

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GERTRUDE

28 School Street, Bayville, N.Y. 11709

CLERGY OF THE PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Robert O. Morrissey, Pastor
Rev. Gabriel Miah, Assoc. Pastor
Deacon Ted Kolakowski

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Masses

Saturday: 8:30am & 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am (Family Mass), 11:30am

Weekdays: 8:30am

Holy Day: 5:00pm Vigil Mass, 8:30 am & 7:30pm

Rosary every morning after 8:30am Mass

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

Reconciliation/Confession:

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

SACRAMENTS

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

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

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

OUTREACH—Pantry Hours:

St. Gertrude: Friday 8:30am-9:30am

United Methodist: Every other Sat. 9:00am-12:00pm



St. Vincent de Paul (516) 584-4090

Furniture: 516-746-8250.

Email: svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com

SVDP store locations:

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

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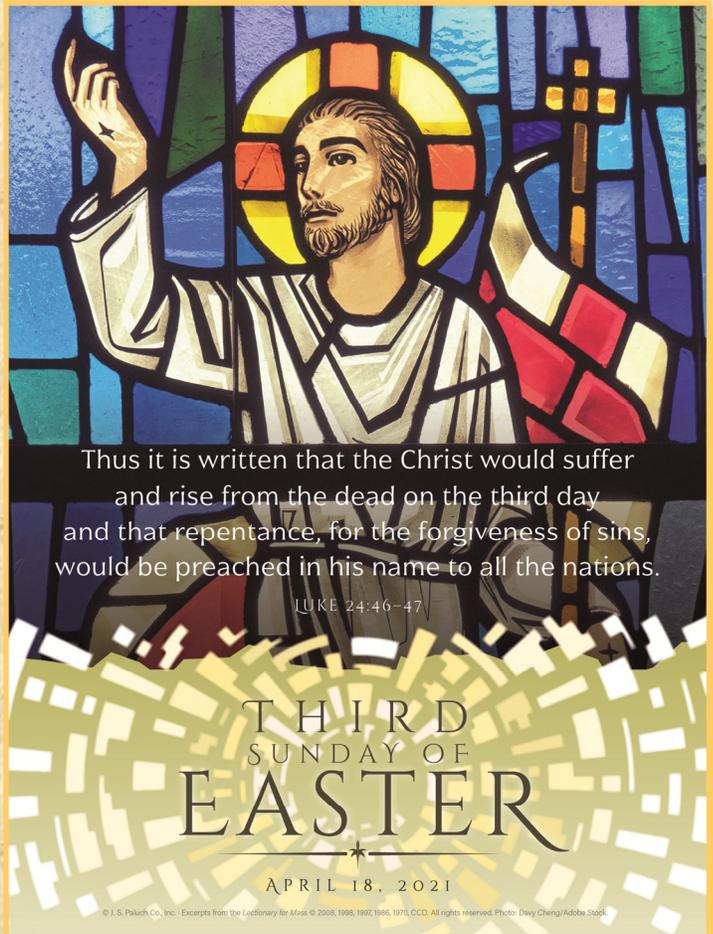
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Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name to all the nations.

LUKE 24:46-47

THIRD
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

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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).*

Remembering. . .

SUNDAY	April 18
7:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
9:30am	Patricia Pietrofere +
11:30am	Philip Altadonna +
MONDAY	April 19
8:30am	Jack & Connie Bozzi +
TUESDAY	April 20
8:30am	Dominick & Catherine Carbone +
WEDNESDAY	April 21
8:30am	Edward Fitzpatrick +
THURSDAY	April 22
8:30am	Claudio D'Chiutiis +
FRIDAY	April 23
8:30am	Nita DeCesare +
SATURDAY	April 24
8:30am	Frank S. Primeggia + Carmine, Maria & Grazia Frumiento & Family + Charles V. Hili +
5:00pm	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm – Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading – We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel – Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

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Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling.

– *Psalm 4:9*

Presider's Schedule: (subject to change)

Saturday, April 24th: 5:00pm—Fr. Gabriel

Sunday, April 25th 7:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

9:30am—Fr. Gabriel

11:30am—Msgr. Morrissey

Understanding the Scriptures. Reflection on the Third Sunday of Easter.

