

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709



CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. David Regan, Pastor
Rev. Ed Seagriff, Assoc. Pastor
Deacon Ted Kolakowski

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am–4:00pm (closed from 12-12:30pm for lunch).
Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm
Monday night: 5:00pm -9:00 pm

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday: 8:30am & 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am (Family Mass), 11:30am
Weekdays: 8:30am
Holy Day: 5:00pm Vigil Mass, 8:30 am & 7:30pm

Rosary every morning after 8:30am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena every Monday at 7:30pm

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

Reconciliation/Confession:

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

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

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.

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PARISH CENTER

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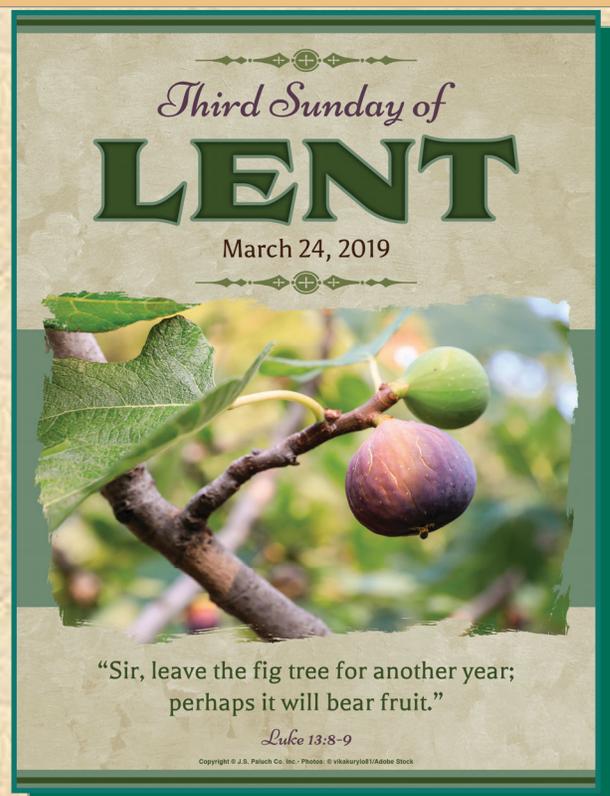
St. Vincent DePaul (516) 584-4090

Email: svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com

SVDP store locations:

1. 1425 New York Avenue, Huntington Station
2. 2160 Jericho Twp., Garden City Park
3. 249 Broadway, Bethpage

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



Remembering. . .

SUNDAY	March 24
7:30am	Ralph Carrella +
9:30am	Rev. Msgr. William Jablonski +
11:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
MONDAY	March 25
8:30am	Lynmore Compton +
TUESDAY	March 26
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
WEDNESDAY	March 27
8:30am	Nita DeCesare +
THURSDAY	March 28
8:30am	Jennie Marretti +
FRIDAY	March 29
8:30am	Iris L. Husing +
SATURDAY	March 30
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

Next Week's Presiders Schedule:

Saturday, March 30 th	5:00pm	Fr. Regan
Sunday, March 31 st	7:30am	Fr. Ed
	9:30am	Fr. Regan
	11:30am	Fr. Ed

Please note schedule subject to change

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or* Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or* Psalm 95.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or* Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or* John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

The Altar Bread and Wine used at our Masses this week are offered in loving memory of:



Thomas Alfano
by Marie Alfano

Fruits of the Fig: Reflection on the Third Sunday of Lent

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading.

Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see [Exodus 2:24](#)), God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see [Luke 1:54-55, 72-73](#)), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us.

Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink.

Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning"—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.

At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish—not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners"—but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to "repentance"—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm—blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see [Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1-10](#)). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see [Luke 3:8](#)).

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let "the gardener," Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign

“Preserve Our Past . . . Envision Our Future”

Campaign Brochure Mailed to Every Family

The campaign brochure outlining the proposed projects have been mailed. Please read it over carefully and prayerfully and consider how you can help. To make your families gift, use the pledge envelope included in the mailing. Your pledge can be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually over a period of three or four years. For example, a pledge of \$2,500, can be paid with 48 monthly installments of \$47 after a 10% down payment of \$250. A down payment is not necessary to begin your pledge. All amounts are welcomed and appreciated!

