

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. David Regan, Pastor
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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: Friday 8:30am-9:30am

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

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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.



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).

March 29, 2020



Fifth

Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

Remembering. . .

SUNDAY	March 29
7:30am	Iris L. Husing +
9:30am	Marie Kahn +
11:30am	Christopher Brogan +
MONDAY	March 30
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
TUESDAY	March 31
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
WEDNESDAY	April 1
8:30am	Alfonse Argo +
THURSDAY	April 2
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
FRIDAY	April 3
8:30am	Rosalie & Jim DiGiovanni +
SATURDAY	April 4
8:30am	Connie Genovese +
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

At Lazarus' Tomb: Reflection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent:

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view.

That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see John 12:3, 7). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will “die with Him” if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see John 20:1, 6, 7).

Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for “dead man”—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death.

John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see John 11:37). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal “the glory of God” (see John 9:3). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see John 11:40).

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life.

By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live.

“I have promised and I will do it,” the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Welcome Our Newly Baptized



Catherine Grace De Leon
Raegan Grace Murphy

PRAYER

The more you devote yourself in prayer
the more you will do well in your work.
—St. John Baptist de la Salle

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020**

Out of the depths I
cry to you, O
LORD; LORD, hear
my voice!

— *Psalm 130:1*



Dear Parishioners,

Permit me to share with you the most recent update from the Diocese of Rockville Centre regarding the public celebration of the sacraments. **Effective immediately, all Masses (weekday and weekend), liturgies, devotions, meetings, and non-essential activities in our parishes are suspended or postponed through Tuesday, April 14, 2020. This will include all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies.**

Funerals and weddings may be permitted if necessary, but should be limited to immediate family and remain under 50 people in attendance.

St. Gertrude's Church will remain open throughout this time. The church will open at 9 AM and close at 3 PM.

The Masses at St. Gertrude's will continue to be offered, albeit privately. We are united to you in this moment of crisis and fear. While we are apart from each other at the altar, we are united in our spiritual communion and love for Jesus and each other. Permit me to suggest using this prayer, to help you make an act of spiritual communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will provide televised and online daily Masses, including Holy Week and Easter Liturgies, as well as other devotional and spiritual programs. (Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471.) CFN is also available on selected cable and satellite systems and through 24/7 live stream at CFNtv.org. You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".

Currently, our Catholic Schools are closed through March 20, 2020, following the measures taken by Nassau and Suffolk public schools. However, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed. Our parish Religious Education programs will remain suspended until Tuesday, April 14, 2020. Again, we continue to monitor the situation and will adapt and update as needed.

Please know that we priests are still available for you. If someone is in need of the last sacraments please do not hesitate to call us!

Our Lady, Heath of the Sick, pray for us!

Saint Gertrude, pray for us!

God Bless and protect you and your families.

In Our Lord and Blessed Lady,

Rev. David Regan, Pastor

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. St Paul

Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence to all of us who suffer from the Coronavirus.

Those who are subject to quarantine, health care workers, family members and all those who care for those who are sick with Coronavirus are all granted this Plenary Indulgence if their hearts are “detached from any sin,” and they do one of the following:

1. Unite spiritually through the media with the celebration of Holy Mass,
2. Recite the Rosary,
3. Prayerfully follow the Way of the Cross,
4. ... at least recite the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters.

The usual conditions for gaining a Plenary Indulgence are to go to confession, take communion, and pray for the Holy Father’s intentions. The Pope acknowledges that this present crisis makes that difficult or impossible for some people by granting this Plenary Indulgence if you intend to fulfill these obligations as soon as possible.

Pope Francis also grants a Plenary Indulgence to the rest of us if we will, with the purpose of imploring “*from almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself,*” do one of the following:

1. Visit the Blessed Sacrament,
 2. Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration,
 3. Read the Bible for at least half an hour,
 4. Pray the Rosary,
 5. Pray the Way of the Cross,
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

You must also fulfill the normal requirements for a plenary indulgence, which is to give up your attachments to your sins, go to confession and pray for the Pope’s prayer intentions. If you can’t do this now, you must do it as soon as you can and you must intend to do it.

