

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. David Regan, Pastor
Rev. Ed Seagriff, 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

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

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

Miraculous Medal Novena every Monday at 7:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
1:00pm to 3:00pm Wednesdays except holidays

Reconciliation/Confession:

Saturdays: 4:00-5:00pm & by appointment

Charismatic Prayer Group: meets every Monday at 4:00pm in the Church

PARISH OFFICE: Phone: (516) 628-1113

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PARISH CENTER

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Religious Education:

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

Email: faithformation@stgerts.org

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

To donate furniture, please call (516) 746-8250.



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).

THE PRESENTATION OF

THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020



Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted.

LUKE 2:34

Remembering. . .

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| SUNDAY | February 2 |
| 7:30am | Rosary Guild, living & deceased members |
| 9:30am | Steven Tassis + |
| 11:30am | Owen R. Clarke + |
| MONDAY | February 3 |
| 8:30am | Joseph & Ida Barnao + |
| TUESDAY | February 4 |
| 8:30am | Carmine & Maria Grazia; Frumiento & family + |
| WEDNESDAY | February 5 |
| 8:30am | Parishioners of St. Gertrude |
| THURSDAY | February 6 |
| 8:30am | Rev. George Ruggieri + |
| FRIDAY | February 7 |
| 8:30am | DeCesare family + |
| SATURDAY | February 8 |
| 8:30am | |
| 5:00pm | Edward Esposito + In Thanksgiving & a Special Intention Manuela Sabin + |

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalms – Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading – Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel – The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

The Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2020

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.

– *Hebrews 2:17a*

Presenting the Present: Reflection on the Feast of the Presentation:

Today's feast marks the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, forty days after he was born. As the firstborn, he belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take him to the Temple and "redeem" him by paying five shekels. At the same time, the Law required the child's mother to offer sacrifice in order to overcome the ritual impurity brought about by childbirth.

So the feast we celebrate shows a curious turn of events. The Redeemer seems to be redeemed. She who is all-pure presents herself to be purified. Such is the humility of our God. Such is the humility of the Blessed Virgin. They submit to the law even though they are not bound by it.

However, the Gospel story nowhere mentions Jesus' "redemption," but seems to describe instead a religious consecration—such as a priest might undergo. Saint Luke tells us that Jesus is "presented" in the Temple, using the same verb that Saint Paul uses to describe the offering of a sacrifice (see [Romans 12:1](#)). Another parallel is the Old Testament dedication of Samuel ([1 Sam 1:24-27](#)) to the Temple as a priest.

The drama surrounding Jesus' conception and birth began in the Temple—when the Archangel visited Mary's kinsman, Zechariah the priest. And now the story of Jesus' infancy comes to a fitting conclusion, again in the Temple.

All the readings today concern Jerusalem, the Temple, and the sacrificial rites. The first reading comes from the Prophet Malachi, who called the priests to return to faithful service—and foretold a day when a Messiah would arrive with definitive purification of the priesthood.

