

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709



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CLERGY OF THE PARISH

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Masses

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

Rosary every morning after 8:30am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena every Monday at 7:30pm

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

Reconciliation/Confession:

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

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

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: Available upon request. Scheduled offering the last Sunday of the month following the 11:30 Mass.

Baptism: Third Sunday each month at 1:00pm. Prior parent and sponsor interviews with priest or deacon required.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person with priest at least 6 months in advance & prior to reception arrangements.

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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.



Fifth Sunday of
LENT
April 7, 2019

Jesus said,
"Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her."
John 8:7

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Remembering. . .

SUNDAY	April 7
7:30am	Rosary Guild, living & deceased members
9:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
11:30am	Steven Tassis +
5:30pm	Mario & Nancy Dammacco (L)
MONDAY	April 8
8:30am	Joseph Barnao+
TUESDAY	April 9
8:30am	Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & family +
WEDNESDAY	April 10
8:30am	Kimberly Ann Rojek-Guevara +
THURSDAY	April 11
8:30am	Manuela Sabin +
FRIDAY	April 12
8:30am	Pasquale Eliseo +
SATURDAY	April 13
8:30am	Palmaro, Sabin & Sobrino families +
5:00pm	In thanksgiving & special intentions

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm – The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading – I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel – Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

Next Week's Presiders Schedule:

Saturday, April 13 th	5:00pm	Fr. Regan (Palm Sunday)
Sunday, April 14 th	7:30am	Fr. Nick (Palm Sunday)
	9:30am	Fr. Ed (Palm Sunday)
	11:30am	Fr. Regan (Palm Sunday)
	5:30pm	Fr. Ed (Palm Sunday)

Please note schedule subject to change

Something New: Reflection on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

The liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done “great things” for His people, as today’s Psalm puts it.

But the “things of long ago,” Isaiah tells us in today’s First Reading, are nothing compared to the “something new” that He will do in the future.

Today’s First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvelous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth.

The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today’s Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord’s compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today’s Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His “chosen people” living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world (see [John 7:37-39](#)).

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, “forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,” as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, “the power of His resurrection.”

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing “the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling,” striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises—“the resurrection of the dead.”

By Dr. Scott Hahn

St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign

“Preserve Our Past . . . Envision Our Future”

This Weekend is Commitment Weekend !!!

If you have not decided on your gift to the campaign, we invite you to make your pledge this weekend at Mass. Please review the suggested gift plans in the brochure and continue the success of our campaign by making your gift! By pledging on or before “Commitment Weekend” you will not have to be contacted in our follow-up phase.

Campaign Brochure Mailed to Every Family

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

As you make your pledge . . . Please remember

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

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

Memorial Opportunities

Can Honor the Memory of Someone You Love

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

The sick of our parish:

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

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



Those serving in our military:

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

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

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

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

If you would like to inform us of any family member or friend who has been called to active service or for a name to be removed, please call our Parish office.



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



Please call our parish office at 628-1113 to receive your 2018 Church contribution letter.



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).*



Welcome Our Newly Baptized
 James Vincent Parlapiano

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

March 31, 2019: \$ 8,704.00

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

Faith Direct

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



Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019

Parish Goal: \$52,600

Pledges to date: \$24,915

Percentage of goal: \$47.49% (55 donors)



THE 20TH ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

APRIL 6TH
9:00am–6:00pm

APRIL 7TH
8:00am–1:00pm

In the PARISH CENTER

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



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday,
April 28th



In the Parish Center
8:00am–2:00pm

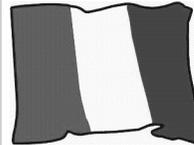
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Stations of the Cross

7:30pm every Friday evening during Lent.

Lenten Mission Talk—
Led by Fr. Nicholas Revilla
Monday, April 8th & Tuesday April 9th
7:00pm in the Church



Italian Night

Italian Night Event

Sponsored by St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild



An evening of Food, Wine & Song

Friday, April 26, 2019

\$40.00 per person

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

Reservations contact Angela Scaperotta: 516-671-4975.

