

# THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

## CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey, Pastor  
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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.

## PARISH OFFICE: Phone: (516) 628-1113

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(or by appointment)

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to  
testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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St. Vincent de Paul:

Email: svdpstgerts@gmail.com

Furniture: (516) 746-8250



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 . . .

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 16</b>
5:00 pm	For the parishioners of St. Gertrude
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 17</b>
7:30 am	Andrew DeNatale + in thanksgiving and a special intention
9:30 am	Alfred Carfora + Becky Hafner +
11:30 am	Claudio D'Chiutiis + Ralph Manzi + Michael and Elaine DiPasqua Franceschiello +; Anthony and Marie Gioia DiPasqua +; Joseph and Mary Gabriel Franceschiello +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 18</b>
8:30 am	Vincenzo and Rosa Daniello and Family +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 19</b>
8:30 am	David and Catherine Carbone +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 20</b>
8:30 am	Lucile B. Palmaro, Marcel B. Palmaro, and the Sabin & Sobrino families +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 21</b>
8:30 am	SP4 Richard C Bachert + SP4 Earl W. Thomas, Jr. +
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 22</b>
8:30 am	Dominick and Catherine Carbone + Jacqueline Anne Hawley +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:30 am	Ronald Caronia +
5:00 pm	John Wallace +



## Scripture Readings

**First Reading:** I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

**Second Reading:** May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Thes 5:23)

**Gospel:** "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:23)

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## Third Sunday of Advent Scripture Reflection

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?



The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others.

In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

## Rosary Guild News



The Rosary Guild has a new link on the parish website (under Ministries)

See: [www.stgerts.org](http://www.stgerts.org).

*Please note: Newsletters will no longer be mailed. Find them on the website, or if you'd like a newsletter emailed directly to your inbox, kindly send an email to [stgertruderosaryguild@gmail.com](mailto:stgertruderosaryguild@gmail.com). Thank you!*

**Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)

Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>: 5:00pm — Fr. Joseph

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 7:30am — Msgr. Morrissey

9:30am — Fr. Joseph

11:30am — Msgr. Morrissey



## Those serving in our military:

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

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa          | LCpl Brian Allen         | Pfc. Mark Chuisano              |
| LT Mary Grace Colluci           | Major Janet R. Erazo     | 1st LT William Trotta, Jr.      |
| 2nd LT Glenn Harvey             | 1st LT Dylan Wall        | Capt. Alexander Van Patten USAF |
| LT Colonel Nicholas Lo Russo    | Sgt. 5 Jose Marin        | Airman Bryan Mollitor           |
| Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz           | Major James Nicholson    | LT Col. Sean Patak              |
| PFC Matthew A. Passero          | LT William Hegarty       | Sfc. Sean P. Schenck            |
| Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez    | LT Sean Riordan          | Cpl. Jason Roland               |
| Capt. Thomas E. Rojek           | Spc. Chase Tucker        | Major Chad Lennon               |
| ENS Patrick Hesse USN           | Ens. James Figari        | US Army Sgt. Richard F. Charon  |
| LT Colonel Terrance Thorgramson | Capt. James Andrew Baker | 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, Mary Connelly, Joe Buffa.

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, 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)

December 3, 2023: \$ 7,603.25

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,500.00.



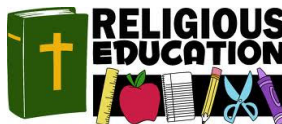
Thank you for your prayerful and generous support of our parish family.

Our 2023 CMA goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$34,831.00 to date from 74 donors (62.76%). Thank you!!!



### St. Dominic High School First Quarter Honor Roll Principal's List

**Molly Byrne  
Kathryn Oates  
Julia Rappa**



Do you know of anyone who is thinking of becoming a Catholic? Have you or someone you know wanted to complete the 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](mailto:faithformation@stgerts.org).

**Preschool News:** The Preschoolers are getting so excited for the upcoming Christmas holiday! This week Miss Anna's Mommy and Me class made watercolor painted snowflakes and decorated graham crackers with fruit and peanut butter glue. Miss Carmela's 2's made a handprint painted Christmas tree. They also made a special Christmas card for their families and worked on an "I is for Ice Cream" craft. Miss Anna's 3's made pom pom decorated Christmas trees. They also decorated and assembled a gingerbread Nativity scene. Miss Michelle's 3's worked on the letter L and made an "L is for Lights" craft. They also made salt dough to create ornaments and worked on a beaded pipe cleaner tree craft. Miss Meredith's 4's worked on the letter L. They played a "Roll a Gingerbread Man" game and made Elf hats for their upcoming Christmas party. They also made a reindeer jingle bell craft and had a special Polar Express pajama day.



