

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

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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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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).

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2:10, 11

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Remembering. . .

- SUNDAY** **April 5**
 Rosary Guild, living & deceased members,
 Mario Frumiento +
 Philip Altadonna +
- MONDAY** **April 6**
 Joseph & Ida Barnao +
- TUESDAY** **April 7**
 Kimberly Ann Rojek-Guevera +
 Beatrice Santoro +
 Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
 Manuela Sabin +
- WEDNESDAY** **April 8**
 Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family +
- THURSDAY** **April 9**
 Morning Prayer
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
- FRIDAY** **April 10**
 Morning Prayer
 Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 Solemn Liturgy
 Stations & Veneration of the Cross
- SATURDAY** **April 11**
 Morning Prayer
 Easter Vigil

FIVE SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

Create a simple prayer space in your home, and gather there to pray during the week.

Palm Sunday: At your regular Mass time, read the first Palm Sunday Gospel (Mt 21:1-11) and meditate on or discuss what Jesus might be thinking as he enters Jerusalem for the last time.

Holy Thursday: Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.

Good Friday: Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday: In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.

Easter Sunday: Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

Look online for other suggestions for celebrating Holy Week at home, to deepen and enrich your experience at this time of social isolation. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: **HOSANNA!**

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Sunday, March 28 - Sunday, April 4, 2010

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled. Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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

Mario Frumiento by Lucia Frumiento

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, April 5, 2020, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

At the Procession with Palms

Gospel : Mt 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled:

Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is the he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reading 1

Is 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Reading 2

Phil 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." ' " The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written:

I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;

but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him in reply, "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be." Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it.'" The high priest rose and addressed him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you:

From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power'
and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.' "

Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!" Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazarene." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? Look to it yourself." Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood." After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet,

And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.

Now Jesus stood before the governor, who questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha—which means Place of the Skull—, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb. The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, 'After three days I will be raised up.' Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead.' This last imposture would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can." So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.



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!

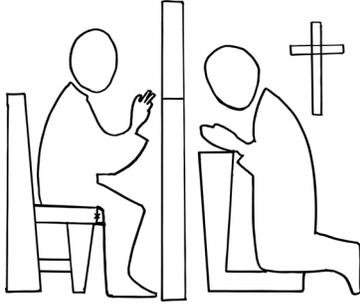
Our Lady, Heath of the Sick, pray for us!

Saint Gertrude, pray for us!

God Bless and protect you and your families.

In Our Lord and Blessed Lady,

Rev. David Regan, Pastor



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.

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

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.

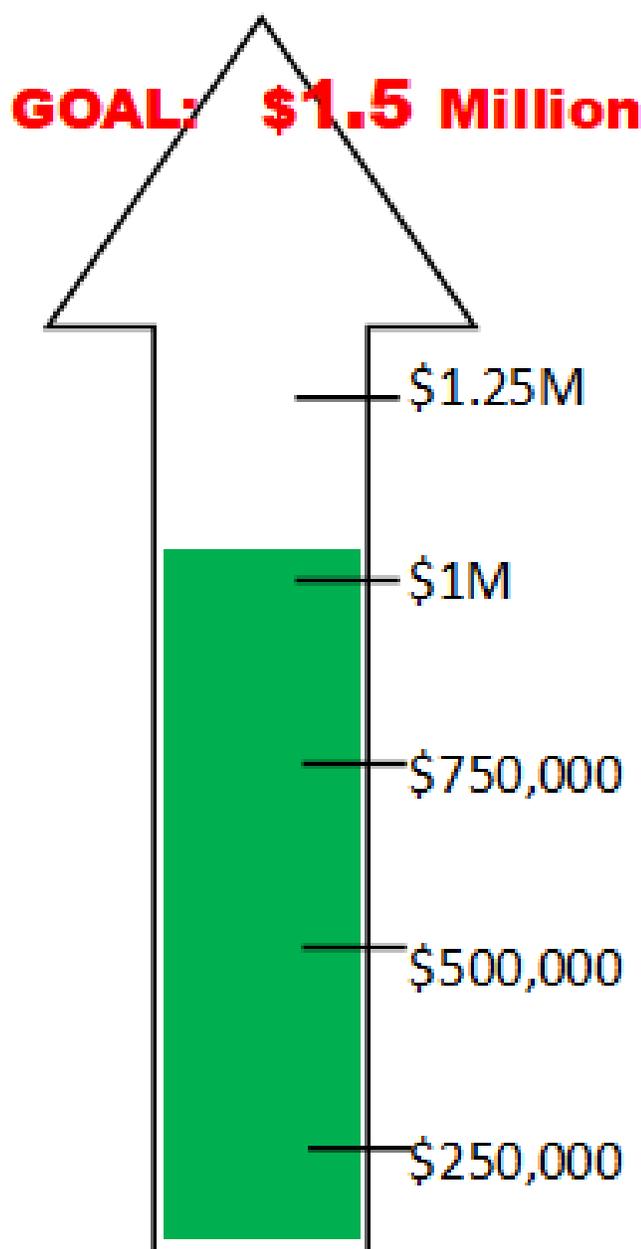
I want to invite you in joining me and many others at St. Gertrude in setting up recurring eGiving through Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offertory will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes.