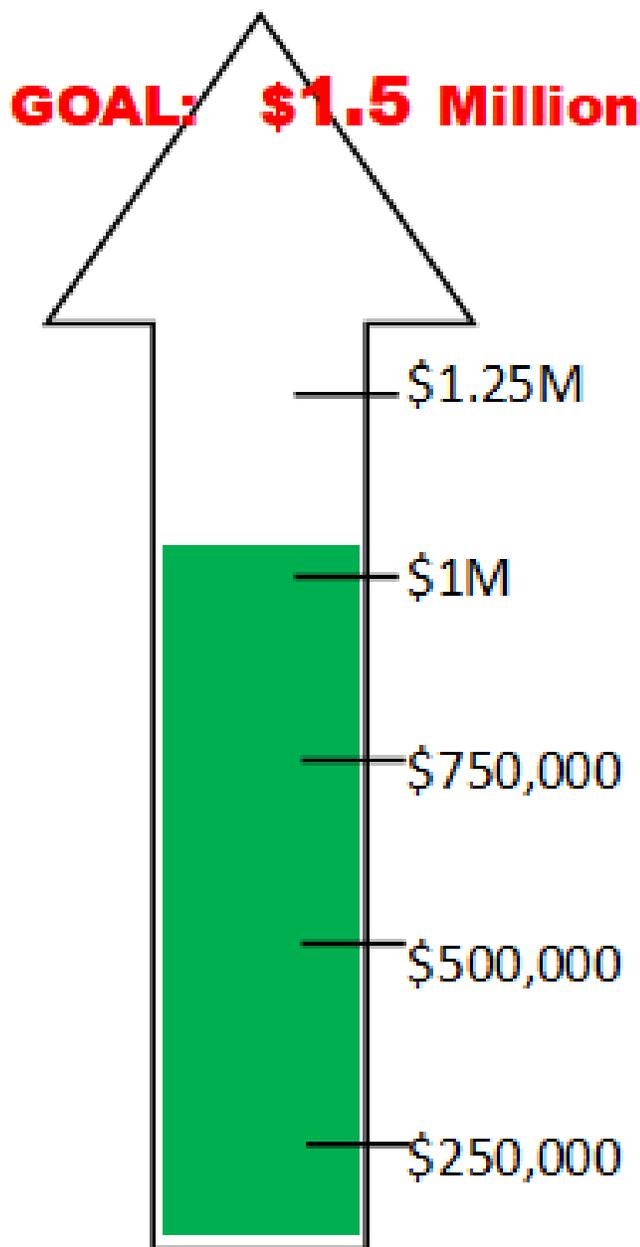
Likewise, the Psalm announces to Jerusalem that Jerusalem is about to receive a great visitor. The Psalmist identifies him as "The LORD of hosts . . . the king of glory."

Christ now arrives as the long-awaited priest and redeemer. He is also the sacrifice. Indeed, as his life will show, He is the Temple itself (see [John 2:19-21](#)).

By Dr. Scott Hahn

St. Gertrude RC Church Church Renovation Capital Campaign

**Over \$1.0 Million Pledged - Thank You!!
Phase I Projects Set to Begin!**



Thank you for your support for our capital campaign! As of this past week, **\$1,019,672 or 68% of our goal has been pledged with \$635,741 paid to date** from 273 parish families. Additional Gifts to the campaign are welcomed through-out the year.

Phase I Set to Begin

We have finalized plans and expect to begin renovation of the exterior of the Church and installation of the bathroom on the main level. (Weather Permitting!)

Please visit our parish website at www.stgerts.com for all capital campaign information and details.

For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski Lynn Lamort Jack Caputo Arthur Unger MaryAnn Seidman
 Rebecca Browning Lawrence Paul Caputo Michael Willett

All names on the prayer list will remain for six weeks. If you would like a name to remain longer, please call the Parish office. Please call the Parish office to leave the names of parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist or would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.



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 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 | |

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:

Rice (1-2 lb. bags), Pasta, Jar Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal, Coffee, Plastic bottles of Juice, Canned Fruits, Sugar, Flour, Oil, Tuna, Snacks, Dish and Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Tissues, Men & Women Deodorant, Shampoo, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste.

We are well stocked with canned vegetables and soups at the moment. Thank you for all your generous donations and keeping our pantry well stocked. It is greatly appreciated!!

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!



Kenneth H. Bishop

Constance Genovese

Deacon Taulafoga Leasiolago

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

January 26, 2020: \$ 7,321.50



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

Faith Direct

Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. To enroll, please visit Faith Direct's website www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code NY83. You can also fill out and mail a Faith Direct enrollment form from the parish office. Thank you!!

**GROUNDHOG
DAY**

February 2nd



HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY



St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
 Thursday, February 13th
 7:15pm Lower Church



Holy Hour with Solemn Exposition of
 the Holy Blessed Sacrament
 Friday, February 7th at 7:00pm



Please call the Parish
 office at (516)628-1113
 to receive a letter of
 your yearly
 contributions to St.
 Gertrude parish.

For the Capitol Campaign donations, a
 separate letter will be automatically sent to your
 home for donations \$250.00 or greater. Should
 you require a letter for contributions under
 \$250, please call the Parish office.



