

# 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 28, 2021

*Palm Sunday*

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

**"Truly this man was the Son of God!"**

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Mark 15:39



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. . .

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 28</b>
7:30am	Jennie Marretti +
9:30am	Charles Martindale, Jr. +
11:30am	Rosalie & Jim DiGiovanni +
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 29</b>
8:30am	Iris L. Husing +
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 30</b>
8:30am	Dominick & Catherine Carbone +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 31</b>
8:30am	Luke Greco +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>April 1</b>
8:30am	Morning Prayer
7:30pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>April 2</b>
8:30am	Morning Prayer
12noon	Outdoor Stations of the Cross
3:00pm	Solemn Liturgy
7:30pm	Stations & Veneration of the Cross
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 3</b>
8:30am	Morning Prayer
7:30pm	Easter Vigil For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

### TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** – Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

**First Reading** – In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** – My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** – Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** – The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 – 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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**Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 7:30pm—Msgr. Morrissey

Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>: 6:30am— Msgr. Morrissey (sunrise-beach)

7:30am—Fr. Gabriel (Church)

9:30am—Fr. Gabriel

11:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

March 28, 2021: Reflection on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.

### HOLY WEEK

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

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### The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship.

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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 Mary Grace Colluci         | Major Janet R. Erazo         | Cmdr. Cynthia Keating    |
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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!*



**2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:**  
 Goal: \$55,000  
 Pledges to date: \$7,455.00 (28 pledges)  
 13.55% of our parish goal.



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

**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](http://faith.direct/NY83). Thank you.



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

Due to the Diocesan directive, Missalettes have been removed from the pews. However, you now have the opportunity to purchase one. 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: All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

1. All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King! To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed one.
2. All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer King! To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising you on high; and mortals, joined with all things created, make reply.

Text: 76 76 D; Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 760-821; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635.

### **Offertory Hymn: Were You There**

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: 10 10 14 10. Text and music: Spiritual; Old Plantation Hymns, Boston, 1899.

### **Communion: O Sacred Head, Surrounded**

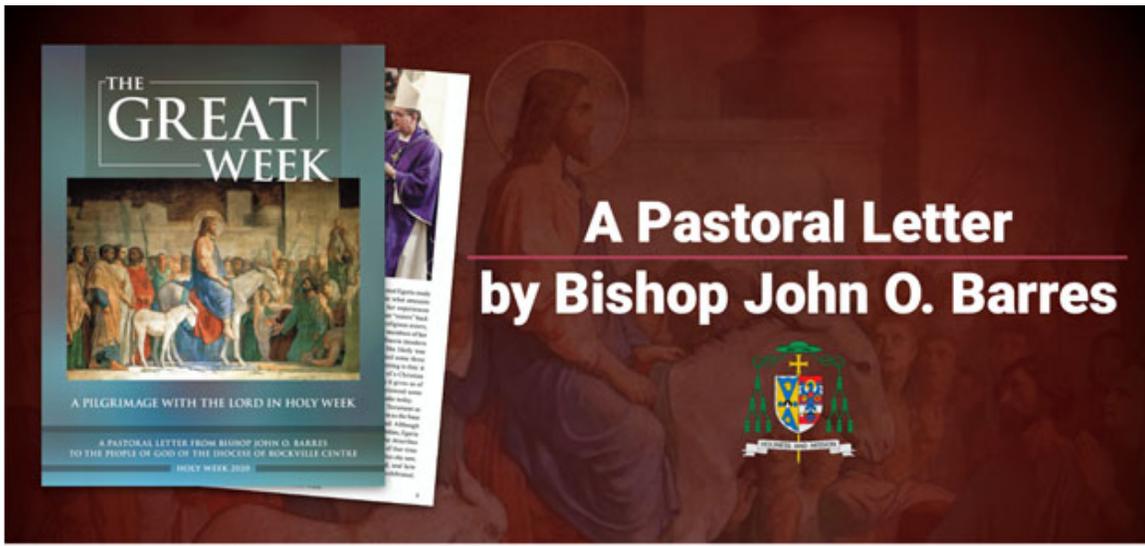
1. O Sacred head, surrounded by crown of piercing thorn! O bleeding head, so wounded, reviled and put to scorn! The power of death comes over you, the glow of life decays, yet angel hosts adore you, and tremble as they gaze.
2. In this, your bitter passion, good shepherd, think of me with your most kind compassion, unworthy though I be: Beneath your cross abiding, forever would I rest, in your dear love confiding, and with your presence blest.
3. What language shall I borrow to thank you, dearest friend, for this, your dying sorrow, your mercy without end? Lord, make me your forever, a loyal servant true, and let me never, never out live my love for you.