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.

St. Gertrude RC Church Church Renovation Capital Campaign

**Over \$1.0 Million Pledged - Thank You!!
Phase I Projects Set to Begin!**



Thank you for your support for our capital campaign! As of this past week, **\$1,037,172 or 69% of our goal has been pledged with \$655,710 paid to date** from 276 parish families. Additional Gifts to the campaign are welcomed through-out the year.

Phase I Set to Begin

We have finalized plans and expect to begin renovation of the exterior of the Church and installation of the bathroom on the main level. (Weather Permitting!)

Please visit our parish website at www.stgerts.com for all capital campaign information and details.

"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.

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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/.



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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.
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Parish Town Pastor's Signature

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



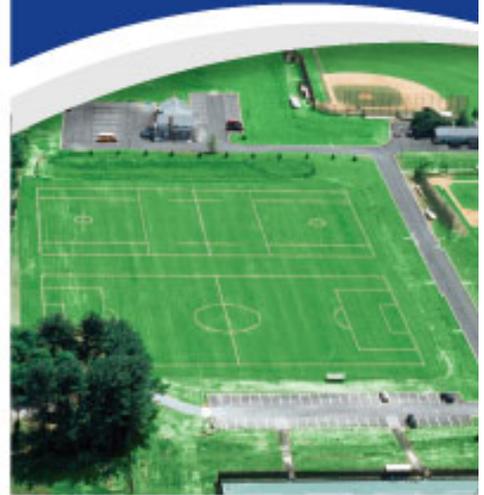
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Catechesis



Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

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



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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.



“Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin’ By World”

An Invitation to Serve, in the District Council of Nassau North
We all know how the Society of St. Vincent de Paul regularly provides charitable assistance to neighbors in need. Beginning with the home visit, Vincentians perform numerous good deeds, many of which involve financial assistance (rent & utility bills), immediate needs assistance (food, furniture, etc.)

and also counseling.

However, the challenges facing those in poverty are ever more acute today. The “Getting AHEAD” program, offered by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul across the country, is one approach to help these neighbors rise above the “tyranny of the moment” or crisis mode in which they are too often bound. It also answers the questions raised by many Vincentians: “What more can I do for my neighbor beyond the traditional home visit?” and “Is there a structured process I can become involved with that would make a difference?” If you are interested in joining, please email: svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com



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Saturday 5:00 pm Organist & Cantor[s]
Sunday 7:30 am Instrumental Meditation
9:30 am Family Mass Musicians
11:30 am Adult Choir



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CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every Monday in the Church at 4:00pm

We were recently asked if a Parish and the Catholic Ministries Appeal can be included in a person's Will, and if they need to let the Pastor or Diocese know.

It was such a great question, that we thought we would like to share the answer.

