

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

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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
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Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person
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reception arrangements.

OUTREACH—Pantry Hours:

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

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FEBRUARY 14 2021

Sixth Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Brothers and sisters,
whether you eat or drink,
or whatever you do,
do everything for the

GLORY OF GOD.

1 Corinthians 10:31



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 14
7:30am	Deacon Al Leasiolagi +
9:30am	Mario Frumiento +
11:30am	Lawrence Reid +
MONDAY	February 15
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
TUESDAY	February 16
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
WEDNESDAY	February 17—Ash Wednesday
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
12:00pm	Word Service
5:00pm	Word Service
7:30pm	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
THURSDAY	February 18
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
FRIDAY	February 19
8:30am	Lucile & Marcel Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
SATURDAY	February 20
8:30am	John L. Schaefer, Jr. +
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).

Presider’s Schedule: (subject to change)
 Saturday, Feb. 20th: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel
 Sunday, Feb. 21st: 7:30am—Msgr. Morrissey
 9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey
 11:30am—Fr. Gabriel



Made Clean: Reflection on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God’s commands (see Numbers 12:12-15; 2 Kings 5:27; 15:5).

Considered “unclean”—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered “stillborn,” the living dead (see Numbers 12:12). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today’s First Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see Leviticus 10:6; Ezekiel 24:17).

So there’s more to the story in today’s Gospel than a miraculous healing.

When Elisha, invoking God’s name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see 2 Kings 5:8). Today’s healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet—He is God visiting His people (see Luke 7:16).

Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see 2 Kings 5:7), and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see Isaiah 55:11; Wisdom 12:18).

The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it.

Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see Exodus 14:6; Acts 4:30). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word (“Be made clean”). And, like God’s word in creation (“Let there be”), Jesus’ word “does” what He commands (see Psalms 33:9).

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today’s Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin.

Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

By Dr. Scott Hahn



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2021

Dear Friends:

"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan...After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God."(Mark 1:12 – 14) Each year on the First Sunday of Lent, the Church presents for our reflection and prayer the experience of Jesus in the desert. Jesus's experience in the desert follows immediately upon His baptism by Saint John the Baptist and immediately precedes His public ministry and proclamation of the Kingdom of God, in word and in deed. Saint Mark points out to us that the Spirit, who had just descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, drove Jesus into the desert.

The desert was a barren place, a place of lifelessness, the home of the devil and evil. The Spirit sends Jesus into the desert to prepare himself for the years of His public ministry, ultimately leading to His Death and Resurrection. Jesus spends time away from the world to prepare himself. But He also goes forth into the desert to begin His battle against evil, sin and death. Jesus goes into the very dwelling of evil to begin the confrontation. This battle will continue throughout the rest of Jesus's life. The ultimate victory will come on Good Friday through His ultimate act of love on the Cross.

Our yearly experience of Lent, our forty day "desert experience," can be viewed in the same way. We are inspired and sent by the Spirit to spend some time apart from the world of noise and recover the beauty of silence. But, we are also sent to do battle. Our experience of true silence should allow us the opportunity to both listen to the voice and promptings of God as well as to better know ourselves. This personal battle against sin and evil can be painful, because we come to realize that we are all in need of constant conversion. There are real changes each and every one of us need to make in our lives and our hearts this Lent. But like Jesus, we are not alone. The Lord was ministered to by angels during His forty days in the desert. We are constantly aided by our guardian angels, by the angels and saints in heaven, by the community of the baptized, and by the grace of the sacraments of the Church. Like Jesus, we need to emerge from the desert ready to take on the evils of the world and work to spread the Gospel.

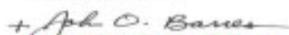
It was only a few short weeks into Lent 2020 that the experience of Covid-19 made radical changes to our society, our Church, and our families. The experience of desert isolation was no longer a metaphor but a lived reality. The experience of having our parishes locked down for months was painful for all of us. Many of us still experience this isolation in many ways. But as Christians we always remain men and women of hope. We know that the Cross of Good Friday leads to the empty tomb of Easter Sunday.