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Exodus 3:6, 15). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see Isaiah 52:13).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9-10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see Romans 8:34), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see 1 John 1:7).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers. By Dr. Scott Hahn



Margaret Hesse Tom Kolakowki

Please call the Parish office to add a person to our prayer list. Names will remain for 6 weeks. Please also call the Parish office to leave the names of parishioners who are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist or would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.



Those serving in our military:

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

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| LT Mary Grace Colluci | Major Janet R. Erazo | Cmdr. Cynthia Keating |
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| Major Nicholas Lorusso | Sgt. 5 Jose Marin | Airman Bryan Mollitor |
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| US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon | LT Alexander Van Patten USAF | |

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



St. Gertrude Parish Pantry Needs:

Cereal, 1-2 lb. bags of white rice, black beans, jar pasta sauce, spaghetti, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna fish, coffee, plastic bottles of juice, paper towels & toilet paper, baby wipes and baby diapers in sizes 2, 4, 5 & 6.

Donations to be placed in back of church under choir loft.

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

NEW: United Methodist Church Outreach. 9 Mountain Ave, Bayville NY 11709.

1-Food Pantry opened every OTHER Saturday 9-12.

Next Jan 30, 2021. Cars line up, do NOT get out of car, volunteer will bring food out to your car. 2-Thrift Shop opened EVERY Saturday 10-4. Masks and social distancing observed. In event of inclement weather, please call Ann Albro @ 516-647-5943 for the Methodist Church.

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



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal:
Goal: \$55,000
Pledges to date: \$26,225 (58 pledges)
47.68% of our parish goal.

Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

April 4, 2021: \$ 29,570.00

April 11, 2021: \$ 6,259.50



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

Faith Direct

We invite you at St. Gertrude in setting up recurring eGiving 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. Thank you.



Christopher Neefus

The Parish of St. Gertrude extends its prayerful condolences to his family and friends.

Due to the Diocesan directive, Missalettes have been removed from the pews.

Entrance Hymn: Sing a New Song

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord, let your song be sung from mountain high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness! Dance for joy! O come before the Lord. And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound.
2. Rise, O children, from your sleep; your Savior now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song.

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Offertory Hymn: Worthy is the Lamb

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory. Worthy are the ones who believe to receive the goodness of God.

1. Worthy are you, O Pascal Lamb. Wisdom and strength belong now to you. You laid down your life and died upon the cross: we've become a people of hope.
2. Worthy are you, O Bread of Life. Salvation and joy belong now to us. By conquering death and rising to new life, we've become a people of praise.
3. Worthy are you, O Risen Christ. Wonders and signs, revealing your might. Your power and glory shine upon our lives: we've become your light for the world.

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Communion: The Supper of the Lord

Refrain: Precious body, precious blood, seen as bread and wine; here the Lord prepares the feast divine. Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured: come, share the supper of the Lord.

1. This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n, giving life to us, to all the world.
2. "I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again."
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die."
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me; as I have my life in the living God."

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Recessional Hymn: Alleluia! Alleluia

1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.
2. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn; Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by his mighty enterprise, we with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.
3. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high: Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, font of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! To the triune majesty.

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Diocese of Rockville Centre
Healing after Abortion



Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

**“Entering Canaan”
 Day of Prayer and Healing for Women—
 Saturday, May 15, 2021**

Please register by May 10th

For more information and to register please visit

www.drvcclife.org/projectrachel

or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or projectrachel@drvc.org. All information will remain confidential.

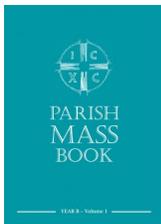
*EASTER FLOWER OFFERING.
 In Memory Of*

Wayne Wright
 Shannon McCabe
 Joan Imhof
 Mary & Eugene &
 Frieda Schenck



Please call the Parish office at (516)628-1113

to receive a letter of your yearly contributions to St. Gertrude parish.



The 2022 Mass book is open! Stop into the parish office to schedule your mass (or you can phone in your request).

Masses can be said for a departed love one, a special intention or in thanksgiving, for a friend who is living & suffering, for a celebration, for prayers that have been answered, for someone you know who can benefit from the spiritual graces that comes with having a Mass said on their behalf.

