

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

Deacon Ted Kolakowski

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am—4:00pm
(closed from 12-12:30pm for lunch)

Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm

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, 8:30 am & 7:30pm

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.
Scheduled offering the last Sunday of the month
following the 11:30 Mass.

Baptism: Third Sunday each month at 1:00pm.
Prior parent and sponsor interviews with priest or
deacon required.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person
with priest at least 6 months in advance & prior
to reception arrangements.

OUTREACH

Pantry hours: Friday 8:30am-9:30am

St. Vincent de Paul (516) 584-4090

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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Your body is
a temple of the
Holy Spirit
within you.

1 Corinthians 6:19a

JANUARY 17, 2021

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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. . .

SUNDAY	January 17
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	Carmine Maria Grazia + and Frumiento & family +
11:30am	Anna & Orlando Trotta +
MONDAY	January 18
8:30am	Harold Serra +
TUESDAY	January 19
8:30am	Mario Frumiento +
WEDNESDAY	January 20
8:30am	Dominick & Catherine Carbone + Constance Genovese +
THURSDAY	January 21
8:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
FRIDAY	January 22
8:30am	Dolores A. Scores +
SATURDAY	January 23
8:30am	Francis Paul Galeone +
5:00pm	Michael Kennedy +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)
 Saturday, Jan. 23rd: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel
 Sunday, Jan. 24th: 7:30am—Msgr. Morrissey
 9:30am—Fr. Gabriel
 11:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

Reflection on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In the call of Samuel and of the first Apostles, today's readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3). The disciples too heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see Wisdom 6:11-12). We must desire always, as the Apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see Psalm 42:2).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle. We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see John 15:14; 14:21-23), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

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”

LT Travis J. Buffa	LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa	Pfc. Mark Chuisano
LT Mary Grace Colluci	Major Janet R. Erazo	Cmdr. Cynthia Keating
2nd LT Glenn Harvey	LT Col. Paul J. LoBue	PO3 Gregory Steiner
Major Nicholas Lorusso	Sgt. 5 Jose Marin	Airman Bryan Mollitor
Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz	Major James Nicholson	LT Col. Sean Patak
Captain Brian Peguillan	LTJG William P. Hegarty	Sfc. Sean P. Schenck
Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez	LT Sean Riordan	Cpl. Jason Roland
Capt. Thomas E. Rojek	Cpl. Brendan Roethel	Spc. Chase Tucker
M Sgt. Donald J. Tucker	Sp. Trevor Tebaldi	Sgt. William Trotta, Jr.
LT Terrance Thorgramson	2nd LT James Andrew Baker	Major Chad Lennon
LT Emily W. Hegarty	LT Elizabeth G. Hegarty	Ens. James Figari
US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon	LT Alexander Van Patten USAF	PFC Matthew A. Passero

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.



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

Cereal, 1-2 lb. bags of rice, black beans, jar pasta sauce, plastic bottles of juice, paper towels & toilet paper, baby wipes and baby diapers in sizes 2, 4, 5 & 6.

With people in need more than ever during this difficult time, we ask that you continue to donate non-perishable items for those who visit our food pantry on a weekly basis. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support.

Donations can be left under the awning outside the front of the Parish Center at any time. Please do not leave food items at the Church.

Pantry hours are every Friday from 8:30am–9:30am in the lower Church.

Just a friendly reminder to please be aware of food expiration dates. Thank you!



Joan Ergen

George Ondrejko, Jr.

The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to their family and friends.

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

January 10, 2021: \$8,136.00

Faith Direct

This new year is filled with hope and promise – opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ’s love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2021, St. Gertrude is reaching out to our parishioners.

Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2021 that reflect the promise of God’s love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us.

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.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY83, or text ‘Enroll’ to (Text-to-Give Number).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You,
Msgr. Robert Morrissey



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

Due to the Diocesan directive, Missalettes have been removed from the pews. However, you now have the opportunity to purchase one.