**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](mailto:stgertprek@stgerts.org).

**Virtus Session at St. Gertrude's, January 13, 2024  
ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS:**

Any person wishing to volunteer in the Parish must complete these three requirements:

1. Attend Protecting God's Children (Virtus)
2. Sign the Code of Conduct
3. Complete a background screening application

St. Gertrude's will host a Virtus Session here on Saturday, January 13 at 10:00am in Room 2 of the Parish Center. To register for the class visit: [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org).

The name of the organization is Rockville Centre-Safe-Environment. Follow directions on the next screens. Please acknowledge the Codes of Conduct. Then select class on January 13, and then you will be instructed to complete the background screening application. Pre-Registration is Required.

For more information contact the Religious education Office at 516-628-2432 or [faithformation@stgerts.org](mailto:faithformation@stgerts.org)

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



**2023 PAGEANT:  
Friday, December 22<sup>ST</sup> @ 6 pm**

Please contact Dr. Sheehan for more information:  
[faithformation@stgerts.org](mailto:faithformation@stgerts.org) or (516) 628-2432



St. Gertrude Welcomes  
Our Newly Baptized Members

Enzo Raffaele Sammut  
Ava Rose Brunetti  
Greyson Alexander Zavala



**SUBSTITUTE  
CATECHISTS  
WANTED**  
All grades (1-8)

If interested email or call Dr. Sheehan  
[faithformation@stgerts.org](mailto:faithformation@stgerts.org)  
or (516) 628-2432.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE**

28 School Street  
Bayville, New York 11709



Gather with your loved ones this Christmas in the festive remembrance of the birth of Our Savior. Share in the traditional warmth of the season as joy fills the hearts of your family and friends.

The celebration of the birth of Christ is a special time to recognize the love and goodness of God. He comes among us; He shares our human condition; He gives Himself to us without reserve.

Our prayer this Christmas is that a deeper sense of the presence of God may be born within the faith community of our Church because with Him we can do all things.

May God Bless You Always and fill your heart with His special gifts.

Merry Christmas,

*Monsignor Morrissey, Father Joseph,  
and the Parish Staff*

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023**

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**CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday, December 13  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 19  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve**

**Sunday, December 24**

4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Midnight

(Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

**Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 25**

7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

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**NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday, December 30**

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

**NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

**New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary)**

**Sunday, December 31**

5:00 p.m.

**New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary)**

**Monday, January 1**

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

**Third Sunday of Advent: Rejoice Always!**

Isaiah 61:1: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it." Let the Lord transform your marriage.

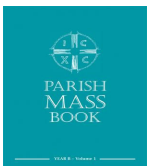
Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

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

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

March 15-17, 2024 in Upton, MA

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/>.



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



See our website for further info that cannot be printed in our bulletin at: [www.stgerts.com](http://www.stgerts.com).

# 2023

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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



*“Advent, then, is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God’s mercy,”*

*-Pope Francis*

## Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

During the Advent Season we are called to slow down during the frenetic season of shopping, visiting friends and family, baking, wrapping gifts and perhaps even studying for finals.

Are you still struggling to get a unique present for someone special? Consider a gift for all seasons – a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It’s a special gift that touches the lives of over 600,000 people by supporting programs that allow us to build of community of faith, hope and love in our diocese and beyond.

How does the **Catholic Ministries Appeal Care for God’s People**? It supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs, providing food and nutrition to more than 15,000 people.



Have you tried Text-to-Give to make a donation?  
It’s fast and secure.

Go to the following link to find your parish’s keyword:  
[bit.ly/3VFrMCE](https://bit.ly/3VFrMCE)

TEXT your parish’s Keyword To:  
(516) 271-3338

**Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone’s life. Thank you!**

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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To make a donation, you can also visit **CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org**  
or call us at **516-678-5800 ext. 296**

Thank You!



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024**  
**7:00 PM**  
**ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL GYM**  
**Tickets On Sale!**

<https://harlemwizards.com/schedule-tickets/>

\*This is not a drop-off event, K-6 students must be accompanied by an adult.

