

# 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



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- 1.) 1425 New York Avenue, Huntington Station
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- 3.) 249 Broadway, Bethpage

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF  
**Easter**  
MAY 9, 2021

This is my commandment:  
love one another as I love you.  
John 15:12



New to our Parish? We welcome  
you and ask that you please stop into  
our Parish office to register. *The  
Lord told Israel to reach out to  
newcomers and welcome them (Leviticus 19:36).*

## Remembering. . .

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 9</b>
7:30am	Mother's Day Intentions
9:30am	Mother's Day Intentions
11:30am	Mother's Day Intentions
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 10</b>
8:30am	Mother's Day Intentions
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 11</b>
8:30am	Florence Matthews + Wayne Wright +
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 12</b>
8:30am	Mother's Day Intentions
5:00pm	DeCesare family +
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 13—the Ascension of the Lord</b>
8:30am	For the Parishioners of St. Gertrude
7:30pm	Mother's Day Intentions
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 14</b>
8:30am	William Kilgallon +
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 15</b>
8:30am	Mother's Day Intentions
5:00pm	Joseph Dioguardi, Jr. +

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** – The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

**Psalm** – The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

**Second Reading** – God is love (1 John 4:7-10) *or* 1 John 4:11-16.

**Gospel** – No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17) *or* John 17:11b-19.

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**Presider's Schedule:** (subject to change)  
 Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm—Msgr. Morrissey  
 Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: 7:30am—Fr. Gabriel  
 9:30am—Msgr. Morrissey  
 11:30am—Fr. Gabriel

### Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 9, 2021

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit.  
 —John 15:16

### Begotten by Love: Reflection on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16-18).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5-11).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7-9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ and new life through Him.

By Dr. Scott Hahn



Margaret Hesse, Katheryn Hesse, Beth Germano, 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"*

LT Travis J. Buffa  
 LT Mary Grace Colluci  
 2nd LT Glem Harvey  
 Major Nicholas Lorusso  
 Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz  
 PFC Matthew A. Passero  
 Hosp. Medic Matthew D. Perez  
 Capt. Thomas E. Rojek  
 ENS Patrick Hesse USN  
 LT Terrance Thorgramson  
 LT Emily W. Hegarty  
 US Army E-1 Richard F. Charon

LT Cmdr. Melissa Buffa  
 Major Janet R. Erazo  
 PO3 Gregory Steiner  
 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  
 LT Alexander Van Patten USAF  
 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. We cannot update this list without your help.



### 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: \$27,755 (67 pledges)  
 50.46% of our parish goal.

### Parish Financial Summary

Sunday collections (including Faith Direct):

May 2, 2021: \$5,783.50



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



The Ascension of the Lord  
 Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Day of Obligation

### Additional Masses:

Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm

Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm



Deacon Theodore Kolakowski

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: All the Ends of the Earth**

Refrain: All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth, the master of the sea, has come with justice for the world.

1. Break into song at the deeds of the Lord, the wonders God has done in every age.
2. Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might; every heart every nation call him Lord.
3. The Lord had made salvation known, faithful to the promises of old. Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds make music before our King!

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### **Offertory Hymn: Ubi Caritas**

Refrain: Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. est.

1. We gather together in the love of Christ; let each one be glad in him and rejoice. Our God is alive, the God of love is near; so love one another with a heart sincere.
2. We, the many become one body as the Spirit binds, and we seek to be one in Christ and one in heart and mind. Let all quarrels, all division, all our conflict cease; then will Christ truly dwell among us as our Lord of Peace.
3. Then, joined with the blessed, filled with hope and grace, dear Lord, in great glory may we see your face. Our joy none can measure, joy that knows no end, resounding from endless age to age. Amen.

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### **Communion: Christians, Let Us Love One Another**

1. Christians, let us love one another, as we share the true living bread. Jesus is our God and our brother; with his flesh and blood we are fed. Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.
2. We who break this bread are one body, we who share this cup are all one. Children of our Father in heaven, we are heirs with God's only son. Every one who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.
3. We who eat and drink at this table die and rise again with our Lord. Drawing from our rock living water, givin to all who thirst for accord. Everyone who loves is born of God. Jesus is our life. God is love.