Entrance Hymn: Gather Your People

Refrain: Gather your people, O Lord. Gather your people, O Lord. One bread, one body, one spirit of love. Gather your people, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the table of life: brothers and sisters, each of us called to walk in your light.
2. We are parts of the body of Christ, needing each other, each of the gifts the Spirit provides.
3. No more harm on the mountain of God; swords into plowshares. Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

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Psalm 40: Here I Am/God, My God, Come to My Aid (9:30am Mass only)

Refrain: Here I am Lord, here I am. I come to do your will.

1. Long was I waiting for God, and then he heard my cry. It was he who taught this song to me, a song of praise to God.

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Offertory Hymn: Here I am, Lord

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

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Communion: Behold the Lamb

Refrain: Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall live: and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory.

1. Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; we who live, we who die are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.
2. Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we share.
3. Gentle one, child of God, join with us at this table. Bless our lives; nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.

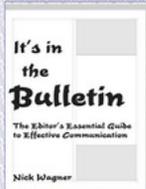
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Recessional Hymn: I Heard the Voice of Jesus

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; Lay down, thou weary one, lay down Thy head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live". I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream; My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

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As a reminder, if you are not able to attend Mass one week, you can receive the bulletin directly by signing up at <https://bulletin.jspaluch.com> or <https://www.jspaluch.com/Subscribe>.

Alternatively, please call the Parish office at (516)628-1113 to share your email with us and we can place you on the distribution list.

Please take this bulletin with you as you leave the Church. Do NOT leave this bulletin behind for hygienic reasons.

Covid 19 has changed so many things this year. One of the things we can no longer do is share printed materials with one another including the Missalette in Church. However, St. Gertrude's Parish did purchase and receive the Missalettes this year, however, we cannot put them out for sharing. We are therefore giving you the opportunity to buy a Missalette for your own use that you can bring to Church or use as you watch Mass at home. The Missalettes are on the table next to the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes.

A basket is placed next to the table. Please donate a min. of \$5 to help the Parish defray the cost of the Missalettes. Thank you.

St. Gertrude

Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update

“Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future”

Total Pledged	\$1,092,427
Paid to Date	\$ 848,722
Balance Due	\$ 243,705
% of Pledges Paid	78%
# of Gifts	285
Average Gift	\$ 3,833

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.



Despite the lack of snow, old man winter has come to the preschool, as all of the classes are doing cold or snow related things. Miss Carmela's two year old class made mittens and winter hats. Miss Meredith's three year old class made winter hats and snowflakes, they worked on the letter M. Miss Michelle's threes also made mittens and snow, they worked on the letter M as well. Miss Janice's four year old class made snowmen and polar bears, they studied the letter K. Registration for the coming 2021 - 22 school year will be held next month, more details to follow.



Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement?

Engaged Encounter is an effective Pre-Cana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Couples are provided with social-distancing during this time. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on March 6-7, 2021.

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit: www.longisland.engagedencounter.com to register.

Martin Luther King Day



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18th in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.



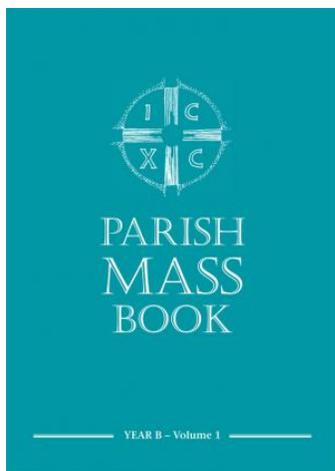
Banns of Marriage

Kimberly A. Garcia
St. Gertrude, N.Y.
&
Matthew L. Power
St. Gertrude, N.Y.

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Bring your marriage to its fullest on the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY



For the new year, 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 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.

The reason that this tradition has been passed on for centuries is because of the many spiritual fruits that result from this form of prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of his Father. St. John Paul II emphasized the graces that come when a Mass is offered. "The Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice."

Please note that 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.

Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love. Please call or stop in the Parish office. Masses are available as early as next week and we now offer multiple Sunday intentions. 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. (516)628-1113.



2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Please consider making a gift to the
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or to make a donation,
visit www.drvc.org/CMA
or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296





Weekend Music Ministry Schedule
 Saturday 5:00 pm Organist & Cantor[s]
 Sunday 7:30 am Instrumental Meditation
 9:30 am Family Mass Musicians
 11:30 am Adult Choir

KEEP THE TRADITION GOING



For over 50 years every Monday evening at 7:30pm the Miraculous Medal Novena to Our Lady, preceded by the Most Holy Rosary, has been recited here at St. Gertrude's Church. This devotion was introduced by our first pastor, Father Thomas Connolly, and has continued non-stop through these many years. Our participants are few in number but "Where two or three are gathered in my name there I am with them". Please consider joining us.

"Informed: Life is Worth Living" Film Presentation

Long Island Coalition for Life will show the film "Informed: Life is Worth Living" at its meeting on Monday January 25, 2021, 7:30PM at St. Regis Council K of C Hall (Rosevale Ave. & Pond Rd., Ronkonkoma). This video, produced by Human Life Alliance, interviews people who have dealt with life and death health situations involving themselves, their family, and medical practitioners. The film (~ 1 hour) discusses end-of life decisions and experiences with assisted suicide, adverse prenatal diagnosis, organ donation, hospice and withholding of medical care. Please join us and become informed. Information: info@prolifeLI.org; 631-243-1435.



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ehayes@icseminary.edu, 631-423-0483 x141

We have an interlibrary loan service, lectures in the library, and even some online content (such as podcasts) that you could take advantage of. If you are within driving distance, you are also welcome to apply for a courtesy card and borrow materials directly when you visit.

Our collection began years ago as strictly an academic library, but since the priestly formation program changed a few years ago (and our seminarians moved up to Yonkers), we have varied the collection a bit so that it can appeal to the general reader wanting to deepen their faith. Our book collection includes lots of books on spirituality, saints, popular apologetics, and so forth. We also have current Catholic periodicals, sacred music on CD, and even DVDs.

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



The Life Enrichment Center at Oyster
45 East Main Street · Oyster Bay, NY 11771 516-922-1770

JANUARY 2021: All in-person programs subject to change*

Every Monday	Every Tuesday	Every Wednesday	Every Thursday	Every Friday
10:00 Yoga with Michelle on Zoom (email luca100707@gmail.com) 11:00 Stretch & Balance with Judi 12:45 Creative Writing with Katherine	8:45 Strength Training w/Judi 10:00 Strength Training w/Judi 11:00 Grumpy Old Men's Group 12:45 Meditation with Elisabeth 1:00 Creative Movement w/Kathy 7:15 Open Mic Night with Barbara & Ken on Zoom (email ken_krumenacker@excite.com)	8:45 Strength Training w/Judi 10:00 Stretch & Balance w/Judi 10:30 Women of the Ages w/ Beth 12:00 Yoga with Michele on Zoom 1:00 Crochet & Knit with The Happy Hookers	9:00 Tai Chi with Spencer G 10:30 Gentle Yoga Flow with Patricia	10:30 Senior Chat with Betty Jo and Carmela in the conference room 11:00 Yoga with Michelle on Zoom 11:15 Brain Games 1:00 Bingo Game with Jennette and Linda
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>*Nassau County Office for The Aging temporarily closed senior centers. All In-Person activities including lunch, fitness classes, and support groups are suspended until further notice. We will contact members when we are able to resume activities indoors, hopefully in mid-January. Call the Center if you are interested in signing up for virtual programming, or email chrisj@lecob.org. Beginning January 4th, Grab & Go lunches will be available Monday through Friday (see menu on the other side).</p>				Center Closed Holiday
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Background Screening Update

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People:

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People (The Charter) promulgated by the Bishops of the United States in 2002 outlines specific practices and guidelines providing standards of safety in parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. As directed in The Charter, the Diocese of Rockville Centre requires all employees, clergy, and volunteers to complete three requirements within thirty days of employment or volunteering:

Attend **Protecting God's Children Program (Virtus)**

Sign the Codes of Conduct;

Complete a background screen application. The Diocese requires all those who remain in active ministry be rescreened at 5 yr. intervals. volunteers/employees.

