

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:

St. Gertrude: Friday 8:30am-9:30am
United Methodist: Every other Sat. 9:00am-12:00pm

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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PARISH CENTER

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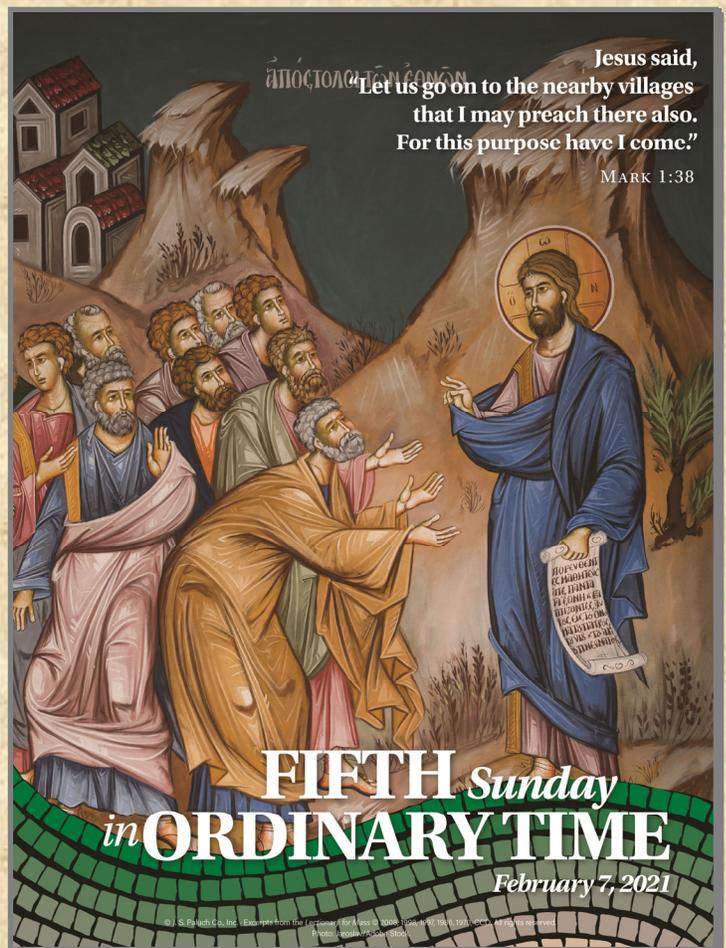
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New to our Parish? We welcome you and ask that you please stop into our Parish office to register. *The Lord told Israel to reach out to newcomers and welcome them (Leviticus 19:36).*

Remembering. . .

SUNDAY	February 7
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	Linda, Kevin & Ronald Lamb +
11:30am	Harry Tice +
MONDAY	February 8
8:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
TUESDAY	February 9
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
WEDNESDAY	February 10
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
THURSDAY	February 11
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
FRIDAY	February 12
8:30am	Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family +
SATURDAY	February 13
8:30am	Sylvia Macera +
5:00pm	Laurie Sanko +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, Feb. 13th: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, Feb. 14th: 7:30am—Fr. Gabriel

9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am—Fr. Gabriel

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 7, 2021

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.
— *Psalm 147:4*

Raised to Serve: Reflection on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see [Genesis 3:17-19](#)). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see [Isaiah 11:12](#); [61:1](#)). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see [Isaiah 42:6](#)), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see [Mark 5:41-42](#)). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see [Mark 14:28](#); [16:7](#)).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see [Ephesians 2:5](#)).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see [Hosea 6:1-2](#)).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

FOR THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: Please call the Parish office to add a person to our prayer list. Names will remain for 6 weeks. Please also 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 | 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 white rice, black beans, jar pasta sauce, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna fish, coffee, plastic bottles of juice, paper towels & toilet paper, baby wipes and baby diapers in sizes 2, 4, 5 & 6.

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.

NEW: United Methodist Church Outreach. 9 Mountain Ave, Bayville NY 11709.

1-Food Pantry opened every OTHER Saturday 9-12. Next Jan 30, 2021. Cars line up, do NOT get out of car, volunteer will bring food out to your car.

2-Thrift Shop opened EVERY Saturday 10-4.

Masks and social distancing observed. In event of inclement weather, please call Ann Albro @ 516-647-5943 for the Methodist Church.

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

January 24, 2021: \$ 6,751.00
 January 31, 2021: \$ 7,093.00

**THANK YOU
 ALL
 VERY MUCH**

Thank you for your prayerful and generous support of our

Faith Direct

We invite you at St. Gertrude in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. Getting started is easy! Visit faith.direct/NY83. Thank you.