Text: 76 76 D; Salve caput cruentatum; ascr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153. Verses 1, 2 tr. by Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt.; verse 3 tr. by James W. Alexander, 1804-1859, alt. Alternate verses: verse 1 tr. by Henry W. Baker, alt.; verse 2, Owen Alstott; verse 3, Owen Alstott, composite. Alternate verses 2, 3 © 1977, OCP. All rights reserved. Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; adapt. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750; arr. © 2013, Spirit & Song®, a division of OCP. All rights reserved.

### **Recessional Hymn: Glory in the Cross**

1. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ, our salvation and our hope. Let us bow in homage to the Lord of Life, who was broken to make us whole. There is no greater love, as blessed as this: to lay down one's life for a friend. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.
4. Let us stand together at the cross of Christ where we see God's boundless love. We are saints and sinners who are joined by faith here on earth and in heaven above. Neither woman nor man, not servant or free but one in the eyes of the Lord. Let us ever glory in the cross of Christ and the triumph of God's great love.

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## A Pastoral Letter by Bishop John O. Barres



Available online by visiting:

**www.thegreatweek.com**

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

**The Great Week – A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week.** This pastoral letter, written in 2020 has been reissued for 2021. This Lent, make a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Lord during the last week of His life by attending, or if that is not possible, viewing virtually, all the liturgies that take place in your local parish during Holy Week, the final week of Lent just prior to Easter. This pastoral letter will provide you an overview and explanation of the ‘places’ you will visit, the things you will see and the people you will meet on your spiritual journey. To read the letter, visit [www.thegreatweek.com](http://www.thegreatweek.com).

### 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** During the last week before the Easter break, the classes finished all their Easter projects. Miss Carmela’s two year old class made Easter eggs and Easter cards for their mommies and daddies. Miss Meredith’s three year old class made chicks and peep patterns. Miss Michelle’s threes made bunnies and studied the letter V. Miss Janice’s four year old class made Easter eggs and chicks, they also dyed eggs. All the parents sent in Easter goodies for the classes and they had Easter parties in their classrooms.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2021

PALM SUNDAY, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
of the Passion of the Lord  
Saturday, Vigil Mass 5:00pm  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30am

CONFESSIONS (HOLY WEEK)  
Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: 3-9 pm  
Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30-11:30am

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:30am Morning Prayer  
7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration at the Altar of Reposition  
9:00pm until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:30am Morning Prayer  
12:00noon Outdoor Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death  
7:30pm Stations & Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
8:30am Morning Prayer  
7:30pm Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection  
(there will be no 5:00pm Mass on Holy Saturday)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>  
Masses: Sunrise at West Harbor Beach, 7:00am  
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

The parish office will be open for 1/2 day on Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and closed on Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.



Sunday is Palm Sunday  
March 28, 2021

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Please join Bishop Barres at the Chrism Mass celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre. You can participate by either watching the live broadcast on Catholic Faith Network or the livestream on the CFN website.



**On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.**

Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

Please be generous.



## Living the Gospel Through our Support of the CMA

During this final week of Lent – the Great Week, may we continue to grow in a spirit of holiness and mission so that we can truly be missionary disciples of our Lord. Through prayer, almsgiving and service, we show our gratitude of God’s love for us. The Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us an opportunity to be stewards of God’s gifts in many different ways.

**Gift of Financial Resources:** More than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers receive support and assistance from the funds shared through the CMA each year. These programs include pastoral care to those in need through Catholic Charities food and nutrition programs, 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.

**Gifts of Time and Talent:** The CMA offers opportunities to share our time and talent. Our parishes CMA committees support a smooth and organized Appeal effort. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports. One of the great benefits of the Appeal is communication. People are informed of the many good works, programs and opportunities in this diocese. The CMA tells of the good works of the Church and communicates the opportunities to share our God-given gifts.

**Gift of Prayer:** The Catholic Ministries Appeal helps us to be socially responsible as we support those in need. May we keep those who support us and those who are served by us in our daily prayers, especially during Holy Week and Eastertide.

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/>

or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Thank You!



# Harvest Houses

Residences for  
Independent Seniors

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE— PANDEMIC OR NO PANDEMIC!

### We are celebrating Harvest Houses 35th Birthday!

Over 35 years ago we, the Sisters of St. Dominic, recognized the need for a completely new kind of living for independent elders. Today, we reflect on what we have learned about life from the more than 100 seniors who have lived in a Harvest House. And as we mark nearly one year since the Pandemic abruptly changed our lives, we've experienced a new reality. COVID-19, the "great revealer" threw us a new learning curve — how do we respond to life in the midst of great adversity and challenges?

