

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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MARCH 14, 2021



FOURTH LENT

SUNDAY OF

*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*

John 3:14-15



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).*

Mass Intentions

Remembering . . .	
SUNDAY	March 14
7:30am	Andrew DeNatale + For a Special Intention & in Thanksgiving
9:30am	George Bartlett +
11:30am	Deacon Al Leasiolagi +
MONDAY	March 15
8:30am	Harry Tice +
TUESDAY	March 16
8:30am	Alfred Hesse +
WEDNESDAY	March 17
8:30am	William F. Hesse + Mary Coghlan & Kay Creighton + John P. Hogan +
THURSDAY	March 18
8:30am	Jack Welsch +
FRIDAY	March 19
8:30am	Michelle J. Principe Amodio +
SATURDAY	March 20
8:30am	Lucille & Marcel Palmaro + Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00pm	Antoinette & Michael Scicutella + Claudio D'Chiutiis +

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or *1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a*.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or *Psalm 23*.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or *Ephesians 5:8-14*.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or *John 9:1-41 / 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38*.

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Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, March 20th: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel

Sunday, March 21st: 7:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

11:30am—Fr. Gabriel



Living in the Light: Reflection on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with creation in the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai.

In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see *2 Samuel 7*; *Psalm 89:3*).

His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm.

But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see *Isaiah 44:28-45:1, 4*).

God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see *2 Samuel 7:14-15*; *Psalm 2:7-9*). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see *Revelation 22:16*).

Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see *Wisdom 16:6-7*; *Numbers 21:9*). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see *John 12:32*).

Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselves—as the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves.

But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth.

Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see *John 19:37*) and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2021

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. —*John 3:17*



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"

LT Travis J. Buffa
 LT Mary Grace Colluci
 2nd LT Glenn Harvey
 Major Nicholas Lorusso
 Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz
 Captain Brian Peguillan
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 Capt. Thomas E. Rojek
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 Sgt. William Trotta, Jr.
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 Ens. James Figari
 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, 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!



Robert Jay Simmons

Joseph E. Dioguardi, Jr.

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

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

March 7, 2021: \$8,223.25



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

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

Faith Direct

We invite you at St. Gertrude in setting up recurring eGiving though 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: Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now can see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Text: CM; verses 1-4, John Newton, 1725-1807; verse 5, anon., fr. A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790. Music: Columbian Harmony, 1829.

Communion Transfigure Us, O Lord

Refrain: Transfigure us, O Lord, transfigure us, O Lord. Break the chains that bind us; speak your healing word, and where you lead we'll follow. Transfigure us, O Lord.

1. Down from heights of glory into the depths below, the love of God self-emptied, the love of God to show. You light the path before us, the way that we must go.
2. Light for those in darkness, the hungry have their fill, glad tidings for the humble, the healing of all ills; in these we glimpse your glory, God's promises fulfilled.
3. Pardon for the sinner, a shepherd for the sheep, a drink of living water for all who thirst and seek, and feasting at your table, the lowly and the least.

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Recessional Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light

Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

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Don't forget to set
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Sunday, March 14th—
2:00am

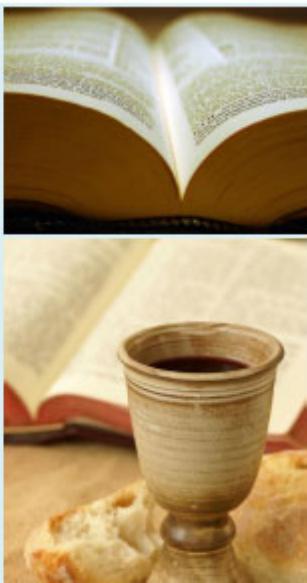


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Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical Catechesis

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski
*Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre
 Vicar for Liturgy and Worship*



Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

March 23 Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us...online via ZOOM

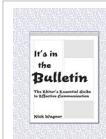
April 27, 2021 Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform

May 25, 2021 Liturgy and Personal Growth

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, the March presentation 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. 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.



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.

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



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 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.

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.



Preschool News: The children were continuing to get ready for St. Patrick's Day this week. Miss Carmela's two year old class made shamrocks and pots of gold, they worked on the letter N. Miss Meredith's three year old class made leprechauns and shamrocks, they worked on the letter S. Miss Michelle's threes made leprechaun masks and shamrocks, they worked on the letter T. Miss Janice's four year old class made lion and lamb projects for March, flower pots for spring and they studied the letter R.

Camp applications for our two week summer camp in June are being taken now, you'll find the forms on our website.

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One Family in Mission
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"May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need." - Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One good way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help feed people in our community each year through both Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach Centers.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit drvc.org/cma or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.



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

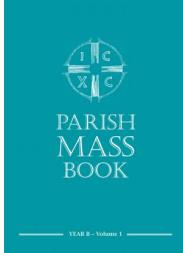


2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:
Goal: \$55,000
Pledges to date: \$4,035.00 (14 pledges)



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. Faith Direct contributors will receive a letter directly from Faith Direct.



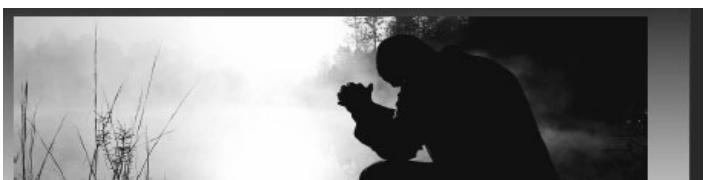
MASS INTENTIONS

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.



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.

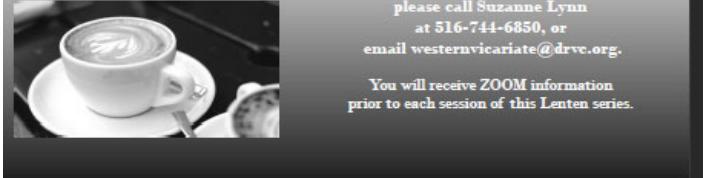
Friday mornings during Lent.
10 am from February 19 through March 26.
 Over a cup of coffee in the comfort of your own home.

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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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.

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/>.

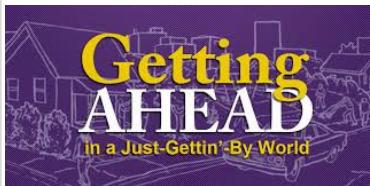
“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.” Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on

Friday/Saturday/Sunday March 19-21
 Thursdays/Mondays April 8-29

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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An Annual Report and Audited Financials are available online.

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PROGRAMS FOR FRAIL AND MEMORY IMPAIRED SENIORS

What's the best kept secret in Oyster Bay?

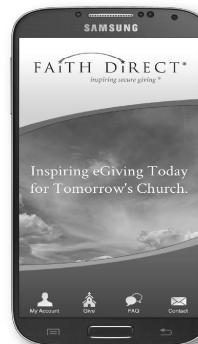
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What's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to our Parish.

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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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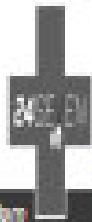
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