A Word on Background Screening of Volunteers:

The Office for the Protection of Children and Young People (OFPCYP) has streamlined the volunteer application process enabling volunteers to complete the three safe environment requirements in one step. Individuals wishing to volunteer in a parish or school:

Register to attend a Protecting God's Children class and create a Virtus account on the Virtus website:

www.Virtus.org

Electronically acknowledge the Diocesan Code of Conduct- provided during the Virtus registration process.

Follow the instructions to complete the Sterling Volunteers background screening application background offered during the Virtus registration process.

Active Volunteers:

If you are active in a parish ministry, have already attended Virtus and have been background screened you may be at - or beyond- the **5yr. rescreening requirement**. If this is the case, you will receive an email from ***Sterling Volunteers*** asking you to complete the background screening application on-line. You may access the background screening application by following the prompt in the email or logging into your Virtus account.

Please be aware-this is not a scam nor has your e-mail been hacked. The OFPCYP has been working with your parish to update the Safe Environment records and noted it is time for you to be rescreened. You may also be prompted to electronically resign the Code of Conduct when you log into your Virtus account.

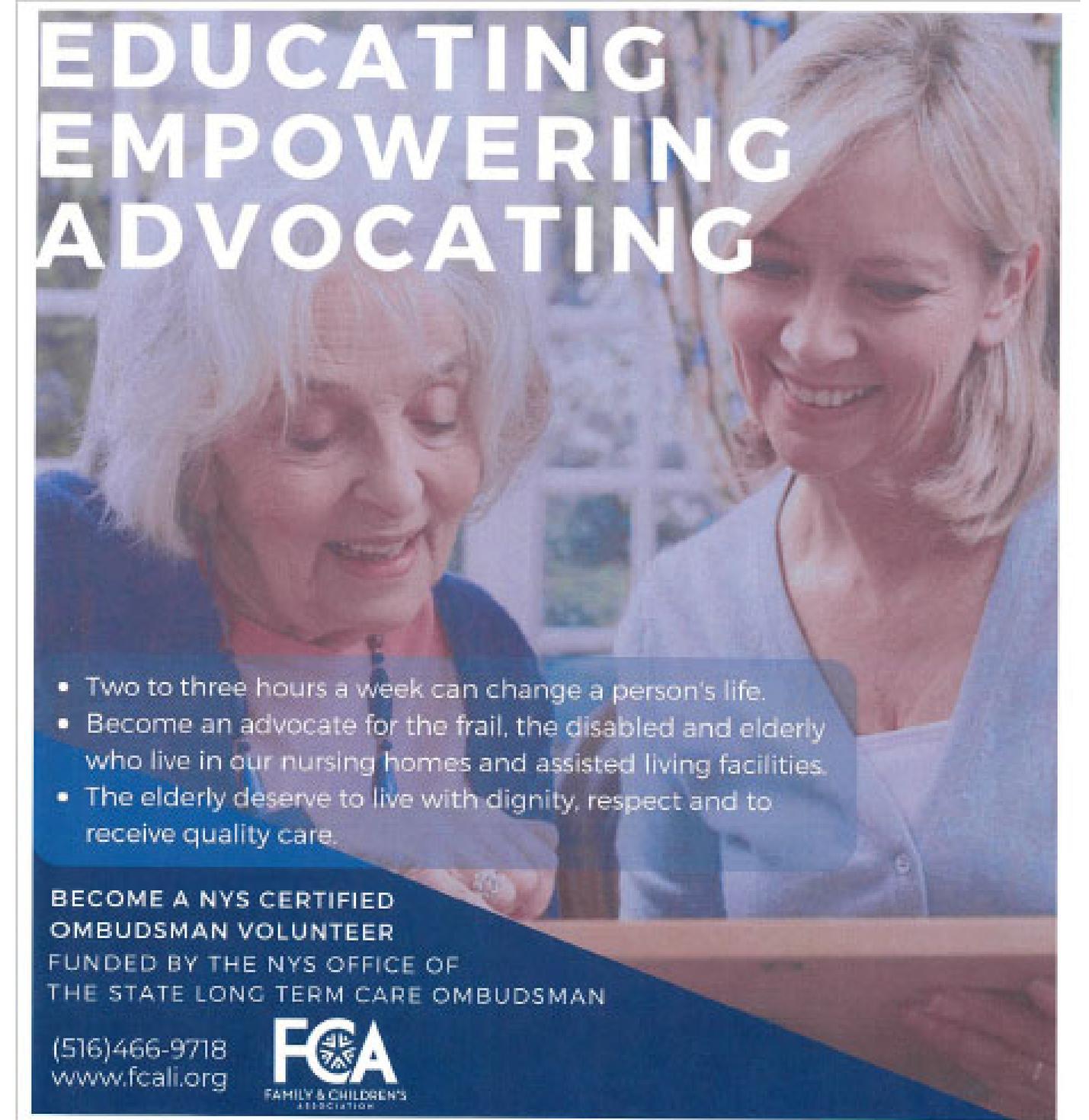
Edit Your Virtus Account:

To access your Virtus account: www.Virtus.org You will need your Username and Password. If you need assistance, please contact Virtus: 1-888-847-8870 or helpdesk@virtus.org. Once in your account, review your account information-particularly your e-mail address. If your account requires updating, please hit the TOOLBOX tab at the top of the screen. On the left side of your screen in the green column click "Update My Account" You will be able to make the necessary changes-please remember to hit the SAVE button at the bottom of the screen.

Questions or concerns: mmcmahon@drvc.org; amendoza-cantos@drvc.org; jwinter@drvc.org;

pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you to all who continue to serve in a ministry during these extremely challenging days.



EDUCATING EMPOWERING ADVOCATING

- Two to three hours a week can change a person's life.
- Become an advocate for the frail, the disabled and elderly who live in our nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- The elderly deserve to live with dignity, respect and to receive quality care.

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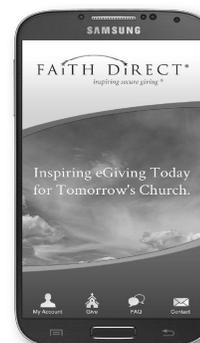
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Your IRA is a traditional or Roth

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You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

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VERY IMPORTANT!! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

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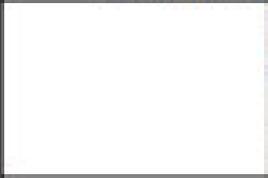
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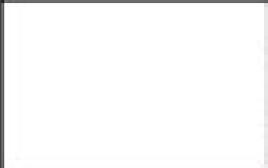
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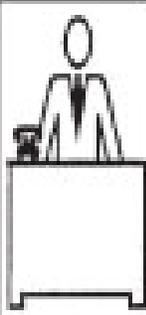
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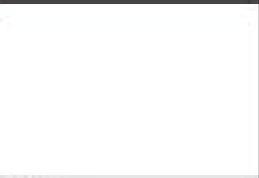
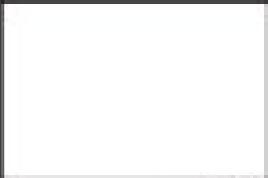
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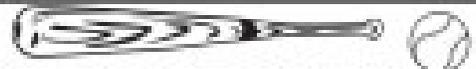


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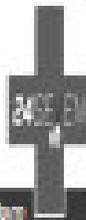
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