Pope Francis has declared this year as a special Year of Saint Joseph. In Saint Joseph we find a man of profound hope and strength as well as prayerful silence. Scripture does not record one word spoken by Saint Joseph. But Scripture does tell us of his unwavering faith and trust, which go beyond words. Following Jesus, and like Saint Joseph, men and women in the first centuries of the Church began to leave the towns and villages and settle in the isolation of the desert. Like the Lord, they sought to rid themselves of the distractions of everyday life so they too could do battle with evil, and through their quiet example proclaim the Kingdom of God.

This continued throughout the history of the Church, even to our present moment. Saint Antony, Saint Benedict, Saint Bruno, and so many others show us the lived experience of the desert is not an escape from the reality of life but a privileged encounter with the Lord and a revelation of our true selves. While most of us are not called to the monastic or solitary life, the last twelve months have given each of us an experience of solitude. We are encouraged to remain "socially distant." In the midst of the real suffering and hardships this has caused, perhaps the hidden grace is that it has led us to be "temporary monastics."

Our typical Lenten "desert experience" of forty days has lasted a bit longer. But we will come out of it! And like the Lord, when we emerge our goal is to proclaim the Gospel of God according to our vocation and the graces given to us. In addition to our personal sins and the evils present in our own hearts, we live in a world that is right now suffering from real physical illness as well as real division and hurt of every kind. Jesus emerged from the desert bringing the healing presence of God to all he encountered. As the baptized, the Church, the continuing presence of Jesus in the world, we need to do the same. The same Holy Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert is driving us on.

Sincerely in Christ,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Traditional Lenten Disciplines

Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics aged 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics from age 18-59 fast, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day.

Prayer

Catholics are encouraged to pray more during Lent, especially with Scripture. Lent is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation held on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm or by appointment.

Almsgiving

Moved by the sacrifice of Christ, many Christians combine almsgiving with fasting, giving to the poor the money saved by eating, drinking or buying less as they rely more upon God's abundant grace.

Wed., Feb. 17th
Ash Distribution Times:

8:30am

12:00pm

5:00pm

7:30pm

Because of the instruction from Congregation and due to the current state of the pandemic, this year the Diocese of Rockville Centre will administer ashes to the faithful by sprinkling the blessed ashes on the top of the head of the recipient.

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday, February 17, 2021)

The reception of blessed ashes by the Catholic faithful as the hallmark of the beginning of the season of Lent remains very important. However, in the time of the pandemic, the imposition of ashes in the usual manner is not possible. May we remind you that Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, and that one is not obliged to attend Mass, nor is one obliged to receive ashes.

Following the direction from the Congregation of Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments in Rome, we have been instructed that:

“The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him and takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.”

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While imposition of ashes with the sign of the cross on the forehead has been customary in the United States of America on Ash Wednesday, in many other parts of the world, the Roman Rite’s tradition of sprinkling of dry ashes on top of the head is, in fact, the more common practice. You may be interested to know this is how the Holy Father, Pope Francis, always receives his ashes on Ash Wednesday!

Sprinkling ashes on the crown of the head recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance. A number of accounts in the Bible mention people sprinkling or pouring ashes over their head. This gesture, while not as dramatic, recalls that penitential practice. The ashes not being visible will also more clearly help those who receive them to put into practice the teaching of the Gospel appointed for the day to carry out one’s penance in private. Additionally, it is helpful to recall that in Baptism, we have been anointed on the crown of the head. The ashes to be imposed on the crown signify our repentance from sin, which has marred the grace of Baptism.



Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Lenten Mass/Ash Distribution

8:30am—Mass
12:00pm—Word Service
5:00pm—Word Service
7:30pm—Mass



Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent at
7:30pm in the Church.

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):
February 7, 2021: \$ 5,376.00

There will be a Diocese second collection next weekend, Feb. 20th & 21st for our Church in Need including churches in Latin America & the Caribbean.