As you make your pledge . . . Please remember

- * Pledges can be made over a period of three or four years
- * A Down payment is not necessary to begin your pledge
- * Pledge payments are in addition to your weekly offertory
- * Payment reminders will be mailed according to the selected payment plan
 - * All contributions are tax deductible.
 - * Make checks payable to: St. Gertrude Capital Campaign

All Pledges & One-Time Donations -- no matter what the amount are welcomed, needed and appreciated!

Memorial Opportunities

Can Honor the Memory of someone you Love

Memorials will be offered as part of our Church Renovation Campaign. Individual memorial items are available on a first come first serve basis as well as gift plan memorials. All Memorial gifts will be appropriately recognized on a new recognition plaque to be located in the Church. Inscriptions for memorials can include the name or names of those you wish to honor, living or deceased.

Campaign Office Open

If you have any questions about the campaign, please call Andy White our on-site Campaign Director at 516-628-1113 or on his cell at 516-607-3635.

The sick of our parish:

Cecilia Bruoni Kathleen Massimino Lynn Gormley Gloria Herlihy Maria Merz
 Jeanne Holden Mary Ryan

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



Those serving in our military:

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen"

LT Travis J. Buffa
 LT Mary Grace Colluci
 2nd LT Glenn Harvey
 Major Nicholas Lorusso
 Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz
 Captain Brian Peguillan
 Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez
 1st. LT Thomas Rojek
 M Sgt. Donald J. Tucker
 LT Terrance Thorgramson
 LT Emily W. Hegarty

LT Melissa Buffa
 Major Janet R. Erazo
 LT Col. Paul J. LoBue
 Sgt. 5 Jose Marin
 Major James Nicholson
 LTJG William P. Hegarty
 LT Sean Riordan
 Cpl. Brendan Roethel
 Sp. Trevor Tebaldi
 2nd LT James Andrew Baker
 LT Elizabeth G. Hegarty

Pfc. Mark Chuisano
 Cmdr. Cynthia Keating
 Sman App. Gregory Steiner
 Airman Bryan Mollitor
 LT Col. Sean Patak
 Sfc. Sean P. Schenck
 Cpl. Jason Roland
 Spc. Chase Tucker
 Sgt. William Trotta, Jr.
 Major Chad Lennon
 Ens. James Figari

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.



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



Stations of the Cross

7:30pm every Friday evening during Lent.



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).*



Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019
 Parish Goal: \$52,600
 Pledges to date: \$19,350
 Percentage of goal: \$36.8% (42 donors)

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

March 17, 2019: \$ 7,963.00

There will be a Diocese second collection next weekend, March 30th-31st for Catholic Relief Services.

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

Faith Direct

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



**THE 20TH
ANNUAL WHITE
ELEPHANT SALE**
**APRIL 6TH - 9:00am—
6:00pm**

& APRIL 7TH - 8:00am—1:00pm
in the PARISH CENTER

Spring is here and the Rosary Guild is collecting donations of:

- * Children's Clothing, Toys
- * Household Items of all Kinds—dishes, kitchen wares, linens, decorating items, bric-a-brac, holiday decorations
- * Adult & Children Books
- * Collectables; Artwork
- * Small Furniture Items
- * Sporting Goods
- * And Much, Much More! Old & New

Now through March 26th. Items can be left at the rear door of the Parish Center.

Contact Barbara Serio-628-2115 with questions.

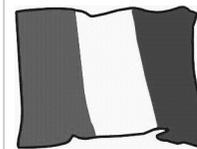
All proceeds benefit the Ida Barnao Pre-School Scholarship Fund.

St. Gertrude Rosary Guild is happy to report that with the help of the 90 people who attended the Dinner/Dance, the many who purchased raffles, many donations, as well as the generosity of the business community, and the support of our Pastor, Father David Regan we were able to raise \$7,000.

This amount will be part of the final sum to be donated to the Renovation Campaign.

We ask that you show your support and patronize our partners:

- BJ'S
- F&V Produce
- Lovely Lady
- Bridge Café
- Marty's Party
- Our Hobby Liquors
- Tony and Teri Perri
- North Shore Farms
- IGA--Food Basket
- Sagamore Liquors
- Bayville Wine & Liquors
- Bayville Fire Co. #1
- Dodge Thomas Funeral Home
- McLaughlin, Kramer, Migiel Funeral Home



Italian Night

Italian Night Event
Friday, April 26, 2019
Sponsored by St.
Gertrude's Rosary Guild



Doors open at 5:30pm; Dinner at 6:00pm; Concert at 8:00pm—famous trio performing Italian melodies

Reservations contact Angela Scaperotta: 516-671-4975. See flyer for further info.