The *Plenary Indulgence* is granted to the faithful suffering from Coronavirus, who are subject to quarantine by order of the health authority in hospitals or in their own homes if, with a spirit detached from any sin, they unite spiritually through the media to the celebration of Holy Mass, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, to the pious practice of the Way of the Cross or other forms of devotion, or if at least they will recite the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters, with the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father’s intentions), as soon as possible.

Health care workers, family members and all those who, following the example of the Good Samaritan, exposing themselves to the risk of contagion, care for the sick of Coronavirus according to the words of the divine Redeemer: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (*Jn 15: 13*), will obtain the same gift of the *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions.

This Apostolic Penitentiary also willingly grants a *Plenary Indulgence* under the same conditions on the occasion of the current world epidemic, also to those faithful who offer a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or Eucharistic adoration, or reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or the recitation of the Holy Rosary, or the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, to implore from Almighty God the end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself.

Sunday Readings, March 29, 2020, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading 1

Ez 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to my voice in supplication.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities,

LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness,

that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn,

let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the LORD is kindness

and with him is plenteous redemption;

And he will redeem Israel

from all their iniquities.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Reading 2

Rom 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

Gospel

Jn 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

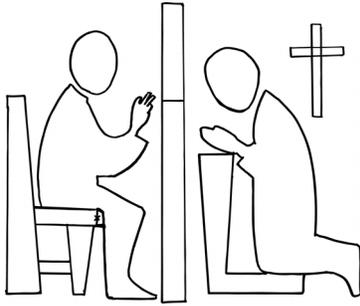
Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb.

It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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Can't Come to Confession?

Don't Worry! We will Drive to YOU

Please call the Rectory at 628-1113 to have one of our priests come to your house to hear your confession during this special season of Lent.

For the latest updates on what's happening at St. Gertrude's Church, please find us and follow us on Facebook at:



Saint Gertrude's Roman Catholic Church

We update the page daily to give you the latest information on what is happening at your Church.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

We Hunger and Thirst for Holiness

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:

You make us hunger and thirst for Holiness.

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation:

**you call us to true fasting:
to set free the oppressed,
to share our bread with the hungry,
to shelter the homeless and to clothe the
naked.**

Have a Blessed Lenten Season

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Preschool: Due to the effort to contain the corona virus and to keep our children safe, the preschool will be closed until at least March 30th. Keep healthy and stay home, listen to what the health professional are saying, and remember that spring is just around the corner.

For Those Who Need Our Prayers:

Tom Kolakowski Lynn Lamort Jack Caputo Arthur Unger MaryAnn Seidman
 Rebecca Browning Lawrence Paul Caputo Michael Willett

All names on the prayer 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 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.



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

Rice (1-2 lb. bags), Pasta, Jar Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal, Coffee, Plastic bottles of Juice, Canned Fruits, Sugar, Flour, Oil, Tuna, Snacks, Dish and Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Tissues, Men & Women Deodorant, Shampoo, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste.

We are well stocked with canned vegetables and soups at the moment. Thank you for all your generous donations and keeping our pantry well stocked. It is greatly appreciated!!

Pantry hours are every Friday from 8:30am-9:30am in the lower Church.

Just a friendly reminder to please be aware of food expiration dates. Thank you!



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

Parish Financial Summary



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

Faith Direct

During Lent, we prepare ourselves through prayer and giving back to our parish. But, now with the virus are unable to attend Mass or are out of town.

This Lent, I want to invite you in joining me and many others 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, or text the word ENROLL to (Text-to-Give Phone Number).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." Do you believe that Jesus is the Lord of your marriage? Bring God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 26-28, 2020 in Huntington, NY and Nov 6-8, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

March is National Nutrition Month. If you're looking for some recipes for healthy living, check out: www.chsli.org/recipes-healthy-living. Some of the recipes you'll find include teriyaki salmon, orechiette with chicken sausage and broccoli rabe, plus chocolate avocado pudding. Enjoy!



Maria Regina DHS Class of 1970
50th Reunion October 3, 2020
For more information email
MRDHS70@gmail.com



This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on **Sunday, May 3, 2020** at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown.

Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m., Bishop Robert J. Coyle will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on www.drvc-faith.org or in our on-line bulletin. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 223.

