

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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PARISH CENTER

Preschool:

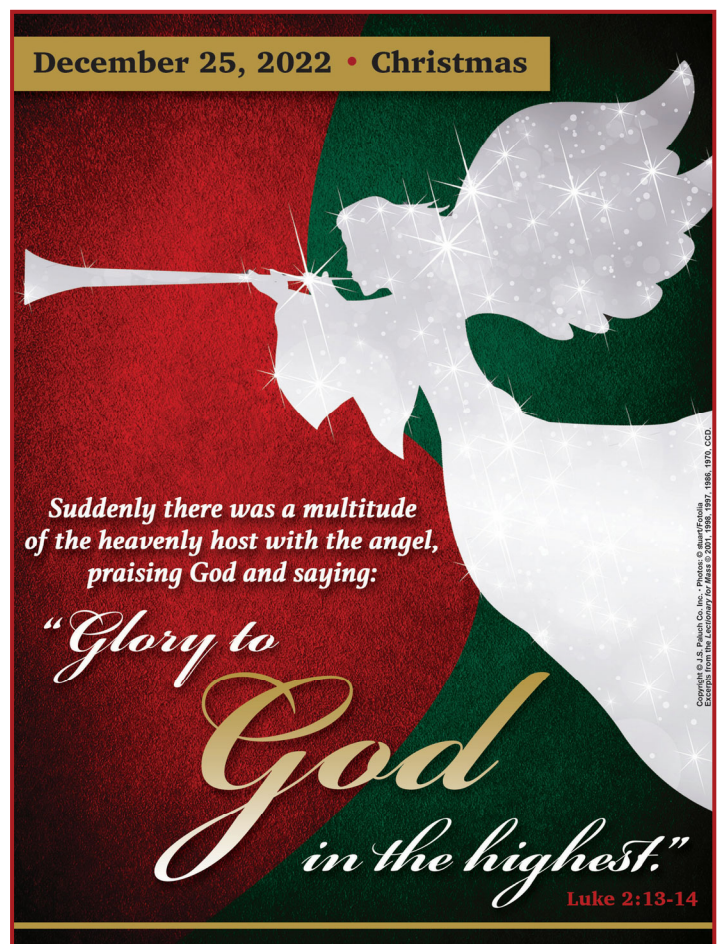
Tina Mihaltses, Director, Phone: (516) 628-3710

Email: stgertprek@stgerts.org, www.stgertrudesprek.org

Religious Education:

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

Email: faithformation@stgerts.org



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 . . .

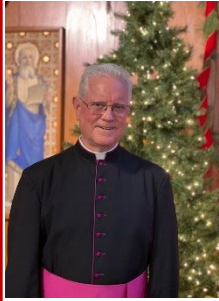
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| SATURDAY | December 24 |
| 4:00pm | For the parishioners of St. Gertrude |
| 5:30pm | Leonard & William Mallon + |
| Midnight | Steven Salerno + |
| SUNDAY | December 25 |
| 7:30am | Mario Frumiento + |
| 9:30am | Wayne Wright + |
| 11:30am | Hesse, Fennelly & Mullen families + |
| MONDAY | December 26 |
| 8:30am | Carmin Aviles + |
| TUESDAY | December 27 |
| 8:30am | Nancy Dammacco (L) James T. McGlone + Mastroberardino & Carozza family + |
| WEDNESDAY | December 28 |
| 8:30am | Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| THURSDAY | December 29 |
| 8:30am | Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| FRIDAY | December 30 |
| 8:30am | Dean Serio + |
| SATURDAY | December 31 |
| 8:30am | Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families + |
| 5:00pm | Claudio D'Chiutiis + |

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)
 Saturday, December 31st: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel
 Sunday, January 1st: 7:30am – Msgr. Morrissey
 9:30am – Fr. Gabriel
 11:30am— Msgr. Morrissey



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

Fred & Mindy Mei



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Gertrude,

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 celebration of Mass throughout the year. You are most welcome and your presence helps to build up our community of faith. Please invite friends and family members to join with us at the Eucharist.