Chaminade High School
 First Trimester
 Honor Roll
EDWARD D. DENATALE

Welcome Our Newly Baptized



Sean Kevin Barry
 Nicholas Emil Dilollo
 Alice Josephine Thorpe



St. Blaise –
 Blessing of the Throats
 will take place on
 Monday, February 3rd
 immediately following the
 8:30am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard
 to understand and very often misunderstood is the
 custom of offering Mass intentions.

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers*
 each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular
 person, or intention. By doing so he applies special
 graces from God upon that person or intention.

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others
 by our personal prayers, the Church is able to
 intercede for us through the celebration of the
 Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the “source
 and summit of the Christian life” the Mass possess
 a power that our personal prayers do not.

The practice of offering Mass for particular
 intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early
 Church.

Pope Paul VI said, “the Mass is the most perfect
 form of prayer!” It has immense power and
 countless miracles and conversions have occurred
 throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a
 specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a
 great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual
 weight that is incalculable.

Please call our parish office to arrange for a Mass in
 2020.



PRESCHOOL: Our preschoolers were starting to make predictions this week, if the
 groundhog was going to see his shadow this weekend, in addition to their regular winter
 lessons. Miss Carmela’s two year old class made polar bears and Valentine footprints. Miss
 Meredith’s three year old class made snow owls and yetis and worked on the letter N. Miss
 Michelle’s threes made artic foxes and snowflakes, they worked on the letter O. Miss Ashley’s
 four year old class made snowflakes and groundhogs, they studied the letter N. Miss Janice’s fours made
 teddy bears and groundhogs, they studied the letter N.



Our Open House and Registration for the 2020 - 21 school year and for our Camp
 2020 program will be on February 4 - 5, from 9:30 - 11:30. For more information you
 can go on our website at www.stgertrudesprek.org or to arrange for a tour, please call the
 preschool office at 628-3710 or email us at stgertprek@stgerts.org.

Come check us out - Handicapped Encounter Christ Ministry Celebrating 30 years!

Handicapped Encounter Christ is a ministry for adults with physical, mental, cognitive and/or sensory disabilities. It is based on the Cursillo movement of the Catholic Church. HEC brings together the communities of disabled and enabled-adults so they can all get to know our Lord, Jesus Christ. During the year, we have many different events and annually there is a **three day HEC Retreat held on April 24-April 27**. Three meetings are held prior to the event. These will take place at St. Francis of Assisi in Greenlawn on February 17th, March 17th, and April 7th. Meetings begin at 7 P.M. Come and meet HEC volunteers and discover what this retreat experience is all about. If you can share your time and talents at the weekend, please contact Michele Barone at micheleritabarone@gmail.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

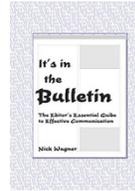
"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is May 1-3, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.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 given the opportunity to explore many aspects of their relationship through a series of presentations, writings and dialog. There are no group discussions. Our next weekend will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on February 7, 8, 9 2020.

For information please call Lenny & Pat Walker at 631-563-1032 or visit www.engagedencounterli.org



Have you missed Mass but still want to know what's happening in our Church?

There are 2 ways to keep in touch with our Church announcements/happenings in our **bulletin**.

First way: Sign up to receive our Church bulletin via email each week. Follow these simple steps:

1. www.jspaluch.com
2. Bulletin subscription
3. Search by filling in your zip code
4. Select St. Gertrude Church (green arrows)
5. Fill in the address fields/email info. to receive the same **printed** version of our Church bulletin (6 pages)

Second way:

1. Log into our Church website at: www.stgerts.com
2. Under the "About Us" tab find Bulletins
3. Extended bulletin version can be found here.

For bulletin submissions, please email them to: bulletin@stgerts.org.

Information must be received 1 week prior to bulletin publishing and will be included in the following week's printed bulletin if space allows. If not, then information will appear in the on-line version.

**Letter to a Suffering Church
by Bishop Robert Barron**

The discussion will take place **THIS Sunday, February 2nd** at 10:30am in the St. Gertrude Church basement.



