

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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THIRD SUNDAY OF
Lent

MARCH
7
2021

Jesus said, "Destroy this temple
and in three days I will raise it up."
John 2:19



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	March 7
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	Peter Connolly + Patricia Pietrofere +
11:30am	Joan Nunke +
MONDAY	March 8
8:30am	Loel Fain +
TUESDAY	March 9
8:30am	Lawrence McMahon +
WEDNESDAY	March 10
8:30am	Pat Meringolo +
THURSDAY	March 11
8:30am	Thomas McManus +
FRIDAY	March 12
8:30am	Anthony Daniele +
SATURDAY	March 13
8:30am	John Calabrese +
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm – Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading – We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel – Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

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

Sunday, March 14th: 7:30am—Fr. Gabriel

9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am—Fr. Gabriel

Third Sunday of Lent - March 7, 2021

I, the LORD, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

— *Exodus 20:2a, 3*

Spiritual Sacrifice: Reflection on the Third Sunday of Lent.

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see [Matthew 5:17](#))—to reveal its true purpose in God's saving plan.

He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see [Zechariah 14:21](#); [Malachi 3:1-5](#); [Isaiah 56:7](#)).

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see [Acts 7:48](#); [2 Samuel 7:5](#)).

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see [Psalm 50:7-13](#)).

Notice in today's First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see [Jeremiah 7:21-23](#); [Amos 5:25](#)).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today's Psalm. It was a law of love (see [Matthew 22:36-40](#)), perfectly expressed in Christ's self-offering on the Cross (see [John 15:13](#)).

This is the "sign" Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle.

Jesus' body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see [1 Corinthians 3:16](#)) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see [Ephesians 2:22](#)).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see [John 4:23-24](#)).

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see [Psalm 50:14, 23](#)). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see [Hebrews 10:5-7](#); [Romans 12:1](#); [1 Peter 2:5](#)).

By Dr. Scott Hahn



Norman Anastacio Tom Kolakowki

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.



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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):
February 28, 2021: \$8,329.25



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:
Cereal, 1-2 lb. bags of white rice, black beans, jar pasta sauce, spaghetti, 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!



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

A Diocese 2nd collection will take place next weekend, March 13th & 14th for Catholic Relief Services.

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.

Due to the Diocesan directive, Missalettes have been removed from the pews. However, you now have the opportunity to purchase one. A basket is placed on the table next to the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please donate a min. of \$5 to help our Parish defray the cost of the Missalettes.

Entrance Hymn: Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.
2. Each new born servant of the crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

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Offertory Hymn: Your Words, Lord, Are Spirit & Life

Refrain: Your words, Lord, are Spirit, Spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.
3. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the statutes of the Lord are true, all of them just.

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Communion Hymn: Hosea

Refrain: Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.

1. Come back to me, with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so must we to others' call.
2. The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak. Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know.
3. You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy.

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Recessional Hymn: Again We keep This Solemn Fast

1. Again we keep this solemn fast, a gift of faith from ages past, this Lent which binds us lovingly to faith and hope and charity.
2. The law and prophets from old in figured ways this Lent foretold, which Christ, all ages Lord and guide, in these last days has sanctified.
3. More sparing, therefore, let us make the words we speak, the food we take, our sleep, our laughter, every sense; learn peace through holy penitence.

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St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
Thursday, March 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.



*Welcome Our Newly
Baptized*

Daniel John Celauro

"An invitation from Fr. Francis Pizzarelli, SMM, and The New York Tenors: "The New York Tenors," featuring Andy Cooney, Daniel Rodriguez, & Christopher Macchio, accompanied by The Big Apple Orchestra, & with Special Guests the H.I.M.S. and HER, proudly presents The New York Tenors Virtual Concert to benefit Hope House Ministries. The Virtual Concert will be live streaming from The Theater at North Scranton, PA & Little Portion Friary, Port Jefferson, NY, from Friday, March 12, 6:00 PM to Sunday, March 14, 10:00 PM. - Tickets \$25 - Go to: tix.musae.me/nytenors. For more information, call 516-798-3014. We hope you will join us!"

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/>.

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage?