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Alongside your bequests for loved ones, would be a provision for your parish and/or the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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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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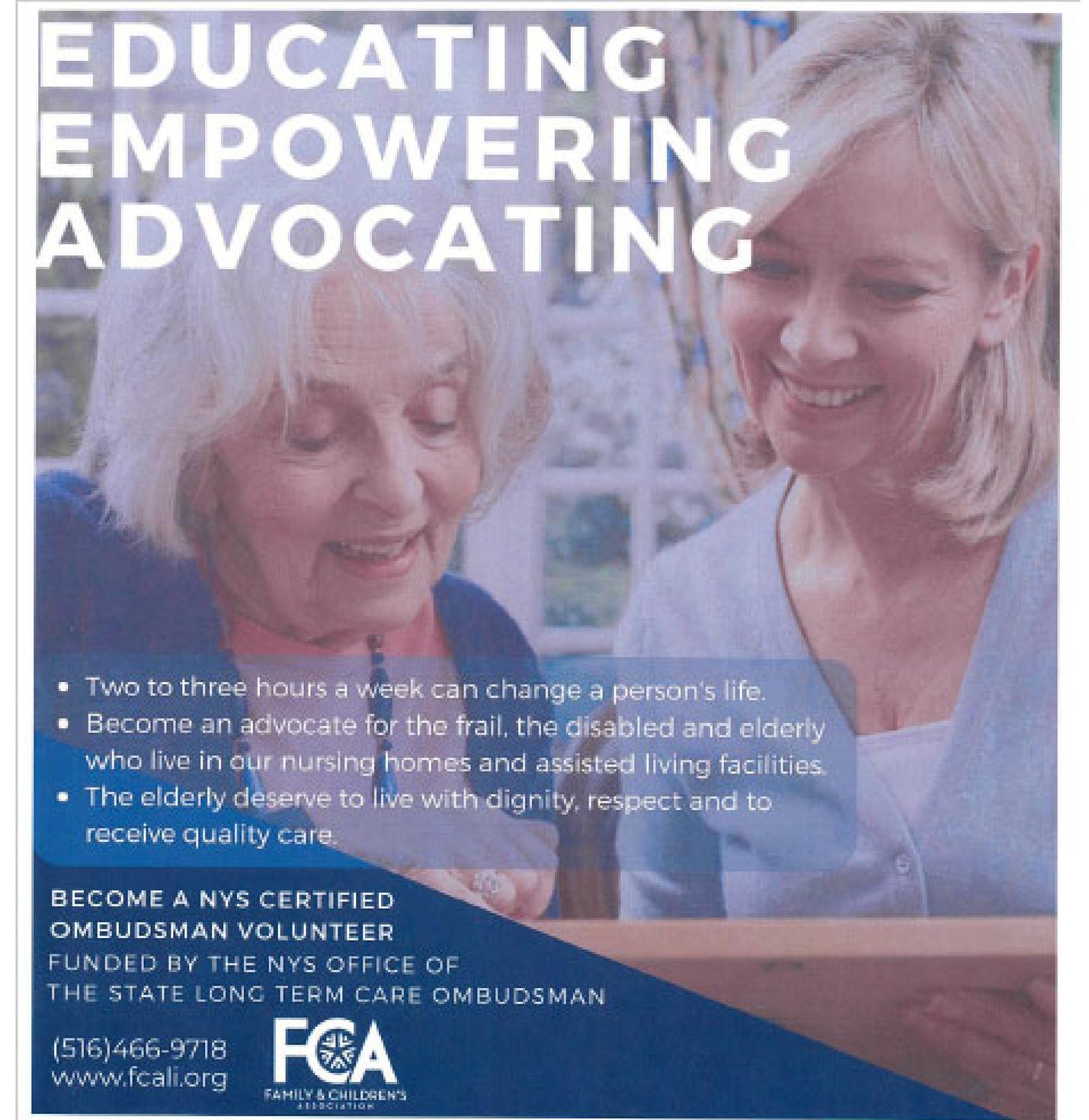
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