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.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
Meets every Monday in the Church at 4:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Come join Fr. Mickey Bancroft in
Oberammergau (the Passion Play)
Salzburg, Austria • Venice, Italy
& Milan, Italy (Last Supper) 2020**

Friday, August 28 - Sunday, September 6, 2020 • Eight Nights
\$4,500.00 per person based on double occupancy

**Shroud of Turin • Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper
Lake Cuomo • Duomo • and much more**

Includes: • Daily Mass • Sightseeing • Round trip airfare from JFK
• 6 nights in 4 star hotels • 2 nights in Oberammergau
• Daily Breakfast plus 2 dinners & 1 lunch • Tickets to the Passion Play
• Memories to last a lifetime!



Contact Fr. Mickey: 631-323-1323
or Regina Tours
212-594-8787 ext. 225

www.regina-tours.com or email: gmurasso@groupist.com

*Beta Sigma Phi – Xi Master Chapter
Annual Fashion Show to benefit
Hope House Ministries*

Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

*Held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook
\$60 pp includes Gourmet Buffet &
Fashion Show Your Choice Auction*

*Fashions by Chico's, White House/Black
Market*

*For Tickets: Peg (631) 928-2628 or
Barbara (631) 698-0140*

Join Us for a Night at the Races

Kellenberg's Alumni Parents Association (KAPA) cordially invites all to attend a **Night at the Races** on Saturday, February 29, 2020, from 5:30 PM to 10:00 PM. 10 video races will be shown in the Kellenberg Cafeteria (1400 Glenn Curtiss Blvd, Uniondale, NY). A Sports Dinner including a caesar salad, carving station with turkey, pasta, Italian blend vegetables, and mashed potatoes, along with a dessert bar and coffee, will be served. Hot dogs will also be served at a convenient time between races. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person (includes dinner and beer, wine, and soda). Tables may be reserved and can hold 6-8 people. You may list with whom you wish to be seated within the registration form. Please register online at kellenberg.org/kapa by Monday, February 24th. Unfortunately, no reservations can be taken after this date or at the door. Any questions may be directed to MrsMiles@kellenberg.org or (516) 292-0200 ext. 245.

Kellenberg Memorial Alumni Communion Breakfast

All Kellenberg Memorial alumni, alumni parents, and their families are invited to join us for the **4th Annual Alumni Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, March 15, 2020. Mass begins at 9:00 AM, followed by breakfast and a special guest speaker. The cost for the morning is \$12 per person and \$6 for children 10 and under. Unfortunately, walk-in registration is not available for this event. Please note that all guests must pre-register no later than Monday, March 9th. Online registration is available by visiting kellenberg.org/alumni. Any questions may be directed to alumni@kellenberg.org or (516) 292-0200 x396.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island Including widows, widowers and singles

A social organization for single persons—New Member Orientation Meeting

Tuesday February 18th at 7:30 PM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #6526

1869 Wantagh Avenue

Wantagh, NY 11793 (Parking in the rear of building)

Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30.

Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call Carol at 516-794-4933 or Fran at 516-889-579

Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical *Catechesis*

Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

- February 25: Liturgy and Our Covenant with God
March 24: Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us
May 12: Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform
June 9: Liturgy and Personal Growth



Cure of Ars Parish School Auditorium
2323 Merrick Ave., Merrick, NY



Advanced Registration is Appreciated
Please call or email to register:
Suzanne Lynn at 516.744.6850:
westernvicariate@drvc.org
or Cure of Ars, Merrick at 516.623.1400

All are Welcome - Bring Your Friends. Free Will Offering.



Scout & Christian Family Ski Days

January 25-26 and February 22-23, 2020

DATE OF VISIT: _____ ARRIVAL TIME: _____ (Between 8am-10am)

GROUP NAME _____

CONTACT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ CELL # _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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| Date of Booking | _____ |
| County | _____ |
| Sales Rep | _____ |
| Acct. # | _____ |
| Copy _____ | Inv _____ |
| BR _____ | SF _____ |

How did you learn about Mountain Creek Scout & Christian Days?