Preschool news: Spring sprung at the preschool this week. Miss Carmela's two year old class made St. Joseph's Day cards and chicks, they also made an N collage. Miss Michelle's three year old class continued their Dr. Seuss journey with projects on green eggs and spots, they also worked on the letter T. Miss Meredith's three year olds also studied Dr. Seuss with projects on Cat In The Hat hats, fish for One Fish Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish and they also worked on the letter S. Miss Gabrielle's four year old class made flowers and bees, they studied the letter S. Miss Janice's fours made flower pots and lion and lamb projects, they also studied the letter T. Our much anticipated preschool fundraiser Ladies Night Out, is this coming Thursday at Walls Wharf from 7 - 10 PM. For tickets and raffle tickets please call the preschool office at 628-3710 or email at stgertprek@stgerts.org. Our preschool moms would love to meet other members of our parish family, see everyone there!



Singles retreat for men & women. Program theme: "Live Laugh & Love - Finding Joy in the Moment"

March 29-31 2019. St. Josaphat's Retreat House, 1 E. Beach Dr., Glen Cove NY, 11542

This weekend retreat is sponsored by St Paul's Cursilo, and includes an exciting program, lodging, delicious meals, movie/game night, Mass, and opportunities to make new friends.

Cost of \$200 includes everything; A commuter option is also available for \$125 which includes everything except lodging.

For more info & RSVP please Contact Rachel at racheldevine33@gmail.com or call 347-738-7398



Bayville's Boy Scout and Cub Scouts will be holding their annual food drive to fill the shelves of St. Gertrude's Outreach Food Pantry on **Saturday, March 24th** at IGA Between 9:00am—1:00pm

Thank you for your generosity and support of Troop 176 and St. Gertrude's Food Pantry during the season of Lent.



Saint Dominic High School 2019 Summer Camps

110 Anstice St., Oyster Bay NY 11771
Phone: (516) 922-4888, ext. 5454
[Www.hs.stdoms.org](http://www.hs.stdoms.org)

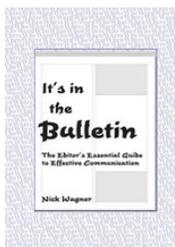
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Is your marriage bearing fruit? Don't wait until it is too late; make time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Jun 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 24, 2019

The LORD secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.

Psalm 103:6



For bulletin submissions, please email them to: bulletin@stgerts.org. Information must be received 1 week prior to bulletin publishing and will be included in the following week's bulletin if space allows. Additional bulletin information can be found in the extended on-line version each week.

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island

(including widows, widowers and singles)
A social organization for single persons
New Member Orientation Meeting

Wednesday MARCH 27th at 7:30 PM

ST. FRANCES de CHANTAL CHURCH
Rectory Basement
1309 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793
Non- Denominational -ALL ARE WELCOME

Bring Proof of Single Status to join
Annual Dues are \$25

Refreshments following the meeting
For Further Information, Please Call:
CAROL - 516-794-4933 OR
FRAN- 516-889-5790

St. Patrick Church in Glen Cove presents

a Teaching and Exposition of Sacred Relics

Friday April 5 at 6:00 pm
235 Glen Street. Glen Cove, NY, 516-676-0276

Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with a very special Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

In addition, there will also be present a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. In the Church's history many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics, and many have been healed through this ministry.

Please do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.



Italian Night

*Sponsored by St. Gertrude's Rosary
Guild*

*An evening of Food, Wine & Song
Friday, April 26, 2019*

\$40.00 per person

Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner @ 6:00 pm

Concert at 8:00 pm

Famous trio performing favorite Italian melodies



Reservations contact Angela Scaperotta @ 516 671-4975

**Table reservations must be paid in advance*

**Checks payable to St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild*

**All proceeds to benefit St. Gertrude's Restoration Fund*

Dinner includes a wine/beer bar

**Feel free to bring a bottle of your choice*

Raffles



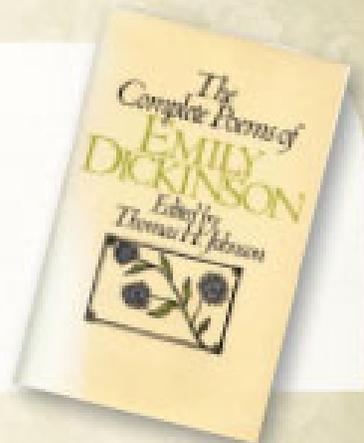


BOOK TALK SERIES

COME MEET DR. BEVERLY LAWN SPEAKING ON:
Emily Dickinson: Called Back



This talk is an exploration of the intricate relationship between Emily Dickinson's personal life and her poetry, contrasting the myths widely circulated about her with the facts from her letters and other biographical sources. We will also look closely at a sampling of her poems on the themes of death, time, and immortality.