The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to the families and friends of those in our parish who have died.

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

Entrance Hymn: Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens

1. Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him: praise him angels, in the height; sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise the Lord! For he has spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed; laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord! For he is glorious; never shall his promise fail; God has made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail. Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high his power proclaim; heaven and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his name.
3. Worship, honor, glory blessing, Lord we offer unto thee; young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee. All the saints in heaven adore thee, we would bow before thy throne; as thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.

Text: 87 87 D; based on Psalm 148; Verses 1, 2, Psalms, Hymns, and Anthems of the Foundling Hospital, 1796; Verse 3, Edward Osler, 1798-1863. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. by Edward Hodges, 1796-1867.

Offertory 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.

Text: CMD; Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt. Music: trad. English Melody, adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958.

Communion Hymn: We Remember

Refrain: We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate, for you are with us here; And we believe that we will see you when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

1. Here, a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed. Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart.
2. Now we recreate your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal. Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of the Lord.

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Recessional Hymn: The King of Kings Christ Jesus Reigns

1. The King of Kings, Christ Jesus reigns the Lord of every nation; in loving wisdom he ordains the course of all creation! Christ, we adore you! Christ we implore you: Christ, keep us ever before you!
2. Eternal King, Christ is God's word from endless ages spoken; enfleshed on earth, his voice was heard and Satan's might was broken! Christ we implore you: Christ, keep us ever before you!
3. O risen King, you light the way to heaven's glorious portal; if in our hearts your truth has sway, we too have life immortal! Christ we implore you: Christ, keep us ever before you!

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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 our Parish defray the cost of the Missalettes. Thank you.

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.

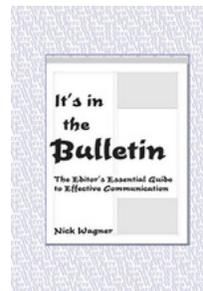
Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love. Please call or stop in the Parish office at (516)628-1113.



St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Thursday, February 11th
7:15pm in the Lower Church.

Masks and social distancing will be observed.

Any parishioner interested in joining St. Gertrude's SVDP is welcomed.



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



Preschool News: After weeks talking about winter here at the preschool, it finally came this week with a lot of snow, prompting a couple of snow days. When we returned, the children picked right back up with their study of all things winter. Miss Carmela's two year old class made footprint hearts and mittens. Miss Meredith's three year old class made monkey Valentines and they worked on the letter P. Miss Michelle's threes made cards and worked on the letter P. Miss Janice's four year old class made hats and mittens and patchwork elephants, they studied the letter N. Our Virtual Open House and registration took place this week. Tours by appointment after dismissal were available. If you'd like more information about registration for the upcoming 2021 -2022 school year please call the preschool office at 628-3710 or email us at stgertprek@stgerts.org.



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.



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

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Soon, today's green vestments will be cleaned, set aside, and stored for the ninety days of Lent and Easter. Changing colors give a sense of the progress of faith through the seasons of life. For centuries, the number of colors and the reasons underlying them were left to local custom.

Over time, we settled on six colors to express the character of a day or season: white, red, green, violet, black, and rose. Black is seldom seen these days, replaced by white or violet. Rose, really a dusty pink shade, appears at most twice a year. What does the color green suggest to you? Green is new growth, olives, evergreens, glistening emeralds, ripening pears, and fields at high summer. It suggests renewal, healing, fertility, peace, and harmony. In medieval Europe, green was the favorite color for brides!

Did you know that drivers of green cars are the least likely to be stopped for speeding? Is it because of their own feelings of harmony and well being, or because law enforcement officers are filled with serenity when they see a green car whiz by? Take out a paint chart today and marvel at the many hues and names of green.

The Church figured it out centuries ago: color really matters. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Lent begins on February 17, 2021, Ash Wednesday.

**St. Gertrude
Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update**

“Preserve Our Past – Envision our Future”

Total Pledged	\$1,109,172
Paid to Date	\$ 871,816
Balance Due	\$ 237,356
% of Pledges Paid	79%
# of Gifts	288
Average Gift	\$ 3,851

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 web-site 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.

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://www.menyli.org/>.

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." There are many things to be anxious about in these days. Let us learn to calm our anxieties in our life by learning how to communicate better on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

The next virtual Experiences are May 3-24, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY and Feb 12-14, 2021 in East Hartford, CT



DEEPEN YOUR LENTEN DEVOTION –

“Journeying through Lent and through Life.”