The story of Christmas goes well beyond the birth of the Babe in Bethlehem. It reaches throughout all of history. In speaking of the birth of Christ, the Incarnation, the late Cardinal Avery Dulles, the priest and teacher from Fordham University once put it this way: *"The incarnation, the God of the ages taken on our human flesh, our human condition, does not provide us with a ladder by which to escape the ambiguities of life and scale the heights of heaven. Rather it enables us to burrow deep into the heart of life, here on planet earth and find it shimmering with divinity."*

Once again, this Christmas, God has spoken to us, the Word has become flesh. Let us allow God's word to sink into our hearts. That's the promise of Christmas - God's gift of Himself in Jesus the Savior has filled this world with love, not only on that holy night long ago, but the promise of Christmas is that the gift of Jesus shines forth the presence of **God - with - us** today, always. Indeed we can believe, - we can hold tight to the promise, - we can sing - "Joy to the world, the Lord has come."

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your generous support during the year, and your continued generosity at Christmas is most appreciated.

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.



Yours faithfully 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
LT Mary Grace Colluci
2nd LT Glenn Harvey
Major Nicholas Lorusso
Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz
PFC Matthew A. Passero
Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez
Capt. Thomas E. Rojek
ENS Patrick Hesse USN
LT Colonel Terrance Thorgramson
US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon

LCpl Brian Allen
Major Janet R. Erazo
LCDR Emily W. Reilly
Sgt. 5 Jose Marin
Major James Nicholson
LT William Hegarty
LT Sean Riordan
Spc. Chase Tucker
LT Elizabeth Hegarty
2nd LT James Andrew Baker

Pfc. Mark Chuisano
Sgt. William Trotta, Jr.
LT Alexander Van Patten USAF
Airman Bryan Mollitor
LT Col. Sean Patak
Sfc. Sean P. Schenck
Cpl. Jason Roland
Major Chad Lennon
Ens. James Figari
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.

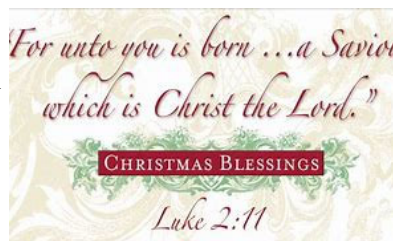
Donations to be placed in back of church under choir loft.

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!

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26th in celebration of Christmas. We wish all our family and friends a blessed Christmas.



Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct)

December 11, 2022: 7,609.00

2nd Collection: \$2,989.00

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).

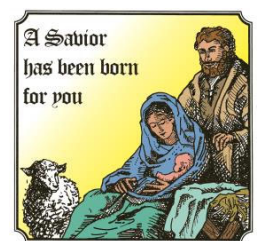
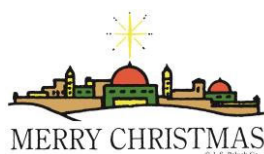


Can't make it to Church and want the bulletin?

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.





Preschool News: The countdown to Christmas began last week as the children and staff finished any unfinished projects before the Christmas break. Miss Carmela's two year old class made Santa cards and 'J' collages. Miss Michelle's three year old class made pine cones and Christmas cards, they worked on the letter L. They also had a pajama day and made hot cocoa playdough. Miss Janice's four year old class made snowmen and reindeer puppets, they studied the letter K. Miss Meredith's fours made reindeer food and snow globes, they studied the letter J. That jolly man from the North Pole made an appearance on Thursday, bringing gifts for all the boys and girls, some of whom didn't know what to make of him. Families came to snap pictures and enjoy some holiday hospitality before they went to the classrooms for the Christmas parties. From our preschool family to our parish family, Merry Christmas to all.

The preschool was closed this week for the Christmas break and will reopen on January 3rd. We're excited to announce the start of a new class in January, a Mommy and Me class open to children from 12 - 24 months with a caregiver. Please call the preschool office at 516 628-3710 or email us at stgertprek@stgerts.org for more information. Happy and healthy New Year to all!

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS AT ST. GERTRUDE'S

Christmas Eve Masses

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

Christmas Day Mass Schedule & New Years Mass Schedule

(follows Sunday schedule)

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

Confessions

Saturday, December 31st: 4:00pm—4:45pm

New Years Eve Mass

Saturday, December 31st: 5:00pm

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS, 2022

Regina & Stanislaw Zielinski, Mary & Chester Tarnowski, Joseph & Josephine Sanseverino; McCabe family, Silvestri family; Cassana family; Edward, Frances Dolce, Carole Zucaro, Edward Dolce, Jr.; June Burke, Pat Hasl; Carmen Terrana "Poppy"; Mary & Joseph Lemma, Tony & Christine C. Gallo, Ray, Marina, Davide & Victoria Frignani & their children.