- Table reservations must be paid in advance
- Checks payable to St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild
- All proceeds to benefit St. Gertrude's restoration fund
- Dinner includes a wine/beer bar
- Feel free to bring a bottle of your choice

RAFFLES!



3 Week Talk on Healing

Mondays: April 29th, May 6th and May 13th

7:00pm in the Rectory Chapel

Fr. Regan will lead a reflection based on the book "Be Healed", by Dr. Bob Schutts. Dr. Bob Schutts is the founder of the John Paul II Center for Healing. The JP II Healing Center provides teaching, healing and equipping to bring about transformation in the heart of the Church.

Please call the rectory to reserve your spot!



Preschool news: With Easter right around the corner, many of the classes have been devoting their class time to Easter projects. Miss Carmela's two year old class made bunny collages and Easter cards for their families, they also worked on the letter P. Miss Meredith's three year old class made flowers and a stained glass cross, they also worked on the letter U. Miss Michelle's threes made umbrellas and chicks, they worked on the letter V. Miss Gabrielle's four year old class started their nutrition unit with a Fruit Loop rainbow and a food group book, they graphed their favorite fruits and vegetables. Miss Janice's fours made spring trees and did a change of seasons activity, they studied the letter V. Both four year old classes went on a field trip to King Kullen this week, as part of their nutrition unit. The children took a tour of the market and learned about healthy foods to eat.

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HEALING SHRINES

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JUNE 1st - 6th

\$2899 All Inclusive from NYC (Double Occupancy)

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BOOK TALK SERIES

Sunday, April 28th

2:00pm –4:00 pm

Come meet Dr. Dianne Traflet Speaking on:

St. Edith Stein: A life of Merciful Presence

In the Library at the Seminary of the Immaculate

Conception, 440 West Neck Rd.,

Huntington, NY. For directions or other info.,

call (631)423-0483 ext. 141 or email us at:

libraryweb@icseminary.edu



Saint Dominic High School 2019 Summer
Camps

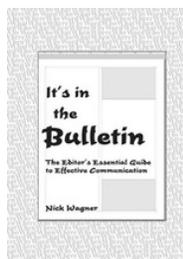
110 Anstice St., Oyster Bay NY 11771

Phone: (516) 922-4888, ext. 5454

Www.hs.stdoms.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

God always waits for us with open, loving arms. Let God be the strength of your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 26-28, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Jun 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.



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

Divorced or Separated Catholics of Long Island including widows, widowers and singles

A social organization for single persons

New Member Orientation Meeting

Wednesday APRIL 24 at 7:30 PM

ST. FRANCES de CHANTAL

CHURCH

Rectory Basement

1309 Wantagh Avenue

Wantagh, NY 11793

Non- Denominational

ALL ARE WELCOME

Bring Proof of Single Status To Join

Annual Dues are \$25

Refreshments Following the Meeting

For Further Information, Please Call:

CAROL - 516-794-4933

Fifth Sunday of Lent

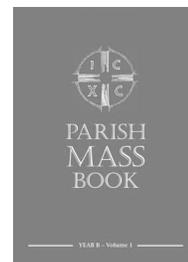
April 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss

because of the supreme good of knowing

Christ Jesus my Lord.

– *Philippians 3:8*



The 2020 Mass book will be opened on Tuesday, April 23rd for your yearly intentions.

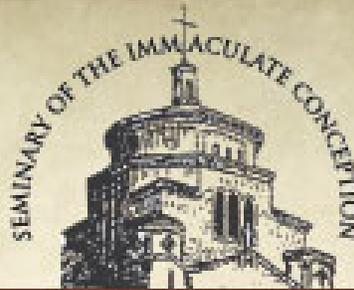
There are still intentions open for our newly added Sunday Mass at 5:30pm. Please feel free to stop in our Parish office if interested.

