

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

Email: svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com

SVDP store locations:

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

Furniture: 516-746-8250

PARISH OFFICE: Phone: (516) 628-1113

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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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 . . .

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| SATURDAY | December 17 |
| 5:00pm | For the parishioners of St. Gertrude |
| SUNDAY | December 18 |
| 7:30am | Andrew DeNatale + in thanksgiving & a special intention |
| 9:30am | Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family + |
| 11:30am | Jeannine Willett Light + Marcel Bernier + Sgt. Robert Hendriks + Florence Martignetti + |
| MONDAY | December 19 |
| 8:30am | Carmelo Nicolosi + |
| TUESDAY | December 20 |
| 8:30am | Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| WEDNESDAY | December 21 |
| 8:30am | Sp4 Richard C. Bachert + Sp4 Earl W. Thomas, Jr. |
| THURSDAY | December 22 |
| 8:30am | Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| FRIDAY | December 23 |
| 8:30am | Joseph & Francesca Carbone + |
| SATURDAY | December 24 |
| 8:30am | Michael Primeggia + |
| 4:00pm | For the parishioners of St. Gertrude |
| 5:30pm | Leonard & William Mallon + |
| Midnight | Steven Salerno + |

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

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| Saturday, December 24 th : | 4:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey 5:30pm—Fr. Gabriel Midnight—Msgr. Morrissey |
| Sunday, December 25 th : | 7:30am - Fr. Gabriel 9:30am - Fr. Gabriel 11:30am— Msgr. Morrissey |



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

Rick Haydock

by Joseph Sanzoverino



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Gertrude,

I wish all of you a blessed Christmas. I hope and pray that you and your families will enjoy a Christmas season filled with joy and good health. Now that our lives have returned to a bit of pre-Covid life, I hope and pray that many of our parishioners who have not been able to be with us may come back and share in our Christmas Masses.

I am writing to ask you to please remember St. Gertrude's Parish as you make your plans for year-end giving. Our revenue is down this year. Even though it was great to be able to celebrate our Parish Feast this summer, the Parish is still financially in need, and I hope St. Gertrude's can count on your support.

This past year we have almost finished our Church Restoration and our Restoration Campaign continues with a few projects yet to be completed. Since last Christmas, the handicap parking at the west parking lot was completed and the east driveway was expanded and newly paved. I hope you have seen all the work that has been done to beautify our Church and make it more accessible to people.

Thus I ask, that you please consider making an end-of-year donation to help us offset the costs of future projects and our overall deficit in operating expenses. You can make your donation directly to St. Gertrude's via mail, by calling faith direct at 866-507-8757 or on-line from our website, www.stgerts.com.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter. As the year ends, I thank God for the call to serve as your pastor in this wonderful parish and village. May God bless you and your families with peace, joy, and health during 2023.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey
Pastor



Those serving in our military:

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

LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa
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2nd LT Glenn Harvey
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Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz
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1st LT Dylan Wall

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!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalms – The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading – God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel – The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, “God is with us” (Matthew 1:18-24).

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)
December 11, 2022: 7,609.00

Our weekly collection budget is \$7,200.00.



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.



Frances Chabrier

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



Preschool News: Just like Santa's elves are busy making toys, the children at the preschool are busy making gifts, cards and Christmas projects. Miss Carmela's two year old class made Christmas trees and cards, they worked on the letter I. Miss Micelle's three year old class made Christmas tree handprints, Christmas gifts and worked on the letter L. Miss Janice's four year old class made Christmas stockings and wreaths, they studied the letter J. Miss Meredith's class made jingle bell necklaces and Christmas cards, they studied the letter I. On Thursday the 2 four year old classes pretended to board the train for Polar Express day, based on the famous children's story by Chris VanAllsburg. They dressed up in pajamas, had chocolate milk and cookies and saw parts of the movie. With a little imagination, they became part of the story!