Alexander Artesani, Doris Tramontano, Vincent Tramontano, Marie, Michael Artesani; Harry A. Tice III, Husing, McMahan, Lemerise, Schall families; Irene & Ted Janas, Frank Sodano, Ed Langdon, Kenny Langdon; Gertrude & Joseph Bauer; Albert L. Muriel O. Walka.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2022

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In union with our Holy Father Pope Francis, and in a non-judgmental spirit of mercy, humility and charity, I invite everyone who will be present at our Christmas Masses, or watching our Christmas Masses via the Catholic Faith Network or CBS, or not present at all: If your life has been far from the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist, I invite you with Pope Francis to return.

I invite you to experience the power and liberation of Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and to cross the bridge into the full practice of your Catholic Faith through a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass and an ever-deepening love for the Holy Eucharist.

Perhaps you are not a Catholic and yet have some mysterious attraction to the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist.

You are not alone! Many saints – I think of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the pioneering American Catholic educator and convert – had the same experience and were drawn to enter the Church through their intuitive experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in our parish churches! Be open to the Eucharistic movement of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Our celebration of Christmas 2022 occurs this year as every Catholic diocese, every Catholic parish, every Catholic hospital, university, and institution in the United States is engaged in an evangelizing ***Eucharistic Revival***.

What do we mean by the phrase “Eucharistic Revival” and why is it so important for our celebration of Christmas?

What does a love for the Eucharist and an openness to being a 21st Century Eucharistic missionary have to do with our celebration of Christmas 2022?

Pope Francis points out the relationship between the Birth of Christ and the Holy Eucharist and the Mass. The very word Bethlehem means “house of Bread.”

Pope Francis states: “Bethlehem is the turning point that alters the course of history. There God, in the *house of bread*, is born in a *manger*. It is as if he wanted to say: ‘Here I am, as your food.’ He does not take, but gives us to eat; he does not give us a mere thing, but his very self. In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it. To us, who from birth are used to taking and eating, Jesus begins to say: ‘Take and eat. This is my body.’ (Matthew 26:26) The tiny body of the Child of Bethlehem speaks to us of a new way to live our lives: not by devouring and hoarding, but by sharing and giving. God makes himself small so that he can be our food. By feeding on him, the bread of life,

we can be *reborn in love*, and break the spiral of grasping and greed. From the ‘house of bread,’ Jesus brings us back home, so that we can become God’s family, brothers and sisters to our neighbors. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity. The Lord knows that we need to be fed daily. That is why he offered himself to us every day of his life: from the manger in Bethlehem to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Today too, on the altar, he becomes bread broken for us; he knocks at our door, to enter and eat with us (cf. Revelation 3:20). At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale, but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life.”¹

Eucharistic Revival, in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, is a rediscovery of “Eucharistic Amazement” and Eucharistic Devotion.

Eucharistic Revival means that we understand deeply that every Mass has a cosmic significance, and every Mass is celebrated on the Altar of the world – the Altar of Ukraine and every war torn and injustice-ridden area of our world.

Eucharistic Revival is an effective catechesis of the theology and spirituality of the Catholic Mass that moves the hearts, minds, souls and imaginations of the People of God.

Eucharistic Revival in our Catholic schools means the cultivation of a radical fidelity to the Sunday Catholic Mass on the part of our teachers, our staff and our families.

Eucharistic Revival is a rekindling of Pope Benedict XVI’s insight that every period of Church reform and effective Catholic evangelization and mission throughout history can be traced to a rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.²

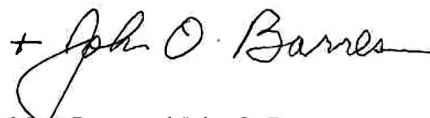
As we celebrate the birth of Christ and his rebirth in our hearts and families at Christmas, we pray for a renewal of our faith in Christ’s Eucharistic presence.

We pray that each of us could be Divine Mercy instruments of bringing many, many people back to a full fidelity to the Eucharist and the Catholic Mass.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are being called to be intentional, compassionate, understanding and listening Eucharistic missionaries.

Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the love of the Christ child and the love of the Holy Family light your remaining steps on earth and light your path to Heaven and Eternal Life.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Pope Francis Homily for Midnight Mass, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018.

² See Pope Benedict XVI’s 2017 Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* 6: “Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord’s eucharistic presence among his people.”



