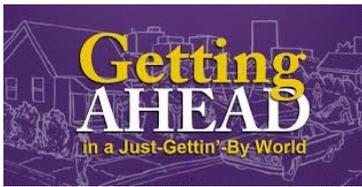
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An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North

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I hereby give, devise and bequeath to <insert parish name>, with offices at <insert parish address>, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (trust) to be used for its most urgent needs.

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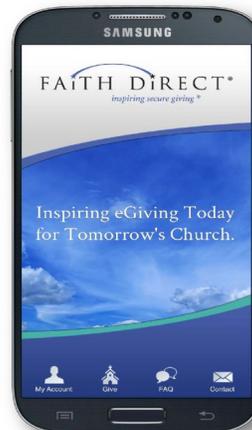


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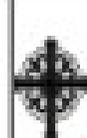
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