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

Beta Sigma Phi Fashion Show Dinner/ Auction Fundraiser

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

*Held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook
Contact: Liz (631)821-6518 or Barbara (631)698-0140*



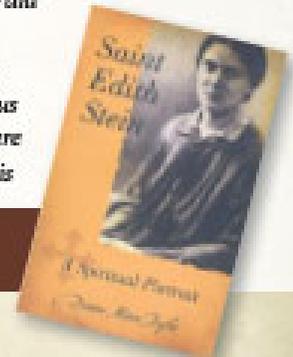
BOOK TALK SERIES

COME MEET DR. DIANNE TRAFLET SPEAKING ON:
St. Edith Stein: A Life of Merciful Presence



On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we will explore the courageous and loving life of St. Edith Stein (St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross) through the lens of merciful presence. How was Edith truly present to others in their suffering? How did she stand with, accompany, and comfort friends, family, and strangers throughout her life, whether in a classroom, convent or concentration camp? This presentation will look at numerous powerful examples of how she "created about her an atmosphere of heavenly life." What spiritual lessons may we learn from this extraordinary woman?

Copies of Dr. Traflet's book will be available for purchase



DR. DIANNE TRAFLET'S BIO

Dianne M. Traflet is Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University. The author of *Saint Stein: A Spiritual Portrait*, Dr. Traflet has given

countless lectures, days of reflection, and parish missions on topics related to the spiritual life, and has facilitated and given numerous retreats and presentations related to forgiveness and mercy. Dr. Traflet has been teaching at the School of Theology for more than twenty years, offering such courses as *Theology of the Spiritual Life*; *Christian Spirituality and Suffering*; *History of Christian Spirituality*; *Marian Spirituality*; *Prayer, Discipleship and Community*; and *Moses Mgricic*. She is a frequent guest on *Relevant Radio Morning Air* (100 AM), and has been featured on television shows such as *Faith and Culture*, *Bookmark*, *Sunday Night Prime*, and *Living His Life Abundantly*. Currently, she serves on the Board of Governors, St. Joseph Seminary, New York, and the Academic Committee of the Board of Governors, Catholic Distance University, Virginia. Dr. Traflet is a recipient of the Archdiocese Synodal Pastoral Council Jubilee Medal for Dedicated Service to the Archdiocese of Newark.

**Sunday, April 28, 2019
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

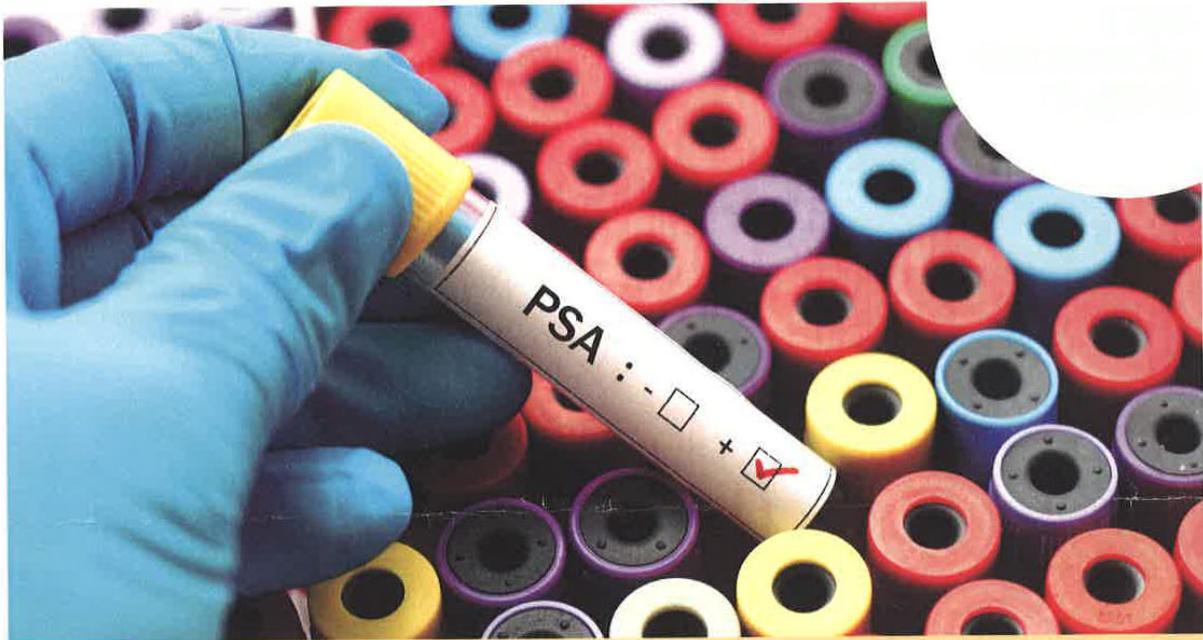
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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