The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experiences are
 Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21
 Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29



Preschool News: Our preschool children have started to see green everywhere, since St. Patrick's Day is this month. Miss Carmela's two year old class made shamrocks and rainbows. Miss Meredith's three year old class made leprechauns and rainbows, they worked on the letter R. Miss Michelle's threes also made shamrocks and rainbows, they worked on the letter S. Miss Janice's four year old class made leprechauns, kites and pinwheels, they studied the letter Q.

Registration for 2021 - 2022 school year has begun, for more information please call the preschool office at 628-3710 or email us at stgertprek@stgerts.org.

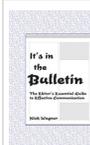


Please call the Parish office at (516) 628-1113 to receive a letter of your yearly contributions to St. Gertrude parish.

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.



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:
 Goal: \$55,000
 Pledges to date: \$80.00 (2 pledges)



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.

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

Making your one time gift or recurring pledge payments is easy, simply log onto the parish website at www.stgerts.com and click on the e-giving link to begin. Please remember to select the Capital Campaign as your payment option.

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.



"Lent is a favorable season for opening the doors to all those in need and recognizing in them the face of Christ. Each of us meets people like this every day."

Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

During the special Lenten season, please allow me to share a special request with you. If you have never contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, or if you haven't contributed in a number of years, please consider making this the year that you join with me and other members of our Parish family to make a donation to the 2021 Appeal.

As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to support the objectives, programs, and mission that serves more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs.

These programs include services to people in need; affordable housing for senior citizens; people with disabilities and our veterans; respect life initiatives; and formation of our priests, deacons, lay leaders, and young people. These are just a few of the programs that help make our church and this Island a vibrant and wonderful place to live.

But to help ensure that we can always serve those who come to us for aid, support and spiritual guidance, we need help from you!

If 100 of our parishioners who have not supported us in the recent past made a \$25 contribution this year - think about how many more people we could help! If that amount is more than you can manage, consider \$5 or \$10. **Every gift counts and makes a difference in the lives of others! THANK YOU!!**

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$_____

Name _____ Down payment: \$_____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA
 or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296
 Thank You!

To Benefit Hope House Ministries

The New York Tenors Virtual Concert



Friday, March 12 6PM to Sunday, March 14 10PM

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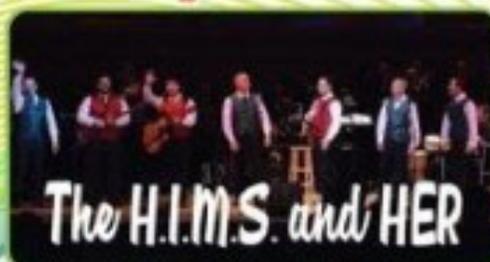
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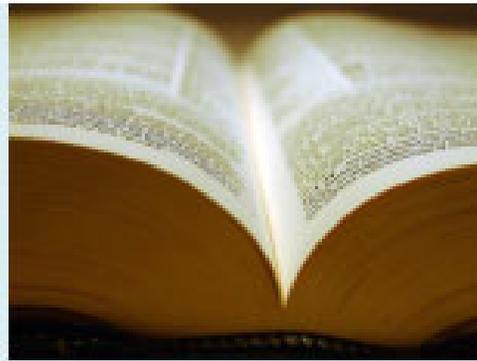
Bishop Andrzej's Lectare Series Continues

Liturgical Catechesis

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski

Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre

Vicar for Liturgy and Worship



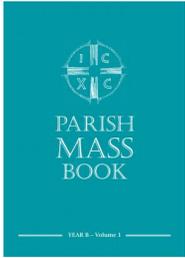
Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

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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.



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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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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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.



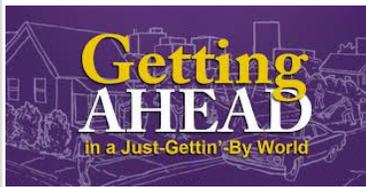
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please call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850, or email westernvicariate@drv.org.

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

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 *IRA Charitable Rollover* is back and is now permanent!

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."

Ensure the future vitality of our Parish with your charitable bequest or consider other Estate Planning options, such as designating our Parish as beneficiary of a life insurance policy or an IRA account.

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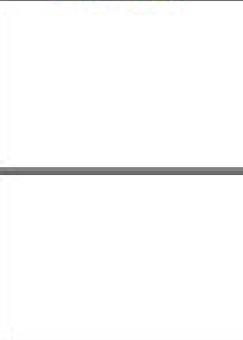


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