We will be selling concessions and Wizards Souvenirs (cash or cc) to help raise money

### Tickets

**General Admission - \$30 in advance (\$35 @ door)**  
(children 3 and under do not need a ticket)

**Reserved Student- \$50**  
Special reserved seating close to the court and free team poster.

**Reserved Adult- \$50**  
Special reserved seating close to the court and \$5 souvenir gift certificate. (200 max seating)

**Courtside Plus Student - \$80 (limited quantity)**  
**Courtside reserved seating**, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, a color team photo that is perfect for autographs and a \$5 discount on Wizards replica jersey.

**Courtside Plus Adult - \$80 (limited quantity)**  
**Courtside reserved seating**, pregame meet & greet with players, souvenir lanyard, and a \$10 souvenir gift certificate for adults.

**Courtside Player (Students K-8) - \$155 (10 tickets available)**

Courtside reserved seating, pregame meet & greet with players, jersey (picked up at game) souvenir lanyard, color team photo for kids that is perfect for autographs AND the opportunity to play in a 3-minute game with the Harlem Wizards during half-time.



*North Shore Theatre Group's*

*A Christmas Carol*



A solo performance of Charles Dickens' classic, holiday tale.  
One actor. One hour!

Presented by the Friends of the Bayville Library

Saturday, December 16th at 7:00pm

St. Gertrude's Parish Center

28 School Street, Bayville, NY

**Tickets: \$25/adult; \$15/children 10-12 years old**

**For Tickets call: Pat Farnell: 516-801-3356**

**Louise Pecorino: 516-802-7860**





## **Because no marriage is beyond hope...**

- Is your marriage tearing you apart?
- Do you feel hurt and angry?
- Does talking make it worse?
- Thought of leaving or divorce?
- Is your marriage heading in the wrong direction?

## **Retrouvaille can help.**

**Our Next Weekend is  
January 19-21, 2024  
at The Immaculate Conception Seminary,  
Huntington**

**To register or for more information:  
1-800-470-2230  
HelpOurMarriage.org**

**Retrouvaille** is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges. It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

**Retrouvaille** is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

**Catholic** in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.



# COFFEE with JESUS

## Advent Zoom Webinars



### Join Bishop Andrzej

10:00 am on Friday mornings in December:

**December 1, 8, 15, 22**

Online Advent Reflections

### on Scripture Readings

with the special emphasis  
on Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind and heart,  
in preparation for Christmas.

To register,  
please call Suzanne 516-744-6850  
or email [westernvicariate@drvc.org](mailto:westernvicariate@drvc.org).

Once you are registered, you will be emailed the  
ZOOM Webinar information prior to each session  
of this Advent series.





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live & on  
demand.



[www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org)

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calling  
you?

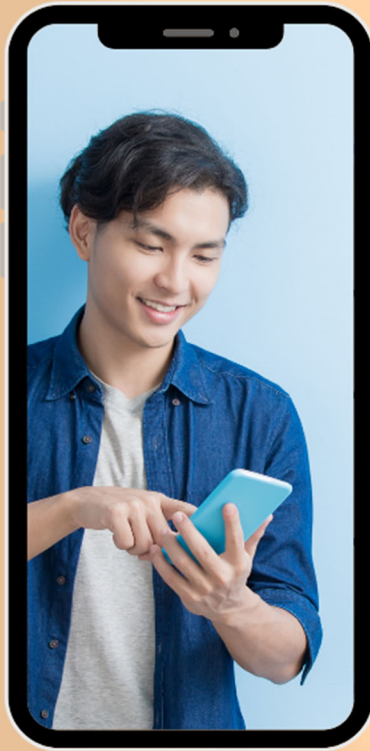
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# 5 STEPS SAFE ADULTS CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOUTH ONLINE



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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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!

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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!

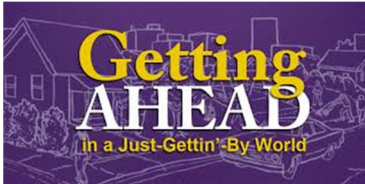
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### “Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

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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](mailto:svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com)

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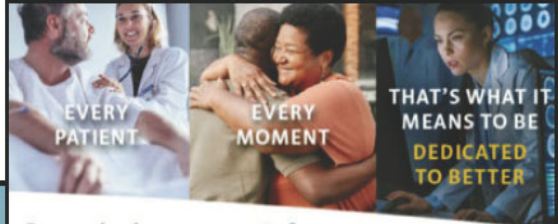
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