DR. BEVERLY LAWN'S BIO

Beverly Lawn (Ph.D., Stony Brook University) taught British and American literature for thirty-three years at Adelphi University. During that time and since, she published a volume of poems and

edited many books for Bedford-St. Martin's Press, the most recent of which, *Forty Short Stories: A Portable Anthology*, came out in a fifth edition in 2017. For six years she also served as co-editor of *Kanada* magazine, a poetry journal, and as co-director of the Long Island Poetry Collective.

Sunday, March 31, 2019
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

in the Library at the
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception*
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

For directions or other information,
call 631-423-0483 ext. 141 or email us at:
libraryweb@icseminary.edu

* The Seminary is 3 miles North of Main Street in Huntington village.
Library is on the 4th floor.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

BTS-3/31/2019

20 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

March, 2018

Dear Friends:

The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving open our hearts to the presence of our loving and ever present God. It is a time for reflecting on the enormous sacrifice our Lord made on Good Friday. It's also a time for making sacrifices of our own. One of the purest sacrifices we can make is also one of the most loving. And it begins when we show compassion to others.

As Pope Francis said, *"Prayer brings us back to the path of truth about ourselves and about God; fasting makes us share the reality of so many people who face the anguish of hunger and makes us pay more attention to our neighbor; charity is a blessed occasion to collaborate with God's providence in benefit of His children."*

When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your neighbors experience the merciful presence of Christ through Outreach and Catholic Charities' programs that serve the basic needs of the poor, troubled, weak and oppressed in our community.

This Appeal also supports our efforts in evangelization, liturgy and worship. Consider the multitudes of children who are taught the faith through our Catholic schools and religious education programs and are able to continue their faith journey as they benefit from Campus, Young Adult and Youth Ministry Programs. It also funds the resources necessary to support our seminarians who are studying and preparing to serve us as priests.

If you have not yet made a pledge as of yet, please consider participating in the 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal as one way of *"collaborating with God's providence in benefit of His children."*

May this Lent be a source of *dramatic missionary growth* both in our lives and for our great Diocese.

I keep you and your family in my Masses and Prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John O. Barres".

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS

“Fr. Francis Pizzarelli and Hope House Ministries would like to extend to you a very special invitation to the following event:

Beta Sigma Phi Fashion Show Dinner/Auction Fundraiser

Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook

Contact: Liz (631)821-6518 or Barbara (631)698-0140

Spirituality For Singles - Monthly Singles Gathering

Saturday, April 6, 2019, 8:30PM

St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park, NY, 11596

Our Monthly gathering for singles; discussion and socialization.

Ages 35+; \$5.00 donation - snacks, pizza and beverages will be served.

This Gathering will feature a guest performance.

Contact: Ray (516) 561-6994 or

spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com

Join Fr. Mickey Bancroft on a trip to the Passion Play in Oberammergau also visiting Salzburg, Venice and Milan
Friday, August 28 - Sunday, September 6, 2020 • Eight Nights
\$4,598.00 per person based on double occupancy



Includes:

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

Regina Tours

www.regina-tours.com

Contact Fr. Mickey: 631-323-1323

or

Angelica: 1-800-CATHOLIC ext. 250

or email: avillegas@groupist.com

The 1969 graduating class of Bishop Reilly HS, Fresh Meadows, NY, is holding a 50 year reunion. If you are a member of this class, or know someone who is a member of the class, please contact the committee at ReillyReunion50@gmail.com.

Long Island
State Veterans Home



AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

FREE
FREE
FREE

Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9 am to 1 pm

at the Long Island State Veterans Home
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790

on the campus of Stony Brook University Hospital (follow the signs)

Questions? Please call 631-444-8606
or visit
www.lstateveteranshome.org

FREE Information and Screenings by:

PACE Screenings for Veterans and Community:

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Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar Testing (HbA1c),
Cholesterol Testing, Sleep Apnea Assessment, Oral
Health Screening, Home Safety Assessment, Falls Risk
Assessment, Dementia Screening, Caregiver Burden
Assessment, Health Risk Assess. and Dental Screening
by Stony Brook Schools of Nursing, Social Welfare,
and Dental Medicine

Many Health and Service Providers!!!