| Quantity | Scout & Christian Day Product | Ticket Price | *Municipality Fee (per person) | **NJ State Tax (per person) | Total | |
|---|---|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Standard Group Rate Lift Tickets - Booked at least 48 business hours in advance, with deposit. | | | | | | |
| | Scout & Christian Days Lift Ticket (Adult & Youth ages 7+) | \$32.99 | \$2.31 | N/A | | |
| Early Booking Discount Lift Tickets - Must be reserved with a deposit at least 10 days in advance | | | | | | |
| | Scout & Christian Days Early Bird Lift Ticket (Adult and Youth ages 7+) | \$30.99 | \$2.17 | N/A | | |
| | Early Bird Complimentary Lift Ticket 1:10 | \$0.00 | N/A | N/A | | |
| | Rentals - Scout & Christian Days Rental (boots, bindings, poles, skis or snowboard, helmet) | \$39.99 | N/A | \$2.85 | | |
| | ***Go Package - Scout & Christian Days All Access Lift Ticket/Lesson/Rental | \$84.99 | \$3.19 | \$1.29 | | |
| | **Traditional Meal Voucher choice of burger, pizza or chicken fingers served w/fries & fountain drink | \$10.99 | N/A | \$0.73 | | |
| | **Premium Meal Voucher choice of grab & go sandwich, salad or soup served w/apple, orange or yogurt & bottled water, juice or milk | \$12.99 | N/A | \$0.88 | | |
| *There is a 7% municipality fee on all lift and lesson products - this is not a tax and is not entitled to an exemption. | | | | | Total | |
| **There is a 6.626% tax on all rentals and food- NJ State Tax Exempt Form required at time of reservation if exempt. | | | | | Deposit | |
| ***Group Lessons are for children age seven and older - Separate reservations can be made with Kids Kamp, for younger children, by calling 873-827-2000 ext. 0. | | | | | Balance Due | |

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MOUNTAINCREEK

Payments & Terms

Winter 2020

CHECK PAYMENT

Check Enclosed Check # _____ Check Total: _____ (Mountain Creek does not accept personal checks)

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

*Please print the following information:

Customer Name: _____ Date: _____

I authorize Mountain Creek to charge my:

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER AMEX

Name on Credit Card: _____ Amount to be charged: _____

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____ Security code: _____

TERMS

1. To receive group rates, you must place a reservation for a minimum of 10 persons at least 48 business hours prior to trip date.
2. All reservations must be accompanied by a \$100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit. Payable by organization check, credit card or money order.
3. Children 8 and under cannot participate in group lessons. If accompanied by a full paying adult/parent they do receive a free lift ticket only. (No free rental, lesson or snow tubing.) Limit 2 child lift tickets per paying adult.
4. In order to secure group rentals a major credit card will be required.
5. All rental/lesson purchasers must sign a release of liability. Parent/legal guardian must sign on behalf of all children.
6. You will receive one complimentary lift ticket for every 10 lift tickets purchased (this includes lift tickets sold as part of packages). No comps are given for rental or lesson purchases.
7. Resale of tickets is unlawful and subject to prosecution.
8. Tickets purchased for a particular time and category are valid ONLY during that time period, i.e. weekday tickets valid weekdays only.
9. Meal vouchers are non-refundable and have no cash value. Meal Vouchers apply to specific menu combinations only.
10. Non-profit/Tax exempt groups must show valid NJ TAX EXEMPT FORM (8T-4 or 8T-5) at time of reservation.
11. Mountain Creek reserves the right to limit/close operations of any facility for capacity limitations, safety and operating reason including inclement weather.

Mountain Creek respects your privacy. Any personal information we collect is used only to develop products, services and offers, communicate with our customers and complete transactions that ultimately deliver our products and services to you. Your personal information is not shared without your consent, with third parties for the purpose of marketing of selling their products or services. For more information go to www.mountaincreek.com

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>.

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743
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.



“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



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



Msgr. Jim Vlaun
Executive Producer
www.religionandrock.com

Dear Friend of "Religion and Rock" and our television shows on *Catholic Faith Network*,

Thanks for promoting our shows and for your help in our communication ministry! The weekly themes for "Religion and Rock" are below along with a suggestion for weekly publication in your bulletin or website.

We have included a NEW bulletin announcement which includes our newest affiliate, *Sirius Radio, Channel 159, the Catholic Channel*.

Again, a sincere thanks for your longtime support!