BT 5-4/28/19



PSA PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019
6 00 PM - 8 0 PM • APPOINTMENT ONLY



Spring RETREAT

FOR CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

SPIRITUAL SPRING CLEANING

05.11.19

10AM - 4PM

with

FR. CHRISTOPHER HEANUE | KEYNOTE

FR. LACHLAN CAMERON | ADORATION/CONFESSION

the shrine of our lady of the island
manorville, ny

RESIGTRATION: <https://conta.cc/2JpKz4b>



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Italian Night

*Sponsored by St. Gertrude's Rosary
Guild*

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

\$40.00 per person

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

Concert at 8:00 pm

Famous trio performing favorite Italian melodies



Reservations contact Angela Scaperotta @ 516 671-4975

**Table reservations must be paid in advance*

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

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

Dinner includes a wine/beer bar

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

Raffles



"THANK YOU! HAVE A VERY BLESSED EASTER SEASON!"

Alleluia! Christ is risen; truly, He is risen! That Easter greeting offers all of us hope, encouragement and perseverance.

At this special time of year, let us witness Christ's Resurrection by bringing hope and encouragement to others.

Let us remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and in need, and consider sharing our many gifts with them.



One way for us to do this is by donating to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**. This Appeal assists our Church in bringing hope and encouragement to those in need in our Long Island community. Last year, **because of you** we were able to serve more than 600,000 people.

Make checks payable to:

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Pledge: \$ _____

Down payment: \$ _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit drvc.org/CMA

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

Thank You!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Friday, August 28 - Sunday, September 6, 2020 • Eight Nights

\$4,598.00 per person based on double occupancy



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or

Angelica: 1-800-CATHOLIC ext. 250

or email: avillegas@groupist.com

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

Long Island
State Veterans Home



AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

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FREE

Benefits & Resources Event for Veterans

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9 am to 1 pm

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

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

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

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PACE Screenings for Veterans and Community:

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

Many Health and Service Providers!!!

Last Year's event included:

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

*A Message from the
Saint Dominic Athletic Director*

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

Matthew O'Brien
Director of Athletics



**Saint Dominic High School
2019 Summer Camps**

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Weekend Music Ministry Schedule

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

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



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

Toothpaste.

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

Resources Available

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

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Upcoming Workshops April/ May 2019

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

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

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

Ministry of Accompaniment
Mercy Hospital, Rockville Centre
April 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22,
2019
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Día de enriquecimiento para
Equipos de RICA**
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19 de mayo de 2019
2:00 pm a 7:00 pm

RCIA Enrichment Day
Seminary of the Immaculate
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Sun, May 19, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

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



For more information or to register online, please visit
www.drvc-faith.org

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

General Bereavement Groups (meet weekly)

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

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

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

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

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



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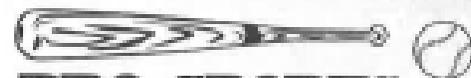


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