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 to be placed in back of church under choir loft (like with the Christmas toys).

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!

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

Entrance Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down! Fix in us your humble dwelling; All your faithful mercies crown. Jesus, source of all compassion, love unbounded, love all pure; visit us with your salvation, let your love in us endure.
2. Come, almighty to deliver; let us all your life receive; suddenly return and never, never more your temples leave. Lord, we would be always blessing, serve you as your hosts above, pray, and praise you without ceasing, glory in your precious love.
3. Finish then your new creation, pure and spotless, gracious Lord; let us see your great salvation perfectly in you restored. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we sing before the almighty, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Offertory Hymn: Healing River of the Spirit

1. Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness deep beneath your sacred springs. Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side, we discover in your presence peace the world cannot provide.
2. Well spring of the healing spirit, stream that flows to bring release, as we gain our selves, our senses, may our lives reflect your peace. Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your church enact your grace. As we meet both friend and stranger, may we see our Savior's face.
3. Living stream that heals the nations make us channels of your power. All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour. Saving Spirit, move among us, guide our winding human course, till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our Source.

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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.
3. Christ, the Father's great "Amen" to all the hopes and dreams of every heart, peace beyond all telling, and freedom from all fear.

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Recessional Hymn: Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

1. Now with the strength of your Word, send us to be your disciples, to bring all the world to the joy of your kingdom.
2. Fed with the Bread of new life, filled with the wine of compassion, send us out to serve all the world in your name.
3. Now make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope of Christ's coming, and by unity let your love fill our lives.

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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



Join Catholic Faith Network for the 2021 Telethon on Saturday, February 27th from 2-10pm and Sunday, February 28th from 12-10pm. This exciting weekend will feature guests from around the world, thrilling performances and inspirational interviews. CFN is available on your local cable providers as well as on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android and the free CFN app. The

Catholic Faith Network continues to be there for you during these challenging times and we ask that you help us continue in our mission. If you have capacity to give this year, please do. Consider making a donation by phone or by visiting www.CFNtv.org.



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15th in recognition of President's Day.

Our Lady of Mercy Academy
First Marking Period

Principals List
Emily Costello—10th grade



Welcome Our Newly Baptized

Avery Marie D'Abreu



Preschool News: Love was in the air this week as all the classes got ready for Valentine's Day. Miss Carmela's two year old class made heart bouquets and Valentine plates. Miss Meredith's three year old class made love monsters and cupid footprints, they also worked on the letter Q. Miss Michelle's threes made Valentine gifts for the very special people in their lives and Valentine cards, they also worked on the letter Q. Miss Janice's 4s made Valentine mailboxes and log cabins, they studied the letter O. All the classes had Valentine's parties in their rooms and the children went home with many Valentine treats. We will be closed next week for Presidents' Week.



COFFEE with JESUS

Lenten Series via Zoom

An opportunity to nourish mind, spirit and heart

throughout the Lenten Season, as

BISHOP ANDRZEJ

will share his Lenten Reflections

on the Scripture Readings.

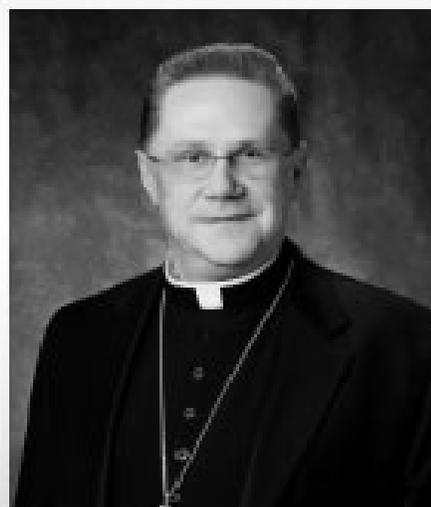
Friday mornings during Lent,

10 am from February 19 through March 26.

Over a cup of coffee

in the comfort of your own home.

Pre-registration is required.