Last Year's event included:

Northport VA Health Eligibility and Enrollment
HICAP Health Insurance Information
Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency
Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project
Suffolk County Social Services - Applications for:
Food Stamps, Temp Assistance, Medicaid, HEAP
Brookhaven Town Services | AARP
Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities
Home Care and Companion Care Providers
Credit Counseling | Elder Law Attorneys
Babylon Vets Center | Suffolk County Office of the Aging
Alzheimer's Association, Long Island Chapter
Island Federal Credit Union

*A Message from the
Saint Dominic Athletic Director*

Our goal at the Saint Dominic Summer Camps is to give campers a great experience during which they make friends and have fun. Our staff is committed to making sure that each camper leaves camp with a higher skill level and knowledge of the sport or activity than he or she started with. Fundamentals, as well as individual and team skills, will be taught. We look forward to having you join the Saint Dominic Family!

Matthew O'Brien
Director of Athletics



**Saint Dominic High School
2019 Summer Camps**

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Saint Dominic High School

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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

If you are an adult [college-age or older], & are contemplating joining the choir, call the church office at (516)628-1113 & you will be put in touch with the choir director & music ministry.



Pantry Needs: Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal, Coffee, Tea, Juice, Canned Fruits, Sugar, Black Beans, Tuna, Snacks, Dish & Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Paper Napkins, Tissues, Women's & Men's Deodorant, Bar Soap, Toothbrushes &

Toothpaste.

Just a friendly reminder to please be aware of food expiration dates. Thank you! Pantry hours are every Friday from 8:30am-9:30am in the lower Church.

Resources Available

The following programs will take place February - April of 2019 at St. Joseph Renewal Center at Montfort Spiritual Center, 26 S. Saxon Ave., Bay Shore, NY 11706. Anyone interested in any of these programs please call the office at 631-647-8683.

Living with Alzheimer's & Dementia - 1 to 2:30 pm –
Free will offering. Program is held 1st Wednesday of the month.
Facilitators: Josephine Daspro, CSJ & James Morris

Men 2 Men Gathering — 8:00 to 9:30 am – This program is offered the 2nd Saturday of every month Offering \$20.00 incl. breakfast per person.
Facilitators: Michael Dunne & participants from the gathering

Women 2 Women– 10:30 am to 12 Noon.
This program is offered the 2nd Tuesday of every month.”Knitting into the Mystery” If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, this is the experience for you.
Offering \$15.00 per session per person.
Facilitators: Beth Barker, Judy Coste, Joan Vessio

Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – March 6, 2019
Offering: \$50.00 includes lunch
Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ

Lenten Prayer on Friday – March 22, March 29, April 5 & April 12, 2019 –“Passion Narrative according to St. Luke”- 10:30 am – 12:00 noon.
Offering: \$15.00 per session/\$60.00 for the four sessions
Presenter: Fr. William T. Slater

Lenten Overnight Retreat for Men & Women – March 30 – 31, 2019 – “The Invitation”
Offering: \$100.00
Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ

Mid-Lenten Day of Prayer – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm – April 3, 2019 – “The Pummelled Heart: Finding Peace through Pain”
Offering: \$50.00 includes lunch
Presenter: Josephine Daspro, CSJ

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

Family, marriage and individual therapy, provided by New York State licensed therapists including therapists who specialize in Depression, Divorce Mediation and Domestic Violence, are available to our parishioners at 147 other parishes. This program, under the direction of Dr. George Giuliani, has been conducted in the diocese for the past 41 years for the convenience of parishioners. It is provided by the Catholic Counseling Center, which is independent of and not controlled or supervised by the parish or diocese. Most insurance policies, including Medicare, are honored. We are currently looking for licensed therapists in Nassau, Suffolk and Queens. For confidential information and appointments, please call Dr. Giuliani at the Catholic Counseling Center at (631) 243-2503 or go to our website at: <http://www.thecatholiccounselingcenter.com>.

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



Upcoming Workshops March 2019

Special Needs: Mardi Gras Prayer Service and Brunch
St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh
March 2, 2019
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bereavement Facilitator Training Level I
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
Saturday, Mar 2 and 9, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Or
Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon
Tuesday, Mar 5, 12, 19,
and 26, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Or
St. Mary R.C., East Islip
Saturday, Mar 9 and 16, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Preparación para el Bautismo Entrenamiento para Facilitadores Nivel I
St. Cyril and Methodius,
Deer Park
5, 12, 19, y 26 de marzo de 2019
7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.