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, 2022

Michael Casino, Carolyn Casino, Ignazio Amato, Rose Amato, Agnes Hassard, Hargrave & Hafner families, Angie & Charles Yula, Helen & Rudy Rode, Dolores & Nicky Noviello; Elizabeth, Peter Wright, Frances, Raymond Bates; Petrocelli family; James E. Baker, Sr., James E. Baker, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. William Dannebaum; Teresa Capodiferro, Rosa, Maria & Antonietta Taranto; Hafner, Bathie & Fitzpatrick families.

John F. Viteritti, Sr., Brendan Scott Fallon; Ignatius, Ida Notaro, Dalia & Notaro families; Philip DeJana; Joesph, Concetta D'Antonio; Anna & Vincent Furnari, Janet & Bob Gaglione, Furnari, Scelzi & Scoldi families; Michael James McKie, Kathleen Rivera Duffey, Andrew F. Duffey, Frances Duffey; Savior A. Casella; Charles Savinetti; Marie A. Bologna, Anthony Bologna; Dr. Francis X Moore, Jr., Solomito family, M.O. Diepering.

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



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.

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.



Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Visit longisland.engagedencounter.com for information and registration.

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



St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update

“Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future”

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| 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 website 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.

January 2023

- 1 Being Excited
- 8 Life's Struggles
- 15 Unity
- 22 Searching for a Meaning
- 29 Spirituality



May

- 7 Prayer
- 14 Parents
- 21 Boredom
- 28 Remembering

February

- 5 Forgiveness
- 12 Relationships
- 19 Leadership
- 26 Sacrifice

March

- 5 Commitment
- 12 Renewal
- 19 Traditions
- 29 Coping

April

- 2 Community
- 9 Triumph
- 16 Issues in Life
- 23 Poverty
- 30 Nature

June

- 4 Relaxing
- 11 Moving On
- 18 Being Joyful
- 25 Special Days

Tune into “*Religion and Rock*” with Msgr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7:00am-8:00am on WBAB 102.3fm or 95.3 on Long Island’s East End. Listen on Saturdays at 11:00pm on Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel and 11:00pm on Satellite, Channel 117. To listen online or receive more information regarding Religion and Rock, go to www.religionandrock.com or at “*Religion and Rock*” on ITUNES. Don’t forget to tune into Catholic faith Network, Cablevision Channel 29/137 or Verizon FIOS 296 or visit www.cfnv.org!

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*

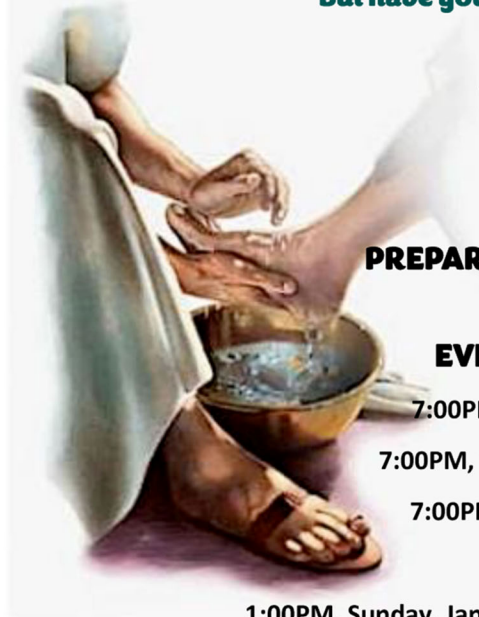
7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

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.



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Signature: _____

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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.

"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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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!

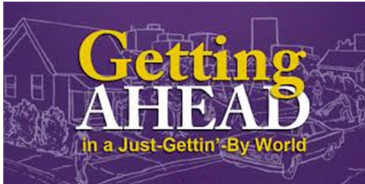
**PLEASE CALL BARBARA KILARJIAN
AT 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or email her at
bkilarjian@drvc.org for more information.**



Resources Available

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

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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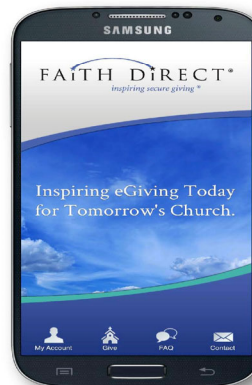
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