Masses remain at \$20 each or \$50 for the wine & hosts celebrated for the week. Please wear a mask in our office.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit them at <https://www.menyli.org/>.

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (in English) on Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24
 Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24



Preschool News: This week we celebrated the Week of the Young Child. This annual event sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, puts the spotlight on early childhood education. Although some of our usual events had to be changed this year due to the pandemic, the children still managed to have fun. On Monday we had Crazy Hat/Hair Day, on Tuesday we had Pajama Day, on Wednesday we had Super Hero/ Princess Day, on Thursday we had the Olympics and on Friday we had Community Helpers Day. Despite all the excitement, the classes also got their work in as well. Miss Carmela’s two year old class made a breakfast project and Paw Patrol badges, they worked on the letter P. Miss Meredith’s three year old class made baby birds and super hero cuffs/princess bracelets, they worked on the letter V. Miss Michelle’s threes made ladybugs and bees, they worked on the letter X. Miss Janice’s fours made caterpillars and butterflies, they studied the letter V.



Dear Friends:

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Last year, during the Easter Vigil, Pope Francis commented on the beauty of Christian almsgiving when he said, “*How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!*” In the early stages of the pandemic and lockdown, these words meant so much to a hurting world and yet, they still mean so much today. When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are offering encouragement and helping bear the burdens of our struggling brothers and sisters across Long Island. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is that message of life that you are offering to so many people.

Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal will *create pathways of faith* for our brothers and sisters who come to the Diocese or local parishes for assistance with basic necessities such as food and clothing. Your gift can help assist a young pregnant mother receive the help she deserves; provide housing for seniors, individuals with developmental disabilities, and veterans; spread the Gospel to youth and young adults through our Diocesan ministries, and support Catholic Charities and Catholic Education. Your gift can also allow a seminarian the peace of mind to pursue his vocation without worrying about education debts.

Please also know that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to serve the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you for your gift to this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal, and for *creating pathways of faith* across Long Island. Know that you and your family are in my heart and in my prayers as we celebrate the Easter Season.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL'S

Showers of Kindness

IN HONOR OF
MOTHER'S DAY

Please join our "Showers of Kindness" in honor of Mother's Day. A collection of new baby items to be donated to the families served by The Brentwood Health Center. This center is one of 42 Health Centers run by Sun River Health on Long Island, NYC, and the Hudson Valley

Beginning the week of April 19th St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School, in partnership with Student Council, will kick off the "Showers of Kindness." Suggested items are on the list below. All items must be new and in original packaging.
No formula please.



- Baby Hair Conditioner
- Baby Laundry Detergent
- Baby Lotion
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Body Wash for bath time
- Baby wipes
- Bath toys
- Bibs
- Bottles (no glass please)
- Bottle brushes
- Burp cloths
- Diaper Cream
- Diapers - all sizes
- Hats 3 - 6 months
- Hooded Towels,
- Bodysuits (3-6 months)
- Pacifiers
- Receiving blankets
- Socks (3-6 months)
- Teething toys
- Wash Cloths



Please don't forget the Moms: Fuzzy Socks (all sizes,) Lip Moisturizer, Hand lotion

SJB student donations should be dropped off at South Lobby Entrance in the morning.

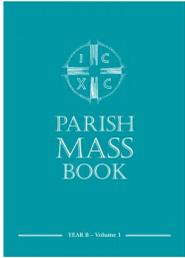
For all other donations or for further information/questions please contact:

Office of Advancement

P: 631-587-8000 x176

E: jones@sjbdhs.org





MASS INTENTIONS

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions. When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Please consider offering a Mass. Masses can be said for a departed love one, a special intention or in thanksgiving, for a friend who is living & suffering, for a celebration, for prayers that have been answered, for someone you know who can benefit from the spiritual graces that comes with having a Mass said on their behalf.

If your loved one's date is not available, you can offer the wine & hosts in memory of your loved one for the week which will cover that particular date that you wish to pray for them. We know how important it is to remember your loved one on their day and we are trying to help insure that they are remembered and prayed for if not on their day then at least for the week.