Join the Friends of the Seminary **Sunday, March 7, 2021, 9:30 am to 3 pm.** Msgr. Charles Fink will present a Lenten Day of Prayer including Mass,

spiritual reflections, lunch and Stations of the Cross. Attendance limited; masks required. \$50 donation. Reservations required: (631) 423-0483 x 102; bmalone@icseminary.edu; www.icseminary.edu



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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.

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Dear Friends:

As we journey together through this Lenten season, let us call to mind all our brothers and sisters on Long Island who are in need. One of the ways we can assist our neighbors and the Church is through giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). For all of you who have given to the CMA in the past, I would like to say thank you. Your gifts have helped bring the loving face of Jesus to hundreds of thousands of Long Islanders.

Each year, the CMA creates pathways of faith that guide all people to our loving Father. This year, the CMA needs your help, more now than ever before, in our efforts to spread the Good News throughout Long Island. Last year was a challenge for everyone. As the pandemic surged through our Long Island community, pastoral care was expanded to those in need.

Catholic Charities programs expanded its food programs to seniors and our parish outreach programs remained open; the Education Department was able to provide internet service to families that did not have it so that children could continue their studies and parents could continue to work; Faith Formation, Young Adult Ministry and Youth Ministry programs were able to remotely bring the faith to God's people. All of this was accomplished because of your support and prayers.

We humbly ask you to please consider giving to the CMA so that we can make this year's Appeal grow substantially in gifts, so that everyone who comes to the Church for help may receive it.

Additionally, the CMA helps raise funds that help feed the poor, clothe the naked, and assist our veterans and people with disabilities. The CMA also assists women with untimely pregnancies who need assistance and seminarians who are following God's call to the priesthood.

Our parish will also receive a share of the funds if we reach at least 80% of our parish goal; the more money our parish raises, the more we will receive in rebates. These rebates are so essential to our parish, so we ask that you also think of your parish when you give the CMA.

During these 40 days, as we are called by our Lord to grow closer to Him through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, the CMA allows us to practice the virtuous act of almsgiving and to spread the Good News within and beyond our parish.

Whatever you give, thank you for helping to create pathways of faith on Long Island. May God bless you, your family and this year's CMA.

Blessings,

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey
Pastor

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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The Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay

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PROGRAMS FOR FRAIL AND MEMORY IMPAIRED SENIORS

What's the best kept secret in Oyster Bay?

The Day Break Program at the Life Enrichment Center, a Social Model Adult Day Care program serving frail and memory-impaired seniors since 1999. Day Break provides high-quality, affordable therapeutic services in a safe, comforting and socially engaging environment. Participants benefit from cognitive activities, exercise, music, social interaction and much, much more. Aging at home presents many challenges; the Day Break Program can improve the quality of life of both participant and caregiver. **Long term care insurance and Medicaid MLTCs accepted.** For a **free trial visit**, contact Ruth Humphreys at 516-558-7211.

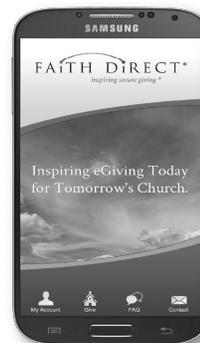
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What's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to our Parish.

If...

You are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift

Your IRA is a traditional or Roth

You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

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).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution". In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

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.

Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2016 directly to the Parish as a 2016 gift. She will not be subject to income tax on her \$5,000 qualified charitable distribution.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

Wills and Bequests have the power to impact future generations. It's so easy to include our Parish in your Will and still provide for loved ones. You may be able to make a simple bequest by adding the following language:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ (or the % of), to be used for the general program of St. Gertrude Parish, a Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre."

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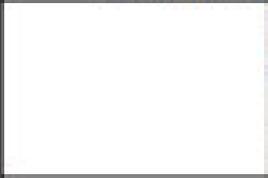
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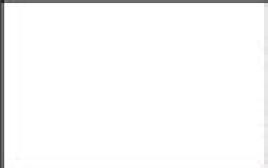
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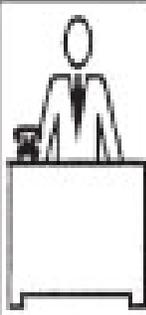
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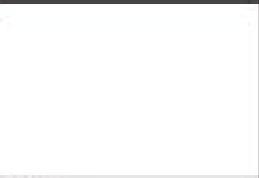
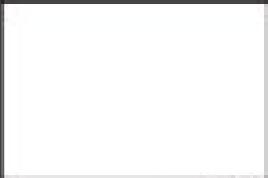
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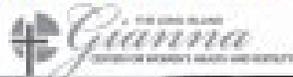
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