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### **Recessional Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above, melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

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**Ida Barnao Preschool Scholarship Applications  
now available**

The Ida Barnao Preschool Scholarship is offered to a 2, 3 or 4 year old whose family is a member of Saint Gertrude's Parish. Scholarship applications are now available.

Please email us ([IdaBarnaoScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:IdaBarnaoScholarship@gmail.com)) and we will send the application to you.

Applications must be submitted by May 31, 2021. No late applications will be considered.

Scholarship will be awarded June 15, 2021 and recipient will be notified by mail.

*This will be our 26th year awarding the scholarship!*

**Pro Life Cause  
Help Us Help Others...**



In honor of Mothers Day the bassinet will be in the rear of the church through the month of May. Donations of new baby items for young women who have decided to choose life are appreciated.

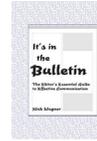
Diapers in all sizes are especially needed. Items will be delivered to Regina Residence

For Information:  
Paula Kenny 946-1359



The parish office will be closed on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the

Ascension of the Lord.

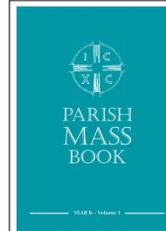


As a reminder, if you are not able to attend Mass one week, you can receive the bulletin directly by signing up at <https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com> or <https://www.jspaluch.com/>

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



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.



**Loving God,**  
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.  
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.  
**Amen.**



**Preschool News:** The children were busy finishing up their Mother's Day gifts and continuing to learn about spring. Miss Carmela's two year old class made Mother's Day cards and a flower project. Miss Meredith's three year old class made vases and Mother's Day gifts, they also planted bean seeds and worked on the letter Y. Miss Michelle's threes made Mother's Day gifts and cards. Miss Janice's four year old class started their five senses unit with making a book on the five senses and they made flowers in vases. This year our Mother's Day Brunch was held outside at different times for all the classes. The children prepared some mommy songs for the special occasion. This week Miss Carmela's twos and Miss Janice's fours got to celebrate with their favorite people in the world, unfortunately the threes had to postpone to the rain date the following week.

# A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES

## *'Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam — For the Greater Glory of God'*

A Pastoral Letter Introducing the Ignatian Year  
May 20, 2021–July 31, 2022

BY BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES

[www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org)



### Happy Mother's Day

On this special day, Mother's Day, we ask you, Lord, to bless and protect all mothers.

We ask you to encourage, guide and strengthen all mothers. Whether they be pregnant, have young children or even be grandmothers, whether they be godmothers or motherly guardians, Bless them all their days.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Motherhood and for the blessing it bestows on us all.

Through the intercession of St. Ann, mother of Mary, and through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, mother of our Lord and us all, Bless and protect all mothers on this special day. Amen.

### MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMBRANCE

Remembrances for all our living and deceased mothers. May God bless them always.

Muriel O'Brien Walka

Jeannie Sardo, Hedwig Hogan

Rose Pizzo, Elizabeth Marino,

Patricia Hafner, Maureen Marotta, Elmiere Mezeuil,  
Frances Sawyer, Adrienne Peterson, Cathy Petrocelli,  
Valerie Petrocelli, Laura Peterson, Liz D'Ambrosio,  
Danielle Peterson, Linda Peterson, McKenna ladies