Special Needs Ministry
St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia
March 13, 20, April 10, and 24
2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

RECA NIVEL II
Basílica de los Sagrados Corazones
de Jesús y María Apostolado
Hispano, Southhampton
17 y 24 de marzo de 2019
2:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

Un Día de Retiro para los Electos de 2019
Seminario de la Inmaculada
Concepción, Huntington
31 de marzo de 2019
2:00 p.m. a 6:00 p.m.

Retreat Day for the Elect of 2019
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington
March 31, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bereavement Conference 2019
St. Patrick Parish, Huntington
March 30, 2019
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bible How To for Catechists
Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead
Saturday, March 2, 2019
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Or
Our Lady of Grace, Babylon
Thursday, March 28, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Ministry of Consolation Course Offering Level I
Maria Regina, Seaford
March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Baptism Preparation Facilitator Training Level I
St. Cyril and Methodius,
Deer Park
March 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cómo Usar La Biblia Para Catequesis
Nuestra Sra. de la Gracia
West Babylon
16 de marzo de 2019
10:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m.

Training Of Volunteers In The Ministry To The Sick
St. Patrick's Parish, Bay Shore
Wed, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Consolation Nursing
and Rehabilitation Center,
West Islip
Saturday April 6, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Or
St. Patrick's Parish, Bay Shore
Sat, March 16 and 23, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Our Lady of Consolation Nursing
and Rehabilitation Center,
West Islip
Saturday April 6, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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Upcoming Workshops April/ May 2019

RICA NIVEL II
San José, Babylon
6 y 27 de abril de 2019
9:30 a.m. a 1:30 p.m.

**Bereavement Facilitator
Training Level I**
St. Bernard, Levittown
Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23,
and 30, 2019
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

RCIA Level II
St. Joseph, Babylon
April 11, 25, May 2 and 9, 2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ministry of Accompaniment
Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre
April 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22,
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7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Día de enriquecimiento para
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Seminario de la Inmaculada
Concepción, Huntington
19 de mayo de 2019
2:00 pm a 7:00 pm

RCIA Enrichment Day
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Conception, Huntington
Sun, May 19, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Catechist Training Level 2: Religious Education
St. James, Setauket
May 22, 29, June 5, 12, and 19, 2019
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Ministry of Consolation
Annual Afternoon of Prayer &
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St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays
May 9, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
or
St. Raphael, East Meadow
May 13, 2019
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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I would like to announce that we will be offering two general bereavement groups this spring, and our ongoing groups for bereaved parents and survivors of suicide will be resuming as well. There is a one-time registration fee of \$20 for all groups. Interested individuals need to register by contacting the parish directly. Sister Christine Sammons is the contact person at St. Bernard's, 516-731-6074 and Maria Piniro is the contact person at St. Brigid, 516-334-0021. Registration forms will be mailed home. Visit my website: www.empoweringthebereaved.com for latest updates on groups.

General Bereavement Groups (meet weekly)

St. Bernard's Parish	Thursdays	April 4 - June 6	7:00 PM to 8:15 PM
St. Brigid's Parish	Wednesdays	April 3- June 5	7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

Group for Bereaved Parents (meets 1st and 3rd Monday of the month)

St Bernard's Parish	Mondays	March 18 - ongoing	7:00 PM to 8:15 PM
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Group for Survivors of Suicide (meets 2nd and 4th Monday of the month)

St. Bernard's Parish	Mondays	March 25 - ongoing	7:00 PM to 8:15 PM
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Additionally, for anyone seeking training to become a support group facilitator, I will be conducting a 10-hour training program for the Diocese of Rockville Centre in April. Days, hours, and location are yet to be determined. Check their website, www.drvc-faith.org for updates.

Those who have questions about the groups can contact me via email at lousab@aol.com or call me at 516-799-5873. Thank you.

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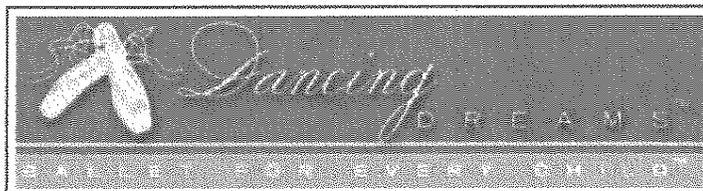


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