MOMMY & ME

ST. GERTRUDE'S PRESCHOOL

Mommy & Me Class for 12-24 Months of Age
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Join us for bi-weekly, 90-minute Mommy & Me classes to be held at St. Gertrude's Preschool! Taught by our loving staff, the Mommy & Me curriculum is a fantastic introduction to the preschool environment, all with the comfort of Mom, Dad, or a caretaker present. Weaving movement, art, story, song, and PLAY, to encourage language and social growth, our classes will be a joy to toddler and grown-up alike!

Classes will run from January 17th to May 24th; \$450/semester.
To register, or for more information, contact us at 516-628-3710, or via email at stgertprek@stgerts.org.



Circle Time

Craft

Gym

Snack

Free Play

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Mike Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel is leading a pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes/ Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona next March.

Catholic Pilgrimage to Fatima/Lourdes/ Santiago de Compostela and Barcelona
March 13 - 25, 2023 \$4,299 per person and includes air from JFK, all sightseeing, daily Mass with breakfast and dinner daily. Father Thomas McNamara, Spiritual Director.

For a flyer or more detailed information please call Mike Milano at 631-569-2620

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@stgerards.org.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm – The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading – God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel – The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, save that of knowing that I do your will.

— Saint Ignatius of Loyola



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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

What better gift can you give your spouse for Christmas than to tell them you want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together:

Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

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.

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.cfntv.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*

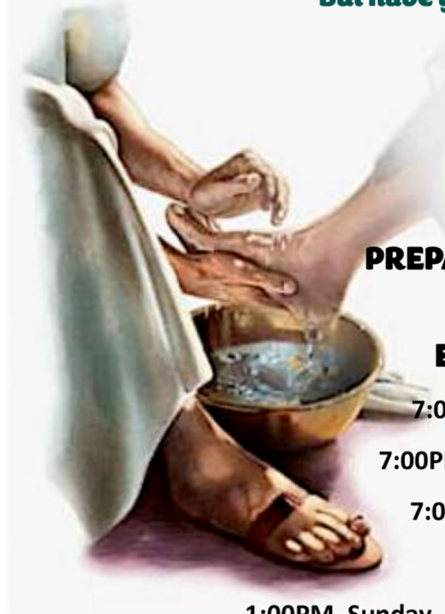
7:00PM, Thursday, January 19—*St. Aidan Williston Park, 505 Willis Avenue*

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.



Thank you for your generous support of the
2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Completing your 2022 pledge ensures that our Parish will benefit by receiving our full rebate.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Appeal.

To give securely online, please go to: <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/>

There's still time to make a gift. Please remember that all new pledges must be in by December 31, 2022 and paid in full by January 31, 2023.



Our 2022 goal remains at \$55,000 and we have received \$35,975. to date (64.82% of our goal) from 80 donors. Once again, many thanks for your donations.

ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL BREAKING NEWS

December 2022

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Vol 1 Issue 1

MISSED THE EXAM? NOT TO WORRY!



HOW TO APPLY TO ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL

During the month of November thousands of 8th grade students sat for the TACHS exam. Though this is the primary step in applying to Catholic high schools students who are interested in Saint Dominic High School can still be considered for admissions even if you did not take the exam. The process is very simple.

- Visit the St. Dominic Website (hs.stdoms.org)
- Under the Admissions Tab click "Joining The Bayhawk Family"
- Go to the section about missing the TACHS exam
- Click on the application, fill it out, and submit.

Be sure to send us copies of your report cards from 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Once all the materials are received we will begin the admissions review.

**Please contact our Admissions Office at 516-922-4888, ext. 5315
for any assistance or questions.**

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

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



Rosary for Life



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

Every Friday - 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

Click here for link

Meeting ID: 856 4708 7922

Passcode: 677757

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

Email dcrean@drvc.org

if you would like the link
sent to you each month.



www.drvcclife.org



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!

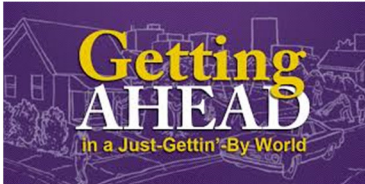
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Resources Available

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“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting By World”

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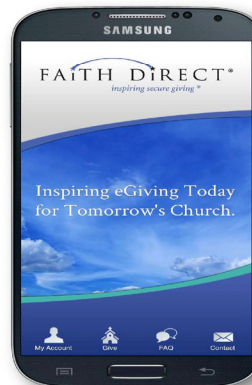
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