Residents and staff came together during the 'lock-down', planning active days that would bring us enrichment, laughter and peace (we did have a few tumultuous days!) We became so involved in our daily activities that the months and weeks passed calmly and in comfort. Holiday and birthday celebrations with family (via Zoom or our front window) became a "happening" for everyone. We managed together to successfully plan our Easter dinner—now that was a challenge!

During the early days and months, we frequently heard from or called Senior friends whom we knew lived alone, to check on them. These calls saddened our hearts: "I am so lonely..." "I am frightened..." "What if I get sick?" However, as our residents adjusted to their 'new normal', we heard the following comments: "We are not afraid..." "We are together." *And most importantly... "We feel safe and secure."*

### HEREIN LIES THE VALUE OF HARVEST HOUSES

"Research shows it is the face-to-face human interactions that are fundamental to our overall well-being. It is the day-to-day, real, in-the-flesh encounters, the **direct human contact** that matters...from birth to death we are hard-wired to connect. We are happier, healthier and more resistant to despair and disease if we satisfy the need for human contact!"

— from [The Village Effect](#) by Susan Pinke



**HARVEST HOUSES** are residences for eight independent seniors who live together in a family-like environment, which provides:

- Private bedroom
- Nutritious meals
- Beautiful private grounds
- Non-institutional family environment
- Social and recreational services
- Connection to community resources
- Stimulating independence
- Mutual daily support
- Security & safety

**This is what Harvest House offers to independent seniors - not only in times of a pandemic crisis, but every single day! This is the very reason Harvest House Residences were created 35 years ago: to offer independent seniors a new opportunity of living in later life.**

**PLEASE JOIN US, SENIORS...COME! DON'T WAIT!**  
Call today to learn more about our residences:

**Sister Jeanne A. Brendel, OP, CSW**  
**Sister Mary E. Butler, OP, CSW**  
**(516) 496-9796**



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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*



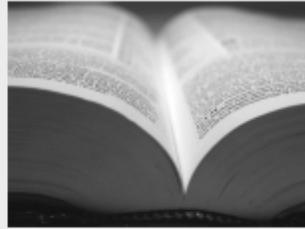
*Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.*

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.

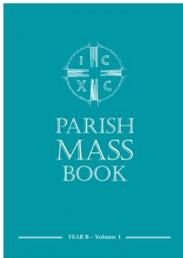
## Weekend Music Ministry Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm-Organist &  
Cantor[s]

Sunday: 7:30 am- Instrumental  
Meditation

9:30 am-Family Mass,  
Musicians

11:30 am- Adult Choir



## 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.



## Catholic Health Services' Skilled Nursing Facilities

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CHS offers three highly recognized skilled nursing facilities, providing both short- and long-term care for patients and residents.

**Good Samaritan Nursing & Rehabilitation Care Center,** Sayville

**St. Catherine of Siena Nursing & Rehabilitation Care Center,** Smithtown

**Our Lady of Consolation Nursing & Rehabilitative Care Center,** West Islip

CHS sees each individual as a whole, requiring care of the body, mind and spirit. Safe, compassionate care in the Catholic tradition.

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

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

[chaves@icseminary.edu](mailto:chaves@icseminary.edu), 631-423-0483 x141

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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**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



**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.**



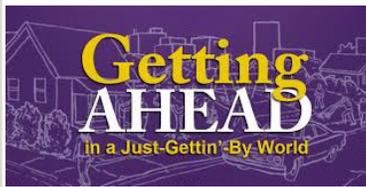
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# Resources Available

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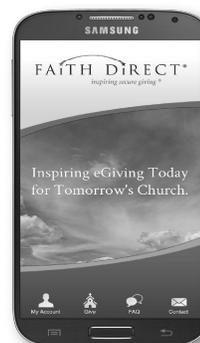
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*Example: Mrs. Connors, age 76, has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 to her Parish in 2016. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, she directs the custodian of her IRA to transfer this amount not 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.*

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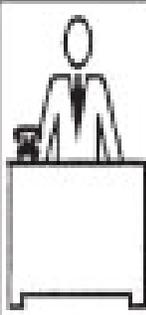
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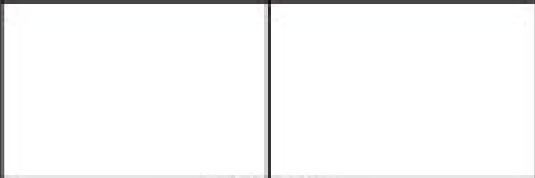
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