Please submit registration form as soon as possible as space is limited.

Did you know that Catholic Health Services offers exclusive clinical trials to cancer patients on Long Island? Read more about the new partnership with the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and how it could benefit you: CHSCancer.org



Where can you find an opportunity to help yourself, your family, your community and your Church at the same time? Answer: **The Knights of Columbus**. The Knights of Columbus is one of North America's largest life insurers, one of the world's most ethical companies, an international Catholic fraternity, and a multi-billion-dollar donor to charitable causes.

We are looking for a few Catholic gentlemen to join our full-time Insurance sales force to serve our members and their families. Our sales force receives extensive training, a secure territory with professional-level income potential, incentive bonuses, health and retirement benefits, and continuing education opportunities.

If this sounds like something you would like to explore for yourself, or if you know a Catholic gentleman that might be perfect for this opportunity, please call (631)574-4520 or email hernandezagency@mail@kofc.org.

New Pastoral Letter. The Great Week—A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week.

Bishop John Barres has written a pastoral letter about Holy Week: The Great Week - A Pilgrimage with the Lord in Holy Week. This Lent, Bishop Barres invites you to join him in making a pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Lord during the last week of His life by attending 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. The pastoral letter will also be included in the March edition of *The Long Island Catholic Magazine*. Printed copies will be available later this month. To subscribe to *The Long Island Catholic Magazine* visit www.licatholic.org/subscribe/.



The Diocese of Rockville Centre
Golden Wedding Anniversary Liturgy
Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

Sunday, May 3, 2020
2:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church
280 E Main St, Smithtown, NY 11787

- Please complete the form below, have it signed by your pastor or someone designated by him and return to the address below.
- You will be mailed a letter confirming your registration and directions.
- There will be **reserved seating for the registered couples only**. Family and friends will be seated on a first come-first served basis.

Please mail completed form to :
Diocese of Rockville Centre
Office of Faith Formation
Attention: Guenevere Neuhedel
PO Box 9023
Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023

For questions, please call 516-678-5800, ext 223

_____(cut here and return form below)_____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____
First Name First Name Last Name

Address Town Zip Code

Wedding Date _____ Phone # _____ Email _____
mm/dd/yy Area code + Number

In order to seat those who require special assistance accordingly, please let us know if you or your spouse use
wheelchair _____ cane _____ walker _____

Parish Town Pastor's Signature

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Come join Fr. Mickey Bancroft in
Oberammergau (the Passion Play)
Salzburg, Austria • Venice, Italy
& Milan, Italy (Last Supper) 2020**

Friday, August 28 - Sunday, September 6, 2020 • Eight Nights
\$4,500.00 per person based on double occupancy

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Includes: • Daily Mass • Sightseeing • Round trip airfare from JFK
• 6 nights in 4 star hotels • 2 nights in Oberammergau
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**Contact Fr. Mickey: 631-323-1323
or Regina Tours
212-594-8787 ext. 225
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*Beta Sigma Phi – Xi Master Chapter
Annual Fashion Show to benefit
Hope House Ministries*

Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

*Held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook
\$60 pp includes Gourmet Buffet &
Fashion Show Your Choice Auction*

*Fashions by Chico's, White House/Black
Market*

*For Tickets: Peg (631) 928-2628 or
Barbara (631) 698-0140*

Pilgrimage; Medjugorje

July 29 - Aug 7, 2020

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(1-800-206-Tours)



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In the Footsteps of Jesus
February 13-22, 2021

Peter's Way Tours

For more information or to sign up online, visit petersway.com/9732.html

Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical

"Please note **CORRECT** March date."

Catechesis



Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

March 31:	Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us
May 12:	Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform
June 9:	Liturgy and Personal Growth



Cure of Ars Parish School Auditorium
2323 Merrick Ave., Merrick, NY



Advanced Registration is Appreciated
Please call or email to register:
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"Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin' By World"

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You do not have to tell anyone - but we hope you will. If you tell your pastor or us, you'll give us the opportunity to thank you.

For an informational brochure about Wills and Bequests, you can speak to Barbara Kilarjian, Director of the Office of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, at 516-678-5800 x 257 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org.