TO REGISTER

please call Suzanne Lynn

at 516-744-6850, or

email westernvicariate@drvc.org.

You will receive ZOOM information
prior to each session of this Lenten series.



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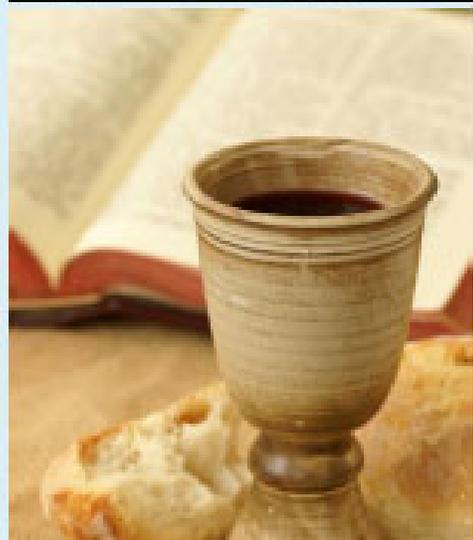
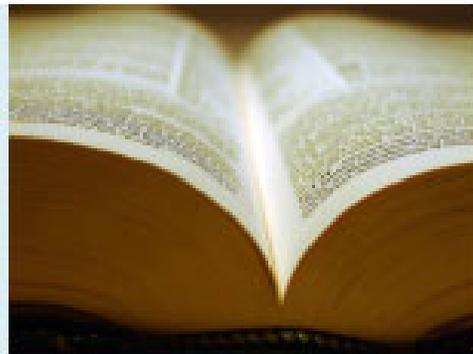
Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical Catechesis

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre

Vicar for Liturgy and Worship



Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

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| February 23 | Liturgy and Our Covenant with God...online via ZOOM |
| March 23 | Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us...online via ZOOM |
| April 27, 2021 | Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform |
| May 25, 2021 | Liturgy and Personal Growth |

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, presentations in February and March will be available **only** through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register. Please see below for instructions on how to register in order to gain access to these presentations. If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you.

Please call or email to register:

Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850; westernvicariate@drvc.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



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.



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:

Goal: \$55,000

Pledges to date: \$80.00 (2 pledges)

.15% of Goal

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://wwmenyli.org/>.

"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Does your marriage give glory to God? Learn how to let your Sacrament shine on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on May 3-24, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY and Feb 22-Mar 15, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, NY

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

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.



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Caring isn't just what we do. It's who are.

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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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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.



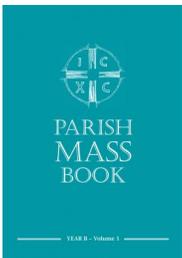
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MASS INTENTIONS



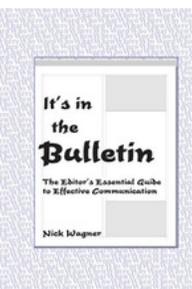
One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions.

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.



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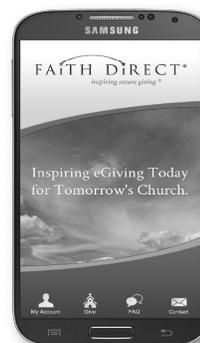
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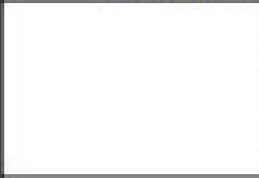
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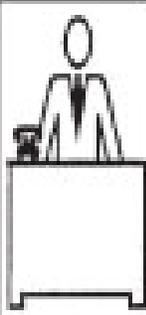
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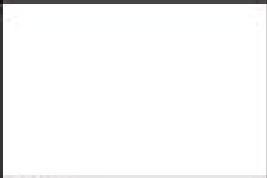
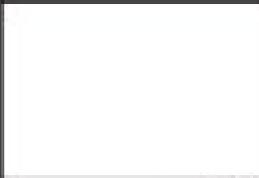
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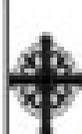


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