Msgr. Jim Vlaun, Host

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12 Life's Struggles
19 Unity
26 Searching for a Meaning

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22 Coping
29 Spirituality

April

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May

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10 Parents
17 Prayer
24 Remembering
31 Boredom/Routines

June

7 Graduation
14 Relaxation
21 Being Joyful
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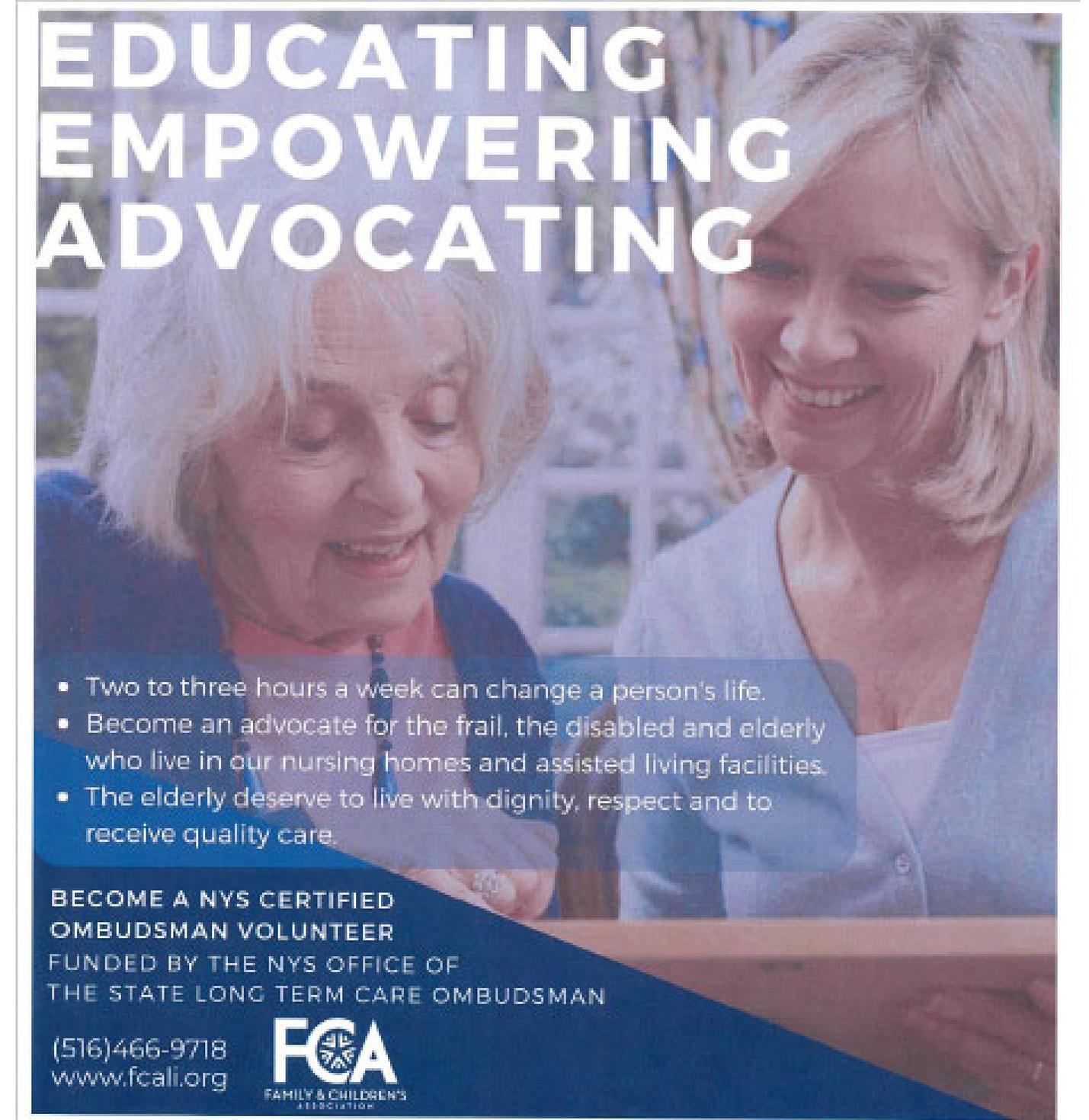
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