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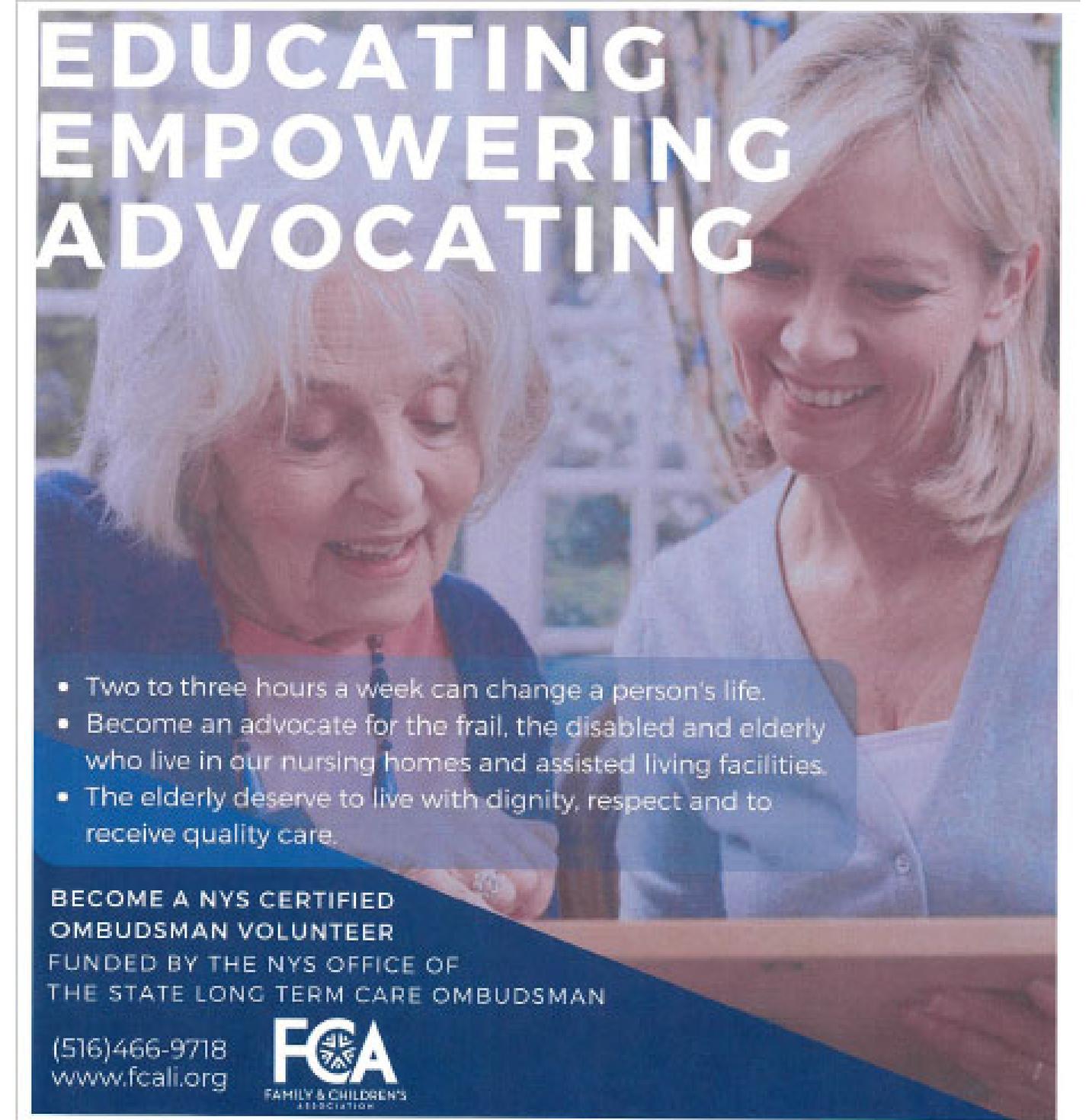
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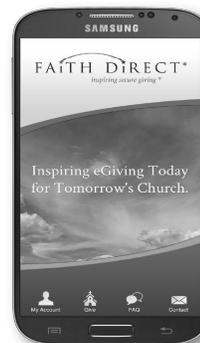
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