Yaroslava Gubernowycz, Elizabeth O'Rourke

Rose Amato, Sally Frochelli

Maureen Husing, Iris L. Husing, Juliette McMahon,

Britany Husing

Frances Dolce, Carolyn Zucaro

Marie Falabella, Theresa Ann Wellbrock

Jane Ventrella, Jennie Caso

Irene McKie, Frances R. Daffy

Helen Petrocelli, Marie Keller

Anne Hafner, Cora Bathie, Ellen Fitzpatrick,

Georgiann Hafner

Irene Sinkinson

Annette Hutzel

Clare DiBenedetto, Lisa Linde, Anna Kende,

Josephina DiBenedetto, Debbie Walls

Lillian Genovese, Mary Meringolo

Anne B. Connolly, Mary Anne Bambrick

Mary Nicholson, Harriet Schieferstein, Josephine

Thomson

Florence Vulpis, Ida Cappila

Antonia M. Hili, Florence Davison

Eleanor Price, Eileen Price

Mrs. Thomas Feeney

Margaret Dalton, Sonya Tice

Anna Furnari, Theresa Sacco

Angie Yula, Helen Rode

Caterina Primeggia

Anna Gwisdalla, Antoinette Carbone

Maria D'Errico, Teresa Laurino

Moira McGurk, Marie Ruhl

Vivian Lorenzo, Lena Pierno

Dorothy Myles, Jean Pedrazzi

Dolores Barker, Charo Ezdrin, Theresa Barker

Aline Bernier, Dorothy Willet

Carol Clark, Dolores D'Elia, May Palombella, Kathleen  
Clark

Marie A. Bologna, Angela R. Scerbo, Catherine Bologna

Marie Bacik, Anne Burkard

Regina Besgen, Catherine Bruderman

Marie Reilly, Catherine Boss

Louise Palumbo, Carmela Castronovo

Those in my heart

Ann Hafner, Grace Hargrave

Doris Tramontano, Marie Artesani

Anne Marie Verbil, Janina Goldgraben

Mary Picoli, Vera O'Rourke

Lena Fiorillo, Veronica Staiano

Patricia Mallon, Adelaide Mack

Tina Colicchio, Rose DiGennaro

Mary Lemma, Rosina Borghese, Franca Frignani,  
Pasqualina Lemma

Silvana DeLuca,

Lucy Aversano

Donna Slaski, Mary

Slaski, Louise Bruse

Olympia Cutrone,

Carmela Cutrone



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

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

**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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, if you have not received a reminder or have any questions about your payment schedule, please call Andy White (Parish Development) at 516-607-3635.



## Thanks to your support we are able to help moms in need!

This includes support for Catholic Charities as it maintains its services to mothers with untimely pregnancies by providing them with resources to become the best mother and provider they can be.

Through Parish Outreach programs, your support will assist Moms who worry about how they are going to put food on the table for their children while providing programs that will

help them to assist their children in growing closer to the Lord.

In addition, your support allows us to be instruments of Dramatic Missionary Growth by reaching out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith to our next generation of mothers and caregivers.

We also ask that you join us in praying for all Moms during this unprecedented time in our lives.

**THANK YOU !!!!**

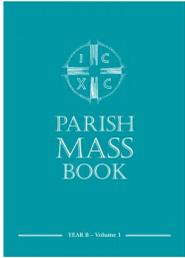
### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

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://wwmenyli.org/>. Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life.@nbsp;

Give your marriage new life by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience (English) on  
Mondays/Thursdays May 3-24  
Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24



## 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!!!**



## Catholic Health Services' Skilled Nursing Facilities

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

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

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

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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,

### 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.drvc.org/projectrachel](http://www.drvc.org/projectrachel)

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

# 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](mailto:svdpstgertrudes@gmail.com)

### 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



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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](mailto: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.

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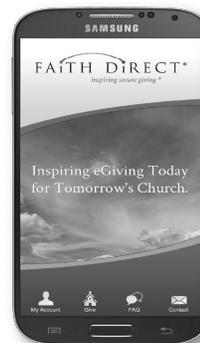
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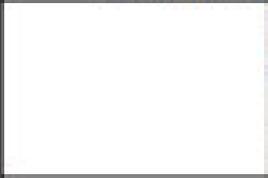
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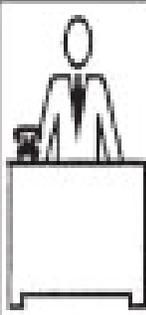
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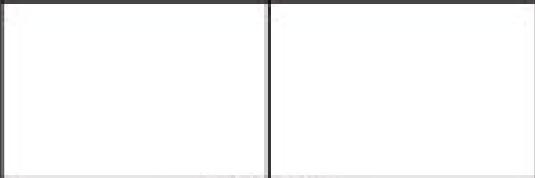
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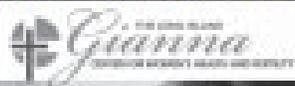
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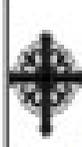
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