Don't miss out on these graces for yourself and those you love. Please call or stop in the Parish office at (516)628-1113. **MASS BOOK FOR 2022 IS OPEN!!!**

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743
ehayes@icseminary.edu, 631-423-0483 x141

We have an interlibrary loan service, lectures in the library, and even some online content (such as podcasts) that you could take advantage of. If you are within driving distance, you are also welcome to apply for a courtesy card and borrow materials directly when you visit.

Our collection began years ago as strictly an academic library, but since the priestly formation program changed a few years ago (and our seminarians moved up to Yonkers), we have varied the collection a bit so that it can appeal to the general reader wanting to deepen their faith. Our book collection includes lots of books on spirituality, saints, popular apologetics, and so forth. We also have current Catholic periodicals, sacred music on CD, and even DVDs.

St. Gertrude Church Renovation Campaign - Pledge Update *"Preserve Our Past - Envision our Future"*

Total Pledged	\$1,109,172
Paid to Date	\$ 871,816
Balance Due	\$ 237,356
% of Pledges Paid	79%
# of Gifts	288
Average Gift	\$ 3,851

Making your pledge or payments by Credit or Debit card is easy and convenient

Making your one time gift or recurring pledge payments is easy, simply log onto the parish web-site at www.stgerts.com and click on the e-giving link to begin. Please remember to select the Capital Campaign as your payment option.

All Pledges & One-time Gifts are welcomed very much appreciated!

Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!

Pledge reminders are mailed on the 1st of each month, if you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White (Parish Development) at 516-607-3635.

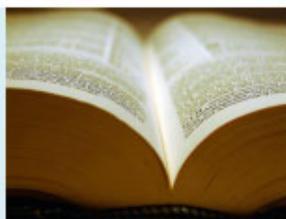


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Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues

Liturgical Catechesis

Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski
*Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre
Vicar for Liturgy and Worship*



Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

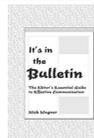
ONLINE via ZOOM

April 27, 2021 Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform

May ~~2021~~ Liturgy and Personal Growth

NEW DATE: June 1, 2021

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, the final presentations will be available only through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register by calling Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org. If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you. Thank you for your interest.



As a reminder, if you are not able to attend Mass one week, you can receive the bulletin

directly by signing up at <https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com> or <https://www.jspaluch.com/Subscribe>.

Alternatively, please call the Parish office at (516)628-1113 to share your email with us and we can place you on the distribution list.

Please take this bulletin with you as you leave the Church. Do NOT leave this bulletin behind for hygienic reasons.

Weekend Music Ministry Schedule

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

Sunday: 7:30 am- Instrumental Meditation

9:30 am-Family Mass, Musicians

11:30 am- Adult Choir



Harvest Houses

Residences for
Independent Seniors

MAKING A DIFFERENCE— PANDEMIC OR NO PANDEMIC!

We are celebrating Harvest Houses 35th Birthday!

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

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

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

HEREIN LIES THE VALUE OF HARVEST HOUSES

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Resources Available

FAMILY, MARRIAGE AND INDIVIDUAL THERAPY

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



“Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting 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

A Great Place to Eat Lunch, Socialize, Stay Fit, Have Fun and Get Support



The Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay

Open Monday to Friday
 Day Programs: 8:30am to 4:30pm
 Evening Programs: 5:00pm to 8:00pm



- The Connections You Need for Vital Social Services
Entitlement Screenings and Complimentary Needs Evaluation
- Social Adult Day Care Program for Frail or Memory-Impaired Individuals - **Complimentary Trial Visit**
- Hot Nutritious Lunches & Transportation*
- Engaging Social Activities – Fitness, Music, Dance, Lectures, Popular Games, Trips...
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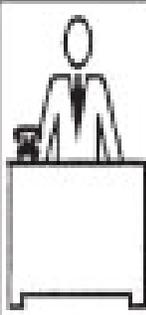
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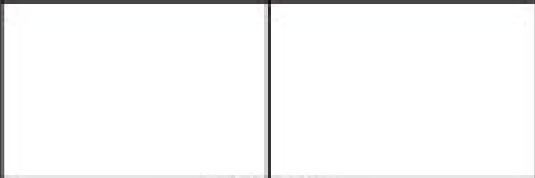
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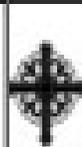


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